

KEOKUK FREIGHT RATES PUT ON PARITY WITH ST. LOUIS

Interstate Commerce Commission's Decision Means That Local Shippers Get Long Fought for Equality.

OTHER RIVER CITIES TOO

Basis of 117 Per Cent is Declared for Cities from St. Louis to Dubuque According to Advices.

Keokuk has been put on a parity with St. Louis in railroad rates to and from the seaboard, according to information received by W. A. Bridgeman at the Wabash railroad office here, through W. C. Maxwell at St. Louis. This new rate will be effective January 15, and will be 9.22 on first class freight. This victory puts Keokuk on a parity not only with St. Louis, but Quincy, Hannibal and Louisiana, and will put all river towns from Keokuk to Dubuque on this parity as well.

The letter from Mr. Maxwell to Mr. Bridgeman received Saturday morning explains the decision briefly, and tells how the parity is arrived at as follows:

Letter from Maxwell. "The interstate commerce commission is getting out an amended order in the matter of the 5 percent advance in rates between trunk line territory and Mississippi river points, Quincy and north which we understand provides for the application of the new St. Louis rates to and from upper Mississippi river points. "The new rates to St. Louis are arrived at by adding 5 percent to the rates between Chicago and New York—for illustration, the 75c rate is to be raised 75.8 and the St. Louis rate would be 117 percent of this or 92.2 cents. "We are publishing our rates on this basis effective January 15th."

Association Makes Fight.

This victory for the local shippers is one which has been sought for a number of years. The industrial association had for one of its prime objects the securing of rates for Keokuk on a parity with St. Louis. The fact that the reduction has been so long sought for makes the victory all the more great. As is shown in Mr. Maxwell's letter, the new rate is arrived at by figuring 117 percent of the Chicago rate, 75.8. This 117 percent is the

FAIRBANKS IS NOT IN POLITICS

Former Leader of Democratic Party in Indiana Quit Over a Year Ago.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 2.—Crawford Fairbanks, democratic master politician in Indiana, head of the Crawford Fairbanks-Thomas Taggart democratic organization and for many years the dominant figure in the business and political life of this city, tonight announced that he had retired from politics and that the retirement dated from some time over a year ago, prior to the elections which the federal grand jury has been investigating. The millionaire brewer, wealthiest man in Indiana, disavowed all connection with Mayor Donn Roberts' organization of 113 others of the local democratic organization who were indicted by the federal grand jury recently. "I'm out of politics. I'm on the scrap heap. If people really knew how little I have to do with politics, you wouldn't be here now," he said. "I haven't dealt with politics since the election over a year ago. My business takes too much time." Fairbanks sat in the office of the Wabash Realty and Loan company, which he controls. The office is in the Tribune building. Fairbanks owns the Terre Haute Tribune. Fairbanks was asked what he thought of Mayor Roberts and the indictment of Terre Haute men. "Don't

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basis on which the towns are put. According to all information available here the parity applies from St. Louis to Dubuque. For many years the difference between the St. Louis and the Keokuk rates on first class freight to and from the seaboard have been about 9 cents. This has of course been a handicap to the local shippers.

First Reduction in 1913.

July 31, 1913, information was received from the interstate commerce commission of the reduction of this difference of rates to two cents between Keokuk and St. Louis. Quincy was put on the same parity with Keokuk in this change and her shippers immediately filed a protest and the tariff was suspended. Last fall a hearing was held on this protest and the Quincy fought to be given the St. Louis parity, Hannibal and Louisiana of course joined in this as they would reap the benefit as well. The advices yesterday, however, show that the state has been wiped clean, and that all of the cities have been put on the St. Louis basis of 117 percent. Beginning January 15, 1915, our rates to and from the seaboard will be on a parity with St. Louis, Quincy, and the points up and down the river.

Rate Decrease Shown.

Recently the interstate commerce commission allowed the increase of five percent to the railroad rates. This increase figuring on the rate granted by virtue of the Mississippi would have kept the new rate still about two cents higher than St. Louis had the commission by this last ruling not changed the basis and put Keokuk on St. Louis parity.

By this order putting Keokuk and other river towns on a parity, the increase becomes only about two cents where had the old rate and basis prevailed the increase would have been something like four cents. This is a big item to the shippers and will result in the saving of considerable money. Consequently the local business interests can feel that they have not been neglected by Santa Claus, even though he did wait until New Year's to arrive.

Association Back of It.

The industrial association and the business interests of the city successfully prosecuted the Mississippi river case in 1913. The association had for one of its prime aims the securing of more equitable rates. The association has been making a fight for St. Louis parity. Both of these notable changes in rates are of considerable importance to the business interests of the city and credit is due those who helped to bring this change about.

mention Roberts. I don't want to talk about him," Fairbanks replied. Concerning the indictments, he said: "I don't believe a probe should be conducted too one sidedly. Let them indict a few republicans. "If they are guilty?" interrupted an attorney in the office. "Yes, if they are guilty," said Fairbanks. "They should not get all democrats."

No Confessions Expected.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—When the federal grand jury takes up the probe of the Indianapolis political situation on Monday, it will not be aided, as in the Terre Haute case, by many voluntary confessions. If there are indictments, the evidence must come from the outside, say politicians. The interview given by Crawford Fairbanks in Terre Haute came in for comment from politicians. His statement that he had been out of politics for over a year, recalled the incident which brought to a sudden close the investigation of the recent Vigo county grand jury, which was probing alleged election corruption. After the grand jury had indicted several men, one of whom received a prison term and after Chalmers Hammill, the prosecutor, had announced that he had subpoenaed a business associate of Crawford Fairbanks, the announcement was made that Fairbanks himself would be called "thirty minutes after he set foot in Indiana." This was Saturday. Over Sunday, Fairbanks, Donn Roberts, Circuit Judge Fortune and others held a conference here and on Monday the grand jury was discharged by Judge Fortune. Mayor Roberts was later freed of the charge and many of the indictments were dismissed.

