

CITY WILL GET ITS BRIDGE FUND MONEY

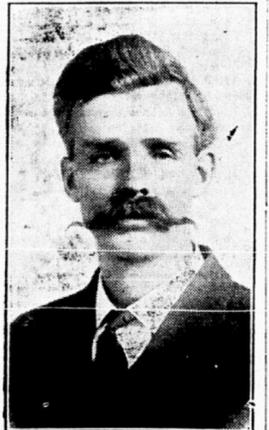
C. A. ROBBINS RULES COUNTY MUST TRANSFER WHAT CITY HAS PAID.

INCLUDES TAX MONEY COLLECTED THIS YEAR

Transfer of Money Will Enable City to Take Charge of Its Own Bridges—Council Will Let Contract For South Third Avenue Bridge as Soon as Money is Procured.

The tax money paid by taxpayers of this city this year into the county bridge fund levied by the supervisors last summer, belongs to the city. The levy was 5 mills. The tax will amount to \$11,195, paid into this fund by taxpayers of the city this year, and allowing for deductions that will be made the city should receive something over \$10,000.

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will be encountered in procuring the transfer of this money from the county to the city. This question will be taken up with the board of supervisors by City Solicitor F. E. Northrup and members of the council next week. Robbins Rules For City.

The reason no controversy is expected to develop, altho differences have arisen between the council and supervisors regarding the division of the cost of the South Third avenue bridge, is because Assistant Attorney General C. A. Robbins has ruled that this bridge fund money belongs to the city since Marshalltown became a city of the first class.

Robbins' opinion, contained in a letter to Mayor Millard, is as follows: "Dear Sir: Replying to your recent inquiry as to the portion of the bridge fund which would be available to the city of Marshalltown under provisions of section 758, supplemental supplies, 1915, in view of the fact that said city was by the last census, which became effective Jan. 3, 1916, transferred from a second to a first class city, will say that in my judgment any unexpended balance of this fund in the hands of the county officials on Jan. 3 should be transferred to the city, and that any and all taxes collected thereafter and belonging to such fund should go to the city. It is possible that outstanding obligations of the county, made in anticipation of this tax prior to the enactment of the law, should be paid from the balance on hand Jan. 3, 1916. Yours very truly, C. A. Robbins."

Cets Only This Year's Tax. It will be noted that the assistant attorney general says that any unexpended balance of this kind in the hands of the county officials on Jan. 3, should be transferred to the city.

There was no unexpended balance Jan. 3. In fact on that date the county bridge fund was overdrawn \$2,990. But all the money paid in by city taxpayers on the bridge levy of 5 mills this year belongs to the city.

It is presumed that in the adjustment the city will stand its share of the overdraft of Jan. 3, 1916, which will be about \$800, since the city pays about one-ninth of the total bridge fund. Deduction will also be made for expenditures that have been made by the county for bridges in the city, or for material bought for city bridge repair work. These items will be small.

City to Build Bridge. This adjustment of the bridge fund money clears the way for the city to proceed at once not only to build the South Third avenue bridge over Linn creek, but in the future to take care of its own bridge building and repairing.

This is the plan of the city as soon as the transfer of the money is accomplished. Whatever else is needed the city will get by issuing bridge bonds and paying them out of the bridge levy of the next few years. Plans approved by the state highway commission, that were prepared for the South Third avenue bridge, which the city will use, should prevent any delay from this cause in getting ready to let a contract.

Licensed to Wed. Joe Beever, molder, aged 28, and Goldie C. Lant, aged 18, both of this city.

WRITE M'LELAND IN

County Auditor W. E. McLeland, Supervisors' Appointee, to Be Candidate at Primary—Write His Name on Ballot.

W. E. McLeland, who was recently appointed county auditor by the board of supervisors to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. W. Dobson, has decided to become a candidate for the nomination for auditor on the republican ticket. This will be accomplished if voters will write "W. E. McLeland" in the blank line under the name of A. W. Dobson, and put a cross in the square in front of the name written in. Do not, however, cross out Mr. Dobson's name, as that would invalidate the ballot.

Mr. McLeland has taken this means of being a candidate to avoid the necessity of the convention taking up the question of nomination. If enough voters write in the name, and Mr. McLeland thus gets more votes than are cast for A. W. Dobson, and 35 per cent of all votes cast for the office, Mr. McLeland will be nominated. Then no nomination by the convention will be necessary.

