

# RIGHT ON LEVEE CUT TO 15 YEARS

## City Council Tentatively Accepts Sand & Gravel Co.'s Ordinance.

### \$200 ANNUAL LICENSE

#### Concern Agrees to Turn Over Plant to Municipality at End of Term if Desired.

The ordinance of the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company for the right to occupy the river front between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets has been tentatively accepted, in revised form, by the city council, the period of the lease having been reduced from 25 to 15 years, the annual license increased from \$100 to \$200 per year, and other minor changes made. The ordinance was before the council as a committee of the whole last evening, and was considered by sections. The sentiment of the aldermen was almost unanimous that the life of the grant not exceed 15 years, thus conforming to the length of the lease of the same frontage now held by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company.

In this connection it might be well to clear a point that doubtless those who were opposing the ordinance might not have been cognizant of. In 1900 the council granted to the Rock Island & Peoria railway (which has since been absorbed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific) a lease of the river front from Nineteenth to Twentieth street for 25 years. It was on condition that the railroad make certain improvements, all of which promises have been fulfilled. It was the purpose of the railroad to install a mechanical arrangement on the river front for the transferring of coal to barges and steamers from the cars. The mechanism was placed, but it proved impractical.

#### Concession Transferred.

In its stead a chute was built, and this has since been in use, of late by the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company, which latter concern has become the local agent of the Rock Island and Henry county coal mines of the Rock Island road. Thus, it will be seen, the Rock Island road has retired from the retail coal business. Under the lease held by the Rock Island road, without its consent, no other company or individual could use the block between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets for the handling of coal for the next 15 years. However, on account of close relations, the railroad conceded this privilege to the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company, although not surrendering its own rights under the council grant of 1900. The Rock Island Sand & Gravel company, on the other hand, has a grant from the city council for the mooring of its sand and gravel barges in the river between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, for which privilege it has been paying the city \$100 per year. These barges practically, during the whole of the navigation season, made inaccessible to other river craft the block between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. In the event that the company finally is permitted to occupy the space between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, its barges will be removed to that point and will be confined to the east half of the block, leaving the west half accessible during the navigation season to all other craft that may desire to use the Rock Island harbor. Thus, it is argued by the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company, instead of lessening the harbor facilities in this city, the new arrangement would increase them by at least a block and a half.

#### Opinion as to Charges.

Alderman Charles L. Thompson was of the opinion that the company should pay pretty liberally for the concession carried in its ordinance, and he believed that \$200 for the first three years, \$500 for the next two and \$1,000 annually for the remainder of the life of the lease not excessive. Fred Gall, manager of the company, and E. H. Stafford, the company attorney, replied that the embodying of such a license charge in the ordinance would mean that it would not be accepted, and that the company would withdraw its ordinance. The company was willing to pay a reasonable charge; believed that it should, but it would not attempt to meet a fee that the returns of the business would not justify. The company, it was stated, contemplated an investment of approximately \$15,000, and one that it felt would be a benefit to the city and river traffic generally as well as itself. It had reached a point in the growth of its business that it must have the modern facilities proposed or lay down and see competing concerns at other river cities taking the trade from under its very eyes. The company, it was stated, would not attempt to block any other local concern that might seek similar privileges. It was in a fortunate position with the Rock Island

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road, owing to the business relations enjoyed, and in view of the permission obtained from the latter, it could not see that the city was to be any other than the gainer under the conditions of the ordinance, inasmuch as the city could not take from the Rock Island road what it now had—an exclusive right on the levee between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets—and in view of the proposed improvement of the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company. Furthermore, it would be giving a home institution a chance to grow and increase the importance of the city as a sand and coal market.

#### Will Handle All Freight.

The company agreed to the insertion of a clause in the ordinance giving the city the right to take over the levee, with the improvements at the end of the 15th year, provided a year's notice be given the company, on the reimbursing of the company to the extent of its investment, a schedule of which shall be filed with the city clerk on the completion of the same. The company agrees further to handle freight for others at the levee by the use of its locomotive crane at a charge of 20 cents a ton, and consents to the fixing of the price of sand not to exceed 40 cents a yard loaded at the levee during the navigation season. The committee reported progress on the ordinance to the council, and ordered that new copies of the ordinance, as revised, be drawn by the company, and each alderman furnished a copy, in order that all may be prepared to vote intelligently on it when it comes up for its final adoption.

