

TO DES MOINES

Supervisors Will Meet in Capitol Next Year.

ELECT OFFICERS

Delegates to State Convention Select Officers Today—Make Trip of Inspection to Home for Soldiers' Orphans—Address by J. Cownie.

Davenport, Jan. 29.—(Special)—Des Moines was selected as the place for the holding of the next annual meeting of the state association of Iowa County Supervisors by the action of the delegates in session here this morning.

Elect Officers. By action of the convention the regular order of business previously arranged was altered and the election of officers for the coming year was held.

President—F. T. Morris, of Polk county. Vice president—E. C. Carnall, of Tama county.

Treasurer—H. C. Brandish, of Pottawattamie county. Secretary—Chris Matthes, of Des Moines county.

Visit Orphans' Home. This afternoon the delegates to the convention took a special train to the home for the soldiers' orphans for a visit and trip of inspection to the institution.

HONOR REVOLUTIONARY HERO.

G. A. R. Selects Monument to Be Erected Over Grave at Mt. Pleasant. Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 29.—The local G. A. R. post committee, consisting of Captain Beach, R. S. Gillis, C. M. Snyder, Mason Bayles and J. A. Schreiber, has contracted for the Shepherd monument, for which Representative Carden secured an appropriation of \$500 from the last legislature.

NO IMMUNITY FOR HUNTER.

State Department Again Declares it Waives All Rights. Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The state department has received a cablegram from ex-Minister Hunter at Guatemala City, asking if the United States waives the right of immunity in case of his son, who is under trial there for killing Fitzgerald.

IOWA MINERS FIGHT.

One May Die as Result of Old Quarrel. McCallsburg, Jan. 29.—Jason Billings a mine operator here, probably was fatally shot by A. N. Lee, a miner. The shooting was the culmination of an old quarrel. Lee and son, both armed, demanded an apology from Billings, Lee holding his weapon in the operator's face. Billings struck the weapon up, when Lee fired twice, one shot taking effect in the abdomen and the other in the leg.

CARNEGIE GIFT FOR THE HAGUE.

Offer of \$250,000 Library for Tribunal Said to Have Been Refused. The Hague, Jan. 29.—In the first chamber of the states general yesterday, it leaked out that Andrew Carnegie had offered the \$250,000 to found a library for the Hague arbitration tribunal. Senator Rahnson, in paying a tribute to Mr. Carnegie for his offer, demanded an explanation of the rumors that the government had refused to accept the gift.

TRANSPORT DIX SAFE.

Vessel Thought to Have Been Lost Arrives at Nagasaki. Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Quartermaster General Ludington has received a cablegram from Quartermaster Barker at Nagasaki, saying that the transport Dix, which had been reported lost, has arrived there from Seattle. She had a fair and uneventful passage.

SOUSA GOING TO WINDSOR.

American Band Will Give Concert at Windsor Castle. London, Jan. 29.—By royal command Sousa's band will give a concert at Windsor castle next Saturday.

ROBERT PLANQUETT IS DEAD.

Composer of "Chimes of Normandy" Passes Away in Paris. Paris, Jan. 29.—Robert Planquett, the composer of "The Chimes of Normandy," and similar operas, is dead.

EXPLOSION FATAL

SERIOUS CATASTROPHE AT FT. WAYNE PACKING PLANT.

Four Men Killed and Several Badly Injured—Accident Thought to Have Been the Result of an Accumulation of Natural Gas.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Jan. 29.—Four men were killed, one fatally and three others were seriously injured, and half a score of others more or less severely hurt in an explosion which wrecked a large section of the Eckart Packing Co.'s plant this morning. The dead: JOHN FOITZ of Fort Wayne.

"RED" MATTHEWS of Plymouth, Ind. HENRY PIEPENBRINK of Fort Wayne. The explosion is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar. The property loss is \$15,000.

PASSENGERS CRASH.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Because it is alleged Night Operator Geo. Clough, at Vails, failed to deliver orders, two passenger trains collided just east of Vails. Twenty bodies have been taken from beneath the wreck and it is believed several more are buried beneath what remains of the trains.

KENDALL IS OUT OF IT.

Politicians Say There Is No Doubt He Will Not Be Candidate for Speaker. Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Politicians who have been in the city this week, exchanging views on political matters, state that there is now no doubt that in the end Nate Kendall of Albia will withdraw from the speakership race and refuse to be a candidate against the seventh district candidate. They declare that this was fully determined upon at a meeting held here some time ago.

INFANT SHOTS HIS MOTHER.