Voting for Mr. McLeland will be an endorsement of the board's appointment, which was made solely on the question of merit, because the board wanted a capable and experienced man to put in the office when Mr. Dobson died. Mr. McLeland was a former auditor ten years ago, and his record in office is ample proof of his ability. Since leaving office Mr. McLeland has been in constant touch with auditors' offices all over the state by reason of his having visited them constantly while selling books and stationery for county uses. This ten years experience has added valuable information to Mr. McLeland's knowledge of the details of the work, in addition to what he already acquired while in office.

Mr. McLeland has been a resident of the county since 1889. He was reared in Taylor township, but has lived in this city sixteen years. Mr. McLeland is a taxpayer, owning both city and farm property. — Political advertisement.

TO TEACH GOLF

Marshalltown Country Club Has Hired Professional Golfer to Assist Those Who Need His Services.

Harry J. Jerves, of Philadelphia, who has been with the Oskaloosa golf club has been secured to instruct those who want to learn to play golf. Mr. Jerves was over the course yesterday, and says: "You have the finest natural turf I ever saw, you have many natural hazards, and should be able to develop many good players. It is an easy course to travel because you lack the rolling ground found on most courses."

It is planned by those in charge to secure the names of those who would

like to take lessons, that time may be arranged, so that all may be cared for. Already twenty-five have handed in their names. It has been decided to divide Mr. Jerves' time with Grinnell players, and he will spend some time in that city.

Mr. Jerves will arrive tonight and spend Sunday on the links. There will also be a number of Grinnell players here over Sunday. The course is in the finest condition possible, and many low scores should be made.

I. O. O. F. Memorial at Liscomb. Memorial services by the Odd Fellows Lodge at Liscomb will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Christian church. Rev. W. P. Clark will give the address and the Liscomb band will furnish the music.

AT THE CHURCHES

Pastors of the various churches in the city have announced their Sunday sermons and services as follows: Elim Lutheran, Rev. Orlando Ingvoldstad—Morning, Norwegian. "Our Jubilee Fund;" evening, English. Rev. H. C. Hohn, of Kanawha, solicitor for the United Lutheran Synod, will preach. He will also speak at the morning service.

German Evangelical, Rev. K. Rest—Morning, "The Prayer That God Hears."

Congregational, Rev. B. E. Martin—Morning, "Christ and Childhood;" or "Present-Day Ideas About Children;" evening, "The Meaning of Commencement;" or "What About the Days Ahead?"

Bethany United Brethren, Rev. F. J. Thomas—Morning, "A Woman's Consolation;" evening, "They All Hang."

Baptist, Rev. R. B. Davidson—Morning, "The Great Sacrifice;" evening, "A Good Man Lost and a Bad Man Saved."

Presbyterian, Rev. James P. Linn—Morning, baccalaureate service at Methodist church; evening, Rev. H. O. Pratt will preach.

Methodist, Rev. R. F. Harburt—Morning, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. James P. Linn; evening, laymen's meeting, five-minute addresses by six business men on the general subject, "What Does Christ Mean to the Individual Life?"

Central Church of Christ, Rev. W. M. Baker—Morning, "Christ and the Children;" evening, children's day exercises.

Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, Rev. D. S. Deware—Morning, "The Real and False Fire;" evening, "Preparedness."

First United Evangelical, Rev. C. G. Ziegler—Morning, "The Perils of the Kingdom;" evening, "Gospel Garden."

Friends church, Rev. I. N. Rich—Rev. Jennie Kirby will preach in the morning and Rev. I. N. Rich in the evening.

First Spiritualist, Rev. Eva McCoy—Evening, "Twentieth Century Palms."

First Church of Christ, Scientist, morning, "God the Only Cause and Creator."

LOCAL COMMENT

A waiting room at the end of the North Third street car line will be of great convenience to the public and it suggests the need of an artistic shelter of some kind at the corner of Third street and main. That is getting to be a well frequented transfer point and will be more so next year when the Third ward line is in operation. Let it be so designed as to be an object of beauty as well as of convenience. For the time being ground might be rented on the vacant corner lot.

The appointment of W. E. McLeland as county auditor was the best that could have been done as Mr. McLeland is experienced in that office and proved himself highly competent when there before. His friends can compliment him by writing in his name upon the primary ballot altho it is probable that the county convention will do the actual nominating. However, if more votes should be cast for McLeland than for the late A. W. Dobson whose death occurred after the ballots had been printed, McLeland would be the primary nominee.

