

IOWA CITIES PROSPER

THOSE GOVERNED BY COMMISSIONS MAKE SPECIALLY GOOD SHOWING.

EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA DECREASE DURING YEAR

Saving of More Than One Dollar Per Head Made in Nine Working Under Commission Plan—Cities of State as Whole Show Increase in Population—Increase in Paving.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Sept. 13.—Iowa has nine cities which have the commission form of municipal government and five which are operating under the general manager plan of government. This is shown in the eighth annual report of the state department of finance and municipal accounts, now being completed by George Galliano, chief clerk of the department.

The commission governed cities are Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Ottumwa, Fort Dodge, Keokuk, Marshalltown and Mason City. The general manager cities are Webster City, Bloomfield, Clarinda, Chariton and Iowa Falls.

The cities of Iowa as a whole show an increase of population, although the exact figures are not yet ready. The report altogether contains returns as to financial transactions from all of the 101 cities, and from 72 of the 143 incorporated towns of the state. The towns whose reports are not yet in are Brandon, Carpenter, Clear, Corvallis, Goodell, North McGregor, Pioneer, Tiptonka, Vining, Wellsburg, Graf and Rinard.

Commissions Save. In the nine commissioned governed cities the total financial transactions for the year ending March 31, 1915, amount to less per capita than a year ago, the average expenditure of the city per capita being \$18.54 as against \$18.56 a year ago. The total expenditure in these nine cities is larger than the year previous but the expenses have not increased proportionately as much as the population. The receipts are less per capita, being \$13.16 this past year as against \$12.92 the year previous. The total receipts for these nine cities, however, are larger than for the year preceding. The total payments of the 101 cities of the state show an increase per capita over the preceding year, the past year averaging \$19.02 per capita and the year previous \$17.75 per capita.

There has been a marked increase in the miles of paving laid, in the extension of water mains and sewer systems and in the number of cities which have electric light plants and gas plants. These figures are not yet complete, however.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY OCT. 9.

Governor to Issue Proclamation Calling For General Observance.

Des Moines, Sept. 13.—Fire prevention day will be observed in Iowa Oct. 9. Governor Clarke will issue a proclamation, at the request of O. O. Roe, state fire marshal, calling attention to the day.

For a number of years the state fire marshal has carried on a campaign of fire prevention. By setting aside a day on which special educational programs are given he has found that the public has been taking a growing interest in eliminating the great waste by fire.

This year the department hopes to get commercial clubs and business men's organizations to take part in the fire prevention day exercises. In many smaller communities business men already have declared that not only will they exercise but that their business operations will be suspended during certain hours of the day to give everyone an opportunity to attend.

The state fire marshal will send out fire prevention literature for use in the schools. He asserts that the instruction given to youngsters by the teachers is of immense value.

Iowa has made a creditable showing in 1915 in reduction of fire loss. But during the year there have been a number of accidents due to the careless handling of gasoline. Many households and children have lost their lives thru efforts to start fires in stoves by the use of gasoline.

It appears that the 1915 record of fire tragedies will be but slight improvement over that of 1914. This is one of the main reasons behind the movement of the state fire marshal for education along the line of fire prevention.

APPOINTMENTS NOT READY.

Des Moines Conference Unable to Announce Assignments Until Later.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Sept. 13.—There has been so much business before the Des Moines conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which began its sessions here last Wednesday, that the announcement of appointments will probably be delayed. While ordinary these appointments are given out on Monday following conference Sunday, they were not yet ready at a late hour today.

Some of the young ministers of the conference are receiving flattering offers to go into other conferences and if these are accepted by them it will require important re-adjustments. The classes of young men entering the ministry are larger than heretofore. Apparently with the wave of evangelism that is sweeping over the country the young men are not hanging back from the ministry as much as they were a few years ago. Except in the larger cities, however, the

On SEPT 15th he will don the Gothic the new ARROW COLLAR

salaries are not much better than they were several years ago. Bishop Bristol, the presiding bishop, preached the conference sermon at the First Methodist church yesterday. The bishop is in much better health than a year ago and his many friends and admirers are commenting on this with much pleasure. Bishop Henderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., addressed the conference Saturday night. Many of the prominent men of the conference filled the pulpits in Des Moines and surrounding towns Sunday. Bishop Henderson spoke at the evening service at the First Methodist church.

