BAD FOR GEORGE

Attorney General Stead's Ruling On Cumulative Voting.

AFFECTS PENDING CONTEST

McCaskrin's Attorney Admits if Adopted It Unseats His Man.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 26.—(Special.) The house elections committee today postponed the hearing of the Cooke-McCaskrin contest to next Tuesday. At the request of the committee Attorney General Stead handed down an opinion in regard to the marking of ballots. He holds that where no number of votes is placed against the independent candidate's name on the official ballot, as in the case of McCaskrin, he is entitled to only one and one half votes, unless the voter specifically marks the "three votes" against his name, thus definitely stating that he wishes to vote three votes for McCaskrin.

In cases where the republican circle is marked with a cross and then a cross against McCaskrin's name without specifying in writing the number of votes, one-and-one-half votes, the votes are to be counted for McCaskrin and none for the republican candidates, as it can not be determined which of the republican candidates the voter intended to vote for.

As to Democratic Votes.

But in the case of marking the democratic circle and then a cross against the name of McCaskrin without designating in writing the number of votes for McCaskrin, then the ballot is to be counted one-and-a-half votes for McCaskrin and one-and-a-half for the democratic candidate, as there are but two candidates and the votes must be divided equally between them.

Would Unseat McCaskrin.

Judge Monroe, McCaskrin's attorney, admits if the committee accepts the attorney general's opinion, McCaskrin will lose the contest.

The committee is composed of 16 republicans, eight democrats and one prohibitionist.

Says He Will Lose Seat.

Springfield, Jan. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—By the opinion of Attorney General Stead today, rendered in the cases of seven ballots submitted to him, Representative George W. McCaskrin, sitting member in the assembly from Rock Island, will lose his seat.

CITY CHAT.

Insure with McKee.

Flour $1.50 at Weckel's.

Call for Improved Zazaro.

Fresh fish at Schroeder's.

Oranges 10 cents at Weckel's.

Lage-Waters for fine footwear.

Attend the real sale at Lloyd's.

Tri-City Towell Supply company.

For bus, baggage, express, call Robb's.

For 'bus or express, Spencer & Trefz.

Y. M. C. A. course. Tickets tomorrow.

For real estate and insurance, E. J. Burns.

Syrup 30 cents per gallon at Selle Bros'.

Maud S. flour $1.55 per sack at Selle Bros'.

Prunes 10 pounds for 25 cents at Weckel's.

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Plenty of rabbits 10 cents each at Selle Bros'.

Storm rubbers for ladies, 39 cents at Lage-Waters.

Ladies' storm rubbers 39 cents at Lage-Waters'.

Quaker oats, 3 packages for 25 cents at Selle Bros'.

39 cents for ladies' storm rubbers at Lage-Waters'.

The stage of water was 5.40 at 6 a. m., and 5.50 at noon.

Tapioca and macaroni 5 cents a pound at Selle Bros'.

Arbuckle and Lion coffee 13 cents a package at Selle Bros'.

Santa Claus and Lenox soap 10 bars for 25 cents at Selle Bros'.

Monday the Illinois, Y. M. C. A. course. The Byron troubadours. Tickets tomorrow.

Gold Dust washing powder 15 cents per package at Selle Bros'.

Pork tenderloins and spare ribs at Gilmore's packing house market.

Real sale, real bargains. Seeing is believing. Come and see. Lloyd's.

W. H. Siemon will do your tin work; 1427 Sixth avenue. New 'phone 5746.

Walline & Hamilton, express and transfer. Old 'phone 1070, new 5884

Peanut candy and taffy 10 cents per pound at Petersen's, 1314 Third avenue.

Boston butts, trimmings, shoulder bones, pigs feet, and leaf lard at Gilmore's packing house market.

If you tire of buckwheat, try Mrs. Austin's Pancake Flour for a change. Made from the great food cereals.

