ALEDO IS EXPECTANT: WELCOMES INTERURBAN

Expects Connection With Rock Island and With the Mississippi at New Boston.

The Aledo Tribune thus speaks of the prospective interurban, of which mention has heretofore been made in The Argus:

Rumors have been flying through the air for the past few months as to the building of an electric line from Rock Island to Monmouth via Aledo. The air-castles have taken substantial form and if nothing intervenes Aledo will be connected by electric line with Rock Island and Monmouth.

The line will be known as the Rock Island, Aledo & Galesburg, and is being built by Boston (Mass.) capital. The engineers will be here within a few days, and if no difficulty is experienced in procuring a franchise the grades and fills will be well under way in May. The proposed route from Rock Island to Galesburg runs from Rock Island through Buffalo Prairie, Reynolds, Millersburg, Aledo, Seaton, Monmouth to Galesburg.

A line is also planned to parallel the C., B. & Q. from Galva to New Boston, thus making Aledo the intersecting point of the north, southeast and west lines. The Aledo council will be asked for a franchise next week. No bonus will be asked, merely the use of streets and the good will.

To a man up a tree, prospects for interurban service look particularly bright.

DAVENPORT DOTS.

Davenporter Gets Contract.

In Architect Hanssen's office yesterday afternoon the contract for the erection of the big apartment house to be built by P. T. Walsh at Fourth and Ripley streets, was let to Phillips & Volquardsen, for $53,550. These figures are exclusive of plumbing, heating, electric light and gas fixtures which will carry the total cost of the building well toward $75,000.

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Will Form Bonding Company.

The announcement is made by the Davenport gentlemen interested in the American Security company that that company will increase its capital stock from $25,000 to $150,000 at an early day, and that a new bonding company, with capital of $100,000, will be organized by the interests here that have made this and other local projects so successful. At a meeting of the American Surety company a resolution was adopted authorizing the incorporation of the bonding company and its incorporation is expected to follow this week. An eastern man with an extensive experience in the bonding business is expected here to take the direction of the new company on behalf of the local capitalists.

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Sues For $10,000.

J. F. McGinnis has entered suit in the district court against the Glucose company, in which he seeks the recovery of $10,000 damages for injuries sustained by reason of the alleged negligence of the defendant company. Mr. McGinnis states that on Feb. 17, 1904, while in the employ of the defendant company, he was instructed to replace a belt upon the shafting and while engaged in this work was thrown from a rickety ladder. By reason of the fall, his ankle was sprained and bruised, the ligaments torn from their attachments and otherwise injured, which has resulted in one foot being permanently crippled and by reason thereof has incapacitated him from being able to perform his regular line of work.

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Boys Tapped Till.

Detective Schlueter arrested two lads aged 8 and 14 years respectively, named Jacob and Carl Schumacher, charged with the theft of $8 in money from the cash drawer of the Mengel-Zoeckler butcher shop on Third and Division streets. The boys reside with their parents over the meat market. While the butcher was out two weeks ago they tapped his till for $4, and again they repeated the sneak thievery on Saturday night abstracting the same amount from the till. The two lads were brought before the county attorney and confessed to the crime. As the Mengel-Zoeckler company did not care to prosecute such young children they were let go. The eight year old lad was liberated before his brother, who was threatened with the reform school in case he ever repeated the offense.

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Another Actress Sued.

James Hanson of the Palace hotel has entered suit in the sum of $22 against Blanche O'Brien, the east side oriole who is now filling an engagement at the Standard theatre. A writ of attachment was issued against the personal effects of Miss O'Brien and this was served at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Constable Rumsey. Mr. Hanson claims the money to be due him for sums loaned to the lady and for merchandise sold to her.

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Main Burst.

