ANXIOUS TO AVIATE

MANY IOWA MEN DESIRE TO BECOME MILITARY AIR NAVIGATORS.

STATE HAS NO FUNDS TO EQUIP CORPS

Financial Assistance Must Come From Congress if Flying Corps Is Added to Guardsmen's Organization — State Department Continues to War on Impure Ice Cream.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, May 24.—If congress should vote to furnish training free of charge to aviators and the state were called on to furnish men to train for this work Iowa could furnish a quota of men, Adjutant General Logan states. General Logan now has requests from some twenty-five men who want to enlist in some capacity under the Iowa National Guard. In a conference the national guard units of Iowa with a view to have Iowa authorized by the war department for an aviation corps, it was found that many of the men who want to fly have machines. Each one of the nine units has about $1,000 and an aviator and a machine are needed to the man. But if the government would furnish the machines Iowa could furnish the men to man them, he declared.

Military and naval authorities have been that the United States should have 5,000 trained aviators for national defense and a plan to use and train every one in military service of the case today stand. There only is the plan before the machines and equipment for the proposed aviation could be secured for training and the men could be trained in the national camps this summer.

"The county seats from now on will be common," declared General Logan today. "There will be much stronger than there are now and will come down to cities and be automobiles have come from. Aviation is comparatively safe now for the aviator who understands machinery as all is just a hard matter to learn in the air. The most difficult thing is to learn to alight. All the aviators fall into that if the machine is shut off and the pilot will drop the nose into the ground and the same plane will bounce along the ground."

These comprise the aviation officers in congress now is a plan to call the government aviation of both sides. They believe there is no reason why an aviator should not be as good as it is a comparatively simple machine.

War on Poor Ice Cream.

The state food and dairy department is continuing its campaign against the sale of ice cream which is not up to standard. Some 100 or more cases have been brought against ice cream manufacturers over the state in the past two weeks.

The state ice cream law requires that ice cream sold should contain at least 12 per cent butter fat and that the cream from which it is manufactured must contain at least 14 per cent.

One manufacturer was treated recently whose product only contained 4.6 per cent of butter fat. This would give him an advantage of $2.16 on every 100 pounds manufactured over the cost of production if he were to use cream testing 14 per cent.

State Problems Up.

Problems relating to the care of the inmates of the state institutions will be discussed at the quarterly conference to be held at the state house June 6 and 7. Superintendents of all the state institutions and others interested will be in attendance. The program follows:

"An Unusual and Interesting Attack of Amnesia," by B. G. Eaton, assistant superintendent, Cherokee State Hospital, Cherokee.

"The Laboratory and Its Functions," M. N. Wilkins, superintendent, state hospital and colony for epileptics, Woodward, Iowa.

"The Present Knowledge of Mental Defects," by George Sheridan, superintendent of the institution for feeble minded children, Glenwood.

"Tired Mentality in Iowa," by C. S. Hanner, secretary, state board of health.

"Incompetents in the Dairy Herd and Its Effect Upon the Human Family," by J. F. Ohern, state veterinarian, Des Moines.

"Some Suggestions," Max Mehl, director, Iowa State College, Ames.

TO RAISE HUNTING BAN

Governmental to Permit Spring Shooting in Iowa Next Year—Regulations Changed Regarding Closed Seasons—Iowa Complaints Considered.

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SQUIRREL IS BLAMED

ANIMAL CAUSES MUCH TROUBLE FOR KEOKUK POWER COMPANY.

CAUSE OF ERRATIC CURRENT FINALLY SOLVED

Gnaws Small Aluminum Wires Holding Tension Lines to Insulators, in Effort to Sharpen Teeth—Thirty-Eight Mile Inspection Trip by Lineman Solves Mystery.

Keokuk, May 24.—The case of the Mississippi River Power Company vs. The Squirrel has vanished in operation and the death penalty for the defendant and all his relatives. The engineers of the company have been forced from time to time to solve many difficult problems in connection with the operation of the long distance transmission circuits which radiate from the generating station at Keokuk and supply light and power to distant cities, towns and industrial centers throughout the power zone, but this case tested all their resources.

