LIGHT RATES REDUCED

COUNCIL BLUFFS TO GET EIGHT CENTS MAXIMUM RATE.

OMAHA COMPANY OFFERS REDUCTION OF 23½ PER CENT

City Council Will Look the Gift Horse in the Mouth But Rates Begin at 8 Cents and Decline to 2½ Cents Per K. W., For Maximum Consumption According to Schedule Offered.

Council Bluffs, July 21.—The city council Monday night placed itself on record as disinclined to purchase any gift horses until their dental equipment has been examined. The Citizens' Gas & Electric Company, by its president, George H. Harris, presented a schedule of reduction in price of electric current for light and power to conform to reduction made in the city of Omaha, agreeable to the contract under which the company does business in Council Bluffs, and the council voted to defer approval of the proposed schedule until the regular light committee of the council can examine the proposal and report at the next regular meeting of the council.

President Harries was in Council Bluffs Monday afternoon and in speaking of the reduction in rates said he believed the city of Council Bluffs when the new schedule is put into effect will enjoy the lowest rate of almost any city of its size in the country.

"Omaha," he said, "is the thirty-fifth city in size in the United States and the seventh in rates." This in effect means that Council Bluffs, which gets the Omaha rate, has as low electric light and power rates as any of the thirty-five largest cities in the United States with seven exceptions.

Reduction Nearly Quarter.

The schedule submitted by the company proposes a reduction of approximately 23½ per cent in current rates with a minimum charge of 50 cents per month to cover fixed cost charges for installation and maintenance of service, meter-reading and bookkeeping.

The general lighting rate, for service based on a single-phase sixty-cycle alternating current of 106 or 212 volts, for all lighting and for small motors up to one horsepower and for small domestic appliances, is to be as follows, provided the rates proposed by the company are accepted by the council:

First 25 kilowatt hours per month at 8.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 125 kilowatt hours per month at 6.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 1,050 filowatt hours per month at 5.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 2,800 kilowatt hours per month at 4.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 3,000 kilowatt hours per month at 3.0 per kilowatt hour.

Excess kilowatt hour per month at 2.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

The first 5,000 kilowatt hours used under the above schedule of rates will be billed at one-half cent (½c) higher per kilowatt hour than the rates shown, but this additional one-half cent (½c) per kilowatt hour will not be collected if the bill is paid within ten (10) days of the date thereof.

Minimum bill—Fifty cents (50c) per month per service connection.

The retail rate for alternating current for power, for three-phase, sixty cycle current carrying standard voltages for motors greater than one horsepower, will be as given below:

First 50 kilowatt hours per month at 7.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 50 kilowatt hours per month at 6.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 100 kilowatt hours per month at 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 100 kilowatt hours per month at 5.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 100 kilowatt hours per month at 4.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 300 kilowatt hours per month at 4.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 500 kilowatt hours per month at 3.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 2,800 kilowatt hours per month at 2.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Next 6,000 kilowatt hours per month at 2.0 cents per kilowatt hour.

Excess kilowatt hours per month at 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

The first 5,000 kilowatt hours sold under the above schedule of rates will be billed at one-half cent (½c) higher per kilowatt hour than the rates shown, but this additional one-half cent (½c) per kilowatt hour will not be collected of the bill is paid within ten (10) days of the date thereof.

Minimum bill—For each service connection, fifty cents (50c) per horsepower or fraction thereof installed. Twenty-five cents (25c) per horsepower or fraction thereof per month for the excess.

GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Because Brothers Joked Her, Auburn Girl Seeks Death.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ida Grove, July 21.—Because her brothers joked her about the young man with whom she was keeping company, Miss Byrd, a well-known young lady of the town of Auburn, in Sac county, attempted to kill herself Sunday afternoon. She secured a 32-caliber rifle and placing the gun against her stomach pulled the trigger with a string, and the bullet perforated the stomach walls. She was hurried to the Conn hospital in this city, and her condition is very critical, peritonitis having set in, and her recovery is very doubtful.

EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE.

Will Begin Week's Session at Clear Lake, Aug. 2.

Special to Times-Republican.

Clear Lake, July 21.—The second annual institute of the Iowa State Epworth League under the supervision of the central office, will open here Aug. 2, continuing thruout the week. Bishop Homer C. Stuntz is to have a part on the program. General Secretary W. F. Sheridan, of Chicago, will be one of the moving spirits present.

EXPECT PRACTICAL AID

Success of Commissions in Reorganizing State Colleges, in Bringing About Workman's Compensation and in Improving Schools Promises Much From Road Commission.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, July 21.—Something practical in the way of publicity as to just how the problem of hard-surfaced country roads is being solved is in store for Iowa.

