

ENGINEERS ASK PUBLIC TO HELP OUT

CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO DECIDE QUESTION OF LENGTH AND WIDTH OF DAMS AND KIND OF BRIDGES FOR RIVER.

A. C. MILLER IS VERY OPTIMISTIC

DES MOINES BOOSTER FOR NAVIGATION HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH MAJOR J. S. RICHE AND SURVEYOR A. O. ROWSE.

The counsel of the general public for the settlement of two big questions is urged by the government surveyors of the Des Moines river.

Major John S. Riche, the government engineer of Rock Island, who has supervision of the work being done on the river by Engineer A. O. Rowse and crew preparatory to opening the stream for navigation, is now in Des Moines, and yesterday held a conference with Mr. Rowse and A. C. Miller, the enthusiastic booster of improvement of the Des Moines.

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ENGINES LOOK BADLY TREATED

WRECKAGE FROM THE SCENE OF WEDNESDAY SMASH-UP ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Presenting a sadly dilapidated appearance and causing no little curiosity along the line and at the yards, the two engines, numbers 2079 and 2092 of the Burlington, that were wrecked near Tyrone Wednesday morning, appeared in the city yesterday afternoon. Later the tenders of the two engines, bereft of their trucks and running gear, were brought in on flat cars. Both are more or less battered and No. 2092 was fearfully burned. With the engines were several cars of wreckage, consisting of steel and iron in shapeless mass of twists and coils.

be developed if the dams are built in the Des Moines will furnish motive power cheaply for any number of manufacturers. Mr. Rowse assures me that the rapid fall of the Des Moines river gives it a great deal of potential power which, if rightly controlled, will be of great value to the government and can be purchased cheaply by manufacturers.

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Water Power Important. Mr. Miller is paying particular attention to the water power phase of the river's development. He declared yesterday that there are three distinct sides to the enterprise now being started by the government, and that it is wrong to consider the subject merely from the standpoint of navigation.

LORIMER SAYS BRIBERY CASE IS TRUMPED UP

ILLINOIS SENATOR CHARGES WHITE CONFESSION AND THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION TO BE MANUFACTURED PLOT.

CALL ON SENATE FOR INVESTIGATION

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, GOV. DENEEN, FORMER SENATOR HOPKINS AND OTHERS HE ALLEGES SOUGHT TO WRECK HIM.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—A strenuous denial of the charge that he had obtained his seat in the senate through bribery and corruption was made before that body today by Senator Lorimer of Illinois. Soon after the assembling of the senate Lorimer arose to the question of personal privilege and began his reply to the charges that have aroused wide interest.

Lorimer detailed the Tribune's publication of White's story of alleged bribery. He said Representative Browne, who is charged with having paid the bribe money, "is entirely above participation in such proceedings." He declared that McCormick of the Tribune "had threatened that the bank never should open," and asserted that White did not write the bribery story, but that it was prepared by a "trained newspaper hand, skilled in the art of creating scandal out of lies, when it is thought necessary to blacken the character of one whom the newspaper cannot control."

Lorimer spoke of White as "that poor, low creature, White, who does not hesitate to commit forgery for a few dollars, and to whom perjury is no crime, who is a part of the lowest dregs of depravity, and who to secure money to satisfy his instinct for debauchery, sold what little was left of his manhood and became the plant tool of the Tribune." Lorimer defended the late Representative Lukke against the allegation that he had accepted money for a vote and denounced McCormick for making such charges. He declared Link and Beckmeier had not made confessions.

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WILL OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. BLACKFORD OF HILLSBORO MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Hillsboro, May 28.—(Special)—John W. Blackford and wife Nancy Alland Blackford will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Monday, May 30, Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Blackford are pioneer settlers of Van Buren county. Mr. Blackford is one of the best known men in this section of the state and has for years been prominent and foremost in the life of his community. The celebration of the golden wedding anniversary is an event of the first magnitude in the family and the eleven children will be gathered together beneath the parental roof tree for the first time in many years.

John W. Blackford was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1837, of Scotch-Dutch parentage. He was reared to boyhood in the locality of his birth and secured the rudiments of a well founded education in the common schools of the community and at York County academy. Later on for a number of years he rendered excellent service as a school teacher.

Nancy Alland was born in the same county of Dutch parentage, Sept. 25, 1840. She was married with Mr. Blackford May 30, 1860. The couple came to Iowa four years later in 1864, and went into the new western land as far as the trains could carry them at that early day. They stopped at Mount Pleasant and then drove by team forty miles to the southwest to a location about seven miles north of Bonaparte.

One year later Mr. Blackford purchased a farm in Harrison township where he has lived and reared a large family of children, eleven surviving to join with the parents in the observance of their anniversary. Mr. Blackford was a hard worker who combined excellent judgment with sound business methods and he prospered. He has enjoyed the reputation of owning and operating one of the best fine stock farms not in Van Buren county alone, but in all Iowa. Heretofore and Poland China swine were his specialties and few have equalled him in the excellence of his product. He was at the head of the American Poland China association for years and as president he became known in all parts of the land. The influence of his stock has been felt in many states. He is still retained as treasurer of the association.