A stream of water rising fountain-like for 40 feet into the air, filling the air with spray, the street with water, and covering the telegraph wires and adjacent ground with ice, was what any belated traveler might have been at Tenth street and Grand avenue after 10 o'clock Tuesday night. A six-inch water main broke square in two there, the water soon worked an opening to the surface of the ground, and the display then rivalled that which used to be given when the aerial truck and fire companies were called out to the Masonic temple corner. Down at the pumping station at the waterworks the engines began thumping away at an unusual rate, showing that about 50,000 gallons of water an hour in excess of the usual consumption, was escaping somewhere. It grew worse, and searching parties were sent out to locate the leak, which was found about 11:30. The main was cut out after the fountain had spurted for two hours and cast probably 200,000 gallons of water into the air.

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Clear $300.

The street car men's masquerade ball given at the Turner Grand opera house last Saturday night was a highly successful event from a financial standpoint. The sum of $300 was cleared by the venture.

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Weaver Files Divorce Suit.

Yesterday afternoon in the district court S. A. Weaver, complainant in the damage suit now on in the same court, filed divorce proceedings against his wife, Bertha Weaver. In his bill for divorce Weaver states that he was married to the woman at Dunlap, Iowa, in 1893, and that they lived together until May, 1904. Weaver alleges that his wife was false to her marriage vows and names L. R. Walker as co-respondent. Another development of the Weaver vs. Walker damage suit was the filing of an additional count by the defendant, Walker, through his attorneys, Chamberlin & Petersen, last evening. The additional count, which they insist is upheld by the evidence, alleges that there exists a conspiracy between Weaver and his wife against Walker.

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Maurice Lawton died at 11:15 yesterday morning at his home, 909 Vine street. He was 86 years old and a native of Ireland. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Lawton, one son, Edward J. Lawton, at home, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Cunningham, in Colorado.

Adam C. F. Puls died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at 422 Warren street. He was 83 years of age and a native of Germany. He is survived by two children, William E. Puls and Mrs. Minnie E. Brandt, and one sister, Mrs. Franck.

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Stole a Rail.

Frank Perron, Lewis Perry and Albert Berry pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing iron pipes and railroad rails from the Rock Island road. They pleaded guilty in Justice Hall's court and were sentenced to 10 days each in the Scott county jail.

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Was Youngest Soldier.

Sick and discouraged, saying he had not long to live, George P. Bennett applied to the county officers yesterday for transportation to Chicago, where he would find friends to help him on his way to the National Soldiers' home at Hampton, Va. There was nothing remarkable in this, but for the fact that the man reinforced his plea for help by showing his enlistment and discharge papers from the marine service of the United States government. From these papers it appears that Bennett enlisted at New York City Dec. 14, 1861, in Company B, 1st marine regiment, New York volunteers, at the age of 9 years and 7 days, making him probably the youngest soldier in the service of the United States. He served on board the United States ship Cossack, of which his father was commander. His duties were to pass ammunition to the gunners from the magazine, he being one of the "powder monkeys," the tales of whose adventures formerly fired the youthful mind with an ambition to become a sailor on one of Uncle Sam's ships. Mr. Bennett saw some strenuous times during the war, participating in the battles of Roanoke and Newbern. During the latter battle he was presented with a pony by Gen. Reno on the battlefield for intrepidity in the battle. Mr. Bennett received his discharge Jan. 17, 1863, after serving one year and one month, by order of the secretary of war. The discharge was given him on representations made by his father, who found the boy's health was failing. The discharge is signed by C. M. McKeever, chief adjutant general of the United States army, Washington, D. C.

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Obituary Record.

At her home on the Telegraph road in Black Hawk, after a brief illness, occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Ovens, nee Tettens, aged 70 years. Deceased was born in Garding, Schleswig-Holstein and came to this country in 1884 with her children, and directly to Davenport. Her husband died in Germany, and since his death she has made her home with her youngest son, George Ovens, at whose home she died. The survivors are the sons Fritz, Jacob, Ferdinand, Herman and George Ovens, and the daughters, Mrs. Amalia Dickmann and Mrs. Wilhelmina Glan.

