

WATERWORKS TANGLE IS UNRAVELED!

FRANCHISE IS RATIFIED

AFTER THREE YEARS OF CONTENTION THE WATERWORKS QUESTION IS SETTLED.

CITY COUNCIL IS UPHELD

Action in Granting Franchise to Underwood & Slingluff is Ratified by Majority of 369—Largest Vote Ever Polled in Local Special Election.

For franchise—1,855. Against franchise—1,481. Majority for franchise—374.

From Friday's Daily.

With a majority of 369 the voters of the city of Ottumwa yesterday ratified the recent action of the city council in granting a waterworks franchise to Underwood & Slingluff in the hardest fought special election ever held in Ottumwa.

Vote By Wards. The following table gives the votes by wards:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, For, Against. Rows include First ward, Second ward, Third ward, Fourth ward, Fifth ward, Sixth ward, Seventh ward, Total vote.

Majority for franchise—369.

Wards Favoring Franchise. The first, second, third and fourth wards gave majorities for the franchise. The majorities in these wards follow:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, For, Against. Rows include First ward, Second ward, Third ward, Fourth ward.

Wards Against Franchise.

The fifth, sixth and seventh wards went against the franchise. The majorities against ratification in these wards follow:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, For, Against. Rows include Fifth ward, Sixth ward, Seventh ward.

Heavy Vote Polled.

That the campaign has been a hard fought one is clearly shown by the exceptionally large vote polled. The total vote was 3,335, but 350 less than the vote cast for governor in the last general election.

It was almost impossible to determine which way the election was going until after the polls had been closed and the votes counted. The matter could not be determined along partisan lines and not until the returns from several of the wards were received was it known for certain that the proposition had carried.

Crowd Awaits Returns.

The returns were received at the Courier office and a crowd of several hundred people anxiously awaited the news from the various wards.

It was much interest was shown as during the recent general election, and when the returns from the fifth and seventh wards were received it was seen that these wards which were thought to be the strongholds of the faction against the franchise, had given but little majorities to that side and that the election was safely carried for the franchise, a cheer went up from the large crowd.

Water Discussion At An End.

The people were glad to see the matter settled. For the past three years, the waterworks question in the city has been an unsettled state. The matter has been up almost continually before the city council and before the people who were beginning to be heartily tired of the waterworks question. The ratification of the franchise was to the majority of the people a matter of congratulation, because it means the end of the unsettled condition in which the city has been for some time past, and it means the assurance of a supply of water for fire protection and sanitary purposes.

WANTS ANOTHER EAR.

Man Who Sold Aural Appendage Offers \$1,000 for Another.

Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 4.—The grafting of an ear to the head of a western millionaire in a Philadelphia hospital has had an unique sequel. Though the man who sold his aural appendage for \$5,000 made the sacrifice willingly now that the ear is gone he misses it and is seeking for another. That is the story which has developed from the visit to Dr. C. V. Stebbins of this city of a Hungarian miner from Hurly, Wis., who has received a letter from the east offering him \$1,000 for an ear to replace that which was taken from its owner in the hospital.

CHAR OF GRAFT

FORMER SECRETARY CHICAGO POLICE PENSION BOARD RESIGNS.

SHOOT HER HUSBAND.

Des Moines Woman Claims She Shot In Self Defense.

Des Moines, Dec. 4.—In an effort to arrest her divorced husband who escaped from the state hospital for the insane a week ago, Mrs. Nettie Klimgenbiel, residing in East Des Moines, today shot and probably fatally wounded him. The woman claims she was compelled to shoot in self defense.

BOAT IS SAFE

SUBMARINE BOAT MOCCASIN IS TODAY BOARDED BY LIFE-SAVING CREW.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 4.—The submarine boat Moccasin which went ashore near yesterday, was boarded by life savers today and found to be in good condition with no one on board. The gunboat Yankton will attempt to rescue her. The tug Peoria, with the Aider in tow has arrived safely at the navy yard at Portsmouth.

Broke Its Tow.

The boat was being towed with its companion, the Aider, by the tug Peoria, when it broke its tow and went ashore in a heavy sea. The crew was on the Peoria and no lives were lost.

CLINCH TO BOWL MOUNTAIN.

Anson Pits His Star Against Milwaukee for \$200 a Side.

