

## FIFTY MILLION ANNUALLY FOR RIVER WORKS

**BIG YEARLY APPROPRIATION IS ASKED IN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT WASHINGTON MEETING; IOWANS ATTEND.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—With the adoption of resolutions clearly outlining its attitude on the improvement of the waterways, and the reelection of Joseph E. Ramsdell as president and J. E. Ellison as secretary-treasurer, the national rivers and harbors congress closed today. The resolutions commend the attitude of President Taft and urge an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 by congress to improve the waterways. It is urged that the interstate commerce commission be given authority over competing land and water carriers and the improvement of terminal facilities along the waterway.

**Taft Listens to Kavanaugh.**  
W. R. Kavanaugh, who made an attack on President Taft during the recent waterways convention at St. Louis, called on the president at the white house yesterday afternoon. The president gave a respectful hearing to Mr. Kavanaugh as spokesman of a committee which called to present a resolution adopted at St. Louis, asking support for a fourteen foot channel from Chicago to New Orleans, and then said:

"Mr. Kavanaugh, I was on the bench long enough to learn that it was the duty of a judge to listen to the testimony of any man, no matter how much he may have been abusing the court at the corner grocery."

Following this "heart courteous," the president promised to give the matter his earnest consideration.

**Iowans in Attendance.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(Special Correspondence.)—Lee Hamill of Keokuk, Thomas Wilkinson of Burlington and Homer Miller of Des Moines are in Washington attending the annual meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

**SAFE BLOWERS SCARED AWAY.**  
Wabash Section Man Gives Alarm at Tracy and Would-be Robbers are Felled.

Tracy, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—After two masked robbers had forced an entrance into the Iowa Savings bank here during the night, a section man placed a big charge of dynamite in front of the safe, ready to fire, they were discovered by a section man on the Wabash on his way to work and the alarm was given. Before they could fire the charge, they were scared away. Police officers of nearby towns were notified.

**ASK FOR DONATIONS.**  
Salvation Army Will Feed Poor of the City on Christmas Day.

The Salvation Army is making preparations to serve dinners to the poor of Ottumwa on Christmas day. The captain asks that those desirous of giving anything toward the Christmas dinner, especially in the residence districts, to phone either old 287-R or the Acme Express company's office, new 1169, or stop the Salvation Army workers on the streets at any time. They will gladly take your number and call for the donations.

**Telephone Rates Higher.**  
Fairfield, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Subscribers of the Jefferson County Telephone company have been notified that beginning with next month rates on both business and residence telephones will be increased. This follows almost immediately on the announcement that the local company has leased Fairfield business of the Bell company, which consists almost altogether to toll business. In its announcement of the increase in prices the company points out the fact that its service has greatly increased during the last few years.

**Washington Man Considered.**  
Washington, Dec. 9.—It is understood that among the names the president is considering for the supreme court is that of Chief Justice Winslow of the supreme court of Washington.

**Former Publisher Sues.**  
Milwaukee, Dec. 9.—John W. Schumm, formerly one of the owners of the Milwaukee Journal, committed suicide today by shooting himself. Business troubles was the cause.

**Insurance Heads Meet.**  
Chicago, Dec. 9.—The annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance presidents was opened today by President Paul Morton, who made the opening address. Speeches were also made by a number of other members.

**Mississippi Goes Lower.**  
Burlington, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The stage of the river this morning was one foot and three inches below the low water mark of 1864.

## 100 Christians Slain By Bedouins in Syrian Village

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—A telegram from Jerusalem today states that Bedouins massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in Turkish Vilayet of Syria and killed more than 100 Christian inhabitants in revenge for the execution of a Bedouin chief.

## ALDRICH TALKS ON THE CURRENCY

**CHAIRMAN OF MONETARY COMMISSION SAYS COUNTRY'S FINANCES NEED REFORMS.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The need for currency reform was discussed by Senator Aldrich, chairman of the national monetary commission; Senator Burton, a member of the commission; Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrew, a former secretary of the commission, and Director Roberts of the mint, at a special session of the American academy of political and social science held here last night.

Senator Aldrich declared that in his opinion the reform of the present banking system is the most important of the work now before the monetary commission. The currency problem will adjust itself, he said, when the banking system is taken care of. He said that many methods prescribed by law for the management and control of national banks have become obsolete, and he said that the "national government, having assumed control of the organization of credit, it is manifestly incumbent upon it to enter at the earliest possible moment upon such a revision of our national banking legislation as will make our methods and practices more responsive to the demands of our modern business life."

Continuing, Senator Aldrich said:

**Presents Comparisons.**  
"The structural weakness and practical defects of our national banking system is shown by the relative growth of national banks in the past twenty-five years. Within this period the number of national banks has increased 4,286, while the number of state banks and trust companies has increased 1,085. The capital and surplus of the state banks and trust companies have increased in the same time from \$175,000,000 to \$1,283,000,000. In many important communities practically all of the banking business is carried on by state trust companies. "It is manifest that the state banks and trust companies are better organized to respond in competition to the business demands of the communities in which they are located."