#### Street Railway Anxious to Proceed.

President J. F. Porter and General Superintendent J. G. Huntoon of the Tri-City Railway company were present ready to confer on the company's new ordinance, which has been before the council for many weeks. There was no discussion, however, for the reason that the aldermen had not been furnished individual copies of the ordinance, as had been requested at a previous meeting. Mr. Huntoon answered that he had not been informed of such a desire by the aldermen, but he would see that the copies would be supplied immediately.

#### The Tri-City Railway Company is Ready and Anxious to Take Action on Its Ordinance.

Mr. Huntoon said, "We have been patient in the matter, have given, as we feel, ample time for the consideration of the various features of the ordinance, and as the season when we get busy, if we are to do anything, is upon us, we believe we ought to know our status without any further delay."

#### Members of the Council feel as does Mr. Huntoon.

The company has agreed to the various extensions asked by the council, and is in readiness to proceed with construction at once. The company has told the council the demands from various sources that it will not accede to, and it does seem that there ought by now be a pretty thorough understanding of what the city can get from the company. At any rate, the company all along has manifested a disposition of fairness towards the city, and it is believed if the same fairness is displayed on the part of the council, the city will be the gainer.

#### Trenkenschuh Sewer Bill.

One of the matters that the council was called to meet in committee of the whole to consider was the bill of Contractor P. F. Trenkenschuh for extra work in connection with the Seventeenth street sewer. The account has been hanging fire upwards of a year. After Mr. Trenkenschuh had the work well under way it was discovered a mistake in the grade had been made, and he was ordered to rebuild a portion of the sewer. His charge for this extra work is \$3,225.75. Mr. Trenkenschuh disavows any responsibility for the grade mistake, as he cites, he was working under the direction of the officials of the city. The job was done during the administration of Mayor H. C. Schaffer. At a previous committee meeting, it was stated, City Engineer Wallace Treichler had agreed to assume \$600 of the Trenkenschuh bill, with the understanding that the city would pay \$2,400. Mr. Trenkenschuh was willing to accept \$3,000 in full settlement. Mr. Treichler was not present at the meeting last evening, but Alderman John Holzhammer stated he had been informed Mr. Treichler had withdrawn his offer to stand \$600 of the account. R. R. Reynolds, attorney for Mr. Trenkenschuh, said this action on the part of Mr. Treichler was news to his client and himself, and he suggested that no action be taken until Mr. Treichler was interviewed further in the matter.

#### When the committee of the whole had reported to the council, it was voted that the Trenkenschuh bill be considered further at a special meeting tomorrow evening, when Mr. Treichler will be invited to be on hand.

The meeting will be held specially to take up the street railway ordinance, the company agreeing to assume the expense of the meeting.

#### Schantz Will Probated.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary Schantz of this city was admitted to probate in the county court today by Judge R. W. Olmsted. The document calls for a division of the property of the deceased among her children, all of whom were the offspring of a former marriage. Frank Berger, a son, was appointed executor. The instrument was drawn and dated Sept. 27, 1909.

#### Tip for the Kahlkes.

"B. L. T." in Chicago Tribune: Speaking of Dr. Kahlke as a good ship's surgeon, we are informed that his brothers own the Kahlke boatyards at Rock Island. The doctor might lend assistance in putting new ribs into old hulls.

#### Six Miners Killed.

Wilburton, Okla., March 31.—An explosion in the Great Western coal mine here today killed six men.

## FIND STOLEN TEAM

### Horses and Farm Wagon Left Tied to Hitching Post at Barstow.

## THIEVES HAD DISAPPEARED

### Outfit Taken Care of by Liveryman—Trail Followed Yesterday from Coal Valley Fruitless.

The team of horses stolen from Market square Tuesday afternoon was located late yesterday afternoon at Barstow, and returned to Hugh Robinson, the owner, who resides on a farm several miles south of Milan. It seems that the horse thieves got cold feet and abandoned the rig after despairing of selling out. The horses were found tied up in the village and they were taken to the O'Brien livery barn and cared for Tuesday night. It was thought that the owner had gone on a spree and the liveryman did not suspect that the team was a stolen one until he was warned by the police yesterday to be on the lookout for the rig. He at once told them of the team he had in his charge and the owner was notified.