The Byron troubadours, Illinois theatre, Monday in Y. M. C. A. course Tickets tomorrow, 35 and 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McKown welcomed a son, their first born, this morning at their home, 1214 First avenue.

Don't forget the supper Saturday night from 5 to 8 o'clock at Memorial hall. Twenty-five cents. Everybody invited.

All the leading hotels, restaurants and dining cars serve Mrs. Austin's pancakes for breakfast. Much better than others.

Don't forget the masquerade given by Court of Honor 31 Friday evening, Jan. 27. Admission, gentlemen 25 cents, ladies 15 cents.

Report your changes to Stone's city directory, office northeast corner Second avenue and Eighteenth street, or call up old phone 553 L.

The Woman's Missionary society of Broadway Presbyterian church meets tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Marquis.

Come to your birthday party at Memorial Christian church tomorrow evening and see Jerusha Dow and her family album. Lots of fun.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Central Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. William Torrance.

The Woman's Relief Corp will serve supper Saturday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock at Memorial hall for 25 cents. Come and help the good cause along.

The Byron troubadours, colored troupe. Vocal and orchestral music Y. M. C. A. course. Illinois theatre Monday. Tickets tomorrow, 35 and 50 cents.

F. A. Leithner has opened a tailor shop over Gustafson & Hayes' clothing store. Old phone 615. Cleaning and repairing a specialty. Give him a trial.

The annual dance of the Light Guard band will be held at Industrial hall, Moline, Saturday, Jan. 28. 25 pieces in the orchestra. $15 in cash prizes.

Telephone your orders for hickory shop wood to the Mutual Wheel company, Moline, Ill. Delivered to any address in Rock Island for $3 per load. Both phones.

See the free bottle offer Mull's Grape Tonic, the constipation cure, or send this notice to Mull's Grape Tonic company, "A" Rock Island, Ill., and receive large bottle absolutely free.

Guy Samuelson, of Orion, and Miss Signe Carlson, of Cambridge, Henry county, were married in Rock Island yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at the court house by Judge E. E. Parmenter.

The ladies of the First M. E. church will give one of their afternoon coffees at the residence of Mrs. William J. Sweeney, 1022 Twenty-first street, Friday afternoon, Jan. 27. Cordial invitation to all. Come and get acquainted with your friends.

GEOGRAPHY 100 YEARS OLD

Book Published in 1795 is owned by Mrs. Johanna Albrand.

Mrs. Johanna Albrand, 803 Second avenue, has in her home library a small book that she prizes very highly. It has been in the family since its publication, and that is over a century ago. It is entitled "A Short, But Comprehensive Geography of the World," and was printed at Hartford, Conn., May 12, 1795. Here is the preface by the author: "During an employment of several years in school keeping I observed that the science of geography was but little attended to in the early years of childhood. There are various reasons for this inattention to so important a branch of education. One of these is the great expense of procuring books proper for it; another is the plan of books which have been intended for that purpose is such as cannot be easily comprehended by children, or remembered by them. I think that both these objections are obviated in this treatise. The expense of this book is so small that it may be easily afforded, and the form of a catechism admits of its being much more comprehensive, and more easily understood by children than any of the small geographies which have heretofore been designed for them. It will enable them usefully to improve many hours of their early years, which, for want of something of this kind, are entirely lost. And should the first edition meet with suitable encouragement, the future editions will be enlarged and amended, as the author finds means and time for the purpose."

William S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did, and it effected a complete cure. This liniment is for sale by all leading druggists.

LIMIT IS REACHED

Union Electric Telephone Company to Increase Its Capacity.

LONG DISTANCE CONNECTIONS

With Principal Cities of State During Year — Officers are Reelected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Electric Telephone & Telegraph company, held yesterday afternoon at the Rock Island office of the company, the officers and directors that have served the past year were ereelected, as follows:

President—N. Hamilton.
Secretary—C. A. Lee.
Treasurer—J. W. Morrison.
Directors—George B. Stuckey, Dr. Fritchy, James Russ, N. Hamilton, C. A. Lee, J. W. Morrison, F. P. Welch.

