EDISON'S FACTORY IS AN ASH HEAP

Five Million Dollars Worth of Fire Proof Buildings, Were Burned Like So Much Kindling Wood.

LABORATORY IS SAVED

Most Important of the Group of Buildings Was Saved by Direction of the Wizard of Menlo Park.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 10.—With the exception of one structure, the $7,000,000 plant of the Thomas Edison company which was supposed to be the very last word in fire-proof construction, is today a smoking mass of ruin and debris.

Eleven of the fifteen stone and concrete buildings which comprised one section of the great plant, were gutted by fire which swept through them, aided by a series of chemical explosions that ripped out walls like paper. Three other buildings are mere shells. The laboratory of all the buildings remains today with but few scars of the flames. Firemen poured tons of water on it in successful efforts to save its priceless contents, patents and inventions. It was under the inventor's personal directions that this was done. Of the 7,000 employes in the plant, nearly 6,000 are out of work today. They all will be taken back as soon as the buildings are rebuilt.

Five million dollars represents the complete loss. By a co-operative insurance plan, Edison, who owned the property outright, saved $2,000,000.

That no loss of life resulted was attributed to the efficient system of fire drill on which the inventor has always laid great stress.

It was not until after daylight today that street car traffic and railway service, which was interrupted by the network of fire hose, was resumed.

Prominent builders and construction experts today expressed as much amazement over the burning of the plant as was expressed in shipping circles over the loss of the Titanic, which was thought to be as safe as land. The plant comprised the largest group of concrete buildings in the United States. Photographs of the buildings had been made by the federal and state governments and shown all over the country as a perfect example of fire-proof construction.

Mrs. Young Re-elected.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Chicago club women were elated today with the ease with which Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was re-elected superintendent of schools yesterday after plans for her ousting by a secret ballot had been exposed. Opponents of Mrs. Young did not even place anyone in nomination against her. She received fifteen votes, six members not voting.

Collier Strains Hawsers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The collier Caesar, designated by the navy department to carry the government exhibit for the Panama-Pacific exposition from Washington to San Francisco, made ready today for her start on her long voyage through the Panama canal and up the Pacific coast.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a glass of Salts to flush kidneys if bladder bothers you.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.

Official Council Proceedings

There being no further business, Council took a recess until November 17, 1914, 9 a. m.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 17, 1914, 9 a. m.

Council convened after recess with all members present; Mayor Moorhead presiding.

Resolution No. 916.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to draw the following warrant in favor of the Keokuk public library, to apply on annual appropriation:

No. 902, Library $500.00

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 917.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized to issue $15,000.00 in time warrants, Nos. 903 to 932, inclusive, payable April 15, 1915, with interest at the rate of six per cent from date, the same to be sold at par to the State Central Savings Bank as of November 17, 1914, to secure funds for necessary current expenses to be distributed as a credit to the following funds:

General	$10,000.00
Grading	2,000.00
Fire	2,000.00
Park	1,000.00

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council, upon motion, adjourned.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 19, 1914, 9 a. m.

Council met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Moorhead presiding. Minutes of meetings of November 16 and 17 were read and approved. There being no further business, Council took a recess until November 20, 1914, 9 a. m.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 20, 1914, 9 a. m.

Council convened after recess with all members present, Mayor Moorhead presiding.

Resolution No. 918.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to draw and issue Warrant No. 933, in the sum of Nineteen and forty-eighth one-hundredths ($19.48) Dollars, in favor of William Reimbold, Deputy County Treasurer, said warrant being in payment of city taxes levied against the rear fifty (50) feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 20, in Leighton's Addition to the City of Keokuk, for the year 1913, said property being owned by Mary O'Shea, and said warrant being issued by reason of an oversight in not exempting said property on account of the dependency of the said Mary O'Shea.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council, upon motion, adjourned.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 23, 1914, 9 a. m.

Council met in regular session with all members present. Mayor Moorhead presiding. Minutes of meetings of November 19 and 20 were read and approved.

Resolution No. 919.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the following Pay Rolls be, and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Warrant No. 934, Fire	$ 1.57
Warrant No. 935, Street	112.58
Warrant No. 936, Grading	188.10
Warrant No. 937, Sidewalk	12.00
Warrant No. 938, Park	15.00
Warrant No. 939, Improvement	40.40
Warrant No. 940, Iowa State Insurance Co., insurance, Fire	55.62

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council took a recess until November 24, 1914, 9 a. m.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 24, 1914, 9 a. m.

Council convened after recess with all members present, Mayor Moorhead presiding.

Resolution No. 920.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to draw Warrant No. 941, in the sum of One and fifty-five one-hundredths ($1.55) Dollars, in favor of William Reimbold, Deputy County Treasurer, said warrant being in payment of penalty levied against the property owned by Mary O'Shea.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

There being no further business, Council took a recess until November 25, 1914, 9 a. m.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

November 25, 1914

Council convened after recess with all members present; Mayor Moorhead presiding.