#### Had Struck False Scent.

It was learned late yesterday afternoon that the team which had been traced as far as Orion was not the stolen one, but was one belonging to a Kewanee man who was, on his way home from a visit to the three cities. He spent Tuesday night at Coal Valley, where he endeavored to sell his team and wagon. The price asked, however, was so cheap that suspicion was aroused and no one bought the outfit. When it was learned next morning that a team had been stolen in Rock Island, it was decided at once that this was the one and the man was traced to Orion. Later on he was found near Kewanee and he easily proved his title to the horses.

## TWENTY-SIX CLEAR DAYS IN THE MONTH

### March Had Not Single Wholly Cloudy Day and Has Probably Set a New Record.

March as a bidder for the greatest amount of sunshine of any month in the year is something new in this time, but the present month has apparently broken the record. Observer Sherier of the local weather station in looking over the record today found that the sun had shown every day this month; in other words, that there has not been a single day rated in the records as "cloudy." There have been only five days that are rated as "partly cloudy," with the sun visible for only a portion of the time. Twenty-six clear days, so far as anybody knows, is a record for any month.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

### H. B. Hayden has returned from Monmouth.

### J. Lindsay Oliver of Chicago is registered at the New Harper.

### Frank Ives of New Boston spent yesterday in the city the guest of W. H. Dart.

### Miss Mary Solbrig of South Rock Island left this noon for an extended visit in Denver.

### Mrs. Henry Bostock and daughter, Mrs. C. Elkworth Zeigler, left today for Minneapolis.

### Mrs. Jake Simon and son of Monmouth are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Simon.

### Major and Mrs. H. C. Connelly, 1290 Second avenue, have arrived home after spending the winter months in the south.

### Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Krell leave early in April for an extended southern trip which will include visits to New Orleans, Havana, Cuba; Memphis and Nashville.

### An Impostor.

### "Mebbe you'd like to put a piece about me in yer paper," quavered the old man, hobbling up to the city editor's desk.

### "What have you done?" demanded the arbiter of publicity's destiny.

### "Nothin' much, but I was a hundred years old yesterday."

### "A hundred, eh? But can you walk without a stick and read fine print without glasses?"

### "No."

### "You are an impostor!"

### The old man broke down and confessed he was only ninety-seven.—Cleveland Leader.

### His Luck.

### Tom—I wish that I had Alfred's good luck. Dick—So he's generally lucky? Tom—Lucky! If he walked out of the window in his sleep at dead of night there would be another man going by below carrying a feather bed.

### The Harder Task.

### "My ambition is to write a history of the world. There is no task more difficult, I imagine."

### "Oh, I don't know. My ambition is to concoct a new anecdote."—Washington Herald.

### Profit in Three Cent Bread.

### Jacob Slupsky, capitalist philanthropist, will erect a \$200,000 bakery in North St.-Louis and will sell bread at 3 cents a loaf. There will be a profit of 1 1/2 cents on each loaf, he says.

### Feature of the New National Museum.

### The National museum now under construction at Washington will be one of the most wonderful in the world. One of the novel features will be the model of the Hawaiian Islands upon which Mr. Milner is now at work.

## WINNER IN SIXTH



In James D. Davis the taxpayers of the Sixth ward have a clean cut young man to vote for as their representative in the city council. Mr. Davis is the democratic candidate. He is married, and his home is at 2900 Sixth avenue.

Mr. Davis is a native of Indianapolis, but has been a resident of Rock Island upwards of 10 years, and the greater part of that time he has been in the Sixth and Fourth wards. He is a machinist by trade, and his industry is best shown in the fact that he has made use of his earnings in investing in property in the city he has chosen as his permanent residence place. Mr. Davis is one of the active members of Machinists' union 81, among the members of which he is popular.

Mr. Davis makes no professions as a politician. He does not claim to know the game of politics, and has no particular aspirations in that direction. But he does claim to be equipped with common business sense and judgment; he has interests in his ward and city, and would regard it an honor to serve as a member of the municipal assembly. He is pretty well acquainted over his ward, and those who have met him can't fail to be impressed by his sincerity. He is endeavoring to personally see every voter in the ward before election day. The people of the ward who know Mr. Davis best say there is no question about his election.

#### Call to Democrats.

All nominees on the democratic city-township ticket and the committeemen of the different ward precincts are requested to meet at Turner hall Thursday evening, March 31, at 7:30 o'clock sharp for the purpose of perfecting final plans for election day. It is to the interest of the party generally, and candidates and committeemen in particular, that all included in this call be in attendance. BERT CORKEN, Chairman city-township committee. R. W. LAMONT, Secretary.

