# THIRD TELEPHONE GRANT IS SOUGHT

**Tri-City Independent Home Company Presents Ordinance to Council.**

## SCALE OF RATES IS FIXED

**Twenty-five Year Franchise Asked—Otto Adams Petition for Saloon Permit Is Denied.**

Having failed in an attempt to purchase the property of the Union Electric Telephone & Telegraph company, the Tri-City Independent Home Telephone company last night presented to the Rock Island city council an ordinance for the construction and maintenance of a new telephone system.

In the ordinance which the company desires the council to grant it is stated that for the use of the officers and employes of the city 30 sets of telephone instruments and 10 sets of instruments for the use of the fire alarm and police patrol system shall be given free of charge by the company. The rates which the company will charge during the life of its franchise will be as follows: "Up to such time as the company has in operation 6,000 telephones, the service shall not exceed for a business telephone $36 per year, and a residence telephone $18 per year. For each 1,000 telephones the company has in excess of said 6,000 named an additional charge of 25 cents per month may be made." The life of the franchise is to be 25 years. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee. It is hardly probable that any action will be taken by the present council on the matter, but that it will be laid over for action by the commission.

**SALOON LICENSE DENIED.**

The petition of Otto Adams for a license to conduct a saloon on Forty-sixth street was rejected upon recommendation of Mayor G. W. McCaskrin, to whom it was referred by the council. In making his report the mayor cited the fact that the petition is inadequate as to the number of feet frontage required by the city ordinance; that it does not represent a number affixed to a building where the saloon is to be located, and that in recognition of the large number of persons protesting in the vicinity requires a strict compliance of the law before the grant could be made.

The question of establishing or providing a method for the chemical analysis of the city water supply was presented in a message from the mayor. He held it would incur a large expense for the equipment of the department with the chemicals and materials for a bacteriological laboratory to make the necessary tests at the filter plant, and that, inasmuch as Augustana college is thoroughly equipped with such a laboratory that institution could handle the work. In a conference with President Andreen of the college and Professor Magnusson, who is in charge of that branch of the school work, it was learned that the institution would accept an arrangement for the making of the proper tests. The matter of securing the services of Professor Magnusson was referred to the mayor, the city clerk, the waterworks committee and the superintendent of waterworks.

**SEVENTH WARD SEWER SYSTEM.**

The mayor presented a message stating that now is the proper time to take up the matter of the east half of the Seventh ward sewer system, inasmuch as the west half would be built this spring and summer. The matter was referred to the board of local improvements to proceed with the drafting of an ordinance.

The mayor called attention to the wiring in the business districts of the city. He recommended that the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies be notified to place their wires under ground at once. The chairman of the street and alley committee was instructed to apprise the companies at once of the desire of the council. Iron posts to support the police and fire alarm boxes in the business district were recommended by the mayor. It will require 10 posts, each costing about $25. The fire and light committee was authorized to investigate as to the expense of the improvement and report. The Tri-City Railway company will be notified that iron posts for the support of the company wires should be provided.

A message relative to the electrical inspectors' ordinance was presented by the mayor. He suggested that the clerk secure from other cities, where such an ordinance is in effect, facts to aid in determining the rates, fees, etc., attached to the same; that there should be a clause providing for the union scale of wages to be provided, and that the inspector and his assistant should both be union men. The message was referred to the ordinance committee.

John Cunningham, in a communication addressed to the council, stated that the improvement of Twenty-ninth street and Ninth avenue had ruined some lots which he owned in that vicinity, and that they were now in an undesirable condition. The matter was referred to the street and alley committee for investigation.

**TEST OF FIRE HOSE.**

Fire Chief George W. Newberry reported that he had tested 1,000 feet of the new fire hose with 250 pounds pressure, and had found the hose up to requirements. He stated that when the hose was subjected to his test its length increased four feet, and that as soon as the pressure was stopped the hose resumed its normal length, indicating that it was of good quality. Alderman LaVanway moved that the chief be instructed to test 50 feet of the hose with 400 pounds, which was the amount of pressure the company said the hose would stand. The motion was carried.

The mayor, city clerk and the waterworks committee were authorized to purchase a carload of alum for the use of the new filter plant. For the past few days it has been found necessary to use more alum than usual because of the great amount of sediment in the water. Waterworks Superintendent D. C. Kelly stated that on Sunday 2,200 pounds had been used.

Fire Chief Newberry reported that five circuits of the new alarm system would be ready for use in the residence district by Thursday.

**TIME ON PAVING BILL.**

Further time was granted the committee which has in hand the bill of the Tri-City Construction company for the paving of Lincoln Court addition.

