

MAY DELAY COMING OF TROLLEY LINE

Reported That the Interurban Company Cannot Get all the Material Wanted.

There is a report (not official) to the effect that there is a possibility, or even probability, that the interurban to this city will not be completed by the first of the year.

At the present time, so the story goes, the only material that is available for use, with the exception of the ties and rails, are the poles, but there are no cross bars, guy wires, or anything like that.

J. Etta Heslop has just received samples of all the latest goods, for new fall and winter season, 1916-1917, from Buckley Bros. Co., Mfgs., and importers, for men, women and children.

Married, last evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. C. H. Kamphoefer officiating, Miss Gerlie Raney of Algona and Mr. Robert L. Moore of Manchester.

Friends here have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Verba Elizabeth Morgan and Frederick W. Cotterell which recently occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan, in Algona.

Cards received by friends here announce the arrival of a new daughter—Janet Elizabeth—to Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Feddersen of Tooele, Utah, on the 1st of August.

H. W. Hotchkiss, proprietor of the Monarch Manufacturing Company, is in Mason City this week, where he is demonstrating the merits of the Monarch stock trough at the Cerro Gordo county fair.

OFFICIAL CHICAGO MARKETS

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, LOCAL MARKETS and prices for various commodities like Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, Lard, etc.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN TALKS TOO LOUDLY

Gets Upon the Nerves of Prominent Citizens Who Seek Redress in Justice's Court.

In this time of war and turmoil there are a great number of people who love peace, so much so in fact that they would fight for it, or nearly so at least.

The case was called for this morning, but when the eventful time rolled around, it was dismissed by the county attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wyckoff Jr. and Mrs. W's niece, Miss Minnie Staffacer, are off on a land excursion trip to points in Texas.

Miss Irene Davis of Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis of that place, was compelled to submit to surgical work a few days ago on one of her fingers which has been troubling her for some time.

FOUND—a small cane suitcase in the road near the F. A. Huddleston farm in the south edge of the city.

Famous Tenor at Story City. Albert Lindquist, the famous tenor singer who appeared in this city with the Minneapolis orchestra this spring and also last season, will sing at Story City on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, Aug. 24th.

Joint Meeting of Supervisors. A joint meeting of the supervisors of Hamilton, Webster and Boone counties is being held at the court house this afternoon.

Another contract for the construction of the Hamilton-Webster county ditch will also be let at this meeting of the supervisors of these two counties this afternoon.

Initial belts, in either gold, silver or gun-metal finish, can be furnished with either cloth or leather belt. All buckles guaranteed one year.

Try a want ad if you wish to sell it.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE

Webster City Young People Will Leave Next Month for Different Places.

The first of September will soon be here and at that time a number of the young people of Webster City will leave for different places, some to go to college and others to take up the work of teaching.

Miss Lola Hughes goes to Greene, Iowa, to teach English in the high school at that place.

Miss Bernice Pruitt, a graduate of the high school here and who has been attending the Iowa State Teachers college at Cedar Falls, will be a member of the high school faculty at Dallas Center.

Miss Pearl Richards, a former Hamilton county teacher and a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers College, is to teach History and Domestic Science in the high school at Jessup, Iowa.

Miss Rosalind Cook will take the study of music in Chicago.

Miss Ruth Danaldson, who attends college at Rockford, Ill., last year, will this year be a student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Misses Audrey and Malou Johnstone will attend Penn college at Oskaloosa.

Glenn Greenwood and Louise Swanson will study at the State University at Iowa City.

Misses Clarine Mueller, Eunice Lee and Lila Neel will enroll at the Iowa State Teachers College.

MAY MUSTER OUT IOWA ENGINEERS

Iowa City, Ia., Aug. 15.—Return of about twenty student members of Company A engineers of Iowa City to the university in September may result in the mustering out of the remainder of the company by the military authorities on the Mexican border.

Company A is now only a few men above minimum war strength, and it is necessary to have the exact minimum or a few above to keep the organization intact.

It is possible that the engineers will be transferred to another similar unit attached to another state brigade and the remainder of the company who would continue in service otherwise will then be required to remain on duty and receive the military training which the mobilization has afforded.

The board of supervisors let a number of bridge contracts at a meeting held at the court house yesterday afternoon.

The Morrison Construction Co., of Des Moines, was given a contract in the sum of \$7804 for the construction of four bridges and culverts.

Albert W. Swanson of this city received the contract for five bridges and culverts at a cost of \$11,800.