A remarkable testimonial as to Mr. Jones' efficiency as a member of the board of supervisors appeared in the mails this morning signed by eighteen prominent business men of this city in that the names represented both those who had been for him when he was a candidate for mayor and those who opposed him then. These men declare that "regardless of past differences we are for him now" and they put it on the ground that Mr. Jones is the more competent, in their judgment, to manage the county's large business affairs economically and still go forward with the public improvements that are needed. Mr. Jones has been one of the best supervisors the county ever had and this testimonial as to his efficiency should be worth more to him than any nomination or election could possibly be.

In the paving hearings last Monday Attorney Bradford sought to arouse prejudice by claiming that personal property such as the stock of merchandise owned by the merchants who were urging the council to improve our main streets leading into town would not be assessed under the special levy for the city's share of the paving. Reference to the law discloses the fact that the one mill levy will be made upon all taxable property other than moneys and credits so Mr. Bradford's argument falls into that doubtful class of affairs which would be important if they were only true.

The Times-Republican during past years has devoted a great deal of space promoting concrete paving that can be bought on open specifications without royalties for plans and the newspaper has also urged reducing the width of pavements on outlying streets so as to cut down the expense of street improvement. Our public purpose has been to reduce the cost of paving to such a point that everybody would want his street paved and the bids this year have brought us very close to the ideal. The same contractor bid \$2.23 for brick and \$1.28 1/2 for concrete on inside streets. The old street width of thirty feet paved with brick at \$2.23 per square yard would, with curb at \$2 cents a foot, cost a sixty foot lot \$22.20, whereas the twenty-four foot street of concrete at \$1.28 1/2 with the same curb now costs a sixty foot lot \$12.80. Each lot owner has thus been saved \$100 in the cost of his paving by modern methods. As to durability there is small choice. Sioux Falls, S. D., a larger city than Marshalltown, has concrete paving twenty-six years which is in use yet. When ours becomes pitted and rough we can surface it with a skim coat of asphalt for 9 cents per square yard and have a new pavement out of it. Seven per cent interest upon the \$100 already saved to each lot would surface this concrete every year with the thin coat of asphalt so it becomes apparent that we can never lose on our investment in concrete altho the inevitable cracks are unsightly. This renewable character of concrete is what caused the California state highway commission to adopt concrete as the best type of pavement to outlast a fifty year state bond issue.

Another new wrinkle in concrete paving has recently been worked out in East Milwaukee which would save \$14.70 more for each lot owner with a frontage of sixty feet. It is a method of moulding a curb on to a pavement instead of sinking a perpendicular curb down into the ground and laying the pavement up to it. The new method moulds a bead or raised edge into the paving slag as it is laid and this provides the curb. Curbs now constitute thirty square feet of the paved surface abutting a sixty foot lot. They cost 64 cents per square foot whereas the pavement costs only 15 cents per square foot. The total saving on thirty square feet at 49 cents each is \$14.70 to the lot frontage.

Under an opinion from the attorney general's office the city council will receive this year's revenues from the bridge taxes which are paid by owners of property within the city. The new bridge needed at the foot of the viaduct on South Third avenue to permit street cars to pass over to the south side of town will be built and additional waterway should be provided underneath the East Main street roadway so as to furnish an outlet for flood waters in Linn creek. The North Third avenue river bridge also needs repairing to make it safe. In a very few years the bridge levy within the city can be reduced and we can then absorb some extra paving levies without an increase in taxation. For the last thirty years Marshalltown city property has been paying into the county bridge fund for bridges out in the country vastly more than it ever received in bridge work within the city. It will now be up to the county board to issue some bonds and spread out the cost of bridges of masonry so they can be paid for gradually without boosting out taxes. Cerro Gordo county began doing this ten years ago. Today her bridge bonds are paid and Cerro Gordo county will be completely bridged with masonry within the next five years, after which there will not be need for much of any bridge tax.

Local Weather Record. The extremes Friday were 69 and 43, compared with 75 and 36 the extremes Thursday and 79 and 51 the extremes a year ago Wednesday. At 7 o'clock this morning the temperature was 52, five degrees cooler than at the same hour Friday morning.

SUFFRAGE ELECTION MONDAY.