## KEEP JUBILEE COLLEGE

### Attorney Says Institution Will Run as Usual.

A rumor to the effect that the building and equipment of Jubilee college near Peoria will be sold and that the institution will pass from the Episcopal diocese into private hands, was denied by L. M. Boggess, attorney for the college.

"The college is running along the same as ever and will be for an indefinite period," said Mr. Boggess when interviewed at Peoria. "Had the sale of part or all of it been in contemplation I would certainly have known of it. The college is now in the hands of Clarence M. Abbott of Albany, N. Y., and Mr. Abbott will continue as its head.

Rev. H. Atwood Percival, chairman of the board of trustees of the college, has been in Chicago for several days, but it is denied that his visit there is in connection with the institution.

## DECISION TO BUY

### Moose Lodge Appoints Committee to Negotiate for Purchase of Club Property.

## CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

### Site Offered for \$14,500—Transfer Would Mean Another New Building.

In furtherance of the negotiations for the purchase of the Rock Island Club property, Sixteenth street and Third avenue, by the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, a committee from the latter organization held a conference this afternoon with officers of the club. Another meeting will be held next week on the matter.

The committee was appointed at a regular meeting of the Moose lodge held last evening. James J. Davis of Pittsburgh, supreme organizer of the Moose order, has been spending the week in the tri-cities, and he has been urging the local membership to a summation of its original plans looking toward the establishment of a permanent lodge home. The sentiment of the meeting of the membership last night was that the proposition of the Rock Island Club be accepted, if suitable terms could be had.

#### Offered Club Property.

The Rock Island Club property, together with the building and furnishings, as it stands, have been offered for \$14,500, the reasonableness of the price being due chiefly to the fact that the club has outgrown its present quarters and desires to build a larger and more modern home. In the event of the closing of the sale to the Moose lodge, the Rock Island Club will proceed immediately with the plans that it has under consideration upwards of a year for the erection of a handsome new clubhouse in a new location.

## OBITUARY RECORD.

### J. Frank Duffin.

J. Frank Duffin passed away at his home in Monmouth last night at 11:55 after a short illness of complications of the liver.

James Franklin Duffin was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Duffin and was born Feb. 15, 1874, in Davenport, Iowa, moving to Rock Island with his parents in 1890. He learned his trade as patternmaker with Deere & Mansur company of Moline. In 1897 he moved to Monmouth and was foreman of the pattern room of the Kingman Plow company. Since 1905 he had been associated with the McIntosh Foundry and Machine company, being vice president of the company and having charge of the pattern room and foundry.

Mr. Duffin was married March 31, 1896, to Nellie E. Burch of Rock Island. Besides his wife, he leaves four children, Rogene, LeRoy, Warren and Wilson. He also leaves his father and mother, two brothers, George and Warren of Rock Island; one half-brother, W. G. Beckwith of St. Louis, and one half-sister, Mrs. S. E. Denison of Youngstown, Ohio.

He was a member of the Ft. Clark lodge 199, I. O. O. F., the Order of Redmen, K. O. T. M. and the Mystic Workers of the World. Funeral services will be held from the home, 419 North Sixth street, Monmouth, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains will be brought to Rock Island, where services will be held Sunday.

### Funeral of Clara L. Barsel.

The funeral of Miss Clara Louise Barsel of Hampton was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Barsel, near that village. Rev. W. S. Read of Hampton conducted the services and interment was made in the Hampton cemetery. Miss Barsel, who was 30

years of age, died Sunday evening. She was born in Moline, but had lived at Hampton since 5 years of age. Besides the parents the members of the immediate family surviving are a sister, Mrs. C. W. Edelman, and three brothers, Albert G., at home; Ernest H. of East Moline, and William H. of South Rock Island.

## FIRE IN SECHLER CARRIAGE OFFICE

### Short Circuited Telephone Wire Ignites Tar Paper Between the Flooring.

Short circuiting of a telephone wire, caused by a crossing with a fallen street car trolley, started a fire in the office of the Sechler Carriage company factory on Third avenue, Moline, at 5:45 yesterday afternoon. The telephone wires into the office pass between the double flooring. Between the flooring there is a layer of tar paper. It was the paper that first was ignited. The office was in flames when the discovery was made, and it was a difficult fire to fight. However, it was confined to the office, and the damage will not exceed a few hundred dollars. The fortunate part of the affair is that it occurred at the hour of day it did. Had it been at night, it would have doubtless gotten more headway before it was detected.