The Koss Construction Co., of Des Moines, was given the contract for the construction of three bridges for \$3995.

A. F. Elkins, a local contractor, is to build one bridge for \$2750.

IOWA GUARDSMEN ARE UNPREPARED

Still far From Being Equipped for Actual Service in Field is Report From Brownsville.

SITUATION IS UNSATISFACTORY.

Short on Clothing, Shoes and Rifles—Quartermaster's Department Appealed To.

Brownsville, Aug. 12.—Letter from one of the boys in camp: In mobilization and concentration camps for three, four, five and six weeks and still unprepared and not ready to cross Mexican border should such a move become necessary.

This was the verdict pronounced by the commanding officers of the Iowa National Guard following complete field inspection for all troops.

The inspection, made to determine the preparedness of the guardsmen for actual service in the field, showed the following:

That the Iowa National Guard has only one-third of the uniform equipment necessary for the fighting line.

That the average man has but one pair of breeches and but one khaki shirt when the regulations of the United States infantry call for three pairs of breeches and three shirts.

That the majority of the Iowa soldiers have but one pair of service shoes when they should have three pairs—two for field use and one in the reserve kit.

That the troops are not uniformly equipped. Part of the men in the three regiments are equipped with the old blanket roll and part have the new pack that is declared a big improvement over the roll.

That hundreds of the Iowa infantry men are sleeping in old white tents that were condemned months ago by the federal government inspectors.

That the rifles in the hands of the Iowa troops are in a large measure second hand. All rifles issued since the troops were mobilized were made-over guns.

Today's inspection was ordered by Brigadier General James Parker, commander of the Brownsville district, in order to determine just how extensive was the unpreparedness of his troops for Mexican service.

In the three weeks the troops have been here, Captain Logan, regimental quartermaster of the Third Iowa, has made repeated efforts to secure issues of clothing from the quartermaster's department of the Brownsville district in order to equip the men to regulation requirements.

The shoes issued at Camp Dodge were not all regulation shoes. Scores of pairs now worn by the men on the border are "odds and ends," black and various shades of tan, and odd fits.

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Operator Married. A dispatch received here today tells of the marriage of Forrest Prater, a telegraph operator at the Illinois Central passenger station, who is making a visit at his home in Marion, Virginia.

Artistic job work at this office.

MERCHANTS BANQUET AT THE WILLSON

To be Held Thursday Evening—Every Local Business Man is Invited.

The attention of every business man in Webster City is called to the merchants' banquet, given under charge of the commercial league, which is to be held at the Willson hotel next Thursday evening at 6:30.

At this time plans will be discussed for taking up the National Pay Up Week proposition, which will be observed from Oct. 2 to 7 inclusive.

The records show that in every community where the pay up week has been observed the desirable results have been marked.

The following menu will be served at the banquet: Dill Pickles, Celery Hearts, Roast Spring Lamb, Chicken Bouillon, Raisin Dressing, Stewed Baby Corn, June Peas in Cream, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Crackers with Cheese, Hot Vienna Rolls, Ice Cream, Cake, Watermelon, Coffee, Ice Tea.

Carrots, beets, green corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, white turnips and onions at Kearns grocery.

NEW RIFLE TEAM IS ORGANIZED

The Members Embrace: Some of the Expert Marksmen of Webster City.

A new rifle team has been organized in this city consisting of ten members—some of the best shots in the community—as follows: F. A. Bonebright, W. G. Wilke, E. F. King, J. R. Ziegler, I. N. Beckner, R. E. Channer, J. G. Long, C. H. Richeson, B. B. Boynton, E. C. Bell.

The new organization will be affiliated with the National Rifle Association and by this arrangement the team will be furnished 120 rounds of ammunition annually for each member.

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Pete A. Anderson to Charley E. Gustafson—wd—lot 10, blk 5, Stratford.—\$2,050.

Ben Swenson and wf to Annie and Julia Peterson—wd—parcel in nw nw 25-86-24.—\$500.

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IOWA STATE FAIR and EXPOSITION DES MOINES, IOWA AUG. 23-SEPT. 1, 1916

SOMETHING NEW IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Uniformity of Textbooks in Schools of Hamilton County Beginning Sept. 4th.

For the first time in the history of the rural schools of Hamilton county, there will be a uniformity of text books when school opens Sept. 4, according to a statement made this morning by County Superintendent E. F. Snow.

It has been urged by educators for some years that it would be better if all of the schools in a county could use the same text books.