Senator Burton said the need for currency reform does not arise from any insufficiency in the general amount. With the exception of France the per capita circulation in the United States is larger than in any other great commercial countries. The defects of our currency system, he said, are due to the retention of the old method, discarded by so many countries, of maintaining a government currency.

Director Roberts of the mint declared that there is no pressing occasion to deal with United States notes and certificates, which, he said, are being rapidly absorbed by the retail trade, and there is no probability that they will ever again embarrass the treasury.

**Roberts Presents Views.**  
Mr. Roberts said in part: "The most encouraging feature of this campaign for a more scientific currency system is the fact that it is now generally admitted that something is seriously wrong in the present system."

"It has always seemed to a great many people that if all our money was 'good,' and the supply increasing from year to year in what appeared to be an adequate amount, nothing more was required."

"Nobody can say that a monetary stock of \$35 per capita is not, on general principles, large enough, or that an increase from \$28 to \$35 in ten years is not enough."

"That is not the point of the controversy. The contention is for an elastic element in the currency, and elasticity means contraction as well as expansion. There must be contraction after expansion in order to regain the power to expand again."

"We have about \$15,000,000,000 of bank deposits in the United States and only about \$3,000,000,000 of money in the country all told, in the banks and out."

## INTERURBAN HAS CHANGED PLAN OF ROUTE

**IOWA CITY-OTTUMWA LINE CUTS OUT KEOTA AND WELLMAN FOR FAILURE TO MEET DEMANDS—OTHER TOWNS WANT IN.**

That Keota and Wellman will lose out in the interurban as planned between Ottumwa and Iowa City is practically assured, says Frank Tanner, a promoter of the road from Iowa City. Mr. Tanner is in Ottumwa in quest of certain data that is wanted by R. C. Campbell who sails for London December 17, for a four weeks' trip in the interest of the financial end of the road. While here Mr. Tanner stated that the change in the plans of the road from the original survey is sure to leave out Keota and Wellman as well as a slice of the territory adjacent thereto because of the failure to meet the obligation made upon that locality toward the building of the road. Ready to seize the chance to come in on the proposed route of the line, are a number of other places that will also give the road the benefit of additional population along its route.

**Strikes Good Towns.**  
The new territory that will be covered by the road number such cities and towns as Harper, Kinross, South English, Sigourney, Hedrick, Highland Center, Rutledge and the Amish settlement near Iowa City. The latter has raised \$45,000 and promised \$20,000 more. The right-of-way is secured from Iowa City almost to Kinross. The work of building the road is felt to be only a matter of time and no doubt exists as to its construction. A letter has been received by Mr. Tanner from R. C. Campbell who has been looking after the financing of the road and the latter states that Mr. Campbell will sail from New York for London, December 17. He expects to remain some four weeks in London, returning about January 15. While in London he will take up the company's financial affairs with certain money interests abroad.

## GOOD GAIN FOR SPOKANE

**Population of Washington City 104,402, Increase of 183 Per Cent in Decade.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The population of Spokane, Wash., is 104,402, according to statistics of the tenth census. This is an increase of 67,554, or 183.3 per cent, over 36,848 in 1900.

The population of Bismark, N. D., is 5,445 compared with 3,319 in 1900. Revised statistics of Tampa, Fla., show its population to be 37,782, an increase of 21,934, or 135.5 per cent, over 15,839 in 1900. A previous announcement gave the 1910 census as 38,524.

The population of the state of Louisiana is 1,656,388, an increase of 274,763, or 18.9 per cent, over 1,381,625 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 263,038, or 23.5 per cent.

Population of New Jersey 2,537,167, increase 653,498.

**NAN PATTERSON WIFE.**  
Woman Tried for Murder Married Last October to Wisconsin Man.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Summer Prescott, former head of manufacturing concern Marinette, Wis., admits that the woman he married in St. Paul in October was Nan Patterson, the woman girl twice tried for the murder of Caesar Young in New York. While admitting the identity of his bride, Prescott expressed great regret that the secret was discovered.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. KIRKPATRICK.**  
Iowa Pioneer, Past Ninety Years, Laid to Rest—Rev. Hollett Officiated at Services.

Hedrick, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Kirkpatrick who died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Almira Lentner in this city was held Thursday at the Christian church at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. M. Hollett of Hedrick.

Hannah Godfrey was born in Hardie county, Virginia, March 23, 1819 and died in this city Dec. 3, 1910 at the age of 91 years, 8 months and 10 days. The deceased leaves 3 sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, the husband having died in 1894. Wade Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Elmira Lentner of Hedrick, Dr. Thomas Kirkpatrick of Garnett, Kan., and Sanford Kirkpatrick of Greensboro, N. Carolina.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends as well as beloved by all her acquaintances. Interment was made in the Highland cemetery.