It required eight ballots to select six ministerial delegates to the general conference. The balloting began Friday four being chosen on that day. The election was continued over until Saturday morning when the two remaining were chosen. The ministerial delegates are as follows: Dr. John L. Hillman, Des Moines; Rev. A. A. Thompson, Chariton; Rev. E. E. Shaw, Boone; Rev. Enoch Hill, Colfax Springs; Rev. J. M. Williams, Perry; and Rev. J. Kirkendahl, Creston. The lay delegates are as follows: Mrs. W. C. Smith, Hancock; J. A. Henderson, Jefferson; L. F. Talley, Waukegan; Frank Dunning, Bedford; and H. R. Powell and E. D. Samson, Des Moines.

DIVORCE SUIT SETTLED.

Husband Pays Wife \$13,500 and Is Given Deceit. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Sept. 13.—The divorce suit between Clark Marshall and wife, of Charter Oak, which has been occupying the attention of the court here for three weeks, came to a close Friday when a settlement was reached. Mrs. Marshall was asking separate maintenance without divorce, she being of Catholic faith and not wanting annulment of the marriage relation. In the settlement Mr. Marshall was given a divorce and paid the wife \$13,500 and the major costs of the suit. The case has attracted much attention, there being many witnesses and a court room full of spectators.

Overlook \$5,000 in Vault. John E. Hesse, president of the bank, said last night that the loot of the holdup men did not amount to probably over \$275. Between \$4,000 and \$5,000, he said, was in the vault, about twenty feet behind the cashier's cage. The robbers, however, made no attempt to get this money, using the vault for a prison in which to place the young cashier while they escaped. It is presumed, in an automobile, which was at the corner before the robbery, but which was not there afterwards. No person could be found last night, however, who saw the three men either get out or enter the machine.

NINE MILES OF ASPHALT.

Mason City Establishes Record For One Season's Work. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Sept. 13.—Bryant & Sons, of Waterloo, today completed their asphalt paving contract for this city, putting down a little more than nine miles of asphalt. This is the largest amount of paving ever laid in Mason City in one year, and it is doubtful if the record can be beaten in any city in Iowa of less than 20,000 inhabitants. There will be about three miles of asphalt paving laid here before the close of the season, making about twelve miles in all. The people of Mason City are enthusiastic permanent road builders.

PLAY SOLDIER LOSES EYE.

Colored Lad Injured in "Battle" With Playmates. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Sept. 13.—"Playing war" cost Lloyd Hubbard, the 8-year-old son of Rev. G. F. Hubbard, a colored clergyman his eye. Impersonating a soldier of the Kaiser, he marched against one of King George's men, who was armed with a slingshot. The missile used was an acorn and it was shot into the lad's eye, blinding him. Surgeons tried to leave the optic but his sight is lost forever they declare.

Beaman News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican. Beaman, Sept. 13.—Mr. Carl Stanton and Miss Lona Cole were married at Grundy Center last Thursday. They are among the best young people. Miss Ora Sharp had the misfortune to break her arm while cranking her auto. While it is very painful she is setting along very well.

J. M. Nickerson and Charles Nickerson shipped five cars of hogs to the Chicago market Sunday. George is shipping 1,200 hogs that he bought in Canada and fed here for the Chicago market. He made a big gain.

Threshing is about done in this community except timothy. There will be no clover seed to thresh. Corn that was caught in good shape and with the balance of the month warm we will have a fair crop.

School began with a full corps of teachers. The children from the country are delighted to ride in the new wagon.

John Nickerson, of Vienna, while leading hogs the other day was severely bitten by a hog on the finger. The wound for a time showed considerable infection but is some better today.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McMartin are taking in the sights at Tacoma and Seattle. They will return via San Francisco. They will be gone about three weeks.

Radcliffe News Items.

Special to Times-Republican. Radcliffe, Sept. 13.—The Klatt brothers and Mrs. F. Radohl are receiving a visit from their mother, whose home is in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Thalman families are visiting relatives in Minnesota, making the trip by auto.

Gaylord Eberm and wife, who have been spending their vacation here, returned to their home at Britton, Okla., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thompson are visiting their daughter at Kenyon, Minn.

Rev. G. L. Bergeman, pastor of the Evangelical church, has been granted a month's leave of absence. He will take an extended western trip and visit the exposition.

Work on the farmers' elevator is nearing completion. When the building is completed Radcliffe will have one of the best equipped elevators in the state.

Hotel Sale Brings Lawsuit.

Fort Dodge, Sept. 13.—J. E. Julius and Edward Awe, under the firm name of Julius & Awe, Saturday filed suit for \$25,000 damages against A. J. Morton, formerly lessee of the Wankona hotel property. The plaintiffs allege that the defendant had a contract, not written, whereby they were to purchase Mr. Morton's interest in the hotel for \$90,000. In their petition they also say they tendered Mr. Morton \$42,000 in cash on Sept. 1 as first payment but that the tender was refused.

