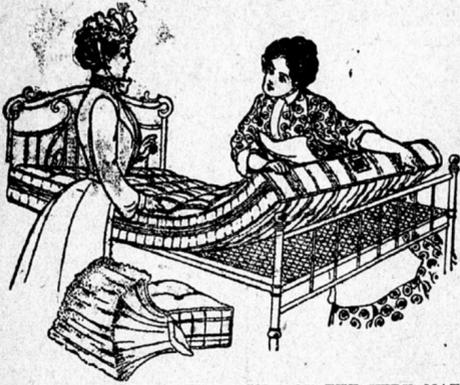


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WILL TAKE UP WALLACE'S PLAN

COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION WILL DISCUSS BOAT AND BARGE PROPOSITION.

TO INTEREST SHIPPERS

Talks by A. C. Miller and E. H. Thomas Prompt a Movement to Call Meeting of Business Men Next Week.

"The German empire now transports fifty-one per cent of its total shipments on waterways that average between three and three and one-half feet of water, and the shipments are increasing each year. The Des Moines has an average depth of six feet and that is evidence enough that it is navigable."

Following the explanation of Capt. Wallace's proposition to furnish a fleet of boats to be operated on the Des Moines, commencing immediately after the ice has gone out, President W. T. Harper of the Ottumwa Commercial association made a motion that it was the sense of the convention

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to request the Ottumwa Commercial association to call a meeting of Ottumwa shippers with a view to interesting them in the proposition. The motion was unanimously carried, and another step forward was taken in the materialization of navigation on the Des Moines. Capt. Wallace's proposition, which is to the effect that he will put a fleet of boats on the river and operate them between Ottumwa and Keokuk immediately after a company is formed by himself and shippers, was first introduced to the convention by A. C. Miller. The Des Moines booster introduced his subject by saying that the thing that retarded the work on the Des Moines river was the fact that the boats which operated some years ago were taken off and the advantages of the stream were therefore not utilized. He favored the putting back of the boats at once and urged the cooperation of the Ottumwa shippers with Capt. Wallace. "It will establish the fact that the river is navigable," said Mr. Miller. "If Des Moines had such a proposition presented to it, we would gobble it up at once."

Captain Thomas Explains. Capt. E. H. Thomas was called upon and explained in detail the style of boats that Capt. Wallace agrees to operate. He showed that the bridges across the stream would present no obstacle, for everything above board boats could be lowered when passing under structures. He discouraged the exaggerated idea that it took a great depth of water to permit navigation, and said that the men of that opinion were the kind that would have told Noah that there was not enough water to float the ark. Capt. Thomas informed the shippers that they would not have to bother about the navigation of the stream as Capt. Wallace looked after that part of the bargain, and he urged that the shippers investigate the proposition and subscribe the required \$3,000 worth of stock. Capt. Wallace offers to sell the "Niagara," a steamer, and two barges, "Joe" and "Sunshine," for \$6,000, one-half cash and one-half stock in a company to be organized. Capt. Thomas explained that the operation of these boats on the Des Moines river from Ottumwa to Keokuk would provide local shippers with a through route to Chicago and points north and south on the Mississippi.

To Take Action. Pursuant to the motion of President Harper of the Commercial association, the directors at their luncheon next Tuesday will plan upon calling a meeting of all Ottumwa shippers with the end in view of closing a deal with Capt. Wallace. Mr. Harper, addressing the delegates from points south of Ottumwa on the river, urged them to take up the Wallace proposition, and suggested that several towns take \$1,000 worth of stock and the Ottumwa shippers the other \$2,000 worth.

Keller Runs Steamboat. Another demonstration of the navigability of the Des Moines today was given when Capt. W. S. Keller of Eddyville addressed the convention. Capt. Keller owns the "City of Eddyville," a large steamer, and operates it at Eddyville in connection with his sand pits. He explained the size of the boat and the barges he uses, and gave illustrations of what the boats were capable of doing on the Des Moines river. Further emphasizing the fact that the river is navigable, Capt. Keller stated that there was only a short time in each year that he did not load to capacity.

He referred at some length to water rates and rail rates and showed the great difference between the freight rate to towns where there is no water transportation and to those situated on navigable streams. "It is not a Des Moines valley benefit alone," said Capt. Keller, "but the improvement of the Des Moines river for large boats will directly benefit every city in Iowa, for it will have a noticeable effect upon freight rates in every community."

