

# CLAIMS KEOKUK ELECTRIC'S FRANCHISE IS UNLAWFUL

### Petition is Filed Today in District Court Seeking to Oust Company From Use of Streets.

### WAS NOT VOTED UPON

### It Is Claimed That Ordinances Were Not Submitted to the People as Required.

Claiming that the Keokuk Electric company is operating under a franchise which was not legally granted, a petition was filed in the district court this afternoon, asking that the company be required to show by what warrant or authority it exercises the franchise complained of, and that judgment be rendered in that the defendant be ousted and altogether excluded from such franchise. The petition which was filed this afternoon is entitled the State of Iowa in the relation of W. J. Roberts, plaintiff, vs. the Keokuk Electric company, defendant.

The franchise which he has reference to in his petition, Mr. Roberts explained, was the one which was granted after the Hubinger interests gave over the line. This franchise is the one under which the street car and electric light service and gas service of the city are now operating. The franchise was granted to the Lundy interests.

Not Submitted to Vote. It is alleged that the franchise is

illegal because it was never submitted to the vote of the people. This, it is claimed by the plaintiff would be necessary. If the judgment prayed for is sustained, then the effect will be to submit the issue to a vote of the people, Mr. Roberts said.

The petition which was filed this afternoon, sets out the following allegations:

"Plaintiff states that the defendant is unlawfully exercising franchises to operate an electric railway, an electric light and power plant and a gas works in and upon the streets of the city of Keokuk, for that the ordinances constituting said unlawful franchise were passed without said ordinances having been first submitted to the voters of said city."

The plaintiff then asks that the defendant be required to show by what warrant or authority he exercises said franchise and that judgment be rendered, that the defendant be ousted and altogether excluded from such a franchise.

## CITY NEWS.

—Harry Ealey and Arlo Wilson, two boy members of the gang of six that has been in a number of scrapes recently, have been ordered committed to the reform school. Mrs. Jordan, mother of McKinley Jordan, another of the gang, was in the superior court this morning and said that she would be willing to have McKinley taken to the school also, if the other two boys were sent. The other three members of the gang have had their sentences revoked upon promise of good behavior.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Marie Harsch has gone to her home at Vincennes for a week's vacation.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10c a week by carrier.

## HOLD CONFERENCES WITH TRUSTEE

### Industrial Association and Committee From Jackson Outside Talk About the Road to the Smelter.

## WOULD IMPROVE THIS

### Directors of Association Will Meet Tomorrow Morning at 10 o'clock For Important Business.

A conference was held this morning between officials of the Industrial association and the township trustees of Jackson outside, in reference to putting the road to the River Smelting and Refining company in better shape. It is planned by the association to ask all of the township trustees in the surrounding townships to take up the matter of road improvement. This will be in line with the association's plan for better roads throughout the vicinity.

The Jackson trustees promised that they would do what they could in the matter, and will take up the proposition with the county engineer to see just what the expense will be for this improvement.

The road to the smelter is one which is being used to a great extent, and is a main artery to the land where other industries may be located. It will be to the advantage of every one to get the road in as good shape as possible. The other roads in the townships surrounding need to be improved, especially those which give access to Keokuk.

Directors Tomorrow. The directors of the Industrial association will meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Some important matters will be discussed at this time.

## SOCIETY

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### Mrs. Tucker's Recital.

The Monday Music club will meet this week on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium when Mrs. Collingwood Tucker will give a song recital, assisted by Mrs. Gott of Ft. Madison, who will give two numbers on the flute and will play one obligato. Miss Marie Mosley, violinist, and Dr. John W. Marsh, cellist, will also play obligato accompaniments and Mrs. John R. Irwin will play the piano accompaniments. The club hostesses are Mrs. Frank M. Fuller and Miss Mary M. Johnstone. The house committee is Mrs. Hugh J. Robertson and Mr. Eugene Carter.

### Engagement is Announced.

Mrs. C. P. Sheldon announces the engagement of her son, George Allyn Sheldon, of Kahoka, to Miss Mary Munro of Peoria, Ill.

### Woman's Alliance.

Miss Minnie Noetzli was hostess today to the Woman's Alliance of the First Unitarian church. Mrs. James Burrows presided during the business meeting.

