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PUBLIC TO BE INFORMED ON WATER WORKS

MELTING AT COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION ROOMS BRINGS OUT MANY POINTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE PLAN

DATA WILL BE SECURED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VOTERS BEFORE THE QUESTION IS SUBMITTED AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION

The committee selected by Chairman J. C. Jordan to make the investigation of the water works purchase is composed of H. L. Waterman, T. H. Pickler, S. H. Harper, F. von Schrader and J. T. Hackworth.

The wisdom of buying the water works by the city was discussed pro and con last night at a meeting of the citizens in the rooms of the Commercial association. A large crowd of public spirited Ottumwans was present. The consensus of opinion finally crystallized into a motion authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of five persons to thoroughly investigate what was said and done at the meeting and likewise go over the data secured by Engineer J. T. Brady in his investigation of the value of the local plant, as well as to secure any and all data of value that shall be known by the people before the question of municipal ownership of the plant be placed before the voters in November. The meeting was not a one-sided affair. On the contrary there were a number present who had views for and against the proposition. The larger element seemed to take the view that the city lay up against a peculiar situation where something should be done toward the settlement of the water question in Ottumwa, and this lent to the prospect of the measure being carried in the special election by the voters.

FINANCES FAVORABLE.

Mayor S. P. Hartman was quizzed on all sides relative to the condition of the city at present to consider the proposition from a financial standpoint. He also went into the work thus far done by the council in handling the water matter. The finances of the city were shown by the mayor to be such as to permit the bonding of the project and still keep within the legal indebtedness of the city.

EQUIP PLANT IN FIVE YEARS.

The expert engineer's plan which was adopted by the present company when the franchise was granted it, and which was to place the plant on a standard of efficiency that was thought satisfactory at the time, can be fulfilled according to the mayor's statement by an expenditure of about \$130,000 and this sum he said could be raised by the rentals, the five mill levy and the amount at present available from the water fund which represents some \$85,000. Mayor Hartman contended that if owned by the city the quality of the water would be improved and the number of patrons increased, and this said he, would increase the revenue. This revenue coupled with the regular water levy would provide enough money to pay for the bonds as they mature the first five years, and a sum in excess to apply on improvements. He thought that by the end of that period the improvements might be made to bring the plant up to the needs.

HOG LIND FIGURES ARE HIGH.

Former Alderman E. Hoglund was called upon for some remarks and his long experience in the railroad water service on the Burlington route, lent no little importance to his remarks. His view of the cost that the needed improvements would require, was far in excess of that expressed by Mayor Hartman in behalf of the council. Mr. Hoglund approved of an entirely new and different plan of filtration. He would scrap the filter now in use, saying that it is obsolete. The piping in the mains was found fault with as inadequate in his opinion to supply the demands made upon it. In this he met opposition and it was said that at present the mains carry not only eighty pounds pressure, but in some parts of the city as high as 135 pounds. Mr. Hoglund contended that if the plans adopted by the water company at the time the franchise was granted were brought to a completion, the plant would then be inadequate to serve the needs for quality and fire protection. The sum needed to equip the plant according to his theory would reach \$550,000.

MUCH WASTE HERE.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Hoglund told of a conversation with Engineer F. Lawler of the Burlington water plant, who once looked over the

Dolliver Said To Be In Serious Condition Today

St. Dodge, Oct. 12.—(Special)—Miss Gay Dolliver has been summoned by the serious illness of Senator Dolliver. She arrived in Fort Dodge today at noon and hurried to the bedside of the senator. The attending physicians held a consultation yesterday afternoon, but they made no statement at that time as to the condition of their patient. The physicians attending the senator, who is suffering from stomach trouble, said today his condition was serious, but not critical.

PENNY POSTAGE IS PROPHESIED

POSTMASTER GENERAL ALSO BELIEVES DEFICIT WILL DISAPPEAR THIS YEAR.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—"Before the close of another fiscal year the federal postal establishment will become self-supporting. This will be accomplished without curtailing in the slightest the service rendered or lessening in any respect its efficiency." This statement was made by Postmaster General Hitchcock in connection with the announcement that he had submitted to the treasury department his estimate for appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Many labor saving devices have been introduced in the postoffice and by an effective re-organization Hitchcock believes the deficit which, a few years ago reached \$17,000,000 will be wiped out.

Penny Postage Coming.

