

TO DONATE PARK SITE TO THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

L. B. Strayer, Prominent Producer, Informs Commission of Intention.

IS IN SOUTH ROCK ISLAND

Tract of Land Consisting of 17 Choice Lots of Township to Be Converted.

L. B. Strayer, one of the most successful of Rock Island county's producers, stated this morning at an informal session of the municipal commission that it is his desire to deed to the city of Rock Island, or to the township of South Rock Island, should it be annexed to the city, a tract of land in South Rock Island which shall be converted eventually into a park—a place of beauty and of rest for the residents of the vicinity. The matter is to be placed before City Attorney J. F. Witter, and plans for the deeding of the land to the community will be laid. Mr. Strayer stated that it has been his heart's desire for years to do something for the community in which he has prospered, either through public service or through such a gift. His private affairs have demanded all of his time but he can and will give the land to the city.

CONSISTS OF 17 GOOD LOTS.

The plot of ground consists of 17 lots on Ninth street in South Rock Island—that portion of the township which now comprises the Strayer farm. It is one of the prettiest spots in the vicinity and with improvements would make an ideal park. It is the plan of the owner to donate the land with the understanding that it be converted into a park after the death of himself and his children.

The gift, coming as it did as a great surprise to the commissioners, is made out of a generous impulse and the commissioners expressed their thanks as best they could, to Mr. Strayer on behalf of the citizens of Rock Island.

SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

Mr. Strayer has conducted a dairy and chicken farm for years and is an acknowledged leader in those lines. At the present, he is assisted in the management of his affairs by his sons.

ASK EXTENSION OF INTERURBAN LINE

An effort is being made by the merchants and representative clubs of the three cities to get the Tri-City Railway company to extend its interurban line to Geneseo, in accordance with the

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terms of the franchise given the company by East Moline. At the meeting at the Rock Island club yesterday the following resolution was adopted:

"At a joint meeting of the representatives of the Davenport Commercial club, the Rock Island club, the Rock Island Business Men's association, the Moline club and the Moline Retail Merchants' association, the officers of said clubs and associations were instructed to extend your line to Geneseo, as provided for in the franchise given you by the city of East Moline.

"In support of this petition, we do hereby represent that our retail merchants are spending large sums in advertising to draw trade and travel to the tri-cities, and cooperation on the part of your company in caring for the travel would be consistent with your reputation for enterprise and but a small return for the valuable franchises you enjoy in these three cities."

Personal Points

Mrs. John Schmitt and son left today for a two weeks' visit in Chicago.

Mrs. A. Leary arrived home after spending the winter with relatives in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Frank Tapper of Woodhull, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Martin Lundberg in this city.

Mrs. T. W. Byrnes, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Helen Byrnes, has gone to Chicago for a visit with her son, W. J. Byrnes.

The condition of Mrs. James Brinn, wife of Chief of Police James Brinn, is reported as slightly improved today. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brinn hope for a swift and sure recovery from her illness.

DAMAGE ACTIONS STARTED IN COURT

Mrs. Jennie Mahlstedt of Hampton, through G. W. Wood, her attorney, has filed three suits in the circuit court aggregating \$12,000. The ideal Lighting company of Davenport is the defendant in one of the actions and Millard and George Whitehead, agents and installers for the concern, are named in the other two. The bill against the company charges that through the explosion of an improperly installed gasolene lighting plant at the farm of Daniel Mahlstedt, of whose estate the plaintiff is executrix, damage in the amount of \$1,000 was wrought. Similar action for similar amount is brought against the Whitesides in another bill and in the third bill, \$10,000 is asked against the Whitesides, on account of the death of Mr. Mahlstedt. The explosion occurred May 21, 1911.

The fact has been brought out conclusively that the Donahue bill was forced through the lower house purely through politics and the dread by each representative that if he failed to support it, his seat would be jeopardized, notwithstanding that the majority of them felt that it was an unjust and unreasonable measure and detrimental to the order.