Youngster on the Floor Plays With Trigger of Rifle She Holds. Booneville, Mo., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Alice Hoeffler, wife of a prominent farmer living near here was accidentally shot and killed last night by her little four-year-old son. Mrs. Hoeffler and her husband were engaged in shooting out of the window of their room at English sparrows. While their attention was attracted from the boy he pulled the trigger of the rifle while it was held by his mother and the ball entered her left breast.

LINCOLN'S OLD HOME DAMAGED.

House in Springfield Catches Fire, But Flames Are Checked. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—Lincoln's old home, from which he went to the White House in Washington and now under control of the state, narrowly escaped destruction from fire. The roof caught fire from a defective flue but the close proximity of an engine saved the building with little damage.

JO LINE ASKS RECEIVER.

Confesses Judgment to Chicago Firm in Sum of \$265,000. Davenport, Jan. 29.—The owners of the Diamond Jo line of steamers have filed a voluntary application for receiver in the United States court. The assignment is in favor of the Morton company of Chicago, to whom the company confesses judgment in the sum of \$265,000.

PAROLE IS REVOKED.

Edward Lyman Must Return to Mount Pleasant as an Inebriate. Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Governor Cummins yesterday revoked the parole of Edward Lyman and he will be sent back to the inebriate hospital at Mt. Pleasant, to serve out his three years' term, which commenced last August.

COMPANY INCORPORATES.

Telephone Company at Libertyville Files Papers. Des Moines, Jan. 29.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the state officers by the North Liberty Mutual Telephone Co. of Libertyville. The incorporators are: A. L. Moreland, Geo. Anderson, T. E. Fountain, L. L. Stoner and R. W. Wray. The capital stock is \$10,000.

SCHOOLS AFFILIATE.

Illinois College Merges With University of Chicago. Chicago, Jan. 29.—The Illinois college at Jacksonville has affiliated with the University of Chicago. Hereafter the examinations and degrees of the latter school will be used for work done at the former.

JOHN MITCHELL DECLINES.

Will Not Accept a Place on Arbitration Board of Illinois. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—John Mitchell has declined the invitation of Governor Yates of Illinois asking him to accept the place allotted to a representative of labor on the Illinois state board of arbitration.

LIONS ALMOST DEVOUR A BOY.

Raymond Bowman, Aged 12, Enters Cage With Female Trainer. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 29.—Raymond Bowman, aged 12, is believed to be dying at the hospital here from wounds received in a lion's cage. He was admitted by Miss Hall, the trainer, against the protest of attendants.

NOT AMENABLE

Capt. Brownell Does Not Have to Answer For Former Acts.

KNOX GIVES OPINION

Is Not Accountable Now for Acts in Philippines According to Decision of Attorney General—Senate Stirred By Debate Over Resolution Asking Evidence.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Attorney General Knox has rendered an opinion in answer to the inquiry of the secretary of war to the effect that Captain Brownell, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the killing of Father Augustin in the Philippines, and whose conduct has been the subject of much discussion in congress, is no longer amenable, either to the civil or military law for his actions, while in command of a Vermont regiment in the Philippines.

HEATED DEBATE.

In the senate a resolution, offered by Rawlins, calling upon the secretary of war for information regarding certain trials by court martial in the Philippines, brought forth a heated discussion.

RAWLINS TALKS OF Foul CRIME.

Mr. Rawlins urged that the resolution be adopted, because neighbors and relatives of the persons concerned had demanded the facts. In referring to the death of Father Augustin he said: "We have reason to infer that a foul crime has been committed and that the criminal is within our borders and under the present condition of the law cannot be reached."

Mr. Beveridge said he had hoped an end had been reached of the policy of insinuation about American soldiers. Repeating Mr. Rawlins said he had not specifically charged any person with having committed cold blooded murder, but his statement was based on affidavits on file in the war department.

BEVERIDGE DEFENDS ARMY.

"If that is the best explanation the senator can give," remarked Mr. Beveridge, "for his remarkable language here I think the best friend the senator has would advise him to accept the alternative of silence." He then entered upon a defense of the army, and said that Mr. Rawlins had given the best argument why the resolution should not be adopted.

EIGHT BURIED IN AVALANCHE.

Miners in Quincy Shaft in Utah Are Caught by Snowslide. Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 29.—An avalanche tore the big shaft house of the Quincy mine to pieces near Park City. Eight men working in the shaft-house were buried in the ruins. A large force of men is working in the hope of rescuing them alive. Three men were dug out of the ruins dead. Five others were rescued alive. All of them, it is reported, were badly injured, but will recover.

IN WAGE CONFERENCE.

Miners and Operators Meet in Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—The joint wage conference between the miners and operators of the central competitive bituminous coal district, composed of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, began here today. President Mitchell was selected as temporary chairman.