The sale of the hotel lease and fixtures to F. G. Warden, of Des Moines, was recently announced by Mr. Morton.

Epicopial Minister Dies.

Mount Pleasant, Sept. 13.—Rev. Dr. Jackson, pastor of the Episcopal church here and formerly professor of Greek at Wesleyan and Cornell colleges in this state, died Sunday, aged 77 years.

DAYLIGHT BANK RAID

A SUBURBAN INSTITUTION AT SIOUX CITY ROBBED BY THREE BANDITS.

LOCK CASHIER IN VAULT; SECURE NEARLY \$300

Robbers Overlook \$5,000 Which They Might Easily Have Obtained—Cashier Thought Men Were Joking When Ordered to Throw Up His Hands—Police Without Clue.

Sioux City, Sept. 13.—Half an hour after closing time at the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, 2800 Correctionville road, Greenville, Saturday afternoon, three men, with handkerchiefs serving as masks, entered the bank, held up Ralph M. Tritz, the assistant cashier, at the point of revolvers, and escaped with nearly \$300. The robbery occurred at 4:30 o'clock.

Tritz, a recent graduate of Trinity College, was alone at the time in the cashier's cage of the bank, a one-story structure, the three carpenters were at work in the basement, and the door leading from the banking rooms to the cellar was open.

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Thought It Was a Joke.

The scene amused Tritz. He thought it had been staged as a joke. He laughed.

"Up with those hands," said the spokesman of the trio, who held two revolvers, while his pals had contented themselves with only one each.

Tritz continued to think that some of his friends were endeavoring to have some fun at his expense. He made

no motion to put up his hands. "Put up those hands," again demanded the leader, "and don't be so slow about it."

A realization came to Tritz that this was no joke. At last he obeyed orders. After his hands went up, the leader of the robbers told him to keep them in that position until he walked to a small door on the left, which was locked and which kept them from the money in the cashier's cage.

When Tritz reached this door he was permitted to lower his hands long enough to unlock it. Then, gaining admittance, the leader kept Tritz covered with the two revolvers, while the other members of the gang ran over to the cashier's cage, taking the money. About \$200 of it was in silver.

Cashier Locked in Vault. Everything having thus far gone to the complete satisfaction of the holdup men, Tritz was ordered to back toward the vault. When he reached it the two subordinate criminals jumped upon him and pushed him into the vault, turning the lock upon him. He was rescued by Mr. Hesse, who returned to the bank about half an hour later.

The bank is located in the busiest section of Greenville. People were passing in front of it constantly while the melodrama inside was being staged. View of most of the interior, however, is cut off from the street by double curtains which stretch across the large window, although an excellent view is obtained of the cashier's cage thru the door.

No Clue by Police. It is not known in what manner the holdup men made their escape. The police were notified shortly after 5 o'clock. Chief of Police James B. Britton, Chief of Detectives J. B. Richard and a squad of detectives and patrolmen went to the bank in the police automobile and worked long into the night on the case.

JAIL BREAKER IN CUSTODY.

Ralph Marten, Who Effects Escape Twice, Again Is Captured. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Sept. 13.—Ralph Marten, who twice broke out of the jail at Allamakee, is again in custody. The last time he was captured at Bismark, N. D. The sheriff of Butler county has gone after his prisoner and he says "hereafter, Marten will get nothing better while in his custody than a steel cell."

Farmer Killed in Runaway. Waterloo, Sept. 13.—August H. Brandhorst, aged 13, son of a well known farmer living eight miles north-west of Hudson, was killed Saturday in a runaway accident. August and his brother Chris were working in a field when the team started to run and August was thrown between the team and the wagon. The wheels passed over his body and he died twenty minutes later. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and three brothers.

Young Farmer Killed by Train. Bondurant, Sept. 13.—While trying to board a moving Great Western freight train near here, Harry Porter, aged about 19, a farmer living three miles from Bondurant, was struck by the wheels and was ground to pieces.

Northern Iowa Items

Aiton. A new school building to cost \$25,000 is to be erected here soon.

Manchester. The county hospital proposition voted at a special election Thursday, was 713 for and 2,501 against.

Cedar Rapids. Thieves with a ladder forced open the skylight on the roof of the Bell Clothing Company during Thursday night, lowered a ladder and entered. They secured \$13 from the cash drawer.

Oto. The Farmers' and Merchants' Savings Bank of Oto has just been organized with a capital of \$15,000. The officers are: Anton Wolff, president; George E. Miller, vice president; Francis J. Schoomer, cashier.

Fort Dodge. The Norwegian Lutheran church in a local thunder storm was struck by lightning for the fourth time this season. In each instance the steeple was struck in about the same place. Little harm has been done the church.