The clerk was instructed to notify Orrin S. Holt that his services as superintendent of construction at the filter plant were no longer needed, the improvement having been completed.

Alderman Martin McNeely presented a resolution recommending installation at the filter plant of two 5,000,000-gallon pressure pumps. It is held that the pressure at the filters now is insufficient. The resolution was referred for investigation and a report.

A swimming pool in Long View park is recommended in a resolution introduced by Alderman McNealy. It was referred to the committee on parks to investigate and report.

Street Commissioner H. H. Hull was instructed by a motion offered by Alderman Charles Borst to close Thirty-eighth street between Seventh and Tenth avenues, owing to the present impassable condition of that thoroughfare. It was ordered that the street be kept closed until such time as the council puts it in proper condition.

**WALK IS IMPOSSIBLE.**

Alderman Borst moved that Street Commissioner Hull be instructed to haul cinders to the ravine leading from Fourteenth avenue and Forty-second street to Forty-third street and Tenth avenue so the people who use the cut in going to their work would have a passable walk. Mr. Hull stated that it would be impossible to do the work now, because a team could not work there. The motion was adopted. The mayor had to decide, as there was a tie vote. The mayor held that, if possible, the work should be done. Alderman Holzhammer asked that the Rock Island road be instructed to fill the "mud hole" at First street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues with cinders. The council adopted his motion.

**TO HOLD COMPANY.**

The council rejected a resolution presented by the Tri-City Railway company asking an extension of the period to which it agreed in its recently adopted franchise ordinance to the completion of promised improvements in the city. The council decided to hold the company to its agreement to have its proposed extensions finished within 18 months after the passage of the franchise ordinance.

The council granted a request made by J. W. Cavanaugh, in behalf of the Rock Island Moose lodge, for the use of the streets in June for a street fair. The street and alley and license and markets committees will designate the thoroughfares to be used by the lodge.

**WILL NOT DISTURB LINES.**

The matter of the abolishment of the ward lines in the city will not be decided by the present council, but will be referred to the new commission. A week ago the matter was presented to the council, and the ordinance committee was instructed to draw up an ordinance covering the matter. As the election notices have already been posted and the voting places have been designated by ward numbers, it would be impractical to make the change at the present time.





# INSTALL OFFICERS

**Rock Island Business Men's Association Holds Meeting at Math's Hall.**

## PLAN TO ENLARGE SCOPE

**Will Build Up Rating System and Adopt Graded Scale of Fees for Membership.**

The Rock Island Business Men's association met last evening at Math's hall and the officers who were elected Jan. 30 were formally installed. The installation was conducted by E. B. McKown, retiring president. The new officers are:

President—M. H. Sexton.
Vice President—C. W. Horton.
Recording Secretary—Ralph Lamont.
Treasurer—E. B. Krels.
Directors—Henry Schocker, W. S. McCombs and J. T. Marron. These three, together with George Kingsbury and Edward Bauersfeld, who were held over from last year, constituted the board of directors.

**TO GRADE FEE SCALE.**

After the installation the evening was spent in making plans for enlarging both the organization and its scope. Among other things it was proposed to build up the rating system and to adopt a graded scale of membership fees. This latter plan received considerable attention and it will probably come up again at the next meeting. It was pointed out that by this means the amount of money turned in each year from the fees for membership could be increased at least $1,000. President M. H. Sexton was requested to name a committee in the course of the next week to arrange for the annual banquet of the business men. This will be held in April.

# TWO SUITS SETTLED OUTSIDE OF COURT

**Both Personal Injury Actions Against the Mississippi Valley Traction Company.**

Thre cases were struck off the docket in the circuit court this morning by Judge W. H. Gest. Two were suits settled out of court and the other an appeal from a justice court which was dismissed for lack of prosecution. The latter case was that of John Norton, who secured judgment for $21 against W. J. Louthen in the court of Justice J. H. Cleland. An appeal was taken by the defendant, but the latter failed to appear for trial and the appeal was lost by default. The cases which were settled were those of John Weaver and Theodore C. Smith, both against the Mississippi Valley Traction company. The former sued for $6,000 as the result of personal injuries sustained Feb. 16, 1906, in Moline, when he alleges he was assaulted and forcibly ejected from a car by a conductor. Theodore C. Smith sued for $5,000 to recompense him for injuries received Oct. 22, 1906, when a rig which he was driving along Second avenue, Moline, was struck by an interurban car. The amounts of settlement were not made public. M. J. McEniry appeared for Mr. Weaver and H. E. Brown of Geneseo represented Mr. Smith. Searle and Marshall were attorneys for the corporation.