Hitchcock is convinced that "penny postage is not the 'iridescent dream' it has been declared to be, he is almost prepared to assert it is now in sight as a practical business proposition.

For the fiscal year 1912, the estimates aggregate \$250,733,945, an increase of only \$6,226,925 over the appropriations for the present year. This is an increase of only 2.8, the smallest in years.

RAMSAY IS INDICTED

Albia Man Who Defrauded Insurance Company and Bank Out of \$70,000.

Albia, Oct. 12.—(Special)—The grand jury returned five true bills against W. C. Ramsay late yesterday afternoon for defrauding a Des Moines insurance company and a Burlington bank out of \$70,000. Two indictments for forgery, two for uttering forged instruments and one for obtaining money under false pretenses. The defendant is expected to enter a plea of guilty and will receive sentence as soon as his case can be reached.

Case of L. W. Stason et al vs. The City of Albia for Severance from the Municipality was Called Today and will close the docket of the September term of court.

CROP REPORT SHOWS GAINS

RECORD YIELD OF CORN INDICATED IN FIGURES MADE PUBLIC AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—The production of spring wheat as estimated by the crop reporting board for 1910 was 235,400,000 bushels, compared with 220,823,000 bushels in 1909, the yield per acre being 11.8 bushels, compared with 15.3 in 1909 and 13.7 the ten year average. The quality was 94.1 per cent compared with 86.2 the ten year average. The production of all wheat for 1910 was 691,769,000 bushels compared with 737,189,000 bushels in 1909, the yield per acre being 14.2 bushels compared with 15.8 in 1909, and 14.1 the ten year average. The quality was 92.1 per cent. The corn crop was 80.3 per cent of a normal on Oct. 1, or at time of harvest, compared with 73.8 a year ago, and 78.4 the ten year average, according to the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture.

The production of oats for 1910 was 1,096,396,000 bushels compared with 1,007,353,000 bushels in 1909, the yield per acre being 31.9 bushels compared with 30.3 in 1909, and 23.5 the ten year average. The quality was 93.8 per cent compared with 86.1 the ten year average.

The production of barely for 1910 was 153,138,000 bushels compared with 170,284,000 bushels in 1909, the yield per acre being 22.4 bushels compared with 24.3 in 1909, and 25.7 the ten year average. The quality was 88.1 per cent compared with 86.9 the ten year average.

FRANCE TIED UP BY A BIG RAIL STRIKE

INDUSTRIES OF ENTIRE COUNTRY ARE THREATENED AND IT IS FEARED THE TROUBLE WILL BE OF REVOLUTIONARY NATURE.

Paris, Oct. 12.—The French government is today confronted with a strike of railroad employes that is rapidly spreading throughout the republic and threatens to become general by tomorrow. In that event 300,000 men will be involved. Traffic is disorganized and the railroad managers cannot possibly cope with the situation. It is upon the government, therefore, the burden of the situation rests.

The cabinet is determined to take the bull by the horns and has called the strikers to the colors in their capacity as reservists. The strikers declare they will not respond, holding the law prohibiting for military organization did not intend to make it impossible for trainmen to protest effectively against conditions of labor which they consider unfair. This issue between the government and the strikers constitutes the most serious phase of the situation. The reservists who fail to report for duty may be declared deserters and dealt with accordingly.

May Paralyze Industry.

Leaders of the French workmen, generally, threaten a gigantic move to paralyze the activities of the whole country and the situation is considered very grave. The extension of the strike east and south has practically isolated Paris, which is threatened with famine.

The strikers are resorting to riotous acts. The air brakes on an express train were out and the train narrowly escaped destruction. The doors of the cars on a freight train were smashed and the entire cargo of live cattle freed. Prices of foodstuffs jumped 25 per cent today.

Mails Are Delayed.

Cologne, Germany, Oct. 12.—Railway traffic between this city and France is at a standstill today. Arrangements were made to send the French mail into France via Jeumont on the frontier of France. Observers of the situation fear the strike will assume a revolutionary character.

TAFT'S AUTO STRUCK BOY.

Quick Work of Abel Long, One of the Executive's Chauffeurs, Saved Child's Life.

Beverly, Oct. 12.—While running through Salem one of the white house automobiles, occupied by Mrs. Taft and two of her sisters, struck six-year-old Wilfred Crowell. Only the quickest work on the part of Abel Long, one of the executive chauffeurs, saved the child's life. The little fellow dashed across the street directly in front of the car. The child was taken to the Salem hospital.

