

MORE PROTESTS ARE BEING MADE

When Central Answers Fire Calls, Necessary Business Cannot be Transacted Over Phone, Citizens Say.

COUNCIL IS PETITIONED

Asked to Help Abate Nuisance—Telephone Company Will Stop the Practice if City Requests.

Since the last big fire, the burning down of the Gate City Seed company's building on Tuesday night, the city council and E. L. Williams, manager of the local telephone exchange, have both been deluged with protests from Kookuk citizens over their inability to use the telephone for at least fifteen or twenty minutes after the fire bell rings, because of the great number of people who called up central, asking where the fire was.

Almost everybody considers this a nuisance, but how it is to be rectified, is the question. The council says that it is not for it to make any recommendation in the matter as it is completely out of its jurisdiction and up to the telephone company, while the manager of the telephone company, while he is glad to quit the practice of having central tell the location of a fire to the general public if the city would request it.

Mr. Williams stated that he would be glad to quit the practice of having central tell the location of a fire to the general public if the city would request it.

It is thought that the matter will come to a head soon. The protests have been more emphatic during the past two days than ever before. Here are some examples of the trouble the practice has been causing:

During the fire Tuesday night some wires fell down. It would have been dangerous to touch them. The Kookuk Electric company learned of this and tried to notify some of its repair men by phone so that they could be dispatched to the place immediately, before anyone would have a chance to be injured.

But central had so many "where's the fire" calls that it was almost fifteen minutes before connection could be made.

It looked for a time as if the Huskamp shoe factory was going to catch on fire. Somebody tried to call John Erhardt to notify him to take steps to prevent this. It was about ten minutes before the connection could be made.

It has been pointed out that if a second fire alarm was turned in following the first, that there would be a small chance of getting it through to the station. Then, of course, there might be doctor calls. Someone has suggested that if the public was not able to ask where the fire was that fewer people would gather to be in the way of the firemen or to run the danger of touching live wires.

Some are of the opinion that if the fire bells were not sounded, that the nuisance would be done away with. The bells belonged to the old world, and the fire force and might be easily dispensed with, they say.

ARE NOT USING NEW DUMP GROUNDS

Complaints Made to Council That Dumping of Rubbish is Going On in City Limits.

Complaints have been made to the city office that some are not making use of the new city dumping grounds situated beyond the cemetery. It is stated that some have, under the cover of night, been dumping refuse at places within the city limits.

The city council has appointed special watchmen to look out for those who are breaking the city ordinance on dumping and a fine of \$10 will be tacked on every one caught.

The city has provided a new dumping ground beyond the cemetery and has also put South Sixteenth street, which leads to it, in good condition so that the council thinks that only business is responsible for the neglect to use this.

Dumping outside of the city dump grounds is considered a misdemeanor and the penalty is a fine ranging from \$1 to \$10. The council says that it will be \$10 every time.

PERSONALS

Miss Adalove Howell, editor of a Detroit library paper, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Jesse B. Howell, 118 High street.

Mrs. Laura Thompson, state librarian at Springfield, Ill., has left Kookuk for Springfield, after spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Ada F. Thompson, 609 Morgan street.

SOCIETY

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Account of Marriage. Concerning the marriage of two former Kookuk people, Miss Florence Wagner and Mr. William W. Christ, at Tuesday, which was reported in The Gate City last evening, the Quincy Whig has the following:

William W. Christ, a member of the shoe firm of Surlage & Christ, and Miss Florence Wagner, daughter of Andrew Wagner, of 1645 Vermont street, were quietly wedded at the rectory of the Good Shepherd church at 120 North Twelfth street, Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Rev. William Gamble, rector of the church, officiated and the couple was attended by Edward Wagner of Kookuk, a brother of the bride, and Miss Emma Christ, a sister of the bridegroom.

The bridal party afterward went to the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Thomas Crooks, with whom she and her father have been making their home, where a wedding breakfast was served. Immediate relatives of the young couple were present. After the breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Christ left for a few days' honeymoon, but kept their destination a secret. On their return they will go to housekeeping in one of the flats of the new apartment house on Ninth street between York and Kentucky streets.