It was during the last inspection made over the thirty-eight miles of double circuit 11,000 volt line which runs north from Keokuk to Burlington, that the first evidence of trouble was noticed. In some instances the conductor cables had been loosened from their supporting insulators, the small aluminum tie wires, as they are called, which bind the main conductors to the insulators, in several cases being cut in two, apparently from the gnawing of some sharp instrument. It was at first hard to believe there was any one could deliberately have done the job of a job and of course as the wires were alight charged at a potential of 11,000 volts contact with these wires and conductors would in all probability prove fatal.

Inconspicuous a careful watch was kept on the patrolmen along the line. But this watch failed to find the culprit. The department at Keokuk was advised in the afternoon a from time to time, however, one of the lineman on the Burlington division signal eligible for a minute that went out another that was and then all hummed as there was no trouble. Some one had the operators and patrolmen were informed and the patrolmen on the circuit called to make a careful inspection. The next morning the patrolman on Cedar called [illegible]

In operation that the entire county had been found and the operator noticed in the operation room of the company of one of the poles stretched cold in both wires a large green squirrel. Investigation he had started to gnaw the aluminum tie wire on the insulator upon which he was found.

The finding of this squirrel made it clear that all questions regarding had been settled from the same cause. Squirrels like cats and mice, sharpen their teeth on metals. There will be no further trouble the offender was caught because if the death current which is turned into the little gray bodies the minute a sharp little tooth touches the tie wires of an 11,000 volt circuit.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, May 24.—D. A. Hopkins has gone to Columbus, Neb., to attend the Nebraska State Retail Harness Makers' Association meeting at which he is one of the speakers.

The officers and staff of the revived Chit of Iowa College, to be called The Grinnell Magnate, are as follows: Donald Clark, editor; Roger Leavitt, business manager; Edith Tuttle, Mary Platt, Lottie Palmer, Maurice Philbind, Anita Jones, Mary Stimson, Paul Friedrichsen, Willard Calhoun. Calhoun is also assistant business manager.

E. J. Jarus went to Hampton yesterday to take Mrs. Jarus, who has been visiting there some days.

Judge Nagle in superior court assessed a fine on Monday of $10 and costs on Garland Vineyardner for intoxication and followed it up with another for $100 and costs for assault and battery.

Mrs. E. W. Clark and her son Elbert have returned to their home in this city after a winter in southern California, but will go to the summer cottage at Clinton soon. Mrs. Vallean, who has been with them, stopped on the way at Mitchell, S. D., to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brainard.

Oak Grove and vicinity have announced their intention of having an old fashioned Fourth of July celebration at that country social center and are preparing a program.

The women of the Chester Cemetery Association have been notified to meet at the Chester church on the afternoon of Friday, May 26, to prepare wreaths for memorial exercises and to hold a business meeting.

Rev. W. R. Lawrence, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of this city, started yesterday for Cleveland, O., to attend the meeting of the general assembly of that organization. After the meeting Mr. Lawrence will spend a few days in visiting old home neighbors in Ohio in the state of his birth.

At the high school Honor G banquet for the first time in the history of the school girls were admitted to "G" honors. Gladys Voorhees, Hilarel Dana, and Mamie Stahl were the three pioneers among women to membership in the Honor "G" Club.

Mrs. R. W. Haines entertained a company of ladies at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rae last afternoon in honor of Miss Marjorie Dunham, the New York musical-comedy soloist, of Monday night. Miss Mary Chamberlain was entertained at an afternoon reception. Miss Dunham is a writer on a Brooklyn, N. Y., newspaper.

Simmons is scheduled for a baseball game with Grinnell on the grounds here tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Henry Tanner is entertaining a visit from his brother, George Tanner, Jr., who came from his home in Seattle, Wash., for a stay of a couple of weeks.

Miss Helen Stevens has completed a year of successful teaching in the New Sharon schools and has returned to the parental H. W. Stevens home here.

At 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon the Grinnell branch of the Women's Peace Party will hold a meeting at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Charles Noble, 1510 West street. The work of the American Peace Leagues, the Social Workers Union, August Hillstrom, and the Lusitania to Enforce Peace, will all be under discussion.

In accordance with previous notice the stockholders of the Grinnell Opera House Company met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and the opera house property was sold to the highest bidder, which proved to be the Spaulding Manufacturing Company.

Notices are spread broadcast that those who want to vote at the coming primary on June 5 must be sure they are properly registered and that Thursday and Friday of this week and Saturday, June 3 are the days for registration for all who are not absent from the city on those days.

The treasury department is today advertising for bids from reliable contractors on the building of the new postoffice for Grinnell.

Quick Trip to Prison.