Mrs. Taft visited the hospital this morning and had the satisfaction of seeing the boy discharged and taken home.

KEOTA IS LEFT OUT OF SURVEY

FAILURE TO BUY STOCK LOSES INTERURBAN FOR THAT CITY—ROUTE CHANGED.

Through the failure of Keota to buy stock in the project the Iowa City-Ottumwa interurban line has veered its course from that city and as a result Keota will be passed up by the line. A new survey under the direction of B. J. Arnold, an expert engineer of Chicago, will be made. The route to be traversed by the line since the leaving out of Keota, will take in Green township in Iowa county. August Steffen of Davenport, met the Iowa City projectors of the road and favored the change as Keota failed to purchase stock and the Green township people will purchase \$50,000 worth of stock and furnish right of way.

Information has been received by F. W. Simmons confirming the survey of the line from R. C. Campbell, chief of those who have been interested in securing foreign capital for the line. The communication from Mr. Campbell stated that an engineering firm would go over the line to verify the survey of Engineer Kettlwell which was made some time ago. If the report of the engineers in the survey of the line verifies the former report, the financial men and experts will be on the ground within thirty days. The action taken by the northern end of the enterprise in dropping Keota may be adhered to along the route where indifference is displayed, as the plan is to push the project to a conclusion without delay.

MORE HOGS ARE NEEDED IN IOWA SAY SPEAKERS

BREAKFAST BACON SPECIAL ON ROCK ISLAND PREACHES GOPPEL OF BETTER HARVEST OF PORKERS.

How to increase the Iowa hog numerically and how best to prepare the finished product was told to a number of Wapello county farmers and Ottumwa women this morning in the lectures given by the instructors on the Rock Island "Breakfast Bacon" special, which stopped for a half hour at the Union depot.

Among the speakers were Major T. P. Spilman and W. B. Ramsell of the John Morrell Packing company, who talk to children on the packing house industry.

The talk on hog raising this morning was given by George Godfrey, of the animal industry department of Ames college. The domestic science talk, which dealt with the cooking and dainty serving of pork and pork products, was delivered by Miss Neale S. Knowles of the domestic science department of the Ames school. The lectures were illustrated by charts.

Those on the Train.

The officials and instructors on the train are:

H. M. Cottrell, commissioner of agriculture, Rock Island lines in charge.

A. W. Kelso, superintendent Des Moines valley lines.

A. W. Eberhart, division freight agent, Des Moines.

J. P. Stephens, traveling freight agent, Des Moines.

O. B. McNamee, division agent, Des Moines.

John Dulin, roadmaster, Oskaloosa.

R. K. Bliss, animal husbandry department Iowa state college.

George Godfrey, animal husbandry department Iowa state college.

Robert Graham, animal husbandry department, Iowa state college.

Miss Neale S. Knowles, domestic science department, Iowa state college.

Miss Helen L. Watts, domestic science department, Iowa state college.

Major T. P. Spilman, Morrell & Co., Ottumwa.

W. B. Ramsell, Morrell & Co., Ottumwa.

C. A. Bartell, private secretary to H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commerce and publicity men of the trip.

On Hog Breeding.

Professor George Godfrey in his hog talk said in part as follows:

Statistics gathered from Iowa farms show that one-fourth of the farmers of

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SOUTHERN CITIES GAIN

Louisville has 223,928, Lexington jumps 8,730, Charlotte, N. C., has 34,014.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—Population statistics were made public for the following cities: Louisville, Ky., 223,928, an increase of 19,197 over 204,731 in 1900; Lexington, Ky., 35,099, an increase of 8,730 over 26,369; Charlotte, N. C., 34,014, an increase of 15,923 over 18,091 in 1900; Shreveport, La., 28,015, an increase of 12,002 over 16,013 in 1900; Roanoke, Va., 34,874, an increase of 13,379 over 21,495; Tampa, Fla., 38,524, an increase of 22,655 over 15,869.

Policeman's Assailant Caught.

St. Dodge, Oct. 12.—(Special)—George Halligan, under indictment, charged with assault to do great bodily harm, in an attack on Policeman Walberg and who jumped his ball, was captured this morning by Sheriff Lund.

INFANT MYSTERY CLEARING.