ENGINEER DAVIS DIES.

Other Victims of Plainfield Wreck Reported to Be Doing Well. Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 29.—Engineer Davis, of the Reading express, which ran into the Easton express on the New Jersey Central near Graceland Tuesday night, died today. The other victims of the wreck are reported to be doing as well as could be expected, but it is feared that several may not recover.

RUMPLE GROWING WEAKER.

Congressman's Condition is Reported to Be Dangerous. Marong, Jan. 29.—Advices received here yesterday from Congressman Rumble's physicians at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago say that he is in a more dangerous condition than he has previously been in.

REPORT EXPLOSION.

Accident on Monitor Puritan at Norfolk, Virginia. New York, Jan. 29.—A World's special from Norfolk, Virginia, says that there was an explosion in the boiler room of the monitor Puritan today, severely injuring several of the crew.

ITALIAN MINISTER STRICKEN.

Is Attacked by Paralysis While in Audience With King. Rome, Jan. 29.—Foreign Minister Prinetti had an attack of paralysis while being received in audience by the king today. His condition is serious.

CONFESS TO THEFT

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR SELLING STOLEN GOODS.

Said to Be Members of Gang Which It is Alleged Supplies a Store at Centerville—Catch Made by Officers at Chillicothe, Mo.

Chillicothe, Mo., Jan. 29.—(Special)—James Hyatt, a youth of eighteen years, was arrested by the police as he was in the act of trying to dispose of 110 yards of silk and a lot of pants to a second-hand store man. Under severe cross-questioning Hyatt broke down and said that he was working for J. A. Griffin of Centerville, (Ia.) Griffin was arrested a few hours later. Last night Mr. Russell, of the firm of Russell & Erosper of Brookridge identified the goods as part of a lot stolen from their store last Wednesday night.

Griffin and Hyatt were taken to jail at Kingston yesterday afternoon. Several stores in this vicinity have been robbed of silks recently and the police believe they have a clue on the members of an organized gang.

GRIFIN CONFESSES.

Griffin has confessed that there was a store in Centerville, which was supplied with goods stolen by a gang of which he and Hyatt were members. Chief of Police Dorney and two merchants have gone to Centerville.

PLEASES ROOSEVELT.

President Sends Autograph Picture to Namesake. Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 29.—A letter and an autograph have been received by Mayor Jones from President Roosevelt. The letter was from the Stanislaus Spschalski family, in which quadruplets were born January 5. There are two girls and two boys and one of the boys is named Theodore Roosevelt.

BELLAMY A CANDIDATE.

Knoxville Man to Make Race for Representative. Knoxville, Jan. 29.—J. S. Bellamy, a well known business man and distinguished Odd Fellow, will be a candidate for the office of state representative from Marion county. It is stated that unless Representative Warren withdraws from the race there will probably be a lively contest in the republican convention.

SUFFRAGE BILL IS DEFEATED.

Kansas Women Not Allowed to Vote for Presidential Electors. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 29.—The state senate has voted down the woman suffrage bill. It was proposed to grant women the privilege of voting for presidential electors, which would not require any amendment to the constitution.

BRAZILIANS IN ACRE BESIEGED.

Reported at La Paz, Bolivia That Two Settlements Are Surrounded. Rio Janeiro, Jan. 29.—It is reported in a dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia, that the Brazilians in Acre are besieged in the Porvenir and Costa Rica settlements.

GLENN IS ACQUITTED.

Army Officer Cleared of Charges of Killing War Prisoners. Manila, Jan. 29.—Major Edwin F. Glenn of the Fifth Infantry, who was tried by court martial on the charges of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, has been acquitted.

PRETENDER RE-ULSED.

Aspirant to Morocco Throne Said to Be Retreating. Madrid, Jan. 29.—A Tangier dispatch announces that the pretender to the throne of Morocco has been repulsed and is retreating rapidly.

BRUTAL ASSAULT

DES MOINES YOUNG WOMAN IS WAYLAIED.

Miss Anna Nelson Said to Have Been Brutally Assaulted by Well Dressed Young Men Last Night—Her Condition is Serious. Des Moines, Jan. 29.—(Special)—Miss Anna Nelson, a beautiful young woman, was waylaid and brutally assaulted by two well dressed young men last night. Her condition is serious.

THE WEATHER FOR IOWA

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Threatening and colder tonight; cold wave east and central Friday. Ottumwa temperature as taken by Weather Observer Rytenberg: 9 o'clock last night 43 9 o'clock this morning 38 2 o'clock this afternoon 27

PROMOTERS IN THE CITY

THOMAS A. EDISON.