**Gotch to Wed Iowa Girl.**  
Humboldt, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—According to an announcement made here this morning by close relatives, Frank A. Gotch, world's champion wrestler, will marry Miss Gladys Ostrich of this place on Jan. 11, 1911.

**Creston Petition Filed.**  
Creston, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The saloon men sprung a surprise here yesterday by filing their petition bearing 1,013 names. A canvass of the votes will be made December 20.

## CAN THE CHAMPIONS COME BACK?



## TWO OTTUMWA BOYS HONORED

**RALPH L. HARTSON AND WILL WILKINSON GIVEN OFFICES IN GRINNELL SOCIETY.**

Grinnell, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Ralph L. Hartson, one of the Grinnell students who hails from Ottumwa, has again been honored by the students of Grinnell, when he was elected president of the Chrestomathian society, Will A. Wilkinson, of the class of 1914 was also elected to the office of sergeant-at-arms, in the same society.

The entire list of officers follows: President—Ralph L. Hartson, of Ottumwa. Vice president—Harry E. Du Reus, of Pella. Secretary—Carroll Flanagan, of Clinton. Treasurer—Harry E. Kensingler, of Grinnell. Sergeant-at-arms—Will A. Wilkinson, of Ottumwa. Secretary—Clinton Harrison, of Scribner, Neb. Musical Director—J. Stuart Russell of Newton. Prosecuting Attorney—Dale Welton, of Traer.

This society of which Mr. Hartson has been made president, is the one connected with the college for the longest time, being organized in 1852. It is the oldest college literary society west of the Mississippi, and has turned out such men as Albert Shaw of the Review of Reviews, Jesse Macy, the eminent political scientist, and others of repute.

**ASKS CANDIDATE TO QUIT RACE**  
Governor-Elect of New Jersey Does Not Want James Smith, Jr., to Be Senator.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 9.—Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey, has given out a signed statement, positively declaring himself in favor of the election of James E. Martine, democrat, to the United States senate to succeed John Kean, Jr. Dr. Wilson in equally positive terms, declared himself opposed to the election of former Senator James Smith, Jr.

Dr. Wilson called on Mr. Smith recently and urged him to retire, but Mr. Smith declined.

**THIRTEEN RACE HORSES BURNED**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Loses Valuable Animals in Stable Fire; Loss is \$35,000.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.—Thirteen valuable race horses, the property of L. C. McCargoes of St. Joseph, were burned to death last night. The loss is \$35,000. The firemen experienced difficulty in fighting the flames which were in the Lake Contrary training stables, on account of the water freezing.

**STATE'S COAL ON FIRE.**  
Blaze Eating Its Way Into Bunkers of State University Heating Plant.

Iowa City, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Fire in the Iowa university heating plant, confined to the bunkers, is eating its way through 200 tons of coal. The fire is due to spontaneous combustion. The university workmen have been fighting the burning coal for several days and hope to overcome the fire before it attacks the building.

## REASON FOR IOWA'S LOSS

**Clifford Throne Expresses Views at Grant Club Banquet in Des Moines.**

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—Freight rate discriminations against Iowa are responsible for the lack of large industrial centers and the loss of population in this state, according to Clifford Throne, recently elected railroad commissioner, who was the guest and principal speaker at the Grant club last evening.

"Iowa is concerned especially in this matter," said he. "The late census told us some unpleasant facts. Of all the states in the union, Iowa was the only one to lose population. What is the cause of this? We do not have a great center of population. Jobbing centers spring up naturally where the freight rates are the most advantageous. To build great cities, then, we must have just freight rates."

"I shall endeavor to obtain those rates. In my office of railroad commissioner, I must act as both judge and prosecutor. Within the state my capacity is judicial; in interstate matters I am a prosecutor. I consider my function as prosecutor as the more important of the two. Ninety per cent of the important matters are interstate. To these my special attention will be devoted."

**NARVIS HEADS WORKMEN**  
Iowan Elected Supreme Master of the A. O. U. W. at Louisville Convention.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—The supreme lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, at their annual meeting last night elected the following officers: Past supreme master workman—Joseph A. Eckstein, New Ulm, Minn. Supreme master workman—William M. Narvis, Muscatine, Iowa. Supreme foreman—John C. Gallagher, New Haven, Conn. Supreme overseer—F. J. Moore, Fargo, N. D.

Supreme recorder—M. W. Sackett, Meadville, Pa. Supreme receiver—E. F. Danforth, Skewegan, Me. Supreme guide—W. R. Welch, Guthrie, Okla.