### St. John's Guild.

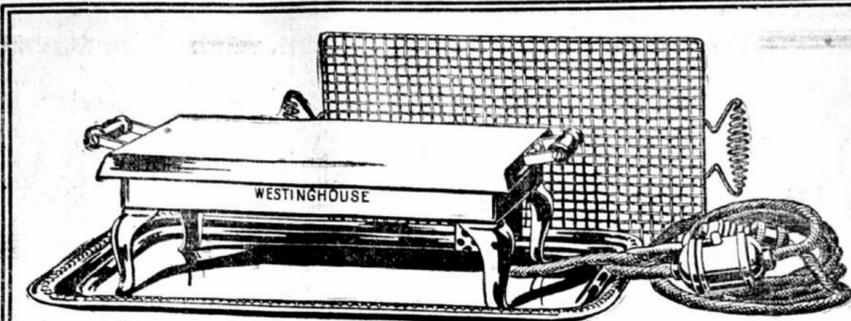
Mrs. F. M. Bateman, assisted by Mrs. E. G. Singleton, entertained the women of St. John's Guild this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bateman. Mrs. John C. Scott presided at the business meeting.

### Valley Ladies to Meet.

Mrs. Mollie Seabold and Miss Emma Wende will entertain the Valley Aid society Wednesday, March 1.

### Party at Moor.

A very delightful party was given Friday evening at the home of the Misses Wilma and Ella Leu at Moor. Games and music were the pastimes of the evening. Ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Misses Anna Zauzner, Mabel Struther, Marie Sittler, Ruth McGinnis, Elsie and May Walters, Nellie Hawkins, Patta Miller, Wilma and Ella Leu, and Rose Eklie, and Messrs. Clarence Detmer, Henry and Arnold



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### Surprised Their Friends.

Friends in Keokuk have received word of the marriage in California of Miss Erma Rowsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rowsey and Mr. Leslie C. Worthen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worthen of Colton, Calif. The groom was a former resident of Keokuk and has since been a resident of Quincy for a number of years and was educated in the Quincy high school. The young people were married on February 18. Their marriage ceremony was romantic in its surroundings, according to a clipping from a Colton paper, for they spoke their marriage vows in the automobile which was carrying them from Colton to Bloomington. The Rev. John Bord of the First Baptist church read the ceremony. The witnesses to the odd ceremony were the two mothers, Mrs. Rowsey and Mrs. Worthen and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wentworth. From San Bernardino, the newly weds left for Los Angeles, and after a two weeks honeymoon will be at home to their friends at 555 North Eighth street. Mr. Worthen has been connected with the Colton Electric shop since last May.

### Suffrage Organizer Here.

Mrs. Helen B. McDowell, district organizer for the Iowa Equal Suffrage association, is expected to come to Keokuk this week to organize the women of this city and Lee county in the interests of suffrage. She is in Washington for a few days and will come from there to Keokuk and will be at Hotel Iowa. She formed a very strong organization in Burlington recently with Mrs. John J. Seerley as president, and Mrs. Thomas Wilkinson as vice president.

### Writes of Lincoln Relic.

Mrs. Ida Wood Selman, the daughter of Richard R. B. Wood, edits a column in one of the Bloomfield papers. In the last issue she speaks of Mrs. W. P. Caldwell of Bloomfield owning a worsted pocket book upon which is embroidered the name Abraham Lincoln. She gives this history in connection with it:

The Kurlo Kolum has a find this week of unusual interest. Everybody is now talking of Abraham Lincoln and our discovery goes way back in his family history to the time and days of Daniel Boone. The Boone family were either relatives or close friends of the Lincolns. Our relic is a worsted pocketbook or note case about four inches wide and two inches long with the name Abraham Lincoln worked in large letters. The relic was made by Daniel Boone's sister and presented to the said Abraham Lincoln who was the grandfather of President Lincoln. The pocketbook or case was left to Mercedal Lincoln and on his death descended to his daughter, Mrs. Mudd. This Mrs. Mudd was the mother of Mrs. Elizabeth McAtee and on her death the family relic descended to Mrs. McAtee. Mrs. McAtee died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Caldwell. In this city, a few years ago, and Mrs. Caldwell fell heir to the keepsake, and now prizes it very highly. From this outline of the family tree it will be seen that we have a number of relatives of Abraham Lincoln now living in Bloomfield. The relatives of Mrs. McAtee in our city are the families of Mrs. Martha Duffield, Mrs. W. P. Caldwell and George Priest, clerk of the court. Sherman Mudd of this city is also a relative and a descendant of the daughter of Mercedal Lincoln. Lincoln Mudd, another relative, recently died near Mt. Vernon, and was about 85 years old and a man of superior mental ability and of great character. Mrs. McAtee and Abraham Lincoln were cousins and carried on a correspondence in their younger days, but none