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—Captain A. C. Anson, on behalf of Fred Clinch, challenged Charles Mountain of this city to bowl a series of twenty games for \$500 a side, ten games to be bowled here and ten in Chicago. Mountain is willing to meet Clinch for \$200 a side, and a match will be made in a few days on those terms. Mountain defeated Groux of Chicago, recently in a similar game, and then issued a challenge to any one in Chicago.

CANNON WILL RECLAIM LANDS.

Proposes to Drain Nebraska Property Submerged by Overflows.

Pender, Neb., Dec. 4.—Congressman Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, who owns several hundred acres in the Logan Valley, has recently shipped several car loads of tile, to be used in draining his farm lands. The example set by the speaker will encourage many others to reclaim lands that have been submerged from overflows, entailing the destruction of growing crops in wet seasons like that of the present year.

FREE LUNCH LURES TO CHURCH.

Popular Demand Adopted in the Revival at Appleton, Wis.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 4.—Appleton preachers in addition to advertising their services are using free lunches as an attraction to meetings. Rev. S. H. Anderson of the Methodist church is trying to draw people to the revival services now being held and is serving free lunch in the church parlors after the services. So far the meetings have been a great success.

SEEK PROFIT ON IMPLEMENTS.

Iowa Dealers' Convention Asks Harvester Combine for Concessions.

Davenport, Dec. 4.—The Iowa Implement Dealers' convention yesterday listened to addresses by A. J. Sowers and Nath French, brother of G. Watson French of the executive committee of the steel trust, and adopted resolutions asking the harvester combine for certain concessions designed to give dealers a larger share of the profits.

MEETS REYES TOMORROW.

Colombian Representative to be Presented to President.

Washington, Dec. 4.—At the cabinet meeting today it was arranged that the formal presentation to the President of General Rafael Reyes, on a special mission from Colombia to the United States, shall occur tomorrow morning.

VON BALLESTREM RE-ELECTED.

Practically Unanimous Vote for Him for President of Reichstag.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Count Von Ballestrem was today re-elected president of the Reichstag, by a virtually unanimous vote.

EPOCH IN UNIONISM

FRANKLIN PRESS FEEDERS' UNION IS HELD GUILTY OF CONTEMPT.

JUDGE HOLDOM'S VIEWS

Chicago Jurist Decides That the Striking Press Feeders' Pickets Have Acted At Variance With the Laws in Interfering With Workers.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Judge Holdom decided today that the Franklin union of press feeders is in the contempt court as an organization for appointing and permitting pickets to interfere with the rights of individuals who had taken the places of the striking press feeders.

May Impose Fine.

The union and its officers will be cited to appear tomorrow before the judge who it is expected will impose a fine.

First Occasion of the Kind.

This is the first time in the history of trades unionism in this country that a union has been found guilty of illegal acts as a corporate body.

FAVORS THE CUBAN BOND ISSUE.

Senate Committee At Havana Reports On Bill Authorizing Loan.

Havana, Dec. 4.—The senate finance committee has presented its report on the loan bill. President Palma is authorized to issue the bonds at the rate of \$4.81 per pound sterling or its equivalent in other foreign money. The bonds to be issued with 90 as the minimum price. Cuba pledges her good faith and credit for the payment of the bonds and interest and the executive is authorized to pledge a sufficient part of the customs receipts for this purpose.

WILD STORIES ABOUT KAISER.

Some Say Crown Prince Is to Be Regent, As Emperor Stays at Home.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The Kaiser's continued retirement, though officially explained by a desire for domestic life, is giving rise to all manner of fantastic tales. The crown prince is to be appointed regent, the emperor is to go to the consumptives' haven at Meran. He has cancer, he is seriously ill. All these and more idle yarns are passed from mouth to mouth, occasioning some uneasiness. There appears to be no ground for any alarm, however.

SHORT SESSION.

Senate Adjourns For Day Fifteen Minutes After Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The senate was in session fifteen minutes today and adjourned till tomorrow without any important action.

SOLD AT \$1,000

THIS IS PRICE SALSBUARY SAYS HE PAID JOHNSON FOR SUPPORT.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 4.—In the examination of Alderman Charles T. Johnson, charged with accepting a bribe from Lant K. Salsbury to support the Lake Michigan water deal Salsbury who was ill yesterday, had recently recovered to again take the stand as a witness. He was unable to remember any more than the substance of various conversations with Johnson in the summer of 1900 but stated that Johnson agreed to support water deal for \$1,000 in cash, \$350 of which Salsbury said he paid him.