The groom is the son of Philip Christ, 903 Kentucky street, and is a young business man of high standing. The bride has been until the last few weeks employed at the Crooks & Cox millinery store as a milliner and is an estimable young woman. Upon their return they will receive the best wishes and congratulations of their many friends.

Miscellaneous Shower.

Mrs. Dan Lucey and Mrs. Earl Daughters of Moar were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. C. M. Forney of Burnside, Ill., Tuesday. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Mrs. C. Miller, Mrs. H. Meyers and daughter Hazel, Mrs. C. Conn, Mrs. D. Leake, Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. D. Lucey, Mrs. C. Van Ausdall, Miss Augusta Van Ausdall, Mrs. J. Clair, Miss Verma Clair, Mrs. R. Robinson, Mrs. E. Daughters and Mrs. J. O'Neal, all of Moar.

Dr. Elliott at Quincy.

Quincy Herald: Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Elliott of Kookuk, formerly of this city, where Dr. Elliott was pastor of the Unitarian church, are in the city to attend the wedding of Miss Margaret Kessler and Oliver Williams tonight. Dr. Elliott will assist in the ceremony.

Sammons-Koeber Wedding.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sammons, of 1723, William street, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Carrie Myrtle, to Frederick Arthur Koeber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koeber, of near Alexandria, Mo. Rev. Corby Lee Doty, of Canton, Mo., performed the ceremony at 3:00 o'clock. The bride was dressed in a lovely white satin dress, draped in white net overlace and white satin slippers. The house was beautifully decorated in Christmas holly. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koeber, parents of the groom, Mrs. Mary George of Blandinsville, Ill.; Mrs. Carloline Lawson and Mrs. W. T. Foley, both of Kookuk, and Walter and Ernest Koeber, brothers of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leggett of Bentonpost, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Koeber, who make their home near Alexandria, Mo. They were recipients of many beautiful presents from their friends.

Program for Recital.

The program for the recital to be given by Mrs. Edward Welles Colston before the Monday Music club at the Y. W. C. A., at 8 o'clock tonight is the following: Debussy Aria (Enfant Prodigue), Debussy Romance, Debussy Green, Arr. by A. L. Folk-song, Richard Strauss Zueignung, Die Nacht, Richard Strauss Auftrag, Spring Song, Quilter Crimson Petal, Rummel Ecstasy, Ronald The Forest, Cloud, Greggs You are the Evening, Joy at the piano.

Wednesday Club's Party.

The Wednesday club enjoyed a Christmas party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Betts. After the distribution of gifts, a buffet luncheon was served.

Needle Club's Meeting.

Mrs. John Mott was hostess to the Needle club today at its regular meeting.

M. P. Society Today.

There was a large company of ladies attending the social meeting today at the Aid society of the First Methodist Protestant church at the home of Mrs. S. B. McCoy, 1002 Exchange street. Mrs. A. B. Groug was the assisting hostess.

Entertained for Niece.

Mrs. V. H. Phillips, 910 Concert street, entertained a company of girls this afternoon at a very pleasant party in honor of her niece Miss Irene Shippey of Des Moines.

Announcement of Wedding.

Friends in the city have received announcement of the marriage of Mr. Evan Ringland to Miss Hazel Sharp, which occurred in Salt Lake City on Thursday, Dec. 23. The young people will be at home after January 1 in Idaho. Mr. Ringland is the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Ringland of Oklahoma City, and was born and reared here and has many friends who

"SPIRITS" IN COFFINS SOMETIMES TURN OUT TO BE "BOOZE"



Spirits in coffins have had Tennessee legal authorities guessing. The "medium" in the case was a coffin company of Chattanooga. The company claims no supernatural powers. It was simply medium of distribution. Neither were the spirits of the etherical variety. They were the substantial kind, commonly known as "booze."