Just recall the success which attended the plan of having a commission of eminent Iowans tackle the problem of reorganization of the state institutions, or of another commission that worked out the reform in the matter of the penal system, or the commission which probed into workmen's compensation and got a start for Iowa, or the still later one of the better schools commission which showed the way for a long step forward in school administration.

That is the plan for giving added impetus to the movement in Iowa for better roads, for real paved country roads.

In a short time the governor will appoint a volunteer commission to make investigation, to gather information from other states, to find out what has actually been done in the way of building for hard surfaced roads, and what has actually been done in building such roads, the results achieved, the cost, the upkeep and all other essentials. A committee clothed with authority to make such inquiry can inquestionably put together a vast amount of valuable information that will be the basis for such action as the next legislature will be sure to take. Governor Clarke will name seven men on a commission of this kind.

The suggestion came thru B. Murphy, of Vinton, that such a commission might be of value. A conference was held yesterday to discuss details, and everybody agreed it was the right thing to do. The governor probably will name Senator John Foster, of Guthrie Center, and D. W. Norris, of Marshalltown, as two of the committee, as their well known deep interest in the good roads question is familiar to all. Others equally well known will be selected to complete the commission.

There is no doubt that the commission will tackle the subject in a big way and with a view to getting results along the line that has been so well planned in the past.

MR. WILKINSON WALKED

IDA COUNTY FARMER WALKS TO IDA GROVE 18,976 TIMES.

EVERY DAY BUT SUNDAY FOR FORTY-EIGHT YEARS

Total Mileage Aggregates 113,856 Miles and Would Carry Him Five Times Around the World—Sick Two Weeks But Made Up by Extra Trips—Other News.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ida Grove, July 21. — James F. Wilkinson, a veteran of the civil war, has been a resident of Corwin township for forty-eight years. He owns a farm three miles from Ida Grove, and during that time he has averaged one trip a day, excepting Sundays, from the farm to town and back, sometimes walking in and out twice, and while he has crossed the three-quarter century mark, he is still keeping up his daily visits to Ida Grove. He has never had but one spell of sickness, that covering a period of two weeks, and his extra trips to and from town more than covers the time he was unable to come to Ida Grove. For twenty years he was a justice of the peace in the township and during all that time he could be found in his office every week day.

SENT UP FOR ASSAULT.

Iowa City Youth Assaulted Professor Starbuck's Daughter.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, July 21.—William Kinney, a youth of nearly 17, working in a local garage, attacked the 9-year-old daughter of Prof. E. D. Starbuck, of Iowa university, last night, but released her uninjured when she wept bitterly. He had dragged her from the main room of the garage to a side room, and had insulted her, offering her indignities, but seemed to have his better instincts aroused at the child's tears and thus let her go. The girl identified him to the police later, after she had told her father of the wrongdoing and the educator had filed a complaint. Judge R. P. Howell took the case up in the juvenile court today, and decided to send the young man to the Iowa reform school. The captive's mother is a woman of highest worth and her misfortunes have been many and cruel, including, in a few years, the sudden death of one daughter, and the death of two other children.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, July 21.—Sixteen out of the original twenty-seven of the party of congregationalists that started out from Boston for a trip across the continent came into Grinnell on the 1:15 train yesterday afternoon and were met by a committee from church and college. Plenty of automobiles were on hand and the party was taken around the city and then out to Malcher and farther east, a ride of about 10 miles, and then back to Herrick Chapel in the city. There, after a brief talk by President Main, Professor Scheve entertained the visitors with organ music and Prof. David E. Peck joined in on the last pieces with his violin. The visitors were then escorted by Manager Somers to the new dormitories for women and to the library. At 5:15 the visitors, with an equal number of citizens, repaired to the Monroe hotel whee supper was served. At about 7 o'clock, the eastbound evening train being late, the private car of the distinguished visitors was attached and started for Chicago, the next stop of the travelers, with the hearty good wishes of all who had the pleasure of meeting them here. President and Mrs. Main accompanied the party as far as Chicago from which place they go to Onekama, Mich., for a couple of weeks of rest. The Boston party are on their return from a five weeks' trip. On their way west they went from Chicago by way of the Santa Fe route and landed at San Diego. They visited other places of interest along the coast, one being Pomona, the seat of a Congregational college, and attended the San Francisco fair. Rev. Dr. Howard A. Bridgman, editor in chief of the Congregationalist was the leader of the band. Mrs. Bridgman was one of the party. The others who visited here were: Rev. Alex Wiswall, of Uxbridge, Mass.; Mrs. H. D. Noyes, of Boston; Mrs. Emerson and Miss Emilie Emerson, of Newton, Mass.; Mrs. John Read, of Westfield, Mass.; Miss Annie Palmer, of Bath, Maine; Miss Sarah Palmer of Wellington, O.; Mrs. Pulsifer and Miss Mary Pulsifer, of Brookline, Mass.; Miss Laura Hardy, South Framington, Mass.; Miss Mary Pickering, of Greenland, N. H.; Miss H. S. Farwell, of Quincy, Mass.; Miss Adeline Sanborn, of Danvers, Mass.; Mrs. W. R. Blackmer, of Arcade, N. Y.; Miss Mamie Dana, of Amherst, Mass.; and Miss Bertha Whittemore, of Winchendon, Mass. These will be scattered along the rest of the homeward way until but six will finally reach Boston together.