WILL MEET HALF WAY.

While the senate is considering the bill, the same pressure will be brought to bear upon the members in hopes of another victory for the objectors to the head camp decision, but the order, backed by every fraternal society in the state, is prepared to meet the insurgents on equal terms. From now on it will be demonstrated that the Donahue bill is a two-edged sword and that those who are coerced into supporting it will have to answer for their act to the members of every society in the state.

GRAND JURY TAKES SHORT ADJOURNMENT

The grand jury adjourned yesterday afternoon until tomorrow morning. The reason was that it is waiting for certain witnesses who could not be present today. No report has been made as yet and no intimation of the cases that are being investigated has been given out. It is supposed, however, that the work thus far has been only routine and deals with those who have been held for investigation by the various justice courts in the county.

Police News

Mrs. Margaret Peters is in the county jail to await a hearing 10 days hence on a charge of disorderly conduct. Her bond is \$400. The continuance was made because of the absence of the prosecuting attorney at the time that the case was up for hearing. Officer Kell made the arrest yesterday morning. It is alleged that Mrs. Peters selected the Burlington railroad property as a place for sleep.

W. M. Cramer, who was arrested by Officer Gabel last evening, was fined \$2 and costs this morning for drunkenness.

Will Thompson, who made an attack upon Alfred Keller of Davenport, in the railroad yards last night, was fined \$150 and costs this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct. The charge upon which Thompson was arrested, larceny of \$10, was dismissed.

W. WEIGAND RESIGNS POSITION AT NEW HARPER

Wallace Weigand, for the past year and a half bar manager at the New Harper hotel, has severed his connections there to assume the agency for the Lemp Brewing company in conjunction with Frank Lindberg. Offices have been opened in Moline. A. R. Russell has been named as Mr. Weigand's successor.

Will Demand Change.

Philip Wells, H. M. McCaskrin and E. H. Gardner, recently indicted by the special grand jury, have given notice to the state's attorney, that they will ask a change of venue from Judge F. D. Ramsey court when their cases come up for hearing.

Simmons Case Continued.

The case of Edward Simmons, charged with larceny, which was to have been heard in Justice C. J. Schroeder's court this afternoon, has been continued indefinitely.

Delinquents Tried.

Two girls, Hazel Weigand and Mary Rahn, were brought into the county court on delinquency charges today. Both cases were continued.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

WOODMEN ON JOB AT SPRINGFIELD

Mighty Protests Brought to Bear Against Passage of Donahue Measure.

MAKE STRENUOUS FIGHT

Head Officers of Society and Many Prominent Rock Islanders Seek Defeat of Bill.

(Special to The Argus.)

Springfield, Ill., April 8.—It is expected now the Donahue bill will be postponed in the senate until next week. The insurgents have abandoned hope of securing the passage of the Donahue bill in the senate, and are now trying to agree on another bill, which they hope to start tomorrow.

Sentiment in Springfield is very strong in favor of permitting the Modern Woodmen organization to run its own affairs. It is believed that nothing will be accomplished this week and that a postponement until next week will result in an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the Modern Woodmen officers' position.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—The fight over the now somewhat noted Donahue bill in the Illinois legislature, is the subject of no little discussion in this city today. While the supporters of the measure are working vigorously with the senate in an effort to duplicate their feat of forcing the bill through the house, the Woodmen head officers and the loyal members are putting up a determined resistance. Head Consul A. R. Talbot is directing the fight and ex-Head Consul W. A. Northcott is also on the ground as many Rock Islanders.

INSURGENTS MISNAMED.

Mr. Talbot summed up the situation graphically in a talk to the workers when he said: "While the supporters of the Donahue bill claim to be insurgents, in the modern political adaptation of the term, they are the very opposite. They are the real stand patters. Instead of progressives they are reactionists."

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WOODMEN WELL ARMED.