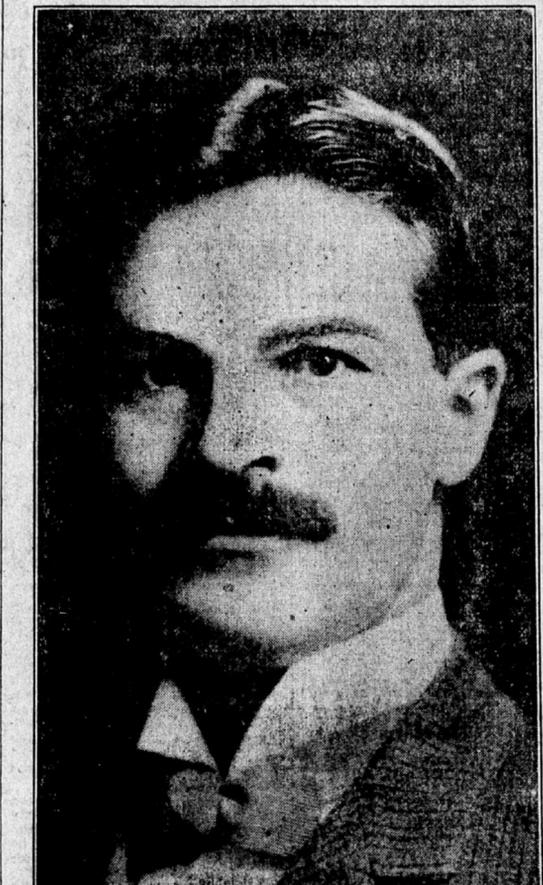
Burlington Babe Found in River Born At St. Francis Hospital.

Burlington, Oct. 12.—(Special)—The mystery surrounding the murder of an infant child whose body was found in the river Friday is being cleared up by the police. The child was born to a woman giving the name of Mrs. Johnston at St. Francis hospital three weeks ago. She entered the hospital August 6 and was discharged October 6. The woman had been traced from place to place and the police think she was unmarried and destroyed the child to escape the shame of exposure. She has disappeared but the police think they will capture her.

Flying Machine at Iowa City.

Iowa City, Oct. 12.—(Special)—The flying machine of Captain Frank S. Baldwin will make flights over Iowa City today and Thursday at the fall festival has arrived and is on exhibition at the Johnson county fair grounds and hundreds of people are flocking there to inspect the for craft. Captain Baldwin is in

Albert F. Dawson Will Tell Voters Of The Issues of The Campaign



HON. ALBERT F. DAWSON.

The voters of Ottumwa and Wapello county will have an opportunity tomorrow night at the Grand opera house of hearing one of the best informed republicans in Iowa on the issues of the campaign. Hon. Albert F. Dawson, congressman from the second district, will be the speaker. Chairman Lew H. Young will have a reception committee to meet Mr. Dawson at the train tomorrow, and the Fifty-fourth regiment band will be engaged for the meeting in the evening.

Columbus Day Observed As a Holiday in Twelve States of The Union Today

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Columbus day is being observed as a legal holiday in Illinois today. The banks and exchanges are closed. The chief feature in the state was the presence of Col. Roosevelt at Peoria, where he was scheduled to arrive early this afternoon. During the afternoon he will visit Archbishop Spaulding, later will attend a reception by the Knights of Columbus, and tonight will deliver the principal address at a banquet given by that organization.

In Chicago there was a parade of Italian societies, religious services in the Catholic churches, and a pageant representing the landing of Columbus.

In eleven other states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania the day is a legal holiday. In Boston a parade of 60,000 men was reviewed by President Taft, Gov. Draper, Mayor Fitzgerald and Archbishop O'Connell. In New York all the exchanges were closed today on account of Columbus day.

Vice President Sherman, Senator Lorimer and United States Judge Grosscup will be among the guests at a banquet by the Chicago Knights of Columbus tonight.

COUNTY BONDS ARRIVE TODAY COL. ROOSEVELT IN AEROPLANE

ISSUE OF \$60,000 WILL BE SOLD WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19—BIDS OPEN TO ALL.

The bonds authorized recently by the board of supervisors for the payment of outstanding warrants, were received today from the printers in Chicago by Auditor C. W. McCarty.

Treasurer J. V. Curran states that the sale of the bonds will not be completed before Wednesday, October 19 at 10 a. m. Bids will be received from local capitalists as well as bond firms, and every one interested in the sale of the bonds will be given an opportunity to make a bid on the issue. The amount of bonds in the issue reaches the sum of \$66,000 of a five per cent county fund.