"A little while after I offered Johnson the \$1,000, I further promised him \$5,000 in bonds. He did not ask for them, the proposition being made by me voluntarily."

THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

Additional Committeemen Named By Delegates in Conference.

From Friday's Daily. In the list of standing committees appointed yesterday at the meeting of the ministerial and lay delegates who are to represent the Iowa conference at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Los Angeles, Cal., next May, the book committee was omitted in the report given last evening. This committee is composed of Dr. T. J. Meyers and J. W. Neasham. The committeemen appointed yesterday will be the members who are to represent the Iowa conference at the general conference upon the various standing committees. The dinner was tendered to the visiting delegates and to the three Methodist Episcopal ministers of the city at the Ballingal hotel yesterday was upon the invitation of Mr. Neasham and Chris Haw, who was a member of the last general conference.

SEES RUIN IN STORE

LANCASHIRE ENGLAND FACES A TERRIBLE CALAMITY IF COTTON IS SCARCE.

REPORTS CAUSE WORRY

Unusual Excitement in Manchester and Liverpool Today Because of the News From America—Cotton Goes High on New York Market Also.

London, Eng., Dec. 4.—A rise in cotton was the cause of unusual excitement in Manchester and Liverpool today. American cotton advanced from 28 to 44 points. It is said locally that if the official crop estimate of the United States department of agriculture is correct it means a terrible calamity for Lancashire.

New York Market Erratic.

New York, Dec. 4.—Cotton opened active and excited today at an advance of from 7 to 23 points on the strength of bullish cables. There was a tremendous realizing but there was also fluctuating covering and bull support. Fluctuations were extremely erratic and at the end of the first hour's trading the prices were about the same as at the opening.

OLD LEADER IS GONE

WILLIAM H. SPRINGER FORMER DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DIES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Former Representative William M. Springer, of Illinois, died at his residence here early this morning, aged 64 years.

STRICTLY THANKSGIVING DAY.

His death was due to pneumonia contracted in Chicago on Thanksgiving day. He attended a dinner and there was taken suddenly with a violent chill. He left Chicago Friday and arrived here last Saturday. His condition became critical yesterday. He sank rapidly and passed away at 3:30 o'clock this morning. His wife and son, Captain R. W. Springer, U. S. A., were at the bedside during his dying hours.

Was Democratic Leader.

Springer was a democratic leader in the house of representatives from the forty-fourth to the fifty-third congresses inclusive, and was once chairman of the ways and means committee. He has been a resident of Washington during the past few years, practicing law since his retirement from congress. The funeral arrangements are not yet perfected.

LUCANIA IS FAST.

Cunarder Arrives in Liverpool at Noon Today.

London, Dec. 3.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania, which left New York November 28, for Liverpool, an hour and a half after the American line steamer St. Paul had sailed for Southampton, arrived at Queenstown at noon today.

MUST SETTLE

AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING CO., THE OBJECT OF A RIGID INVESTIGATION.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Brooklyn grand jury which is investigating the charge that the American Sugar Refining Co., has been obtaining a large quantity of water from the mains without payment, today recommended that the claims for \$55,000 for un-metered water be prosecuted with all the power of the legal department.

WILL ACCEPT GOOD POSITION.

Rev. D. D. Davies, Pastor of Second Congregational Church to Leave.

From Friday's Daily.

Rev. D. D. Davies, who just recently resigned the pastorate of the Second Congregational church, after having received several flattering offers, this morning expressed his intention of accepting the positions of assistant pastor of the Central Congregational church of Chicago and teacher in the Armour Institute. Rev. Davies stated he would remove to Chicago about the first of the new year with his family and commence immediately upon his new duties.

TO ASSUME CHARGE TOMORROW.

Postmaster F. W. Wilson Receives Commission This Morning.

From Friday's Daily.

F. W. Wilson, who succeeds A. W. Lee, (resigned), as postmaster, will actively assume charge of the office at the close of business today. Yesterday Postoffice Inspector John Mahlin, Muscatine made the regular inspection of the office. Postmaster Wilson received his commission this morning.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Fair tonight and Saturday.