The Woodmen and their aides in fighting the bill are well armed with various kinds of ammunition, argumentative and otherwise. Among them are some of the best orators in the United States. Prominent among those who spoke eloquently before the senate committee which has the bill, was Hon. William McEniry of Rock Island.

This morning the workers called upon Governor Charles S. Deneen in a body to voice their protest to the passage of the bill. While the executive was non-committal, it is not divulging a secret to say that he will be the happiest man in Springfield if the bill is killed in the senate before coming to him for approval.

(By Associated Press.)

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—A delegation of 200 Modern Woodmen of America is here today opposing in the senate the Donahue bill recently passed by the house, prohibiting any raise of fraternal rates until January, 1913. The state insurance committee came to conduct an open hearing on the measure this afternoon.

CONCURRENCE ADVISED.

In the opinion of Attorney General Stead, the two special sessions of the 47th general assembly, which have been running independently of one another in the two houses, should be held concurrently, not separately.

Stead's opinion was presented to the house upon the reconvening of special session number two this morning. Action was postponed until the convening of the third special session at 5 this afternoon.

ANOTHER SESSION URGED.

Governor Deneen is being urged to call still another special session for the purpose of amending that portion of the inner harbor bill which authorizes issuance of bonds, the question having been raised as to the legality of this portion of the bill passed at the last regular session.

BILLS ARE FAVORED.

Various appropriation bills passed by the state the night of April 25, re-passed of which was made necessary by the supreme court's decision in the medical school case, were all favorably acted upon by the house appropriation committee, reported back, read a second time and advanced to third reading today. It takes a two-thirds vote to pass them and strenuous efforts are being made to get 102 members here for tomorrow's session.

Obituary

FUNERAL OF MRS. PELTON.

The funeral of Mrs. Maggie Pelton was held yesterday morning at the family home, 1014 Fourth avenue, with services at St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. J. Quinn celebrated requiem high mass, preached the funeral sermon and pronounced the absolution ceremony at St. Marguerite's cemetery in Davenport, where interment took place. The pallbearers were: Bernard and W. H. Costello, James Murray, George Austin, Andrew Coleman and C. E. Riely.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WRIGHT.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Wright was held from Sacred Heart church this morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Lockney officiating. The bearers were Richard Waters, Charles Lotsepeich, Miles McKinney, William James and John Conwell. Burial took place at Calvary cemetery.

MRS. D. N. SECHLER.

News from Cincinnati today brought word of the death of Mrs. D. N. Sechler, aged 93 and the widow of the founder of the Sechler carriage plant in Moline. T. M. Sechler of Moline is the only surviving child.

8-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MRS. KILDUFF

Mrs. Anna Kilduff, who was found guilty in the district court of Scott county on a charge of manslaughter, was sentenced to an eight-year prison term today.

SCORE MORE OF NEW CITIZENS ADMITTED

The hearing of naturalization cases was concluded in the circuit court this afternoon. Forty were granted citizenship papers at this term, three cases were continued and three dismissed. Those receiving papers since yesterday are Alois DeSmet, Ben Kennowsky, Alfred Nielson, Carl Oscar Lindgren, Johannes Kjarpe, Arthur George Barbor, Charles August Johnson, Axel Wilhelm Nelson, Gottfried Olson, Simon Fisher, Abe Finkelstein, Moses Barney Ginsborg, Carl Oscar Lindquist, Josef Van Lancker, Alfons Beert, August Sutterman, John Gramp, Andrew Anderson, Carl P. Erickson, Otto Swanson, Edmond Uttenhove, Ben O. Olson, Axel Felt and Cyrille Van Lerberghe.