The city council accepted the resignation of John Manly as city treasurer and elected to fill the vacancy Scott MacEachron of the Merchants National Bank. The council also accepted the resignation of M. L. Hunt as councilman because of his having moved into another ward but no election to fill the vacancy has been made public. A vote of thanks was tendered to each retiring officer for faithful performance of duty.

Thirty-five blocks of new water mains are to be laid in Grinnell because of the new sewer and the increase of paving. At the latest council meeting the contract for furnishing all materials and laying the same in the proper manner was awarded to contractors Bash and Janes, of Joplin, Mo., at $9,735.51. This is said to be a very low price, being even much under the cost to the city of the mains laid last winter when the city bought the materials and hired the labor. The next nearest bid was over $10,000, and the highest over $11,000.

The second annual invitation tournament of the Grinnell Country Club, in tennis, is scheduled to begin on Monday next and a large number of good players from outside this city is expected. Des Moines will send a strong delegation and others are expected from Waterloo, Eldora, Oskaloosa, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Primghar and some other cities. Dr. L. C. Hemsworth, of Waterloo, is selected as referee.

L. E. Ashton, who recently resigned his position as head of the ready-to-wear department of the C. A. Blair dry goods and millinery store here, has a position in Aurora, Ill., and he and Mrs. Ashton plan to move to that city about the first of August.

Aurelio Martinez, a Mexican of this vicinity, was found by the officers of the law with four quarts of intoxicating liquor upon his person and a sufficient amount in his person to render him amenable to the law against drunkenness and he was taken before Justice Marvin and assessed $15 which he paid.

MOSES' MILLIONS

Cedar Rapids Man in Federal Prison Must Wait Eighteen Months to Enjoy His Money—Made a Million Out of "Tin Can" Cure.

Cedar Rapids, July 21.—After making a million dollars thru the invention and sale of "Oxypathors" and other tin can apparatuses, Elvard L. Moses, a former Cedar Rapids man, now languishes in a federal prison where he must serve eighteen months. But he will still have his money when he emereges from the penitentiary and this fact has caused him to receive half a column of comment in Collier's Magazine.

Moses is well remembered by many Cedar Rapids men, especially those in the railway mail service. His parents lived in Mechanicsville, where he was reared and educated.

Moses became a railway postal clerk in Cedar Rapids, under the Grover Cleveland administration, and he lived here four or five years. He was a member of a crew that ran between Cedar Rapids and Omaha, on the Northwestern. During this time he accepted an agency to sell and deal in Oxedoners. He was a very successful agent, but he was not making money fast enough to suit him, and so he perfected one that he called an "Oxegenor." It is alleged that this was an infringement on the Oxedonor, and litigation was commenced. Moses moved from Cedar Rapids to Buffalo, N. Y., where the Duplex Oxypathor was perfected. This was the "tin can" which landed him in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

A government officer was sent to Cedar Rapids to investigate the career of Moses and his "tin cans." This was just prior to the suit that was started. Several members of the crew in Moses' mail car were questioned. They all declared that Moses appeared to them to be strictly honorable in all his dealings.

STORE AND P. O. BURNS.

Fire at California Junction Causes $5,000 Loss.

Special to Times-Republican.

Logan, July 21.—The general merchandise store, postoffice and residence of Elmer Smith, at California Junction, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is calculated at from $3,000 to $5,000. Light insurance will not cover the loss.

TRAIN KILLS STRANGER.

Body of Unknown Found on C. & N. W. Track at Missouri Valley.

Special to Times-Republican.

Missouri Valley, July 21.—The body of an unknown man literally ground to pieces but without the least thing to serve to identify him was found on the Northwestern tracks one mile west of here. He was about 30 years of age and well dressed in every detail.

CHAUTAUQUA SHY $300.

Rain Spoils Fine Programs at Pocahontas.

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Pocahontas, July 21.—The chautauqua just closed today. It rained every day and receipts were about $300 below last year. The talent was fine and the music good.

Hail Damage in Harrison.

Special to Times-Republican.

Logan, July 21.—Six notices to insurance companies of damages done corn and small grain by the hail of Sunday were registered at Logan yesterday. Calhoun township farmers sustained heavy damages, according to reports received from there.

LAST OF HIS ORDER

GEORGE PAYNE, PIONEER STAGE DRIVER, DIES AT IOWA FALLS.