Capt. Keller concluded by telling of the amount of sand he hauls each year with his boats, and that he is now fitting up the largest one with direct action wheels so that it would be capable of more speed and capacity. The Keller boat and barge are about 100 feet long, and they are called upon to outrun a five mile current in turning, and this is done with little difficulty.

Traveling Man Succumbs. Marshalltown, March 1.—(Special)—Earl Macey, aged 24, a traveling salesman from Chicago, died at the Pilgrim hotel last night after an illness of four days, from appendicitis. He has a widowed mother at Durant, Mich.

HOGS GO OVER 1870 RECORD AT CHICAGO

PRICE OF \$10.65 PAID FOR FANCY LOT, ALTHOUGH GENERAL PRICE WAS \$10; HIGHER AT OTHER POINTS.

MESS PORK ALSO HITS HIGH MARK

ADVANCE OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS OVER YESTERDAY BRINGS THIS COMMODITY TO \$25, WHICH IS A NEW RECORD.

Chicago, March 1.—Live hogs opened on the market today at \$10, the price reached for a fancy lot of Iowa porkers late yesterday afternoon. Hogs went over the 1870 record, reaching \$10.05. This however, was for one lot of six fancy hogs. The general price was \$10, and this was maintained despite the efforts of the packers to buy at yesterday's range. Indianapolis reports \$10.25 as the price there; St. Louis \$10; Cincinnati \$10.05. Mess pork for May delivery went to an even \$25, a new record, and 45 cents above yesterday.

Chicago, March 1.—An eastern shipper yesterday paid \$10 a hundred pounds for a load of live hogs on the Chicago market, fulfilling traders' predictions that hogs would sell at that price before March 1. There were sixty-six hogs in the lot and they netted the owner, B. L. Strohm of Cushing, Ia., \$1,740. Hogs have sold at more than \$10 on the Chicago market before, but the prices then were influenced by conditions foreign to the hog trade, and yesterday's general market was regarded by many traders as the highest recorded in the history of the trade.

In 1870, the most recent time that hogs sold up to that figure, only fat, heavy swine reached the zenith, and packers had no difficulty in buying hogs suitable for their requirements at prices that were 50 cents to \$1 lower than they paid for the same class yesterday.

A veteran in the trade recalled another time when hogs sold at high prices. This was in 1869. Board of trade speculators in that year had sold great quantities of lard for future delivery. When time to make the deliveries arrived, there was scarcely any lard to be had. High Prices Due to Shortage of Hogs. The result was that they paid up to \$11.65 for hogs; took the fat to make lard, which was then retailing at 35 cents a pound, and disposed of the dressed meat at almost any price they could get.

There were no refrigerator plants in Chicago at that time, and although curing facilities were pressed to their utmost, the supply of fresh pork became so burdensome that employees in packing houses were given the privilege of taking home all the pork tenderloins and other fancy cuts free of charge. Lard was all the hog buyers wanted. In December of 1865, the closing days of the Civil war period, sales of hogs were made at Chicago at \$13.25. The price was paid in legal tender or "shipplasters" issued by the government during the scarcity of currency following the war, and present traders maintain that when figured on a gold basis prices now are higher than they were in war time.

RUSSELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gustavson are the parents of a daughter, born last Monday.

Geo. Beadle went to Melrose Monday night on business.

Mrs. Arthur Sangston returned home Wednesday morning after an extended visit with her parents at Erie, Pa.

James Kennedy who has been visiting with Mr. Shepherd, returned to his home at Creston Tuesday.

Wm. Phippen had a closing out sale last Tuesday. He will move to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ficht are the parents of a pair of twins, born Saturday.

Miss Fern Showalter returned to her home Sunday after a visit with her cousin Mrs. John W. Plotts.

S. A. Baker, held a closing out sale Wednesday. Mr. Baker has sold his farm to C. H. Post.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. celebrated Washington's birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker on last Tuesday evening. The women took well-filled baskets and all report a most enjoyable time.

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C. E. Walker held a closing out sale on Monday. Mr. Walker has sold his farm to Mr. Shepherd but has not as yet decided what he will do.