All the members of the board, excepting Mr. Welch, who is a Rock Islander, are residents of Harrisburg, Pa., from which city the independent system here was promoted. Mr. Hamilton was the only officer present at the meeting, holding the proxies of his associates.

Business Has Been Growing.

An increase of 30 per cent in the business of the year over that of 1903 was indicated in the reports of the officers. The exchanges at Rock Island and Moline, it was reported, were working to their full capacity, and for months there had not been any soliciting done, and it was recommended that extensions be made as soon as possible. These will include additional cables in the conduits, and the building of lines in those sections of the cities that are not covered by the company lines. A franchise has been granted the company in East Moline, and during the year it is planned to install an exchange there, and connect with the lines of the Interstate Telephone company, which has been built to Watertown. The Interstate company is connected with all the larger cities of the state, excepting Chicago, and with St. Louis also.

COLD CAUSES DEATH AND SUFFERING IN THE EAST

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morning showed the storm at sea continued unabated.

Reports of vessels ashore at several points have been received.

Iowa Suffers.

Des Moines, Jan. 26.—The continued cold of 72 hours' duration was slightly broken today when the mercury rose to 4 below zero. Much suffering is reported from all parts of the state.

Damage in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 26.—It is believed the freeze last night in Florida destroyed all citrous fruits on trees excepting the extreme southern part of the state.

Trains Annulled at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—There was practically no through service on the Pennsylvania railroad today between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Up to noon the Chicago Express was the only train from New York to reach the city. Notices were posted that all through trains were annulled.

Death at New Haven.

New Haven, Con., Jan. 26.—One death from cold and exposure occurred in this city.

Maryland is Frozen.

Baltimore, Jan. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter prevails in western Maryland, thermometers registering from zero to 10 below.

Worst Since 1888.

New York, Jan. 26.—Not since the blizzard of 1888, by which all storms are estimated as great or small, has New York been so completely snowbound as it was this morning. The city itself is lying under a foot of snow, in many places has been banked by the wind to a height of several feet. Several persons were frozen to death, or died of exhaustion, and the hospitals are crowded.

Entire Coast Involved.

The entire coast line from the Delaware capes north has been in the grasp of a storm which has exceeded in severity anything experienced in years. Inland from Maine throughout the New England states and the middle Atlantic states, all reports indicate a most complete winter tieup. Far into the west there is snow and a remarkably low temperature, while the extreme south seems to have escaped.

Everywhere railroad traffic is delayed; reports of disasters to shipping are coming in, and with the rapidly falling mercury much suffering must ensue.

Three Schooners Ashore.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 26.—Three schooners were blown ashore in Hampton Roads. The John A. Russell of Tappahannock, Va., was a total loss, while the other two were pulled into deep water by tugs, and are now in the mouth of the James river.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver, by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure, for headache, dizziness and constipation. 25 cents at Hartz & Ullemeyer's drug store.

SCHOOL IN THREE ORATORY CONTESTS

Competition Soon to Be Held to Choose Rock Island Representatives.

An oratorical contest will be held at the high school in about a month in order that contestants may be selected for the different declamatory contests for this year in which the Rock Island school is invited to participate. These contests are three in number: At Stanley hall, Minneapolis, under auspices of Stanley hall, on May 15; at Illinois university, Champaign, under auspices of the university, on May 12; At Knox college, Galesburg, under auspices of the military track and oratorical association. The date for the last is not determined.

The parliamentary law club met yesterday afternoon after the close of school and a lively meeting followed. After much preliminary debating a motion to impeach the sergeant-at-arms was carried. The charge was referred to a committee consisting of the following: John Detloff, chairman, Lawrence Gowling and Eleanor Frysinger. The following officers were elected for the next term of two weeks: Charles Woodin, president; Lucy Brennan, vice president; Irene Don, secretary. Committees were appointed as follows: Membership committee—Cora Gaetjer, Albert Huesing; ways and means—Willie Roth, Eleanor Frysinger, Marion McCandless. Madara Fezler was elected sergeant-at-arms.