White, a representative of George M. Dechl & Co., of Davenport, is in the city today and visited the court house. Bond houses from various cities have communicated with Treasurer Curran and it is expected that a large number of firms and individuals will enter bids.

Wedding at Marshalltown.

Marshalltown, Oct. 12.—(Special)—Miss Mildred Horton, elder daughter of Colonel C. C. Harton, commandant of the Soldier's Home, was married today at noon to James M. Brockway of Letts.

RED MEN AND POCAHONTAS MEETINGS END

COUNCIL FIRES OF BOTH ORDERS ARE QUENCHED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON AND MEMBERS DEPART FOR THEIR HOMES.

CONTESTS FOR ONLY TWO OF THE OFFICES

DENISON MAN ELECTED ON SECOND BALLOT; MRS ANNA GORE OF HOCKING IS GREAT POCAHONTAS; DES MOINES IN 1911.

NEW RED MEN OFFICERS

- Great Prophet—E. G. O'Brien, Muscatine.
- Great Sachem—Herman Rosch, Council Bluffs.
- Great Senior Sagamore—J. F. Rail, Cedar Rapids.
- Great Junior Sagamore—Carl F. Kuehne, Denison.
- Great Chief of Records—Frank A. Day, Des Moines.
- Great Keeper of Wampum—E. R. Campbell, Burlington.
- Great Representative—R. G. Prieb, Des Moines.

After quenching the council fire early this afternoon, the hundreds of Red Men who have been camping in Ottumwa this week, smoking the pipe of peace among the palefaces, and transacting business of importance to the tribes over the state, are leaving this afternoon for their teepees in various parts of the reservation of Iowa.

The twenty-seventh great sun session of the great council of the Improved Order of Red Men of the reservation of Iowa has passed into history. Early this afternoon marked the quenching of the council fire, not to be rekindled until the second Tuesday in October, 1911, in the wigwam at Des Moines. The great council session of the Degree of Pocahontas, the auxiliary of the Red Men, also quenched its council fire early this afternoon and adjourned to meet in Des Moines next year with the Red Men. In order to complete the business before them so they could adjourn early, neither order took a noon recess today, but continued on and for this reason the meetings adjourned earlier than scheduled. The most important feature of this morning's council of the Red Men was the selection of Des Moines as the place of holding the great council in 1911. Des Moines had no opposition for the meeting.

Deputy Great Inchoonee, W. B. Keffer of Des Moines, on behalf of the citizens of Des Moines, extended an invitation to hold the meeting there and Great Chief of Records Frank A. Day was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the great chiefs assembled for the capital city.

Ottumwan is Honored.

Thomas J. Laney, keeper of wampum of Waneta tribe No. 19, was honored this morning by Great Sachem Herman Rosch in being appointed to the office of Great Guard of the Wigwam. The raising of the great chiefs was the final work of the great council in Ottumwa. Deputy Great Inchoonee W. B. Keffer raised the chiefs to their various stumps. Great Sachem Herman Rosch took the chair and announced his appointment, among them being that of Thomas J. Laney of Ottumwa. His other appointments were Joe Newell of Des Moines, great sennap, P. J. Deltner of Clinton great Mishnewa, P. G. S. O'Brien Presides.

Past Grand Sachem E. G. O'Brien of Muscatine presided at this morning's session of the great council. Past Grand Sachem W. B. Keffer of Des Moines was reported in the forest and was escorted to the great council. Mr. Keffer was great sachem of the great council here but was unable to be present on account of court duties in Des Moines. A delegation composed of W. W. Wheeler, P. D. Swick and J. F. Ball was named to call upon the great council of the Degree of Pocahontas and extend words of greeting. Past Grand Sachem W. B. Keffer presented to the great council his commission as special deputy great Inchoonee of Iowa. He then delivered an interesting long talk to the delegates of the great council on the good of the order. A warrant in the sum of \$988.98 was ordered drawn for the mileage per diem of the delegates. Some slight changes were made in the general law of the order to conform with the laws as changed by the great council of the United States, which was held in Toledo, Ohio.

Thirteen Charters Granted.

The great council granted thirteen charters. The tribes receiving the charters were: Neamah Tribe, No. 138, Mt. Vernon.

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