Having given to the world his latest invention, which is in the form of a storage battery, Thomas A. Edison, America's famous inventor, is now trying to solve the problem of how to derive power direct from coal. If the great inventor is able to achieve success in this line his discovery will undoubtedly be one of the greatest triumphs of modern science.

Three Chicago Men Visit Ottumwa and May Let Franchise.

MET COUNCIL IN CAUCUS

Visiting Site of Proposed Plant and Examined Plans.

WILL RETURN WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Jacob J. Kern, Chicago Attorney, Brings H. J. Frank, Capitalist, and W. F. Moore to Ottumwa to Look Over the Ground.

Three men were in Ottumwa yesterday, representing capitalists in Chicago, for the purpose of looking over the ground with a view to making a proposition to the city for building and financing a waterworks plant according to the plans and specifications recently prepared by City Engineer John T. Brady and Alderman Hoglund. The men spent the day in Ottumwa, devoting the major part of the morning to a visit to a point near the mouth of Harrow's branch in company with Alderman Hoglund and Attorney Charles D. Fullen, who was mainly instrumental in bringing them to Ottumwa. Late in the afternoon they attended a council caucus. One of the visitors is Attorney J. J. Kern of Chicago, who was Mr. Fullen's law partner in that city, and who wrote a letter regarding his plans to the city officials a month ago. Another is H. J. Frank, a Chicago capitalist, who is connected with the Illinois Watch Co. at Rockford. The third is W. F. Moore, a representative of the engineering firm of Sargent & Lundy of Chicago.

Wanted it Secret. The intention of the men was evidently to keep the facts regarding their visit to Ottumwa secret. They arrived in the city in the morning and repaired to the Ballingall, where they would not register. From the hotel they went to Mr. Fullen's law office on Court street, and with Mr. Fullen they boarded a West End street car, on which they went to the end of the line. Cutting across lots, they met Mr. Hoglund near the Morrell ice houses on the river bank, and the party surveyed the land in the vicinity of Harrow's branch, where, according to the specifications that have been prepared by the engineer, the intake for the proposed water system is to be.

On returning to the city the visitors took dinner at the Ballingall, still failing to register at the desk. After dinner they went with Mr. Fullen for a trip over the city, and on their return spent a time in conference with the attorney at his office, going from there to the city hall, where a council caucus had been called by the mayor for 5 o'clock. It had not been the intention of the visitors to meet the council at this time, as they had no proposition to offer. Consequently little or nothing was done at the caucus, but it was decided that the Chicago men will return to this city about the latter part of next week and it is hoped by the council that then an agreement can be reached with regard to the plans, specifications and term of the franchise.

The plans and specifications, which have not yet been presented to the council at Chicago by Messrs. Frank and Moore last night, when they left the city on Burlington No. 2. Mr. Kern went to Des Moines over the Rock Island last evening. At the council caucus it was understood that the plans and specifications are to be examined by the Chicago men and that they will return to Ottumwa in a little more than a week and that then the agreement will, if possible, be reached between them and the city.

An Obstacle. However, there is an obstacle which confronts the city and the promoters, according to a statement made today by one who is close to the administration. This is that the city council is dilly-dallying with the City Water Supply Co. and has never burned its bridges behind it so that friendly or rather, business relations can be resumed between the city and the company. This makes the Chicago men backward about taking steps toward coming into the city and agreeing to invest their money in a plant. "When ever the city is through with the water company," said the man mentioned above, "these men are ready to take a franchise with a purchasing clause, build the waterworks and conduct it until the city shall pay for it."

WOULD ORGANIZE IN IOWA.

The plan of the Chicago men is to organize a company under the laws of Iowa and erect a plant outright at a cost of probably \$400,000. It is said that Mr. Moore, the engineer who was in the city yesterday, is very favorable to having an intake above

RE-ELECT PRESIDENT.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Reichstag today re-elected Count Von Rallestrem as its president. The count subsequently entered the chamber and accepted the office.

HONOR THOMAS B. REED.

Memorial Exercises Held in Maine Legislature. Augusta, Me., Jan. 29.—Exercises in memory of the late Thomas B. Reed were held in joint convention of both branches of the legislature.

FISHING BOATS ICE BOUND.

Five Herring Schooners Fast in Bay of Islands. St. John's, N. F., Jan. 29.—Five American fishing vessels, laden with cargoes of herring, are frozen in the ice in Bay of Islands, and three others are ice bound in Bonne bay. It is feared that they will be obliged to stay there during the rest of the winter.

GOMPERS' SON DEAD.

A. Gompers Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia in Denver. Denver, Jan. 29.—Abraham Gompers, aged 28 years, son of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is dead of pneumonia. He came to Denver eighteen months ago in search of health.