FUGITIVE VISITS HIS HOME; IS CAPTURED

An attempt to visit his familiar haunts, after remaining a fugitive from justice for over a year, led to the arrest of Tom Armstrong, wanted at Port Byron for forgery, Monday. He was located at Morrison, Ill., by Constable C. E. Reynolds of Cordova, given a hearing before Justice of the Peace O. C. Handell of that place, and bound over to the grand jury under \$1,000 bonds. He was placed in the county jail this afternoon. Armstrong, it is alleged, forced the name of Edwin Johnson to a check for \$26 about a year ago and then blew the country.

Y.M.C.A. WORKERS ARE INVITED TO REUNION

H. E. Casteel, engineer of the late Y. M. C. A. campaign, has issued an invitation to all those who participated in the movement as a worker to meet with him at the Rock Island club tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting is ostensibly a reunion of the workers though it is hinted that another matter is to be brought up. At any rate with H. E. Casteel as the host, a good time is looked for.

Meets the County Committee.

Supreme Court Justice George A. Cooke of Aledo came to Rock Island today at the invitation of the democratic county committee, and there was a large attendance of precinct members from all over the county to greet him at the Rock Island house this afternoon. County Chairman Johnston presiding. There were short talks, the burden of the argument being that in the spirit of non-partisan fairness the democrats should have at least two members of the supreme court of the state, and that Judge Cooke, having served for the short term as one of the minority on the bench, should be reelected. Those who made brief talks were Hon. E. W. Hurst, C. B. Marshall, Albert Huber, M. J. McEniry and Andrew Olson of Rock Island county, S. S. Hallam of Warren county, and E. L. Werts of Henderson county.

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Harry Harding, until yesterday a waiter in a local hotel, and Miss Ella Sheets of Quincy, an elderly woman, who were arrested yesterday afternoon, were each fined \$200 and costs this afternoon by Magistrate C. J. Smith. Both went to jail. A charge of embezzlement against Harding was dismissed.

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MILLERS FINED IN POLICE COURT

One of Brothers Admits Guilt and the Other Enters Firm Denial.

ASSAULTED WRONG MAN

Warrants Sworn Out for Them by Police Officer Otto Herkert and George McKarn.

Ed and John "Mopes" Miller appeared in police court this morning to answer to charges of assault and battery preferred against them by George McKarn as the result of an assault which was committed late last Saturday night. Ed Miller plead not guilty and later was fined \$5 and costs. His brother admitted his guilt and was fined \$2 and costs. The fight of Saturday night was interrupted by Officer Herkert, who arrived at the scene of the conflict as the Millers were whipping McKarn. Both were on top of him. The officer took McKarn to the police box and called for the patrol. As it came along, the Millers broke and ran away, though they were told to come along. As the officer knew them, he decided to swear out warrants for their arrest and get them later. They were arrested night before last.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

The Millers stated that they mistook McKarn for someone else against whom they had a grievance. John started the battle, and Ed claimed that he "stuck in" just to keep his brother from being killed. McKarn and John Miller both showed signs of blows by scars on their heads.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR ISLAND FILTER

Pitt Construction Company of Pittsburgh to Erect Plant at Arsenal.

CONTRACT PRICE \$29,000

Capacity to be 1,500,000 Gallons of Clear Water Each Day—Break Ground Soon.

The Pitt Construction company of Pittsburgh has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new filter plant on Rock Island arsenal, announcement to this effect being made today by Colonel G. W. Burr, commandant at the arsenal. The contract price is \$29,000, and the appropriation made by the government for the work is \$30,000. The remaining \$1,000 will be used for the purpose for which it was appropriated, though not in the general contract.

WILL BE HUGE PLANT.

The plant will be one that most cities would be proud of. It will have a daily capacity of 1,500,000 gallons, though for the present it is the intention of Colonel Burr to use only enough of it to insure a supply of 1,000,000 gallons each day.

It will supply water for the army of men which is employed at the arsenal shops and for the military inhabitants of the island as well.

WILL RISE SOON.

The contractors will break ground within three weeks and they promise to have it done in five months. The building will be of concrete and will be located just west of the present stone reservoir and just north of the western shops.