Supreme watchman, C. C. Rhodes, Pawtucket, R. I. Supreme medical examiner—G. A. Asman, Wheeling, W. Va. C. N. Miller, representing the Colorado lodge, which seceded during 1908, was admitted to the supreme lodge sessions yesterday and indicated that Colorado would apply for readmission to the supreme lodge.

**NOT GUILTY OF MURDER**  
Menlo Moore Acquitted at Vincennes, Ind., for Slaying Home Wrecker.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 9.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury today in the case of Menlo Moore, manager of a circuit of theaters, who was charged with the murder of Charles E. Gibson, a wealthy operator in the Indiana-Illinois oil fields. Moore's wife confessed to her husband that she had been guilty of improprieties and the killing of Gibson followed.

**Ball Player Goes to Pen.**  
Davenport, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—David Lance, a ball player formerly with the Muscatine Independents, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for breaking into a cigar store in Davenport.

## TAFT MAY AID GOOD BILL FOR COMMISSION

**FIFTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO WHITE HOUSE TO DISCUSS WITH HIM MEASURE HELD UP IN COMMITTEE.**

## RIVERS AND HARBORS APPROPRIATION OUT

**HOUSE RECEIVES MEASURE CARRYING BIG SUM FOR IMPROVEMENT OF UPPER MISSISSIPPI; GOOD COMMITTEE FOR YOUNG.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(Special Correspondence.)—President Taft yesterday afternoon summoned Representative Good of Iowa to the white house for a conference on the bill he has introduced providing for the creation of a tariff commission. This bill was introduced by Mr. Good last May, but has since been slumbering in the committee on ways and means. Now Mr. Good proposes to force his consideration and in this step has the hearty co-operation of the president, who, as indicated in his message, is strongly in favor of such legislation.

It is shown by a poll taken by one of the leading Chicago newspapers of the senate and house that a majority can be obtained in both branches to support the measure. It is understood that the president feels greatly encouraged over this unofficial poll and is working to bring about such legislation, calling in his friends in both branches to urge their support. It is said that Senator Lodge will introduce a bill drawn along the lines of that presented by Mr. Good.

**River and Harbor Bill Reported.**  
The river and harbor appropriation was reported to the house today. It carries an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to further improve the upper Mississippi from the mouth of the Missouri to St. Paul, the plan being to create and maintain a six foot channel along this stretch. Some work was done last year on this project, but as the summer was far advanced before the work was started, only the preliminaries were accomplished.

There is a million dollars left over from last year's appropriation and that, with what is given in this bill, will supply an abundance of money to prosecute the work during the coming summer with vigor and effect. It is expected now that this great project can be completed in twelve years. Of the sum appropriated this year, \$75,000 is to be used exclusively for dredging and building levees.

**Dawson's Post Important.**  
Friends of Representative Albert F. Dawson of Iowa, who has been assigned to membership on the committee on appropriations to succeed W. P. Brownlow of Tennessee, deceased, are congratulating him on the very distinct honor of receiving a committee assignment sought by many older members. Mr. Dawson will undoubtedly prove a most valuable addition to the house committee on appropriations, as almost his life work since coming to Washington has had to do with the great problems which annually confront the several appropriations committees in the house and senate. Chairman Tawney has assigned Representative Dawson to the sub-committee in charge of preparing the pension appropriation.

**Good Committee for Young.**  
It is understood that Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa will be assigned to the place on the committee on post offices and post roads vacant through the death of Senator Dooliver. An assignment on this committee, one of the most important of the senate, is deemed a high honor.

**Consider Court Appointments.**  
President Taft has called a special meeting of his cabinet today to consider the supreme court situation. The list of likely appointees is narrowing rapidly, but Mr. Taft has not reached a conclusion and probably will not until Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Taft has consulted over fifty senators regarding the forthcoming appointments. The insurgent leaders, with the exception of Senator La Follette, who has declined to go to the White house, have been conspicuous in the more recent conferences.

Senators Cummins of Iowa and Borah of Idaho were with the president again last night. The regular wing of the party was represented in late afternoon conferences by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Flint of California. Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota also saw the president.

**Representative Walter I. Smith and Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa called to urge the appointment of Chief Justice Deemer of the Iowa supreme court to one of the supreme court places.**

**BOSTON MEN INSPECT BIG DAM.**  
First Shovelful of Earth on Iowa Side of Mississippi Turned at Keokuk.

Keokuk, Dec. 9.—Charles F. Wallace, G. O. Muhlfeld, N. T. Wilcox, T. J. Crohan and D. P. Robinson, members of the Stone & Webster company of Boston, a corporation which is extensively interested in and is assisting in the financing of the big water project here, are in Keokuk for a few days on business in connection with the enterprise.

**Frenchman Gets Height Record.**  
Pau, France, Dec. 9.—Legagnoux today broke the world's altitude record, rising in a monoplane to the height of 10,498 feet.