An employe evidently thought he was doing nothing wrong—although he didn't tell the boss—to use the spirits as a stimulant to the coffin industry in dry territory, so a few quarts sometimes were included as variety which led the little mouse to want to hunt up the cat and the tomcat. The federal authorities could not see it exactly that way, dog's eyes.

As is customary in bootlegging cases in dry territory, no attempt was made to smuggle in the less harmful malt beverages. Quicker action was said to be desired.

Opponents of state-wide prohibition are asserting that the case evidences the fact that the only real solution to the temperance question is through education, not legislation, or through the substitution of the less alcoholic beverages for the more intoxicating spirituous liquors.

Careful investigation of the spirits by several well qualified officers is said to have confirmed the fact that it was real whisky, similar to the

reach this country within the next forty-eight hours. It is believed here that the note may reach the state department as early as tomorrow afternoon.

MOTIONS FILED IN INSURANCE CASES. New Trial is Asked in One Where State Central Savings Bank was Given Verdict.

Motion in arrest of judgment and for new trial has been filed in the case of the State Central Savings bank vs. the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company. Answers to petitions of intervention have been filed in the cases of the State Central Savings bank vs. Central National Fire Insurance company and to the State Central Savings bank vs. the Commonwealth Insurance company.

GOVERNOR DEAD, FAR FROM HOME. Minnesota Executive Dropped Dead While Looking at Some Louisiana Land.

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Was a Bachelor. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—Word from New Orleans says Governor W. S. Hammond, of Minnesota, died there today. No further details have been received.

When Governor Hammond left St. Paul Saturday afternoon for Clinton, La., he was suffering from indigestion.

Hammond was Minnesota's first bachelor governor and its third democratic governor. He was born fifty-two years ago at Southborough, Mass., graduating from Dartmouth college with the class of 1884. In 1906 he was elected a democratic congressman from the second Minne-

Entertained for Guest. A most delightful party was given at the home of Miss Ina Stice, 929 Palestine street last evening in honor of Miss Helen Jones who is visiting from Ottumwa. The evening was very pleasantly passed, cards being the main feature of entertainment. Music was rendered for dancing by different musicians of the party. At a late hour a five course luncheon was served.

NOTE IS ON ITS WAY. (United Press Leased Wire Service) WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State Lansing announced this afternoon that the Austrian reply to the American second note on the Ancona had been delivered to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna and is being forwarded to this country.

Penfield reported that the note is approximately 3,000 words long. For that reason it is anticipated that it will take some time to code it and send it to this country. Coding will be begun immediately and the note should

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BRIDGE TOWER IS PULLED OVER INTO CRIBS BELOW SPAN. The big tower which supports the wires and cables across the Kookuk and Hamilton bridge, and which was set above the draw span of the bridge, was pulled over into the cribbing in the river to the south of the bridge structure this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Derricks attached to the cable pulled over the old tower.

The west part of the draw span is torn out, the engineer's house has been removed, and the bridge workers are preparing to tear out the eastern end of the span.

This span turned for the first time in 1871 when the Cricket passed through. The City of Beardtown was the last to pass through the bridge.

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Hot Springs, until next Wednesday. Absence of alarming news regarding the negotiations between Austria and the United States over the Ancona case is the reason, it is believed. He had planned to return Monday.

Daily Stock Letter. (Copyright 1915 by the New York Evening Post.) NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—On a moderate volume of business, stock market prices advanced today. Except in a few cases, gains were small, and in keeping with the number of transactions recorded. Interest in speculation showed a distinct contrast with that of Monday and Tuesday and there were periods during the day when had one taken the evidence of the ticker, it would have been said that the entire stock exchange membership had left the board for ocean.

Sales were a little over 500,000 shares. Such activity as there was, centered in a few specialties. Mexican Petroleum was the market leader, in every sense; it was turned over in nearly double the volume of U. S. Steel common and advanced more than any other stock to which attention was paid.

Explanation of the large activity and rapid rise here was found in a series of "deal" reports purporting to come from authoritative sources and telling of the manner in which the Mexican Petroleum company is to be made the center of an important merger.

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