Pioneer Riverman Dead.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—Thomas Matthew Moore, who was for 55 years a steamboatman on the Mississippi river and the great lakes, died at the home of his son, William P. Moore, 3519 Clay avenue. He was born in Coburg, Ontario, and began work on steamers on the great lakes at the age of 8. He went to Chicago on the boat Robert Fulton, on its first trip, and came to St. Louis in 1840. In the palmy days of packeting on the Mississippi river he was a steward and fitted out many of the finest boats of that period. He left the river service 14 years ago at the request of his son William, with whom he had since made his home. He was found unconscious in bed Wednesday morning and never rallied.

Taken Ill at Depot.

The Davenport ambulance was called to this city yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock to take care of W. H. Hender of Davenport, who was suddenly taken ill while he was waiting for a train at the Rock Island depot. Mr. Hender was taken to his home.

MOLINE MENTION.

Industrial Fair Opens.

The annual industrial fair at Industrial Home opened last night, and the hall presented a scene of color and provisions for gayety unsurpassed in former years. Multicolored bunting is hung in big festoons from the ceiling and walls of the hall and the many booths are decorated in every color of the rainbow. The booths are arranged about the hall, with the band stand in the center on the east wall. The fair will continue for 10 days, concluding the 11th of the month.

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Goes to University.

Wallace Warnock, mailing clerk at the postoffice, is spending the balance of the winter and spring at the University of Illinois, having secured through Postmaster McKinley a leave of absence covering this period while he seeks a little higher education. Orlando Metz is filling his position in Uncle Sam's corps here.

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$60 for Bethany.

Moline society liberally patronized the party given at the Moline club Tuesday evening for the benefit of Bethany home, the worthy foundling institution which is commanding the interest of some of Moline's most prominent women. The evening was divided into cards and dancing, and for the hours until 10 o'clock there was six-handed euchre at 20 tables in the ball room on the third floor, while after that time dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The race for the prizes in the games ran merrily and the honors were won by Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. C. G. Carlson, Henry Rohwer and Harvey McKinley. The ladies who had charge of the affair contemplate another for an afternoon function, this was so successful. The proceeds were such that the whole will probably net the home between $50 and $60.

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Obituary Record.

Miss Hattie Luella Kelly, daughter of James Kelly, of this city, died in Chicago Tuesday afternoon after an illness of quick consumption. She died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Kenter, and the remains will arrive in Moline this afternoon, and arrangements for the funeral will be announced later. She leaves to mourn her loss her father, James, and three brothers, Joseph, Frank and George Kelly, all living in this city. The funeral will be held from the home of Frank Kelly, 1632 Ninth street.

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Mrs. Eva Freed, wife of August Freed, 1233 Seventh avenue, died yesterday morning at the family home. In the death of Mrs. Freed Moline loses another one of the early settlers. Had she lived until the 20th of this month she would have been 81 years old. She located in this city in 1869, coming to this country with her bereaved husband and directly to Moline. She was born in Sweden Feb. 20, 1824, and her maiden name was Eva Swanson. In 1863 she was united in marriage to August Freed, and to their union five children were born: Mrs. John Smith, Cambridge; Mrs. Gust Anderson, Moline; Charles and William Freed, Sioux City; Miss Hilma Freed, Sweden; one brother in Sweden, 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive her.

POWER DAM ON ROCK RIVER

Three Thousand Horse Power to Be Developed at Grand Detour.

Plans are about matured for the building of a new dam at Grand Detour, near Dixon on Rock river, to have a capacity of 3,000 horse power. This, it is calculated, will furnish power at one-half the cost of coal.

It is understood that Dixon parties who have been in control of the situation will retain an interest, but that the power will be controlled by parties in Chicago and Rockford. These people have for the past three years been interested in electric transactions in northern Illinois. The promoters of this scheme have already made arrangements for industries to locate in Grand Detour, that can utilize the water power to the best advantage.