The Zizzlezogs played the O. W. L. team at basketball in the school gymnasium Tuesday evening. The former won by a score of 17 to 10. Line up on the Zizzlezogs—Lamp, Kinner, forwards; Fezler, Rich, guards; Breen, center. The O. W. L.'s—Collins, McManus, forwards; Trimble, Frazer, guards; Nichols, center.

The class pins ordered by the senior class have been received. The lot represents an outlay of about $80.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Following are the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations in today's markets:

Wheat.

May, 115⅞, 116⅝, 115½, 116⅝.
July, 98¾, 99, 98⅝, 99.

Corn.

May, 45¼, 45½, 45⅛, 45½.
July, 45½, 45¾, 45½, 45¾.

Oats.

May, 31, 31⅛, 30⅞, 31⅛.
July, 30⅞, 31⅛, 30⅝, 31.

Pork.

January, 12.77, ——, ——, 12.77.
May, 13.07, 13.12, 12.95, 13.00.

Lard.

January, 6.85, 6.90, 6.85, 6.85.
May, 7.10, 7.12, 7.02, 7.05.
July, 7.20, 7.22, 7.15, 7.15.

Ribs.

January, 6.65, 6.61, 6.65, 6.67.
May, 6.90, 6.92, 6.87, 6.90.
July, 7.05, 7.05, 7.00, 7.02.

Receipts today—Wheat 12, corn 244, oats 54, hogs 30,000, cattle 8,000, sheep 14,000.

Hog market opened strong. Light 4.60@4.82, mixed and butchers 4.65@4.92, good heavy 4.70@4.95, rough heavy 4.70@4.80.

Cattle market opened strong to 10c higher.

Sheep market opened steady.

Hogs at Omaha 6,000, cattle 3,000. Hogs at Kansas City 14,000, cattle 5,000.

U. S. Yards, 8:40 a. m.—Hog market strong. Light 4.65@4.85, mixed and butchers 4.65@4.95, good heavy 4.70@4.97, rough heavy 4.70@4.80.

Cattle market strong to 10c higher. Beeves 3.20@6.35, cows and heifers 1.25@4.50, stockers and feeders 1.85@4.85.

Sheep market steady.

Hog market closed easy. Light 4.60@4.85, mixed and butchers 4.65@4.95, good heavy 4.70@5.00, rough heavy 4.70@4.80.

Cattle market closed strong.

Sheep market closed steady to 10c lower.

New York Stocks.

New York, Jan. 26.—Sugar 140⅞, Gas 106¾, C., R. I. & P. 35⅝, Southern Pacific 66⅝, B. & O. 102¾, Atchison common 86⅞, Atchison preferred 100⅝, C., M. & St. P. 174½, Manhattan 170¼, Copper 72⅞, N. Y. Central 143⅝, L. & N. 137, C. & A. 42¼, Reading common 87½, Canadian Pacific 132⅞, Leather common 13½, B. R. T. 61½, U. S. Steel preferred 93¾, U. S. Steel common 29⅞, Penna 136½, Missouri Pacific 105⅞, Union Pacific 118⅝, Coal & Iron 70½, Erie common 43, Wabash preferred 44, C. & G. W. 22¾, Illinois Central 156, Car Foundry 33, Republic Steel preferred 68½, Republic Steel common 16.

LOCAL MARKET CONDITIONS.

Today's Quotations on Provisions, Live Stock, Feed and Fuel.

Rock Island, Jan. 26.—Following are the wholesale quotations in the local market:

Provisions and Produce.

Butter—Creamery 29c, dairy 22c.
Eggs—Fresh 25c.
Lard—9c.
Live Poultry—Spring chickens 9c per pound, hens 8c per pound, ducks 9c, turkeys 13c to 14c
Vegetables—Potatoes 35@40c.