Mount Vernon. A postoffice inspector will be here some time soon to make a report on Mount Vernon, as to the advisability of installing free delivery. This is the gist of a letter received by Postmaster West from the department head at Washington.

Sioux City. Testimony showing that his wife, Pauline Callier, strapped him to the sofa and then added insult to injury by administering a severe beating, got Wesley O. Callier a divorce. Callier declared that since their marriage his wife had ruled the household by might and not by love.

Grundy Center. The 10,000 gallon tank of oil for the streets arrived last week and the work of putting it on commenced on Tuesday. East and West Main streets will be oiled a second time, and Bridge street and several of the side streets will be given their first oiling. The work is finished and will have about twenty blocks of oiled streets in the town.

Cedar Rapids. Several of the most distinguished Methodists in the United States met in Cedar Rapids to discuss the report of the educational committee of the Upper Iowa conference. Those who met were: Thomas Nicholson, secretary of the board of education of the Methodist church, with headquarters in New York; Judge S. M. Weaver, of the supreme court of Iowa, and Dr. Frank Cole, of Davenport.

Sioux City. For the second time within two years a tragic death has visited the little home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, 2311 East Third street. George Beck was killed Thursday afternoon when his clothing caught in a threshing machine near Waukegan, Neb.

Burlingame, the 8-year-old daughter, was killed by a torpedo picked up on the Great Northern right-of-way about two years ago. She was an only child, the Mrs. Beck had children by a previous marriage.

Tama. During the past week Marshal Krohn has hung the scalps of nine unmounted dogs at his belt. The dogs were running at large as well as being without muzzles and in accordance with the mayor's proclamation they went to their death. Nelson Ramsdell for less than twenty-four hours was

the official dog catcher but he resigned that position and Walter Berry was appointed by the mayor as his successor.

Sioux City. Mayor A. A. Smith of Sioux City, whose likeness to the late John Bunney, is so pronounced that on one fall at Allamakee he has been taken for the movie star many times, Wednesday was privileged to see himself in a film showing off concrete pavements in Sioux City while other council members who accompanied him shouted "Oh, you look just like the real thing."

Spirit Lake. Work was commenced last week of seining the lakes. The first haul on east Okoboji was made last Monday. The net was landed at Stony Point on the lower lake. When the fish were transported to the landing place on the Orleans end of the lake, they were weighed, and it was found they had a haul of 10,000 pounds. These were packed and shipped at once to the market.

Spirit Lake. Work started Thursday on the new fish hatchery ponds at the Orleans. The grounds were cleared off last week and grading work started this week. W. H. Barker will have charge of the work and expects to put eight ponds in operation by the end of the week. The grounds have been laid out so as to make a very attractive place when completed. About the east two-thirds of the twenty-five acre tract purchased of H. H. Buck will be made into eight ponds, the balance being a big circular pond in the center. The ponds will average about two hundred forty feet square and about eight feet deep. The west one-third of the tract will be used for a game bird reserve. The dirt taken from the ponds will be used to construct a gravel walk along the lake front the entire length of the hatchery grounds and also along the railroad tract, and also to construct gravel walks around between all the ponds.

Etharville. Gene Weir met with an auto accident last Friday that might have been a tragedy if it had proved to be. George Weir drove the Ford car up to the Tom Smith farm, where they were threshing. He stopped the car in the shade of their trees. After dinner his son, Gene, took the car for a drive. He was in the rear of the children and drove up a down the road. A short time after this he took Miss Smith and two of the smaller Smith children. They started off for a drive. Miss Smith took charge of the wheel after they had driven some distance. When just this side of the railway crossing, east of Superior, the car either struck a rough spot in the road or something gave way, and the car turned completely over once and it is said it probably went over twice. The car was being driven at a rapid pace, so one member of the young members of the party asserted. Gene Weir was badly shaken up. Miss Smith was not injured, but the two children were quite badly injured, but not seriously.

SCHOOLS AND HEALTH

Facts and Figures Gathered by Dr. Irving King Show Hygienic Conditions Generally to Be Good—Much New and Interesting Data.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, Sept. 13.—Facts and figures of large interest to parents and other tax payers of Iowa, who are supporting public schools, are embodied in the bulletin based on the investigations and researches of Dr. Irving King, of the S. U. I. department of Education, to be issued tomorrow, the title being "Hygienic Conditions in Iowa Schools."