Mr. Blackford was elected president of the Hillsboro Savings bank in 1900, which position he still holds and is now devoting his time to the conduct of this business. The weight of his judgment and counsel has also been a known quantity, in county and state politics. He is a Republican of the old school, a man who has adhered to the tenets of the party and Republican principle from the first.

The children who will be present on the day of the home coming and anniversary celebration are as follows: Winfield Scott Blackford of Bonaparte, Mrs. Clara B. Early of Hillsboro, Mrs. Emma C. Smith of West Branch, Ray L. Blackford, Oskaloosa, Mrs. Mattie Logan of Hillsboro, Mrs. Rose Dull Tully Montevista, Colorado, Aaron Vale Blackford of Bonaparte, George W. Blackford, St. Louis, Will P. Blackford of Oskaloosa, Phillip A. Blackford, of Hillsboro, Mrs. June Boley of Hillsboro.

Among the grandchildren of the aged couple are Misses Dell and Pearl Blackford of Ottumwa.

Atlantic City Gets Meeting. Atlanta City, N. J., May 30.—The Presbyterian general assembly today voted to hold next year's meeting in this city.

SON AND MOTHER ARE REUNITED

MAN SEPARATED FROM PARENT WHEN A BABE FINDS HER IN WATERLOO.

Waterloo, May 28.—To be separated from one's mother since a mere babe, to be adopted into a family and think one was a child of the adopted parents, and then to have the real condition of affairs dawn upon one, is the unusual experience of John J. Lutter, aged 22, who came here this week to locate his relatives.

Mr. Lutter was separated from his mother when six months old, being adopted into a children's home at Des Moines. Later he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lutter at Creston, Ia. His brother and sisters were located elsewhere.

As soon as arriving here Mr. Lutter visited the Courier office to locate his mother. He said her name was Wilson, but she had married again. He said he had two sisters here—one, Julia, who was married, and the other, Louise Wilson. Both are younger than he.

The Courier soon had the puzzle solved. It was discovered that this babe who was separated from his mother when six months old, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson of Waterloo, the father being a soldier in the civil war. The father died, and the mother could not well care for the large family. Some of the children were placed in a hospital at Davenport and some at Des Moines.

It was about three years ago that Mr. Lutter learned that the people with whom he had been living since a child were not his real parents. He learned at that time that his real mother was living at Waterloo, but he has not been situated so that he could come to investigate until now. He came here from Lincoln, Neb. He had formerly lived at Gillette, Wyo. He has been breaking of late and will get work here, in his old home.

The young man has two aunts here—Mrs. Catherine Nauman and Mrs. Casper Wilbur. His sister, Julia, who is married, is Mrs. James N. Moore. His other sister is believed to work in a glove factory. Samuel Wilson, the father, was known by the nickname of "Tug" Wilson. He was a jovial man, always making fun for those about him. He peddled a great deal and was well known throughout the country adjacent to Waterloo.

One brother is Sam Wolf, living at Keota, and Clifford Gross, living at Montezuma. Another sister, Isabel Dunn, lives at Greeley, Colo.

Chariton Pupils Entertain. Chariton, May 28.—(Special)—The closing program of the commencement exercises of the Chariton high school were given last evening. Thursday evening the auditorium of the high school building was crowded. The stage was prettily decorated in the class colors, orange and black, and with ferns and palms and potted plants. The class motto is "Climb Though the Rock Be Rugged," and the class flower is the yellow tea rose. The following is the program for both evenings: Thursday Evening. 1. Music. 2. Debate—"Resolved that American Cities Should Adopt a Commission Form of Government." Affirmative, Minnie Elvira Howe, Maresa Boynton; Negative, Gertrude M. Baxter, Mabel C. Nolan. 3. Chorus—Seniors and juniors. 4. Music—High school orchestra. 5. Farce—"Which is Which," one act. Characters—Robert Capper, an impetuous young artist—Lloyd S. Lutz, Paddies, oil and color man—Harold P. Bown. Mr. Gargie, Capper's rich uncle—Charles F. Smith. Annie Pestle, Gargie's ward, —Mary F. Riebel. Bertha Binsham, Miss Pestle's penniless friend—Ethel L. Curtis. Mrs. Mills, Capper's housekeeper—Lucille M. Best. Friday Evening—Part 1. 1. Carmina waltz—Glee club. 2. Duet, cornet and clarinet—Ray W. Fuller, G. Raymond Johnson. 3. (A) Ebb and Flow; (b) Summer Rain—Girls' chorus. 4. High school orchestra. 5. "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming"—Glee club. Part II. 1. Salutatory, "Wit and Laughter"—Ruth Elliott Bennett. 2. Oration, "Robert Burns"—Helen K. Yost. 3. Vocal solo, "Spring's Awakening"—Gail Mateel Hahn. 4. Class history—Vera Mapel Wilson. 5. Oration, "Helen Keller"—Ida Abernathy. 6. Piano solo, "The Palms"—Ruth Yengel. 7. Class prophecy—Blanche V. Lutz. 8. Valedictory, "Idols and Ideals"—Margaret Anne Penick. Class song. Presentation of diplomas.