Resolution No. 921.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to issue Warrant No. 942, in the sum of Five ($5.00) Dollars, in favor of George D. Sutherland, same being in full for damages to buggy, caused by being run into during street carnival, September 25, 1914.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 922.

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That after having examined the said lots and parcels of land hereinafter described, and duly considered all matters in relation thereto, the City Council finds that the actual value of the vacated portion of "C" street, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, which is occupied by the Mills-Ellsworth Company, is Nine Hundred ($900.00) Dollars, and

That the actual value of Lot 12, Block 10, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, and, Lot 7, Block 9, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by Darius Miller, is Eight Hundred ($800.00) Dollars each, and,

That the actual value of Lots 1, 2 and 3, in Block 7, Reids Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by Mills-Ellsworth Company, is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars, each, and

That the actual value of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 7, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by J. P. Allen, is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars each, and

That the actual value of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block Eight, and, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9, Lots 9, 10, and 11, in Block Ten, Lots 8, 9, 10 11 and 12, in Block Nine, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block Eight, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block Seven, all in Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by Darius Miller, is Seven Hundred Dollars ($700.00) for each of said lots; and

That the actual value of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 9, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by H. T. Henderson, is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars, for each of said lots, and

That the actual value of Lots 3, 4 and 5, in Block Ten, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by T. C. and Cephas Harrison, is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars, for each of said lots, and

That the actual value of Lots 6, 7 and 8, in Block Ten, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars for each of said lots, and

That the actual value of Lots 7, 8 and 9, in Block Six, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, owned by J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., is Seven Hundred ($700.00) Dollars, for each of said lots.

Be It Further Resolved, That the City Council finds that the values of said lots and parcels of land as shown by the preceding assessment roll, are not the actual values of said respective lots and tracts of land, but that the actual values of said lots and tracts of land are in truth and in fact as above set out; and

Be It Further Resolved, That in making the said assessment for the improvement of Commercial street from the west line of Lot Three, in Block Six, to G street, Reid's Addition to the City of Keokuk, by paving the same with brick blocks and constructing cement curb, the said actual values as above found and determined shall apply.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 923.

Whereas, On the 24th day of February, 1914, Cameron, Joyce & Co., did enter into a contract with the City of Keokuk for the improvement of Commercial street from the north line of G street to the west line of B street, Reid's Addition, including three intersections, and so much of B street and intersection of Commercial street, with B street as will be necessary to connect the pavement on Commercial street with the pavement on Fifth street, by paving same with brick blocks, which contract was duly approved on the 28th day of February, 1914, by this Council, and

Whereas, On the 24th day of February, 1914, The Keokuk Quarry & Construction Co., did enter into a contract with the City of Keokuk for the construction of a cement curb on Commercial street in front of Lots in Blocks 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Reid's Addition, and on B street alongside of Lot 5, Block 5, which contract was duly approved by this Council on the 28th day of February, 1914, and

Whereas, The said Cameron, Joyce & Company, and The Keokuk Quarry & Construction Company, have completed the construction of the said improvements from the west line of Lot 3, Block 6, to G street, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said contracts, and the plans and specifications thereto attached, as shown by the certificate of the city engineer, filed with the City Clerk on the 22nd day of December, 1913, Therefore,

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk, that the said report of the City Engineer be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and that the paving and curbing constructed on Commercial street from the west line of Lots 3, Block 6, Reid's Addition, to G street, by Cameron, Joyce & Company, and The Keokuk Quarry & Construction Company, under their contracts with the City of Keokuk, bearing date of February 24, 1914, is hereby approved and accepted, as having been completed from the west line of Lot 3, Block 6, to G street, under the terms and conditions of the said contracts and the plans and specifications thereto attached, and the cost thereof is hereby determined to be $7,075.86, as shown in said report of the City Engineer, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the City Engineer is hereby instructed and directed to prepare a plat and schedule of the said portion of the said street, showing the separate lots or parcels of ground, or portions thereof, subject to assessment for the cost of the construction of the said improvements, together with the names of the owners thereof, as far as practicable, and the amount assessable by law against each lot or parcel of ground so abutting, and against the railway companies whose tracks are located thereon, which said plat and schedule, when completed, shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

Resolution No. 924.

Whereas, In accordance with the instruction of this Council there have been prepared and placed on file in the office of the City Clerk, a plat and schedule, showing the assessments proposed to be made for the cost of the construction of paving and curbing on Commercial street from the west line of Lot 3, Block 6, Reid's Addition to G street, against the property abutting thereon, and the railways whose tracks are located thereon, which plat and schedule have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of law, and,

Whereas, The assessments shown on said schedule seem to be proper assessments to be made for and on account of the cost of the construction of the said improvement, Therefore,

Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Keokuk:

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to give not less than twenty days' notice by two publications each in The Gate City and Constitution Democrat, newspapers published in this city, and by hand bills posted in conspicuous places along the line of the said improvement, that said plat and schedule are now on file in his office, and that within twenty days after the first publication of such notice all objections thereto, or to the prior proceedings, on account of errors, irregularities or inequalities, must be made in writing and filed with the said Clerk.