# SIX OF CANDIDATES CONSENT TO SPEAK

**Interesting Event Promised at the Rock Island Club Tomorrow Evening.**

Six of the candidates for mayor—C. R. Chamberlin, H. M. Schriver, J. P. Dolly, Dr. W. H. Ludewig, J. K. Scott and E. H. Guyer—have accepted the invitation of President W. A. Rosenfield to give 10-minute addresses at the Washington dinner of the club tomorrow evening. It is expected the other candidates will be heard from by tonight. The aspirants for the mayoralty are to be the guests of the club. The dinner will be served at 6:30 and the program will follow. B. D. Connelly will deliver a Washington address. There will be special music.

# MUD EMBARGO IS LIFTED

**Freezeup Gives Farmers Chance to Market Produce.**

The mud embargo, which has practically marooned the farmers in this county who are not near railroads was partially lifted by the freeze last night. For a week practically no grain or hay came to market but there were a few loads on hand today, though the roads are very rough and the traveling is slow.

# CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

**Members of St. Paul Lodge, K. P., Have a Smoker.**

The 48th anniversary of the founding of the order of Knights of Pythias was observed informally by St. Paul lodge No. 107 last night at Odd Fellows' hall. There was a smoker and talks by members.



## REV. THOMAS J. SHUEY

Former pastor of the Memorial Christian church of this city who died Sunday night after a brief illness at his home at Seattle, Wash. Death was the result of an attack of pneumonia. Rev. Shuey was pastor of the local congregation immediately preceding the term of Rev. O. W. Lawrence. Rev. Shuey came here from a charge at Valparaiso, Ind. During his pastorate here he was a leader in the Rock Island Ministerial alliance. Rev. Shuey is survived by his widow and two sons, Paul and Frank, and two daughters, Nellie and Mabel.

# NEW CREDIT SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GROCERS

**All Applications to Be Passed Upon by One Concern—Officers Are Chosen.**

The annual meeting of the Rock Island Retail Grocers' association was held last night at Turner hall. Among questions formally considered was that of adopting the Davenport Guarantee Credit company's system. This system, the grocers believe, will eliminate a great part of the risk and loss which has become a burden in the past few years. Officers were elected last night for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—Fred H. Boetje.
Vice President—E. H. Clement.
Secretary—David Larson.
Treasurer—Robert F. Kuschmann.

The grocers will hold an Easter ball at Industrial hall, the first Tuesday night after Easter Sunday. This will be an invitation dance, and refreshments will be served.

L. C. Pfoh, George L. Schmid and O. E. Apple were endorsed by the association as candidates for commissioners. These candidates are also members of the association.

# Personal Points

J. E. Larkin, Sixth avenue and Forty-fifth street is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Lillian Cox, deputy county treasurer, left this morning for Fort Dodge, Iowa for a visit.

Mrs. L. H. Berry of 704 Eleventh avenue, departed last evening for a visit with friends in St. Louis.

The Misses Della and Marie Couch have gone to Chicago, enroute to the eastern cities for an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Mary M. Wenck, who has been suffering for three weeks past of pleurisy, is convalescent at her home on Thirty-fifth street.

Clarence Kirkland of St. Paul is visiting here. He will also spend a week at his old home in Erie. He was formerly telegrapher at the local Burlington station.

Edward Cave, editor of the Recreation magazine, published in New York, was a Rock Island visitor today. He was a guest of W. A. Schaeffer. Mr. Schaeffer is a frequent contributor to Recreation.

# CITIES TO VOTE ON MERGER IN SPRING

**Committees Are Appointed by the Mayors of Moline and East Moline.**

The question of merging Moline and East Moline is to be voted upon at the April elections in both cities. It is claimed that there will be little or no opposition to the movement. The acquisition of the city at the east will increase the population of Moline by 4,000. Mayor Andrew Olson of Moline last night appointed a committee of 10 and Mayor G. F. Johnson of East Moline named one of eight members, the two to confer and agree upon the terms under which the merger proposition should be submitted to the voters.

**First Campaign Clash.**

The first fistic clash of the campaign occurred yesterday afternoon when C. C. Church, former member of the police department, and John J. Mandel, a fireman attached to the Central hose company, came together on Second avenue. Both were detained by the police, but were later released.



