

### TURN WATER INTO GOLD

COMMISSIONER THORNE SAYS THAT IS WHAT COMMERCE BOARD IS ASKED TO DO.

### IOWA RATE EXPERT RIDDLES ARGUMENTS OF RAILROADS

Proposal to Increase Burdens of People at Time of Depression Following Prosperous Period Pointed to as Additional Tax Levy—Doubts Ability to Put It Over.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Nov. 5.—The latest and most striking simile of Chairman Clifford Thorne, in dealing with the freight rate question, is to indicate that what the railroad presidents have sought to do is a feat greater than that attempted by the alchemists of old, for they only sought to turn base metals into gold while the railroad presidents ask of the interstate commerce commission that it order water turned into gold.

This was his climax in presentation to the commission of the opposition of shippers and consumers to the eastern 5 per cent advance rate case.

Mr. Thorne declared that public regulation of railroads has proved to be of benefit to the shippers and to the carriers, and as to the latter stock that was given away as a bonus has acquired some value under the kindly care and protection of a benevolent Uncle Sam. He showed that dividends have increased for the railroads and net revenues in the United States as a whole are greater by \$400,000,000 than they were sixteen years ago.

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### ATLANTIC ROAD QUITS

SOUTHERN END OF LINE TO CEASE OPERATIONS DEC. 1.

### SEVERAL TOWNS ON LINE HARD HIT BY DECISION

Road After Precarious Existence and Heavy Financial Loss to Various Owners and Promoters Decides to Cease Operating—May Be Sold to Another Line or Junked.

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Several Small Towns Will Suffer. During the time the road has been in operation under its present management there have been an average of 110 men employed, the pay roll running around \$5,000 per month, and the big per cent of it has been spent in this city. This will be a loss to Atlantic which there is nothing to replace. To the towns along the way, some of which, notably Lyman and Morton Mills, have grown up by virtue of the road, the cessation of the road's operation will be an incalculable loss to them. The people along the way, on the farms, will also be losers, as they have learned to depend on the road, both for passenger and freight service, and now that the road has grown used to it, the loss will be felt the more.

Just what the future move of the company will be is undecided at this time. Some other company might buy the line, it might be taken over by a new company, organized for the purpose, it might be junked. The ultimate end is, of course, problematic. One thing is certain, however, the decision on the part of the company is not good news for this city and her people as it has been a large factor in her industrial affairs of the city and section of the state.

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craft, until the latter part of March. J. H. Marken, who has been in Franklin county the past five weeks attending to his farm lands, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitley, who have been making an extended visit in Indiana and Illinois, returned home on Tuesday evening.

Frank Wink returned home Tuesday after spending the past year at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Bishop, and brother, Fred Wink.

Mrs. J. A. Salzman, as representative of the W. C. T. U. of this district, left for Kansas City Wednesday, to attend the national purity convention.

O. H. Chitty and H. N. Rucker left for Newhall, Tuesday, where they have charge of the construction of a cement bridge.

Samuel Hunicutt of Aladdin, Wyo., is visiting his brother, H. C. Hunicutt.

Iowa Falls News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Nov. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Clara Dow, formerly of Iowa Falls, were in the city the first of the week, enroute to their home in Nebraska, having been to northern Iowa to bury their youngest child.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cuplin are here from North Dakota and expect to spend the winter here.

Miss Alberta Pierce died at the home of her brother in Tracy, Minn., the first of the week, and the body was brought here for interment. Miss Pierce formerly was a teacher in the schools here and a most estimable young lady. She had suffered with rheumatism for the past twelve years. She was 42 years old and was born in Jo Davies county, Illinois. She is survived by her sister, and other relatives, E. J. Roberts, of this city; Oscar and Frank Pierce, of Tracy, Minn., and A. D. Pierce, of this city.

The council has accepted the proposition of the Progress Club of this city to install a bubbling drinking fountain here.

E. C. Farrington has traded his old residence property in the northwest part of town for a farm in northern Iowa.

M. J. Silvers, who has been engaged in the photograph business here, plans to move to Fargo, N. D., this month, to look after some realty interests near that city.

If plans mature, the postoffice will be moved to the new federal building about Dec. 1.

J. C. Mulkins has been awarded the contract for filling the Dougan ditch, which has been laid with large tile.

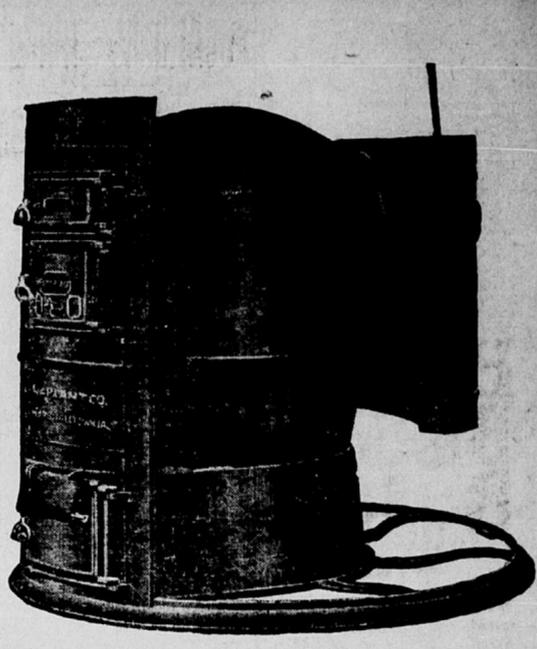
E. E. Taylor has purchased an interest in a produce house in Clarion and moves there at once to look after the business. He is a capable young man having been with Swift & Co. in this city for several years.

The work of paving the alley in the business district between Oak and Stevens street has commenced.

Miss Helen G. Ricks is taking a special course in expression in Columbia College in Chicago.

Montour News in Brief. Special to Times-Republican. Montour, Nov. 5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church met for an all day session with Miss Anna Vreeland yesterday.

Mrs. George Tewksbury, of Marshalltown, visited friends here yesterday.



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