Illinois—Fair tonight and Saturday; colder in extreme south portion tonight.

Local Weather.

Thursday, 9 p. m. 23

Friday, 7 a. m. 19

Friday, 2 p. m. 23

ATTEMPTS BRIBERY

CHICAGO CAR BARN BANDIT, NEIDERMEIER, TRIES TO BUY A JAIL GUARD.

OFFERED HIM \$25,000

His Plea Met No Response—Assistant Chief of Police Scheuttler Finds Dynamite in Northwest Part of Chicago and is After Those Who Hid It.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Peter Neidermeier one of the car barn bandits today attempted to bribe Patrick Donnelly, a guard at the county jail to allow Neidermeier to escape. He promised the guard \$25,000 and when asked where he could get the money the bandit replied: "I'll get it all right."

Police Find Dynamite.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Dynamite in large quantities has been found by Assistant Chief of Police Scheuttler hidden in the northwest part of the city. The discovery was followed by the immediate institution of a search for the persons who secreted the explosives and who are said to be connected with the car barn bandits captured in the swamps of Indiana last week.

INDORSE PANAMA RECOGNITION.

Daughters of Confederacy Like the President's Course.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 4.—The Daughters of the Confederacy in session here yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's recognition of Panama. The action was enthusiastic, as the view was taken that the Panama action is a vindication of the south's position on the question of secession.

CALLS LAW INVALID.

The Minnesota Supreme Court Holds a Measure Unconstitutional.

St. Paul, Dec. 4.—The supreme court today declared the state was under no moral obligations to pay the sugar bounty under the law enacted in 1895 and declared the law unconstitutional.

CHINAMEN DROWNED.

Four Men Being Smuggled Across Line Fall Into Canal.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 3.—A wagonload of Chinamen who were being smuggled into this country overturned today and fell into the Erie canal. Four Chinamen were drowned.

HOUSE ADJOURNS EARLY.

Remains in Session Only Five Minutes Today.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The house was in session but five minutes today, adjourning until tomorrow.

END IN SIGHT

RUSSIA AND JAPAN ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING AN UNDERSTANDING.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Russia's reply to Japan's proposals is almost completed but will not be ready in official circles for transmission to Tokio till next week. A strong hope is expressed in official circles that the answer will prove acceptable to Japan in the main if not in all details. Russia will make concessions but in turn proposes modifications, which, it is said, will not be of a radical character. Its reiterated that the present state of negotiations is confined to the determination of the general question relating to the rights of the respective powers in Korea.

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BRYAN APPEALS

NEBRASKAN ASKS THAT JUDGE CLEVELAND'S FINDING BE SET ASIDE.

BANKER SUICIDES.

George Wood of Colfax Fires Bullet Into Brain.

Des Moines, Dec. 4.—George Wood a prominent banker of Colfax, shot himself through the head today, dying instantly.

Accounts Are Straight.

Wood was also director of the Ira and Baxter banks. Domestic troubles are supposed to have caused the suicide. Wood was worth \$250,000. His accounts are straight.

MILLIONS LOST

FIRES TODAY AT SALINA, KANS., SCHNECTADY, N. Y., AND ELSEWHERE.

Salina, Kansas, Dec. 4.—The H. D. Lee Mercantile company's and H. D. Lee company's buildings, each five stories high and occupying two separate blocks, are burning with little hope of saving the buildings or contents. The two companies carry stocks valued at \$1,800,000. The fire started at noon and the fire company is totally inadequate to cope with the flames.

Freight House Burn.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The freight house and the sheds of the New York Central railroad were totally destroyed by fire today together with an immense amount of freight, the value of which is almost impossible to estimate. The loss will exceed \$50,000.

Car Shops Consumed.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 4.—Fire early today destroyed the working department of the Pere-Marquette car shops, throwing 150 men out of employment. The loss is \$100,000.

LEARNS RAILROAD WORK.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Takes a Desk in His Father's Office.

New York, Dec. 4.—William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has undertaken to assist his father in railroad affairs, and hereafter will devote a stated portion of his time to office duties in the Grand Central station. Young Mr. Vanderbilt will have a desk in the financial department of the New York Central in proximity to the desk occupied by his father when he is at work.