He looked over 181 Iowa cities and towns, and 347 schools. Much of his data is unusually new and interesting. His reports 21 per cent of the playgrounds under one acre each; 15 per cent are unsuitable; 11 per cent are too wet. Only 21 per cent of the buildings are modern, and 86 per cent have wooden staircases instead of fire proof material. Of the halls, 18 per cent are badly lighted, and 60 per cent are too narrow.

Improper airing is reported from 36 per cent of the rooms, but the standard size is exceeded in 50 per cent. Only 8 per cent drink from the old cups, but 60 per cent have not taken up paper towels. Health is being more closely watched. Children's eyes are tested in 34 per cent of the schools, and their teeth in 3.5 per cent.

Any Iowa citizen desiring bulletins may secure copies by writing to Prof. O. E. Klingaman, extension division director.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Sept. 13.—Rev. Mr. Romig, of this city, conducted the morning services at the Methodist church yesterday while the regular pastor of that church, Rev. J. M. Brown, King, preached a rousing sermon to the Congregationalists, who are still without a regular pastor. Notice was given from the pulpit that, at the mid-week meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 23, the question of giving a call to Rev. E. W. Cross, of Livingston, Mont., would be up for final action.

Mrs. Addie Morrison Chase, with her children, is visiting for a short time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Morrison, of the city, and with other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have been living in New York City, but are now seeking a new location.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Morrison returned to their home here last week after some months spent in the south with their son Julian, whose health has been very precarious. Their report him now as apparently showing real improvement.

Miss Dorothy Brown left her home here this morning for Cedar Falls, where she goes to begin her two years' course in domestic science.

The comrades and friends of T. G. Pilgrim will be glad to know that his recent operation for relief from hernia has proved successful and he is recovering, with the prospect of having better general health than he has had for some years.

From the home of A. J. Blakely, who has been seriously near a complete breakdown for several weeks, is not very encouraging. He finds himself unable to sleep except by the aid of opiates and then only for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bortell, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month and started off immediately, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Maude, for a trip back to the old home scenes in Maryland and Pennsylvania, are back at home again reporting an exceptionally happy vacation from home cares.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kell have just returned from a trip of some two or three months to the Pacific coast, during which they seem to have taken in about all that there was to see.

Grinnell public schools with their well oiled organization machinery started off this morning as tho there had been but a brief cessation of work. All indications are that the attendance will be up to the average of years past and may much exceed any previous record.

Gilmore Peterson has gone to Iowa City for hospital treatment, expecting to be there several weeks.

Mrs. A. A. Hopkins is now in the east visiting for a couple of months with her son Lewis, in Cincinnati, O. her son Harry in New York City, and her daughter, Miss Adah, in Pittsburgh.

Harold F. Strong, Iowa College '12, now assistant pastor of the Congregational church of the city, reaches the city today and begins his work at once.

The business activity at the Grinnell aeroplane factory gives promise of some new machines not so very far away. While the boss and the assistants are giving out no information along this line there are features that seem to speak for themselves. There is no "skeleton in the closet" but the skeleton is in plain sight, one one of which the clothing is fast being placed, indicating that there are other flyers than the one that has already put Grinnell on the map that he likely to bring the company tangible returns for their investment.

Union News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Union, Sept. 13.—Miss Hazel Bussey, of Hillsboro, O., arrived Thursday night to resume her position as principal of the Union high school.

H. H. Barnes is reported much worse. The son, C. E. of Uimer, has been sent for.

Mrs. Perrie Dillon went to Ames

Friday evening to be matron at the Colonnade frat house. Miss Jessie Arthur goes to Cedar Falls today to attend the teachers' training school. The Union schools are now equipped to be in the accredited list again, with domestic science and German and another year added to the high school course. School opened this morning with the following corps of teachers: Superintendent, Mr. Fingar, of Fort Dodge; principal, Hazel Bussey, of Hillsboro, O.; assistant principal, Carrie Fuller, of Grinnell; music, Ruth Greene, of Eldora; domestic science, Miss McHose, of Nevada; seventh and eighth grades, Miss Peet, of Plainville; fifth and sixth, Miss Tolliver; third and fourth, Olive Williams, of Union;

frst and second, Miss Imly, of Cedar Falls. Mr. A. L. Wood went to Des Moines Sunday evening to be with his son Ray during the operation deemed necessary on his broken ankle, that of putting in silver plates to support the bones. Sounds Fishy. A New York lawyer tells of a case tried in a fishing town of Massachusetts, during which the chief witness under cross-examination refused to state the amount of his gross income. "You must answer the question," said the judge. "But, Your Honor," said the man, "I have no gross income; I am a fisherman, and it's all net."



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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Table with columns for Railroad Name, Train Name, and Time. Includes Chicago Great Western, Chicago & Northwestern, and Minneapolis & St. Louis.

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