Mason City, May 24.—William Hicks appeared before Judge Edwards at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, entered a plea of guilty to a county attorney's information charging him with breaking and entering. He was sentenced to Anamosa in indeterminate sentence of ten years. Hicks was taken to Anamosa last night. This is one of the speediest records made. The robbery was on Saturday night, discovery on Monday morning, arrest Monday night, preliminary hearing Tuesday morning, sentence Tuesday afternoon, and started for prison Tuesday evening.

Court House Contract Awarded.

Boone, May 24.—The Boyd Construction Company, of St. Paul, was Monday awarded the general contract for the new court house which is to be erected soon in this city. The contract was given to the lowest bidder. There were eight bidders for the general contract. Of these the three lowest were: The Boyd Construction Company, $154,949; Ballard Construction Company, $157,039; The Charles Weitz and Sons Construction Company, $158,002.

Mitchell County Pioneer Dead.

Special to Times-Republican.

Osage, May 24.—Sam Wright, one of the oldest residents of Mitchell county, is dead at his home northeast of town. He came to the state from Indiana fifty-one years ago. He was 69 years of age and unmarried.

RIVAL HIGHWAYS PLAN TEST RACE ACROSS COUNTRY

Minneapolis, May 24.—The Yellowstone Trail Association, an organization promoting a public highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts with the slogan, "A Good Road From Plymouth to Puget Sound," has issued a challenge to the Lincoln Highway, a transcontinental road from New York to San Francisco, for a night and a day race, offering to deliver a message from the east to the west seacoast in less largest time over their route than it can be done over the Lincoln Highway, the runs to be made simultaneously. The official challenge to do this was written by General Agent H. O. Cooley of the Yellowstone Trail Association from its headquarters at Aberdeen, S. D., to A. R. Pardington, vice president and secretary of the Lincoln Highway, at Detroit, Mich.

In the letter of challenge the Yellowstone Trail organization says that such a contest is really for the purpose of stimulating public interest on transcontinental highways as well as to test the organization and road, and to center attention on the entire feasibility of long distance transportation by motor driven vehicles on public roads.

To Be Real Race.

The challenge indicates that if accepted it will be no gentle jaunt affair, with a one day ride and a night of rest, but a genuine life and blood contest, night and day, with every second of time counting from the instant of starting. The only conditions are that it shall be carried every foot of the way by auto, with professional drivers barred, and each organization to traverse its own line of road.

The route of the Yellowstone Trail is from Plymouth, Mass.; thru Hartford, Poughkeepsie, Binghamton and Olean, N. Y.; Meadville, Pa.; Akron, Fremont and Defiance, O.; Fort Wayne, Columbia City and Valparaiso, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Eau Claire, Wis.; St. Paul, Minneapolis, Olivia, Montevideo, Ortonville, Minn.; Webster, Aberdeen, Mobridge and Lemmon, S. D.; Marmarth, N. D.; Miles City, Billings, Livingston, Butte and Missoula, Mont.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Spokane, Colfax, Walla Walla, North Yakima and Seattle, Wash.

Roads Are Different.

The route of the Lincoln Highway is from New York to Philadelphia, thence thru Pittsburgh, Pa.; Canton, O.; Fort Wayne and South Bend, Ind.; Chicago and Aurora, Ill.; Cedar Rapids and Marshalltown, Iowa; Omaha, Grand Island and Sidney, Neb.; Cheyenne and Green River, Wyo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Ely and Reno, Nev.; Sacramento and San Francisco, Cal.

The Yellowstone trail made a run against time over its road in June, 1915, undertaking to deliver a message from the mayor of Chicago to the mayor of Seattle in 100 hours, counting each moment of lapsed time. The distance is 2,640 miles and the run was made by a system of relays in 97 hours and 10 minutes.

The Lincoln Highway has never undertaken a run of this kind. The route is more central and goes thru more large cities. It is the older organization and in such a contest should be the favorite. The Yellowstone trail men, however, claim they have the better road conditions, especially west of Chicago, and a better working organization. The Yellowstone Trail is incorporated and organized like a big chamber of commerce.

The organization is five years old, starting as a road from the twin cities in Minnesota, to the Yellowstone National Park, and they progressed so well in improving their line of road that extensions both east and west were made until now it extends from coast to coast, reaching the three great national parks of the northwest, Yellowstone, Glacier and Mount Rainier.

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