River of Time.

Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought into sight than it is swept by and another takes its place and this, too, will be swept away.—Marcus Antoninus.

TWO ARE SEEKING PLUM FROM STATE

Governor Clark Must Decide Between A. M. DeYoe and P. E. McClenahan, Candidates for Superintendentcy of Institution.

BOTH HAVE PLATFORMS

One Would Make All Schools Stepping Stones to Universities and Other Would Enforce Rural Education Scheme.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 2.—Governor George W. Clarke is devoting all of his spare time now preparing his message to the legislature. He hopes to have this completed in another ten days as the legislature convenes two weeks from today.

In addition to his message the governor has some other worries, too. He must make several appointments for confirmation by the senate. The best plum the governor has at his disposal this winter is that of superintendent of public instruction.

Thus far only two active candidates are in the field. These are A. M. DeYoe of Garner, and P. E. McClenahan of Iowa City. Mr. McClenahan is high school inspector for the state board of education. The present superintendent, it is understood, is basing his hope of appointment on the proposition that he will carry out the rural education scheme outlined in numerous laws enacted by the last assembly. Mr. McClenahan, it is understood, proposes to build up all the schools of the state on the theory that they are stepping stones to the higher educational institutions. Mr. DeYoe believes that the rural school should afford facilities for the pupil to educate himself for his life's work there rather than at an agricultural college or a university.

The governor also must appoint an insurance commissioner. This position was created by the last legislature and is held now by Emory H. English. It is understood that the governor will submit Mr. English's name to the legislature. One member to the state board of parole, one to the state board of control and three to the state board of education are other appointments the senate must confirm.

The term of W. H. Berry of Indianola, one of the republican members of the board of parole, expires July 1. Mr. Berry's policy on the board has met with considerable opposition in the state. There is much speculation at the capitol as to whether he will be named by the governor.

J. H. McConologue of Mason City, who was appointed to the board of control when Senator John F. Wade died nearly two years ago, probably will be reappointed by Governor Clarke as the democratic member of the board.

The members of the state board of education whose terms expire July 1 are James H. Trewin of Cedar Rapids, Roger Leavitt of Cedar Falls and Edwin T. Schoentgen of Council Bluffs. One other appointment the senate must confirm is that of state house custodian. W. A. Duckworth of Keosauqua holds that position now. His appointment was severely criticized two years ago. Whether he will be named again is a subject of discussion at the capitol.

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Random Sketches

First White Settler.

It was a long time ago when the first white man settled within the limits of what is now the state of Iowa. Julien Dubuque was that white man. He was a French-Canadian, born in the province of Quebec, January 10, 1762. It is said that he had given particular attention to mineralogy and mining. He came to the then far west in 1784, one hundred and thirty years ago. It is said he was a well educated man, an accomplished writer and conversationalist.

He was named within the next six months by the governor. Confirmation by the senate is not required for these appointments.

As soon as he had secured the lease Dubuque took from Prairie du Chien ten Canadian, to assist him as overseers, smelters, wood choppers and boatmen. It is said that at the time there was a Fox village near where the city of Dubuque now stands, called the "Village of the Kettle Chief." It consisted of Indian lodges extending back from the river, ample accommodations for about four hundred persons, one hundred of whom were warriors. The friendship of the Indians had been secured by Dubuque and they permitted him and his companions to make their homes in this village. He employed Indian women and old men of the tribe to work in the mines. He studied and readily learned the habits, superstitions and traditions of the Fox nation and in the course of a few years had acquired great influence with them. "The Indians gave him the name of "Little Cloud." He opened farms, built fences, erected houses and a horse mill. He put up a smelting furnace on a point afterwards known as Du-

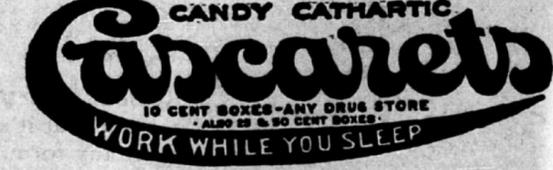
buque Bluff. He opened stores, bought furs, sold goods and Indian trinkets. He carried on a large business, including the preparation of ore for market. Twice a year he took boat loads of ore, furs and hides to St. Louis, exchanging them for goods, supplies and money. He became well known in St. Louis as the largest trader in the upper Mississippi valley and his semi-annual trips are said to have become events of importance to St. Louis, the pioneer metropolis of the Mississippi valley.

During the twenty-two years that Dubuque and his Canadian assistants lived in Iowa, from 1788 to 1810, the territory was owned by three different nations, Spain, France and the United States.

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FUNERAL YESTERDAY OF EDWARD H. ALVIS

At the Home Near Argyle, Under the Auspices of Montrose Odd Fellows Lodge.

The funeral of Edward H. Alvis was held at the family home, near Argyle, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, according to the rites of Odd Fellowship, the Odd Fellows lodge at Montrose having charge of the impressive service.

The burial took place at the Meek cemetery.

Daily Thought.
Only by knowledge of that which is not thyself, shall thyself be learned.—Owen Meredith.

—Read The Gate City want column.