G. D. Samuels has sold his farm to James Kennedy of Creston.

The special diary train which went through the southern part of Iowa stopped at Russell on Monday of last week. The high school was dismissed that they might attend the lecture given by Mr. Van Felt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown returned home from Ottumwa Tuesday with their little son who recently was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital.

The citizens caucus met at the city hall on Wednesday evening and nominated candidates for the different city offices for the election which is to be held this month. The following were nominated: Mayor A. H. Wright; councilmen: W. S. Cooper, A. J. Met-



March is coming in like a lamb, but the lion will crop out as usual. It is most important that you should have good footwear this month. Good, stout heavy-soled shoes, rubbers and rubber boots for the wet weather that is sure to come. Remember that footwear is cheaper than doctor bills and if you want good shoes at a reasonable price—ours is the store for you.

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Ulin, D. B. Ford, E. J. Pyle, Harry Keller, treasurer, C. S. McKinley, assessor, W. G. McKinley.

There was a picnic social, ciphering contest and spelling match held at the Greenville schoolhouse on Wednesday evening.

BLAKESBURG.

George Crane who has been visiting relatives here returned to his home in Dohen City, Kas., Friday.

Jennie Robinson visited relatives in Foster, Friday.

Robert Archibald of Moulton, is visiting here with his daughter Mrs. B. O. Spilman.

Effie Reading is one the sick list, not being able to fill her place in the intermediate room, this week.

Home Henderson is visiting relatives in Illinois.

Al Townsend is suffering from rheumatism.

Mrs. G. W. Perkins of Ruthven is visiting with her father John Riddle.

Will Yenger who has been visiting relatives here the past few months, returned to his home in Vorden, Cal., Thursday.

Mrs. R. D. Trader left Tuesday for Hartland, Kas., to join her husband who has a position as station agent at that place.

Rev. C. E. Pettit came home from Mt. Pleasant, last week.

Miss Blanch Casady visited relatives in Milton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snow gave a class party Thursday evening, Feb. 24 in honor of their son Wilbur, it being his eleventh birthday anniversary. Six boy members of his class at school were present: Ernest Tinsley, Howard Blaker, Eddie Wilson, Walter Abernathy, Otto Schaffer, John Ward.

Mrs. Paris Smith has been ill the past few days.

CHARITON.

Mrs. B. F. Landret left for a visit in Rosendale, Mo., with her parents and other relatives.

Miss Ruth Dale of Stanton, who has been attending the marriage of her cousin, Miss Edna Vincent, to Harvey C. Swanson, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Carrie Hall of Lucas, who has been visiting here with friends, returned home Friday.

Mrs. E. J. Kulp, of Ottumwa, formerly of this city, returned home Friday after a brief visit with friends at this place.

Miss Mabel Nolan was awarded the cake at the spelling match held in the Presbyterian church basement on Thursday evening.

Mr. Peter Shannon returned on Friday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Hiteman.

Mrs. R. L. Adams and little daughter Helen left for a few days visit with relatives in Albia.

Mrs. Laurel Boss left a few days ago for a visit with relatives in Mediapolis.

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Miss Alma Clay went to Des Moines Friday to attend the state conference of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Openheimer have returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they had been spending a month.

Mark Shaw of Des Moines, has returned home after a few days' visit with her sister Mrs. J. F. Stephens.

Miss Ella Arvidson returned on Thursday from Chicago and left Friday for a visit with her parents in a millinery establishment this season.

Mrs. Chas. O'Gara and two daughters went to Keosauqua Friday to visit at the home of her brother.

Mrs. Margaret Doyne is spending the week in Des Moines with her daughter.

CANTON.

Married, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. Floyd Tennant officiating, Miss Bertha Silver to Herbert Earnest. Miss Bessie Vale played the wedding march. J. J. Severton acted as best man and Chloe Powell as bridesmaid. There were twenty-three guests present. They will be at home at the H. Barnett farm.

Died, at her home two miles north of Canton, Mrs. Betty Ann Casady, aged 83 years. The funeral services were held at Central Christian church Wednesday at 1 p. m. conducted by Ed Yokely. Her husband, Allen Casady is in a feeble condition. They leave one son, Wm. living, and seven grandchildren. Mrs. A. Carus is quite ill. Mrs. Ella Walker is her nurse.