of the letters have been preserved. It is surely a great distinction to be a relative of Abraham Lincoln, but we caution our aforementioned fellow townsmen not to become too cheap. We also suggest that our curio would look well in the great collection of Lincoln relics being gathered by the Lincoln association at Springfield, Illinois.

The step-mother of Abraham Lincoln also has a relative in this city in the person of the editor of the Kurlo Kolum. Mrs. Ida Wood Selman can trace her relationship through her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Slack Wood, who was a cousin of Gailie Bush Lincoln, step-mother of Abraham Lincoln. If there are any other relatives of the Lincoln family in this county we would be glad to have them report and get into the Kurlo Kolum.

### New York Stocks.

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American Can com.	69 1/2
American Smelter com.	99
American Sugar Refining	111 1/2
Anaconda	85 1/2
Atchafalpa	102 1/2
Canadian Pacific	160
Chesapeake & Ohio	61 1/2
Chicago Great Western com.	44
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	93 1/2
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	17 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	41 1/2
Erie, common	35 1/2
General Electric	166
Great Northern, pfd.	120
Illinois Central	102 1/2
Inspiration Copper	44
Lehigh Valley	77 1/2
Miami	34 1/2
Missouri Pacific	48
National Lead	64 1/2
Nevada Consolidated Copper	15 1/2
New York Central	103
Northern Pacific	112
Pennsylvania	56 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	24
Reading	82 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel, com.	49 1/2
Southern Pacific	98 1/2
Southern Railway	19 1/2
Studebaker	138
Texas Oil	197 1/2

## DES MOINES RIVER ICE IS THREATENING

### Gorge at Okaloosa and One Near Glvin in Are Causing Much Damage.

[UnRed Press Leased Wire Service.] OSKALOOSA, Iowa, Feb. 28.—The body of E. A. Rommel, Marquette county engineer, drowned while attempting to blow up an ice gorge near here in the Des Moines river, has not been recovered. The supervisors today offered a reward of \$200 for the recovery of the body. The ice gorge continues to grow more threatening.

## Ice Gorge is Dangerous.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, Feb. 28.—So precarious has become the condition of the ice gorge in the Des Moines river near Glvin, that the authorities, in an effort to relieve the danger of further loss of life and property, appealed to Governor George W. Clarke for assistance this afternoon. The government will furnish an expert dynamite operator if the situation proves to be too great for the state. A representative from the arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., is now hurrying to the scene. The ice is frozen solidly to the river bed, the river has overflowed lowlands for miles above the gorge and it is feared it is cutting a new channel which will mean a heavy loss and still greater danger to nearby property.

## Farmers Driven From Homes.

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, Feb. 28.—The bare ice gorge in the Des Moines river which cost one life Saturday night, continues to grow today despite the efforts of the supervisors, and appeals have been sent by the commercial club to Governor Clarke for state aid. The river is now higher above the gorge than since 1902 when the highest previous mark was reached. Farm lands are flooded and 200 farmers and their families have been driven from

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their homes. The supervisors have offered \$500 reward for the recovery of the body of County Engineer E. A. Rommel who lost his life while trying to dynamite the gorge. Charles Thomas, after being marooned in a tree for many hours, was rescued. John Rugsberg, who tried to dynamite the gorge, is now in a serious condition with pneumonia.

He was marooned on the ice for several hours.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Charley Chaplin—that funny film fellow—signed a year's contract calling for \$379,000 today. The Mutual Film company insured his life for \$250,000. Chaplin expects to start for Chicago Wednesday.

Chaplin's brother, Sidney, is the "business head of the family," and put the big contract over, according to the film officials.

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