SETS DATE FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

S. J. Ferguson, superintendent of county schools, has sent out communications to the country school teachers advising them of the selection of May 11 as the date for holding the final school examinations throughout the county. Explicit directions as to the examinations are included. Geography, arithmetic, history, grammar, reading and orthography will be taken up in the order named. Following the tests all papers will be forwarded to the county superintendent's office for grading. For all who are entitled to graduate, diplomas will be made out.

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SWASTIKA CHARMS.

They Must Be Pointed the Right Way to Bring Good Luck.

One of the lucky charms most generally worn recently was the swastika. Superstitious wearers would do well to examine their reproductions of it and make sure that they are correct in form and material, for Sir George Birdwood, an authority on in-



Pies and Shortcake

You cannot get best results ALL the time unless you use the BEST Flour all the time.

If you are one of the few not using this flour, try it now—

GOLDRIM Flour

Most of the women in this vicinity use GOLDRIM Flour and most of the women therefore are good bakers.

Summer heat will not stop you from baking, if you KNOW results will always be good.

Fine for Pies and Shortcake.

Western Flour Mill Co., Davenport.



George B. Cortelou (at top) and Charles J. Bonaparte.

Was it not a very curious coincidence that the two men who were present at the cabinet meeting at which the harvester trust was discussed, and that he acquiesced in the administration's course, Mr. Cortelou refuses to make a statement in regard to the matter. "I have nothing to say," he tells the reporters.

TELLS PART OF STORY.

For the first time since he entered Robert Burns hospital, Kimmel—if he is Kimmel—granted an interview yesterday and made public a partial story of his life. The salient facts, however, and the names of the three men whom he says slugged him and caused him to lose his memory, will not be told until the mother of George Kimmel, who brands this man as an impostor, starts her case in St. Louis this month for the recovery of \$25,000 from an insurance company in which she says her dead son held a policy.

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"I now remember every detail of the assault which changed my life. I know the names of my assailants. Their attack had been carefully planned. "I was slugged in Sixteenth street, St. Louis, in July, 1898, after having been taken there, drugged, from the Midland hotel, Kansas City. "I had \$520 in the American National bank of Kansas City. One of my enemies telephoned in my name and had it taken to the Midland hotel. Since this operation I remember counting that money when it was given me by the cashier. I now remember dropping a coin as I counted. And this was picked up by the cashier and returned to me.

WAS BANK CASHIER.

"Another fact that has come back to me since the operation is my return to Niles, Mich., in 1894, where I became cashier of the First National bank, taking the place of George Howard, who was believed to have been drowned in a lake near the city. "Kimmel declared he had been robbed by his enemies. He said also that he could not account for the \$25,000 life insurance policy which the mother of George Kimmel is now trying to collect upon the ground that her son is dead. He said he held only \$5,000 insurance and that the remaining \$20,000 must have been taken out by his enemies before they "put him away."

It is doubtful if the Kimmel claimant will be sufficiently strong to appear when the third trial of the suit opens this month in St. Louis.

KIMMEL VICTIM OF AN ASSAULT?

Cranial Operation, Declares Mystery Man, Has Restored His Memory.

BANKER AND EX-CONVICT

Recalls the Details of an Attack He Blames for 14 Years of Mental Darkness.

Chicago, May 8.—Dual personalities like the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of fiction seem to be possessed by the man who says he is George Kimmel.

The studious physician of unquestioned probity and the maniacal fiend—two distinct characters in one who figure in the strangest of the stories of Robert Louis Stevenson—were referred to yesterday by Kimmel when he told what his life has been.

For 31 years he was sane, conservative, alert, a careful banker and the possessor of many friends, he said. Then a blow on the head changed him. He was no longer a man of honor. He eventually became a convict and known as Andrew J. White. For 14 years he was a second, though modified, Mr. Hyde. Today he again is himself through the success of a surgical operation performed a week ago.

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