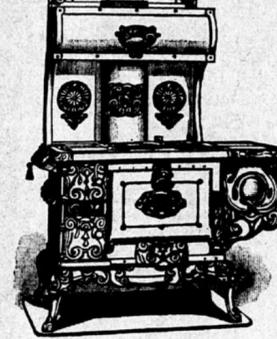
Fred Moore and wife are visiting in Illinois.

Mrs. Loring was in town from Friday until Tuesday.

Wm. Tulley visited his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Jack Saturday and Sunday. Quarterly communion services have been arranged for Sunday morning, March 8th. District Superintendent Smith will be here coming to Lebanon for Saturday night. Preaching and communion Sunday afternoon at

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We will also have a man here on this day to demonstrate the So-E-Z Vacuum Cleaner, Price \$10.

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The Constitution of the Des Moines River Improvement Ass'n

The constitution, providing for the plan of operation of the Des Moines River Improvement association, formed here yesterday, is complete as follows:

ARTICLE I. Name. This association shall be known as the Des Moines River Improvement association.

ARTICLE II. Objects. 1. The object of this association shall be to secure the improvement of the Des Moines river. 2. The collection, preparation and presentation to the congress of the United States or to the legislature of the state of Iowa, statistics and other information, bearing upon the nature, extent and necessities of the Des Moines river valley commerce and navigation.

3. To further the project of the improvement of the Des Moines river both as to navigation and power purposes, and also the control of the flood tides in order to protect and reclaim overflowed and waste land, and to aid in every way the survey now ordered by the United States congress and to secure appropriations, if when the survey is completed, it shall be found practical and feasible to develop said river for the purposes above specified.

ARTICLE III. Membership. 1. The members of this association shall consist of municipal, civic and commercial associations of and from the cities and towns in the state of Iowa, and shall pay into the association treasury an annual sum of five dollars for each 100 members or fraction thereof and each body shall be entitled to three representatives and delegates to all meetings of this association, but no city or town shall have to exceed fifteen delegates.

2. Individual membership of this association shall consist of such persons as live in Iowa, and shall pay into the association treasury, an annual sum of one (1) dollar. 3. Honorary members.—Distinguished citizens who are interested in the subject of deep waterways or who have contributed to the advancement of the business of this association may be elected honorary members at annual meetings of this association; such membership shall not be restricted to citizenship in the state represented by this association.

4. Upon all questions to be decided by this association in convention assembled, when the roll is called each individual member shall be entitled to one vote, and each city, village and town, through the chairman of its delegation shall be entitled to one vote for each properly accredited delegate present or who has been present during the convention, subject to the limitations of this article, provided, however, that no delegate who is both an individual member and a civic delegate shall cast more than one vote.

ARTICLE IV. Officers. 1. The officers of this association shall be a president, a vice president from each town represented by membership, a secretary and a treasurer. 2. The president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected annually by the association. Nominations for such officers shall be in open convention at the opening of the morning session of the last day, and the election shall be held at the opening of the afternoon session of the last day of the annual meeting of this association.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers. 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and meetings of the executive council, shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the offices of the association; appoint standing committees, except where otherwise provided for by resolution of the association; do and perform all such other acts and duties or cause them to be done as he may deem for the best interests of this association and perform such other duties incumbent upon his office. 2. The secretary shall send notices of all meetings of the association, keep the minutes of such meetings, and shall keep the books and records of the association. He shall collect all moneys due the association and pay them over to the treasurer of this association as soon as received, taking his receipt for the same. He shall perform such other duties as belong to his office, or that may be ordered by resolution of the association.

3. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the association. He shall deposit the funds in a solvent bank to be approved by the president and keep an account and record of all moneys paid to, or by him. He shall pay out the moneys of the association upon the order of the president and secretary. 4. The secretary and treasurer shall each give a bond, either personal, or in some indemnifying company, to be approved by the president, in the sum of _____ dollars, said bond to be made payable to the president of this association, for the use and benefit of this association. The fee, if any, for such bond to be paid by this association.

ARTICLE VII. Auditing Committee. An auditing committee, consisting of five members, shall be appointed at the opening session of each annual meeting of the association to audit the books and accounts for the previous year of the secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings. This association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be designated by the executive committee, and the same to be reported to the convention before adjournment. The annual convention shall consist of all duly appointed members of the association.

This constitution may be amended by resolution upon a two-thirds vote of the association present at any annual session thereof after report thereon by the committee on resolution.

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