Roll Call—

Aye—Moorhead, Collins, Schmidt.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

PAVING ASSESSMENT.

On account of material furnished and labor done in constructing brick pavement on Commercial street from the west line of Lot 3, Block 6, Reid's Addition to G street in favor of Cameron, Joyce & Co.

Detail of Cost.

4581.6 sq. yds. brick paving at $1.53 per yd.	$7,009.86
Inspection	25.00
Advertising and notices	40.00
Engineering	20.00
Total amount	$7094.85
Total assessment	$6271.95
	$ 822.90
Less notices and advertising	85.00
Amount due contractor	$ 737.90

DESCRIPTION. Lot	Block	OWNER'S NAME	No. Ft. Front	Total Assessment—Amount
		Reid's Addition		
4	6	William Ballinger	.50	$ 100.50
5	6	Harry Dietz	.50	100.50
6	6	Mills-Ellsworth Co.	.50	168.43
Vacated C St.		Mills-Ellsworth Co.	.66	222.47
1	7	Mills-Ellsworth Co.	.50	168.43
2	7	Mills-Ellsworth Co.	.50	168.43
3	7	Mills-Ellsworth Co.	.50	168.43
4	7	J. P. Allen	.50	134.46
5	7	J. P. Allen	.50	100.50
6	7	J. P. Allen	.50	100.50
1	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
2	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
3	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
4	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
5	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
6	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
1	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
2	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
2	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
3	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
4	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
5	9	H. T. Henderson	.50	106.01
6	9	H. T. Henderson	.50	100.50
1	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	105.40
2	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	100.50
3	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	114.27
4	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	138.75
5	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	138.75
6	10	C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co.	.50	138.75
		Commercial Street.		
7	10	C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co.	.50	100.50
8	10	C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co.	.50	100.50
9	10	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
10	10	Darius Miller	.50	102.54
11	10	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
12	10	Darius Miller	.83	168.82
7	9	Darius Miller	.83	168.82
8	9	Darius Miller	.50	102.95
9	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
10	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
11	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
12	9	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
7	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
8	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
9	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
10	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
11	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
12	8	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
7	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
8	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
9	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
10	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
11	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
12	7	Darius Miller	.50	100.50
7	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	100.50
8	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	100.50
9	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	100.50
		Amount assessed		$6271.95

I certify the above to be correct.

J. F. WINTERS,
City Engineer.

Keokuk, Iowa, November 27, 1914.

CURBING ASSESSMENT.

On account of material furnished and labor done in constructing cement curb on Commercial street from the west line of lot 3, block 6, Reid's Addition to G street, in favor of Keokuk Quarry and Construction Co.

Detail of Cost.

2288.7 lin. feet of cement curb at .355c	$812.49
Inspection	17.50
Advertising and notices	14.50
Total amount	$844.49
Amount assessed	803.91
	$ 40.58
Less notices, etc	32.00
Amount due contractor	$ 8.58

DESCRIPTION Lot	Block	OWNER'S NAME	Ft. of Curb	Cost per sq. ft.	Total Assessment—Amount
		Reid's Addition			
4	6	William Ballinger	.50	.36970	$ 18.49
5	6	Harry Dietz	.50	.36970	18.49
4	7	J. P. Allen	.40	.36970	14.79
5	7	J. P. Allen	.50	.36970	18.49
6	7	J. P. Allen	.50	.36970	18.49
1	8	Darius Miller	.28	.36970	10.35
2	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
3	8	Darius Miller	.38	.36970	14.05
4	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
5	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
6	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
1	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
2	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
3	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
4	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
5	9	H. T. Henderson	.35	.36970	12.94
6	9	H. T. Henderson	.50	.36970	18.49
1	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.40	.36970	14.79
2	10	T. C. and Cephas Harrison	.50	.36970	18.49
7	10	C. R. I & P. R. R. Co.	.50	.36970	18.49
8	10	C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co.	.50	.36970	18.49
9	10	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
10	10	Darius Miller	.45	.36970	16.64
11	10	Darius Miller	.45	.36970	16.64
12	10	Darius Miller	.65	.36970	24.03
7	9	Darius Miller	.65	.36970	24.03
8	9	Darius Miller	.37	.36970	13.68
9	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
10	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
11	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
12	9	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
7	6	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
8	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
9	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
10	8	Darius Miller	.20	.36970	7.39
11	8	Darius Miller	.16	.36970	5.92
12	8	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
7	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
8	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
9	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
10	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
11	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.49
12	7	Darius Miller	.50	.36970	18.94
7	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	.36970	18.49
8	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	.36970	18.49
9	6	J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co.	.50	.36970	18.49
			2174		$803.91

I certify the above to be correct.

J. F. WINTERS,
City Engineer.

Keokuk, Iowa, November 27, 1914.

There being no further business, Council, upon motion, adjourned.

S. W. MOORHEAD, Mayor.

Attest: O. W. SANDBERG, City Clerk.

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