

STEEL BOATS FOR MISSOURI RIVER

Government Will Build No More Wooden Hulls for Use on the "Big Muddy."

PLAN A FLEET OF EIGHT

To Replace Present Craft in Service There—To Open Bids on Lumber October 14.

Wooden towboats on the Mississippi river are to be a thing of the past, so far as the government is concerned, according to statements made at the engineer's office this morning. In the future these boats will be constructed of steel, and the present wooden ones removed from service as rapidly as they can be replaced by the new type. Some of the present boats have been in service for 30 years, and have been rebuilt and repaired until they are practically useless.

Plans for eight new steel towboats, to cost \$20,000 apiece, have been sent to Washington and approved. The engineer's office is now drawing up specifications, making blue prints, etc. The work of making the hulls will probably be let by contract, but the balance of the construction and the installation of machinery will be done by the government. Every part possible will be of steel, including the entire decks. Bids for the steel hulls will in all probability be advertised about the first of November. A new steel drill boat, costing \$20,000, the hull alone of which will cost \$11,700, is being built now by a Milwaukee firm. The parts will be shipped to Moline and the boat set up there.

TO OPEN LUMBER BIDS.
The bids for fir lumber, about 2,000, 600 feet altogether, which were advertised for some time ago, are to be opened in separate lots on the 14th and 24th of October. This lumber is to be used at Keokuk, Milan, and Falcon City, Wis., for the building of 47 barges, 3 fuel flats and 3 steam building boats and 1 crane barge, the entire outfit to cost \$104,000. After contracts are awarded for the lumber, bids will be advertised for the creosoting of the same. Were it not for this the actual work would be commenced at once, but the lumber must first be shipped to the firm which is to do the creosoting, then piled and seasoned for three or four months, and then reshipped. This shipping and reshipping is not a great expense to the government, inasmuch as the railroads carry the lumber at half freight rates. There is a strong probability that the creosoting contract will go to the Pacific coast.

Social Events

ROCK ISLAND MUSICAL CLUB.
THE ROCK ISLAND MUSICAL club gave its first program of the season at the New Harper yesterday afternoon, about two hundred being in attendance. The program, which consisted of request numbers, was most enthusiastically received. At the business session which followed the program, it was decided to bring an artist here for a recital this fall. Miss Helen Waldo, contralto, of New York, who will give "Child Life in Song" and will dress in costume. This recital will be complimentary to club members and their children. An admission fee will be charged the general public. It was also decided to engage another artist for a recital in February and also one for a spring recital, thus giving three throughout the season. The next meeting of the club will be held October 17 at the First M. E. church. This will be an organ recital, and an open meeting to which the members are privileged to bring their friends. This program will be given by Mrs. F. K. Rhodes, Miss Bessie Nofsker, Mrs. Edward Appelquist and Mrs. H. E. Van Duizer. It is hoped that the members

WOMAN PHYSICAL EQUAL OF MAN? NEVER, SAYS MISS SUTTON, TENNIS CHAMPION



May Sutton

May Sutton, champion woman tennis player of the world, who defeats most men with as much ease as she defeats women, is not a champion of her sex as the equals of men in physical prowess. She declares the many recent feats by women, such as the record breaking swims by Rose Pitino and Elaine Golding at New York, were only accidents.

"Women will never be man's superior in a physical way," she said. "Men have 'nerve' and women nerves, that's the basic difference between the sexes. The nerves go to pieces generally in the face of a crucial test. The 'nerve' gathers itself to gether."

of the club will renew their tickets before the next meeting is held. Following is the program as rendered yesterday:

Boat Song Harriet Ware
Mrs. Scott
a) "Around the Wigwag"; (b) "A Song of Sorrow"; (c) "Warriors' Dance" (Ha-Da-Wa-Cha ceremony). Harvey Worthington Loomis
Miss Volk

a) "Cuckoo Clock" Grant Schaffer
b) "Little One a-Crying"; (c) "Steaks Lesson" Louise Garnett
d) "His Buttons Are Marked U. S." Carrie Jacobs Bond
Mrs. Reidy

a) Adagio Max Bruch
b) Heji Kati Hubay
Mrs. Frykman

ENTERTAINS TOKIO CLUB.

MRS. WILLIAM TREFZ entertained the ladies of the Tokio club yesterday afternoon at her home. Covers were laid for 20, and a three-course dinner was served. The game of five hundred was played, prizes going to Mrs. J. Schroeder, first prize; Mrs. E. Kautz, second prize; Mrs. H. Barter-meyer, third prize, and Mrs. J. Hass, consolation prize.