## BROTHERS GET IN FIGHT

### Are Arrested and Fined \$5 and Costs Each This Morning.

Julius and John Stephens, brothers, hailing from Moline, got into an argument between themselves late last night while at the Rock Island depot at Twentieth street in this city, and the police had to step in and arrest them in order to preserve the peace. They were arraigned before the police magistrate this morning and each was assessed a fine of \$5 and costs, which they paid.

Jim Haley was sent to the county jail this morning for the "steenth time." Jim does not feel at home unless he is behind the bars, and as soon as his term in the sheriff's boarding house expires, he goes out and gets drunk and then starts "mooching" so he will be sent back.

## GATHERING OPIUM.

### How the Petals and Juice of the Poppy Plant Are Procured.

Opium growing is a sort of garden cultivation, the poppy plants being grown in little squares or beds intersected by tiny water channels for irrigation wherever this is possible. The growth of the plants is carefully tended, and at length the time comes when they burst out into flower, and the fields look like a sheet of silver as the white petals of the flowers glisten in the morning dew.

These beautiful petals are the first produce of the crop, for the women and children of the cultivators' families come forth and pick them off one by one and carefully dry them, so that they may serve afterward as the covering of the manufactured cakes of opium. Then the poppies, with their bare capsule heads, remain standing in the open field until it is considered that they are ripe for lancing. The cultivators then come forth in the evening, and with an implement not unlike the knives of a cupping instrument they scarify the capsule on its sides with deep incisions, so that the juice may exude.

In the early morning the cultivators reappear with a scraping knife and their earthenware pots, and they scrape off the exuded juice and collect it in their pots. And this is crude opium.—Blackwood's Magazine.

## Brush on Fire.

The No. 3 hose company responded to a call last evening at 8 o'clock to the East end park. Brush on Fortieth street and Tenth avenue had been set on fire. The blaze was extinguished by the firemen with clubs.

## WORK TO COST \$250,000 BEGUN

### Central Union Telephone Company Breaks Ground for New Conduit System.

## TO EMBRACE FIRE LIMITS

### Force of 50 Men Set at Excavating—Wires to Be Laid in Trench Set in Concrete.

An improvement which will represent an investment of \$250,000 was commenced this afternoon by the Central Union Telephone company when ground was broken for the laying of the underground conduits which are to eliminate all the telephone poles and wires in the fire districts.

No elaborate ceremonies accompanied the starting of the work, but Mayor G. W. McCaskrin, Manager A. J. Beverlin of the Central Union's local offices, Street Commissioner Hamill H. Hull, and W. L. Thomas, the company's construction engineer from Indianapolis, were all present.

The mayor used a pick and tore up the first bricks. This was done at Thirtieth street and Third avenue. A photographer was present and a number of pictures of the ceremony were taken for use in the trade papers of the telephone companies.

#### Nature of the Work.

Commencing at the spot where ground was broken this afternoon, a trench will be laid seven inches of concrete will be laid east to the other extremity of the fire limits, which is Twenty-fourth street. In this conduit, which will be along Third avenue, the cables containing the telephone wires will be strung. The work will be pushed with all dispatch possible and it is expected that the stretch through to Twenty-fourth street will be completed within six weeks. Fifty men were put to work today and more will be added as fast as they are needed to facilitate the work.

After this main stretch is completed conduits will be laid on Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets from Third to Seventh avenues and east to Twenty-fourth street. A conduit for the business district will be built also. It will lead from the exchange down the alley between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets to Second avenue, thence over to Eighteenth street, then north to the alley between First and Second avenues and west to the fire limits.

#### Extensions Over City.

In addition to the undergrounding of the wires in the fire district, the company is installing new cables over the entire city and building extensions to territory heretofore not served, owing to the limited facilities under the old order of things. The starting of the new improvement, long in contemplation by the company, was made possible by the recent adoption of the new franchise ordinance by the city council, thereby putting at end a litigation as to the validity of the company's local franchise continuing over a period of four years. Incidentally, the company has plans for a new exchange building to be located in the residence district, this to cost \$50,000. The new exchange building plans are not fully matured, but it is understood that the building has been decided upon, the only detail to be settled being a satisfactory site.

#### Harbor Line Hearing On.

Major Charles Keller of the United States engineers' office is at Boffendorf this afternoon hearing those who are interested in the establishment of the harbor line between the east and west ends of the town. He was accompanied by W. E. Bendt, who will take a stenographic report of the meeting.

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