HEARST CLUB IS ORGANIZED.

West Side Democrats United to Boom The New Yorker.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Central Hearst club was organized last evening at a meeting here. Many West Side democrats attended. The announced object was to bring about the nomination of W. J. Hearst as the democratic candidate for president. J. E. Finnegan was elected president of the club and J. H. La Salle secretary.

C. A. GODNOW'S SUCCESSOR.

H. I. Miller to Become General Manager of Rock Island System.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—Semi-official announcement is made that H. I. Miller, general manager of the Vandalia lines of the Pennsylvania system, has been appointed general manager of the Rock Island system with headquarters in Chicago, to succeed C. A. Godnow, who recently went with the Chicago & Alton system.

NO HOPE FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Cassatt Refuses to Rescind Pennsylvania Order Sidetracking City.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania has refused to rescind the new rule sidetracking this city and compelling passengers on express trains to alight at West Philadelphia, as requested by local trades unions.

POSTPONED ONE DAY.

Hospital Banquet to Take Place Friday Evening, December 11.

The hospital banquet which has been announced for Thursday evening, December 10, has been postponed till Friday evening, December 11, on account of the fact that the dedication of the new Labor hall is to take place on the evenings of December 9 and 10. The change has been made out of courtesy to the members of the labor unions of the city who may desire to attend both the dedication and the banquet. Arrangements for the banquet are being rapidly pushed and every indication points to an extremely successful affair.

ALFRED HAYDOCK DEAD.

Former Resident of Wapello County Passes Away in California.

Eldon, Dec. 4.—Word has reached Eldon that Alfred Haydock, for several years a resident of Wapello county, died at Fullers, Cal., Friday morning, November 27. Mr. Haydock left Eldon several years ago on account of failing health and settled in Kansas, removing later to California with the hope of regaining his health. He continued to grow worse, however, until his death occurred on the date above mentioned, caused by a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was 57 years of age at the time of his death.

CLINGS TO FAITH CURE

BRAZIL, (IOWA), MAN, THINKS DOCTORS' ALARM IS UNNECESSARY.

A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

Theodore Palmer, Pit Foreman in a Brazil Mine, Said to be Defying Physicians, While His Little Daughter is Dying from a Tumorous Growth.

Centerville, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—While doctors say his little 4-year-old child is slowly dying when a slight operation would save its life, Theodore Palmer, a prominent Christian Scientist, of Brazil, a mining town near here, is reported to be relying on the faith of himself and fellow believers to restore health to the child. A growth of the nature of a tumor on the child's neck and beneath the cheek is slowly closing its throat and doctors who have examined it say death of a slow and lingering nature is certainly coming, but while the mother is said to be almost distracted and wanting an operation performed the father is said to hold the position that either Christian Science will restore the child or medicine and doctors could not save it.

Result of the Mumps.

About four months ago the Palmer child had the mumps and from that time forward the growth began to develop on her neck. As it became larger the mother became concerned and finally called Dr. McFarland, of Centerville, who examined the growth and expressed the opinion that an operation would speedily remove the difficulty. But before operating he asked her to consult her husband and call him by telephone when they were ready. The neighbors say the husband was consulted but would not hear to any doctor coming into his house on such a mission when he had been one of the chief expounders of Christian Science in his own country and an advocate of faith healing. It is said that he has frequently assisted in Christian Science meetings, his father by adoption, Mr. Phillips, of Brazil, being one of the first adherents of the belief in the state and often conducting meetings.

Neighbors Ask for Operation

When it was seen the father was averse to an operation, and that the mother felt reluctant to go contrary to the will of her husband, though not a Christian Scientist herself, the neighbors are said to have sought means to induce the father to allow some relief to be applied. It is reported they offered to pay for the operation and in other ways attempted to find relief for the little sufferer, but thus far have been unsuccessful.

Condition of the Child.

At present the little girl can barely swallow thin soup when it is placed in her throat back of the obstruction, and it is said that she has not eaten for a few days when she must die. The father is pit foreman at the Oriental mine, and well known in this county.

PRESIDENT HEIR TO \$30,000.

Two of His Children Also Get Legacy From J. K. Gracie's Estate.

New York, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt is to receive \$30,000 and his children, Kermit and Ethel, \$5,000 each from the estate