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COURT REPORTERS MEET JULY 7-8

DR. WHITFORD OF CHICAGO WILL GIVE ADDRESS AT DES MOINES.

Des Moines, May 28.—The court reporters of Iowa, whose organization is known as the Iowa Shorthand reporters' association, will hold their third annual meeting in the court house in Des Moines on July 7 and 8, 1910. The headquarters will be at the Elliott hotel.

The program of the association is as follows: Thursday, July 7, 1910, 2 p. m.—President's address, H. E. Beach, Carroll. Report of secretary-treasurer—A. B. Hoover of Marshalltown. Appointment of committees. Report of committee on legislation—Gordon L. Elliott, Mason City. "Early Court Reporting in Iowa"—H. H. Burr, Cedar Rapids; C. L. Adams, Mason City; J. H. P. Robinson, Grinnell.

Practicability of the Phonograph in "Transcribing"—C. C. Hamilton, Sioux City. Discussion, J. J. Ferguson, Council Bluffs. Exhibit of samples of verbatim shorthand notes, transcript pages, etc., of Iowa reporters; compiled by R. C. Turner, Grand Junction. 7:30 p. m.—Entertainment of association by court reporters of Des Moines.

Friday, July 8, 1910, 10 a. m.—"What the Transcript Should Contain"—Hon. George H. Carr, Des Moines. "Reporting Medical Testimony," Dr. William Whitford, Chicago. 2 p. m.—"Reasonable Court Hours," M. C. Grier, Emmetsburg. Discussion—A. B. Hoover, Marshalltown. "Touch Typewriting,"—J. F. Bray, Sigourney. Roll call responded to by brief incidents of court room work. Election of officers. Miscellaneous business.

Albany, N. Y., May 28.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, took to the air from the Van Rensselaer island tide flats at 7 o'clock last night and for fifteen minutes made the most spectacular flight of his career. Hardly had he got his machine well off the ground and over the tree tops when a sharp wind caught him abeam, whirled him round, and sent him zig-zagging off toward the river. Curtiss seemed to recover his control and was seemingly getting under way again when another blast sent him whirling off among the treetops.

Curtiss rose to avoid the trees, and then something happened. The hundreds of watchers saw the machine drop at terrific speed from a height of 200 feet. Every one held his breath, expecting that Curtiss had been seriously injured and his aeroplane smashed. Rescuers found the aviator unharmed. He said that he had dropped through the air as if a vacuum had formed underneath him and that the only reason he had not struck the ground before stemming his downward rush was that the planes when near the surface seemed to cushion upon the air and rebound slightly, enough to send him gliding forward.

John Seely was born at Martinsburg Iowa, August 21, 1888 and came to this death by an accident at the Morrell packing plant May 24, 1910, aged 21 years, 9 months and 3 days. Most of his life was spent in Ottumwa and vicinity. He had been a member of the Christian church for some years past. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Davis street Christian church, having united with this church January 9, 1910. He was united in marriage to Mary Gideon September 15, 1909. He leaves a wife, a mother, many near relatives and a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss. Funeral services were conducted from the residence on Hall avenue on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. S. Isaac Elder, pastor of the Davis Street Christian church officiating. Interment in the Shaul cemetery.—Contributed. Rominger to Speak at Marshalltown. Bloomfield, May 28.—(Special)—Ellsworth Rominger will deliver the Memorial address Monday at the Old Soldier's home in Marshalltown.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLES. A. daily; B. daily except Sunday; C. daily except Monday.

BURLINGTON ROUTE, C. B. & Q. Table with columns: No., Going East, Depart, Return, etc.

C. R. I. & P. TRAINS. Table with columns: No., Going North, Depart, Return, etc.

C. M. & ST. P. TRAINS. Table with columns: No., Going Southwest, Depart, Return, etc.

WABASH RAILWAY. Table with columns: No., Going South, Depart, Return, etc.

SEYMOUR. Mrs. J. C. Fox is having the tile walk in front of the Windsor hotel modeled and will replace it with a 14 ft. cement walk. The Wayne hotel has been thoroughly renovated and repaired, a new porch added and the inside redecorated. Geo. Wixhart, the owner will move in next week and continue the hotel business while Harry Emerick will take charge of the Windsor as soon as the building is in shape. The people of the Christian church have painted their church and have also removed the high steeple and repapered the inside. P. E. Fray will make a 5% payment to the depositors of the defunct Farmers and Drivers' State Bank. Wm. Armitrout has bought the Minnie Bell property in the southwest part of town and moved into the property.