Feed and Fuel.

Grain—Corn 38@40c, oats 32@34c.
Forage — Timothy hay $10@10.50, prairie $9.50@$10, straw $6.00@7.00.
Wood—Hard, per load, $5.
Coal—Lump, bushel, 13@14c, slack, per bushel, 7c to 8c.

Live Stock.

Cattle—Steers $3.00@5.00, cows and heifers $2.00@3.75, calves 3.00@6.00.
Hogs — Mixed and butchers $4.00@4.50.
Sheep—Yearlings or over $3.00@$5.00, lambs $5.00@$7.00.

Apples are Healthy.

You can save doctor and medicine bills by using plenty of good apples. We have just received two cars of New York and Michigan fancy apples, different varieties, such as Greenings, Baldwins and Russets, on which we will make special prices for the next 10 days; 3 bushel barrel, $2.35; 1 bushel, 85 cents; 25 cents per peck.

RACHMAN'S GROCERY,
700 Twelfth street. Both phones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

The Illinois Central maintains double daily service, and operates the best of trains, with Dining Cars, Buffet-Library Cars, Chair Cars and Sleeping Cars from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville south to New Orleans. The best road for reaching the Winter Tourist Resorts of the south, including

NEW ORLEANS, VICKSBURG.
HAVANA, CUBA.
COLON, PANAMA. GULFPORT, MISS.,
HAMMOND, LA.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans March 7. Gulfport is a Mexican gulf coast resort, having the new, fine "Great Southern" Hotel. Steamships leave New Orleans every Saturday afternoon for Havana; every Wednesday morning for Colon, Panama. Regular ocean steamship sailings from New Orleans for Mexico, Central America, Panama, West Indies and Europe. Send or call for descriptive matter in regard to the above.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., FLORIDA.

Daily Sleeping Car without change, Chicago to Hot Springs, with connections at Memphis from Cincinnati and Louisville.

Through "Dixie Flyer" Sleeping Car line St. Louis to Jacksonville via Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

MEXICO, CALIFORNIA.

Tour of all Mexico, via Illinois Central R. R., under escort of Reau Campbell, general manager the American Tourist association, Quincy building, 113 Adams street, Chicago, leaves Chicago Jan. 31. Select clientele. Limited. All exclusive privileges, independent travel. Special Pullman vestibule train, drawing rooms, compartments, library and music room, with the largest dining car in the world, and the famous open-top observation car, Chililili. Special baggage car. Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

Special tours of Mexico and California via the Illinois Central and New Orleans under the auspices of Raymond & Whitcomb, will leave Chicago Friday, Jan. 20 and Feb. 10, for Mexico and California, and Friday, March 3, for California; this last to include a stopover at New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. Entire trips made in special private vestibule trains of finest Pullmans, with dining car service. Fascinating trips, complete in every detail.

Illinois Central Weekly Excursions to California. Excursion cars through to Los Angeles and San Francisco, as follows: Via New Orleans and the Southern Route every Friday from Chicago; every Tuesday from Cincinnati. Via Omaha and the Scenic Route every Wednesday from Chicago.

For information in detail, sleeping car reservations, etc., address

G. A. SMITH, Com'l Agent.,
329 Main Street, PEORIA, ILL.

LOBBYING FOR NEW LINE AT CAPITAL

Congress Being Urged to Give Company an Arsenal Franchise.

A number of the men interested in the projected street railway line from Davenport to Moline held a meeting at the Harper house yesterday afternoon, but nothing concerning the business considered was given out. However, it is known that J. W. Greene, of Chicago, and C. C. Hipwell, of Davenport, both stockholders in the company, are in Washington lobbying for a franchise for their line across Rock Island arsenal. The company desires permission to cross through the island to Moline, and also to come into this city over the tracks of the Tri-City Railway company from Davenport.

All the news all the time — THE ARGUS.