DROVE STAGE BETWEEN DUBUQUE AND FORT DODGE

Was Employe of Western Stage Line Which Illinois Central Replaced—Since 1866 Payne Has Conducted a Barber Shop in Iowa Falls Continuously.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa Falls, July 21.—George W. Payne, who lived to see the transition from the stage coach to the automobile, died at his home in this city early yesterday morning. Mr. Payne was one of the pioneer stage drivers of this state and for many years pulled the reins over the stage horses that handled the passenger traffic between Dubuque, Waterloo, Iowa Falls and Fort Dodge. Mr. Payne was born in England, coming to this country with his parents in infancy and located at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. In the fifties he came to Iowa and was for many years employed b ythe Western Stage Company, which operated a line of stages along the route afterwards followed by the Dubuque and Sioux City road, now familiarly known as the Illinois Central. The advent of the railroad in 1866, put Mr. Payne and his fellow employes out of business and it was then he resumed his trade as a barber and conducted a shop in this city almost continuously from that time up to the day of his death. Of a genial good nature, he was popular with all who knew him and enjoyed a wide acquaintance over this part of the state. He was seventy-six years old and death, which followed an illness of but a few hours, was due to hemorrhage of the brain. He is survived by his wife and three married daughters, Mrs. Dora Nichols, of this city; Mrs. Ione Campbell, of Waterloo, and Mrs. Minnie Leonard, of Los Angeles. The funeral will be held tomorrow with interment in Union cemetery following.

GUN PLAY AT BRANDON.

Watchman Wages Battle With Suspected Bank Robbers.

Vinton, July 21.—About 2 o'clock Saturday morning Brandon people were awakened by numerous gun shots, which occurred on the Main streets there, and when day broke the people learned that James Hines a night watchman, had stopped a probable bank robbery.

Since the destruction of the Farmers' Savings Bank building by fire about a week ago the bank has been in temporary quarters. Two men were kept on duty as watchmen, but Friday night Hines was on duty alone. At 2 o'clock it is the rule for everybody to be asleep in Brandon, at least off the streets, and when Hines saw a couple of fellows coming up the street he suspicioned something was wrong. He asked them what they were doing and they immediately ordered him to get off the street. He had an automatic shotgun and fired once to let them know he was prepared for trouble. They immediately opened fire on him and he took refuge back of a tree in front of the Alberts hotel. Evidently they were not trying to hit him, for none of the bullets hit the tree, but went into the buildings and broke several windows. After this they returned the way they came, and the next morning it was learned that they had left an auto a short distance west of town back of a hay stack. Whether there were more than the two men was not learned.

This incident, following so closely upon the bank and postoffice robberies at North Liberty and Fairfield, it was of course thought that the same men were connected with all the crimes. They probably learned of the Brandon bank being in temporary quarters and thought they would have easy picking. But if they had plans they were spoiled, and they had to leave their scene of action without plunder.

Business Change at Nevada.

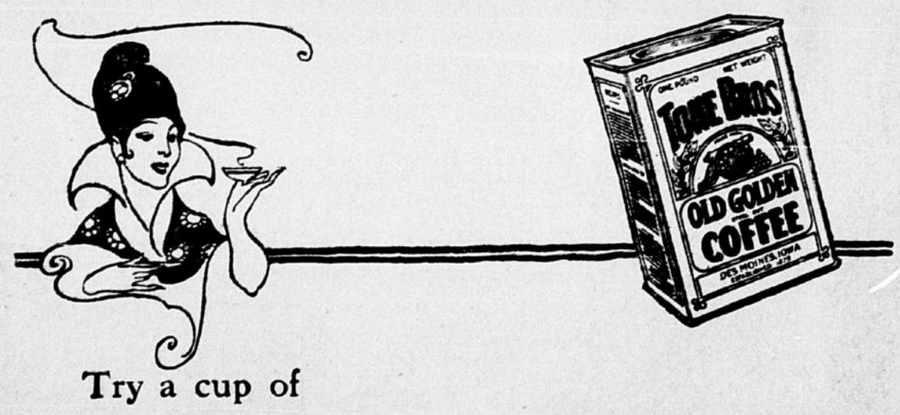
Special to Times-Republican.

Nevada, July 21.—Ralph McKim, who has been employed in the city drug store for the past several years, has purchased a half interest in the business of Guy H. Poling and the firm name will now be Poling & McKim. The new member of the firm was born in Nevada and is a registered pharmacist, popular with the trade and a thoroughly good business man.

College Girls in Chautauqua.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, July 21.—The first date of a ten-day chautauqua engagement was filled by a group of five prominent Grinnell College co-eds, who appeared at Bloomington, Ill., last evening. The young ladies started from Grinnell last Monday evening and the tour will take them to many of the larger towns in Illinois and Ohio.



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