The adoption is a county adoption of townships. By that is meant, that while all the books in the county rural schools will be the same, yet the adoption was made in each township by the township.

All the pupils of rural schools are requested to bring their old text books to school on the morning of the first day, and have them exchanged for the new books which have been adopted.

Now that all of the schools of the county will be using the same books the county superintendent has worked out a new course of study which is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks.

The course is based on the new texts and by following the course as outlined by Mr. Snow, all the pupils in the county will be taking the same work at approximately the same time.

By this system the rural schools will have practically the same uniformity of work as can be carried out in a city system.

The result will be much more thorough work and it is expected that when the pupils appear for the eighth grade examinations hereafter there will be a larger percentage pass successfully.

Mr. Snow also made the statement that there will be a special eighth grade examination Aug. 24 and 25 for those who failed in the May examination.

The examination will be held at the court house, although arrangements have been made whereby those who live in the vicinity of Stratford can go there for the examination.

Only those candidates who failed in three or less subjects will be allowed to take this examination. If they failed in more than three subjects, they can not take this special examination, but will have to wait for the next regular one, which will probably be in February.

According to a law passed by the legislature a few years ago, it is necessary for rural pupils to have a certificate from the county superintendent before they can enter a city high school and have their tuition paid by their home district.

Those who have written one examination and failed will have just this one opportunity to write an examination before the beginning of school, which will be Sept. 4.

The ladies aid society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. C. L. Poland, 1226 Third street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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NEWS OF THE BOYS AT BROWNSVILLE

Some of The Boys Visit Point Isabel, a Fishing Village on The Gulf.

The following interesting letter from Brownsville, Texas, was written August 7th by Reginal E. Gilmore to a friend in this city:

Last Friday morning the Second Regiment had its first practice march of ten miles. We came through in fine shape, but five men from the entire regiment dropping out. They dropped out on account of foot trouble.

This remarkable showing speaks volumes for the stamina of the Iowan. The Virginia troops, who have been here a month, suffered a loss of half their strength on the same hike.

All the regiments have taken the same route and the Iowans have been the only ones to endure it.

Saturday morning the troops in the immediate vicinity of Brownsville put on a review at Fort Brown. General Parker, commander on the Lower Rio Grande, was the reviewing officer. He complimented the Iowa troops highly, especially the Second.

"Magnificent, magnificent!" he exclaimed. "Those boys of the Second Iowa are the best drilled militia I've ever seen. I would take them for regulars were it not for their boyish faces."

And the first battalion is conceded to be the best of the Second.

Even the Mexicans across the river have learned of the presence of the big soldiers from the north. And every time they repeat the story we grow larger and more terrible—in the story—I mean.

We have cleared off a parade ground. Labor was so plenty that we hadn't tools enough. Consequently the work was done as extra duty for minor infractions of regulations.

We had a few wagons in which to haul off the cactus. The brush was dragged into a nearby ravine.

Every morning last week, except Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we had an hour's hike after breakfast, covering four miles.

These morning hikes, four days per week, are part of the hardening process. Each one covers different ground. We have gone up the river, through the cactus and mesquite and through various sections of Brownsville.

Brownsville is the most unhealthy hole in the United States. At present nearly all of the inhabitants are suffering from dengue, a sort of fever. It begins with a severe headache, and runs its course in four or five days.

The worst feature is its attacks everybody. The soldier boys seem to have a singular immunity, however, owing to out door life and the absence of the unsanitary conditions found in Brownsville.

A few of Brownsville's streets are paved and the rest are flooded with slimy green pools of water.

Sunday the Rio Grande railroad, narrow gauge, run an excursion to Point Isabel, a fishing village on the Gulf. A number of us took advantage of the opportunity to see the gulf and take a dip in the breakers.

We went out to Padre Island in fishing schooners, manned by Mexicans. On the gulf side of the island, which is a sand barrier such as exists all along the Texas coast, the waves roll up with almost as much strength as they do at Cliff House.

Never was a dip more welcome. Eight hundred of us went into the surf in nature's clothing. There is a little bath house there, but they couldn't accommodate us. And we had the place to ourselves.

The Rio Grande railroad is two streaks of rust twenty-two miles long. We spent six hours on the road. The little locomotives are wood burners of the vintage of 1865. Air brakes are unknown. The heavy load caused coupling pins to break several times.

Each time we were delayed while we backed up and coupled up again. Almost everybody in C company is in perfect health. Nobody is more than slightly ill. Heat sores are the most frequent cause of "quartars."