AUXILIARY GIVES CARD PARTY.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY to the order of railway conductors will give a card party Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6, in Engineer's hall, at the foot of Elm street, the game to begin at 2:30. Beautiful prizes will be awarded.

TO GIVE DANCE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE Fraternal Aid association have arranged for a dance which will be held Friday evening at Bessie's hall.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

ALBERT MORDHORST, 321 THIRTY-EIGHTH street, was host to a company of relatives and friends last eve-

ning, the date being the anniversary of his birth. A most enjoyable evening was spent, cards being the diversion. A fine supper was served.

AUXILIARY TO MACHINISTS.
THE LADIES' AUXILIARY to the Machinists will hold their regular meeting at Industrial home hall Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WEBSTER DENIES TALE OF MURDER

Young Physician Now Declares That He Did Not Murder His Wife.

PROBLEMS FOR THE STATE

Accused Admits Third Marriage; Then Denies It—Money for His Defense.

Oregon, Ill., Oct. 4.—The reported threat by Dr. Webster he would never hang, caused his removal to another cell and a close search of all his clothes today. The sheriff feared the prisoner might contemplate suicide.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—By repudiating his twice made confession, Dr. H. E. Webster yesterday forced a difficult problem upon the prosecuting officials of Ogle county.

He denied he killed Bessie Kent, whom he married last January, although legally bound to another woman, and asserted he could prove he was not out of Chicago when she was murdered and her nude body was covered with leaves in a secluded gully near Polo, Ill.

His reversal of attitude dumfounded State's Attorney W. J. Emerson and Sheriff W. P. Delaney, to whom he had told the details of the woman's death. Surprised by his retraction, they reviewed their case against him and found in their hands nothing but circumstantial evidence and a number of big questions which had not been solved even by the prisoner's admissions. They said they would have to prepare their case as if starting anew in the quest for evidence.

They knew the physician had taken steps to prove he was in Chicago on certain days, but believed he had relinquished the idea of endeavoring to establish an alibi. They recognized they still had several problems to face in the event the confession was not admitted in toto as evidence.

PROBLEMS STATE MUST SOLVE.

Among the questions facing them were these:
What became of the woman's clothes the physician said he slashed to pieces?

Why was there only one knife wound—severing the jugular vein as would a surgeon's operation—when the prisoner said he stabbed the woman several times?

What was the mysterious drug-laden bottle the physician put in his suit case, according to Bessie Kent?

Why did Bessie Kent tell her mother Webster was taking her away, if she was "shadowing" him?

What was the purpose of the carriage ride if not to create an opportunity for murder?

If Webster promised his real wife, Zoe Varney Webster, to confess, why did he postpone it until he broke down under the examination?

These were the points of conflict raised between the facts and the story told by the prisoner while at the East-

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All Linen Toweling

All linen Russia crash toweling. A good 12 1/2c all-linen roller toweling, bought for this sale, so that we can say, not 12 1/2c but 8 1/2c yd.

To Customers in Our Grocery, Wednesday

24-lb sack Golden Glow flour 69c. Fancy hand-picked snow apples 75c bushel. Sweet apples for preserving, 20c peck. Fancy canning pears, 98c bushel. Muscatine sweet potatoes, 35c a peck. Japan "tea siftings" 1 1/2 lb. 15 pounds granulated sugar for \$1.00 with a grocery order over \$1.50.

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From a big New York importer, real linen torchon laces, choice of a good variety of widths and styles, not 10c or 7 1/2c nor 5c, but, while they last 3 1/2c yard.

Until Saturday Night, Oct. 7th



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At High School

Each of the classes at the high school selected two of their number to serve on the nominating committee which is to name the candidates for the staff of the school publication, "The Watch Tower." The freshmen named George Roth and Vera McBurney, the sophomores, Charles Motz and Helen Marshall, the juniors, Pauline Levy and John Hawes and the seniors, Elmer Hedberg and Gladys Dunlevy.

football squad which will go to Iowa City Saturday to play the high school at that place. A list of 21 eligibles was posted yesterday by Principal A. J. Burton. None of the first team players are ineligible through failure in studies.

The seniors elected their class officers last evening as follows: President—Ben Clarke. Vice president—Ruth Anderson. Secretary—Thekla Heinbeck. Treasurer—Emmet Galvin.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

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