# HELD FOR LARCENY

**George Baker of Muscatine Is Accused of Stealing Money and Pocketbook.**

## BOARDING HOUSE INCIDENT

**First Makes Charges Against Others, But Is Arrested When He Plans to Leave City.**

George Baker of Muscatine was held to the grand jury under bonds of $500 by Police Magistrate C. J. Smith this morning on a charge of larceny. The complaint was sworn to by George Nichols, who claims that Baker stole a pocketbook containing $11 and a number of valuable receipts from him. Baker entered a denial, but the stories he told to the court were so conflicting that it was thought advisable to hold him to the grand jury to investigate. Baker came here a week ago and secured employment at the Rock Island Sash & Door works. He boarded and roomed at a house run by Hugh Conwell, 2327 Fourth avenue. In the same room with him were Mr. Nichols and J. Rosenfield who returned home late Saturday night. Baker was already there.

**CLAIMED HE WAS ROBBED.**

About 9 o'clock Monday morning Baker declared that he had been robbed of $2.25. This started an investigation and Nichols found his pocketbook was gone. Suspicion was directed at Baker when later in the day he stated that he was going to leave town. He also flashed a new suit and a new hat and the police were notified. Officer Sidney Pearson arrested him. He told the officer several different stories, and then further changed his tune to Detective James Brinn when the latter questioned him.

**M'KINNEY IS HELD.**

Arthur McKinney, who was arrested two weeks ago, charged with the theft of a fur lap robe from a sleigh, was arraigned this morning before the police magistrate and held to the grand jury under bonds of $500. He failed to supply bond and went to jail. The owner of the robe could not be located by the police, but there was little doubt as to the fellow having stolen it.

# PROF. ROPER TO AID AT M. E. MEETINGS

**Pleasant Surprise for the Audience at the First Church Last Evening.**

The audience at the First Methodist church was agreeably surprised last night to see Professor R. H. Roper of Delavan, Wis., upon the platform and to follow his leadership in the musical part of the meeting.

Professor Roper has just closed an engagement at the First Methodist church of Newton, Iowa, and was on his way home for a rest before beginning another meeting. Finding that he was available the official board has secured his services and he will assist the pastor in the leadership of the music during the remainder of the meetings. His coming is opportune and will greatly strengthen that important and attractive feature of the work. The chorus choir will be increased by additional voices. The pastor preached last night upon the invitation, "Come and See." "Jesus invites men to inspect His claims, knowing that investigation honestly made will lead to truth," Rev. Mr. Newland said. "Reasoning is good but experience is better. There is no test like that of personal experience. Many are willing to investigate anything or everything but Christianity. Men rail at the church, criticize the bible, laugh at the Christian because their knowledge is but superficial. There is nothing so easily understood as the plan of salvation. William J. Bryan said 'It is harder to understand worldly things than religion.' Come and see Jesus Christ. Many are indifferent because they do not know Him. You cannot know Him by coldly staring at the history of His life. You must come into personal fellowship with him and obey Him. Come and see what He has done. We may apply this test in individual cases, but widest proof is in the history of Christendom. His influence upon society, upon the code of morals, upon slavery, position of woman in society, education and development of the child, etc. No other individual or combination of forces has done a tithe of what Jesus Christ has done to brighten the condition of humanity. Come and see what He will do for you. He holds out the promise of help in the time of temptation, sorrow or trial of any sort and He will fulfill His promise if you will let Him. This simple invitation has changed the whole current of thousands of lives and has made religion real to the hearts and lives of men. Prove Jesus Christ by experience."

**Banquet Is Postponed.**

The gymnasium banquet which was announced for Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. has been postponed till March 3, on account of the basketball tournament at the Rock Island high school.

**Licensed to Wed.**

John Denton North...Strathmore, Can.
Miss Emma M. Ekstrom....Reynolds
Edward Farwell .....Preemption
Miss Ella Wiggins .....Bowling
Louis Williamson .....Muscatine
Miss Katie Scott .....Muscatine
John P. Hoffman .....Wheatland
Miss Marguerite Ristau...ock Island



# MOVE TO ENLARGE BETHANY QUARTERS

**Committee Authorized to Secure Plans and Estimates for Improvements.**

The enlargement of Bethany home was the principal matter of discussion before the board of the home last evening at the regular monthly meeting. During the past month 43 children were cared for at a time. It is not that the board wishes to furnish room for more children merely, but that it desires to afford sufficient room for the welfare of the children in the home. It will be the object of the authorities to place the children in good homes to keep the number down as much as possible. The house and grounds committee was authorized to secure plans and estimates for some sort of improvement or addition. Whether it will be an addition to the present home or a new cottage is not known.

A resolution will be drawn up by a special committee and sent to the family of the late Mrs. Emma D. Velie, who took an active interest in the work of the association.

Hereafter the monthly meetings of the board will be held on the third Monday of each month instead of on the first Monday. During the past month there were nine cases of measles at the home.