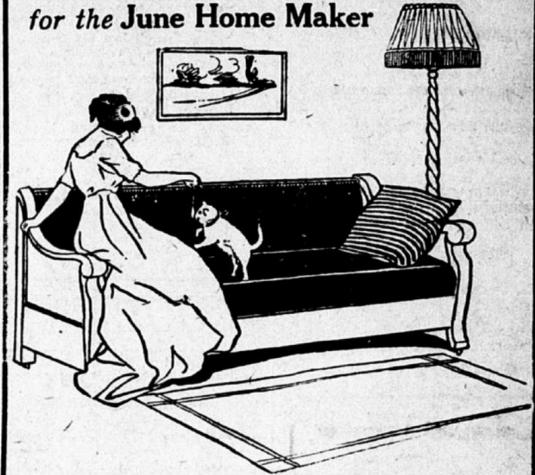
Vote on Constitutional Amendment Held in Connection With Primary. The vote on a constitutional amendment, which involves the granting of suffrage to women, will be polled Monday in connection with the state primary. The primary judges will receive the suffrage ballots. An effort has been made by the Times-Republican to secure the uniform counting throughout the county of the suffrage ballots first, followed by the head of the ticket. These two counts are the ones in which the state at large is most interested, and the suffrage ballots can be counted sooner than those on government.

SNEAK THIEVES ACTIVE. Second Ward Residents Have Refrigerators Cleaned Out. Residents of the second ward in the vicinity of North Third street, have

been bothered considerably during the past week or ten days by sneak thieves who break into refrigerators and clean them of all available food. Articles have also been taken from several back porches. The ice box of George McCord, 317 North Third street, was broken into Friday night while the family was away and everything in the way of edibles stolen. Neighbors saw two men climb over the back fence and from their size thought they were grown men, and not boys. Other houses which the thieves have entered of late are those of Mrs. Edith Mohr, 319 North Third street; S. P. Knisley, 208 West Lincoln street; and George Coburn, 208 West Grant street. The thefts have been reported to the police.

Mrs. Ray G. Whinery will arrive in the city this evening from Los Angeles, to make an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Diller. Mrs. Whinery will be remembered as Miss Corrine McCord, formerly of this city.

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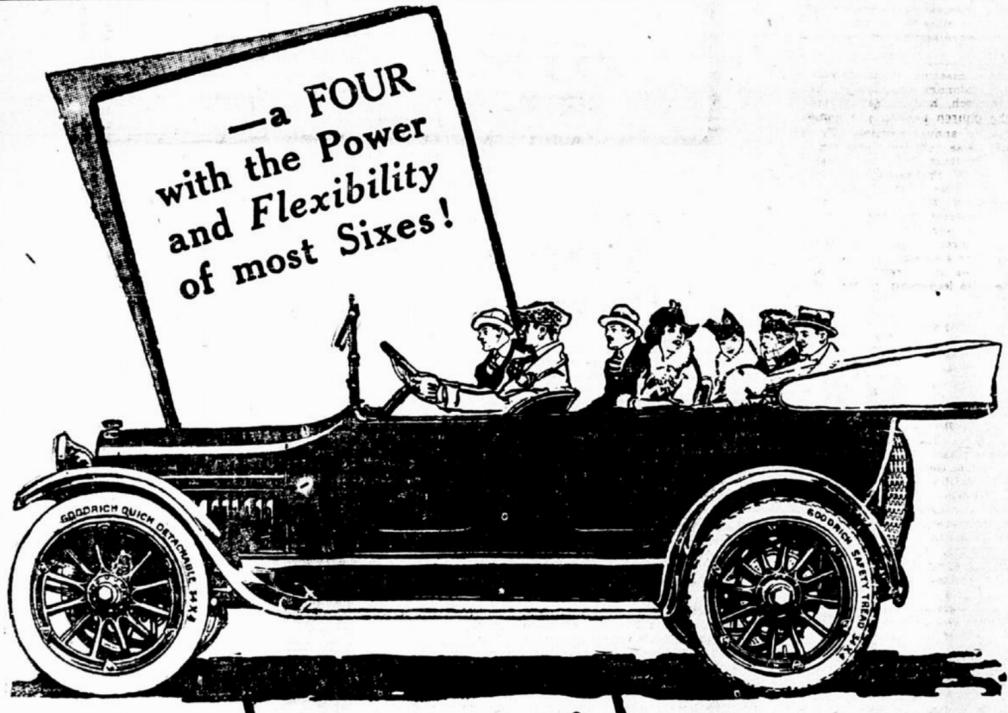
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