# WORD OF WARNING WILL ENFORCE THE AUTOMOBILE LAW

Instances of Utter Disregard for Ordinances Shown in Rock Island.

## THE POLICE CAN STOP IT

Penalties Unless Violators Fail to Heed the Admonitions—Time to Act.

While absolute indifference to every provision of the vehicle ordinances in Rock Island is manifest by automobile as well as motorcycle and buggy owners, the one requirement of which the most flagrant violation is shown, is the section which pertains to stopping on the right side of the street. The section relating to this is appended:

"Drivers must never stop at the curb with the car facing the wrong direction. The rules of the road call for a machine or vehicle to stop with the right wheels to the curb."

INSTANCES OF VIOLATION.

There is scarcely a minute of the day or evening in Rock Island in which this section is not disregarded. It happens alike in the business and residence streets. Wednesday evening four automobiles were faced the wrong way on Nineteenth street between Second and Third avenues and one stood for fully half an hour facing in the wrong direction in the middle of the street. Yesterday morning four automobiles and one carriage were counted on Eighteenth street between Second and Third avenues all facing the wrong way and two of them swinging out into the street.

Last evening on Nineteenth street between Second and Third avenues five automobiles were standing against the west curb and every one of them headed north, directly in violation of the law, and in addition one stood squarely in the middle of the street on the west side for fully an hour. In that time a policeman passed that way and did not seem to notice the violation.

WARNING ALL NECESSARY.

It requires but a word of warning at the start to get the auto drivers into strict observance of the requirements, but where one is allowed to become indifferent, others will follow. After a few have been admonished that the regulations are in force here, it will not be long until all take notice. Where repeated violations are shown a few stiff fines will do the rest. But a little attention on the part of the police will establish respect for the ordinances without hardship in the majority of instances.

The vehicle ordinances are dead letters in Rock Island at the present time, with the result that the thoroughfares present the appearance of village streets.

## IMPROVEMENT COMPANY ERECTING MIXING BIN

The McCarthy Improvement company is erecting a new steel concrete mixing bin at the foot of Nineteenth street. In the past all the concrete has been mixed right on the ground at the scene of operations, much waste accruing thereby; but under the new system, the loss will be reduced to a minimum. The steel arrived over the Rock Island yesterday, and a force of men is now at work on the job.



## Police News

A. T. Campbell fell off the water wagon yesterday and last night he fell off his wobbly pins and cracked his pate on the paving. Result, wounded head and arrest. This morning he was fined $2 and costs for drunkenness. His injury is but a slight scalp wound, which at first was thought serious because of profuse bleeding.

John Allen was held to the grand jury today for the alleged theft of a horse blanket, N. Silverstein making the complaint against him. The blanket in question was found in Allen's apartments. His bond is $500.

# PICTURE OF ROCK ISLAND'S SCENES

Manager J. J. Quinn of Majestic Arranged With Camera Man for Film.

Manager J. J. Quinn of the Majestic moving picture theatre is closing arrangements which will bring to Rock Island a camera man who will produce a film of the things of interest in this city, to be shown later at the Majestic and then throughout the country. The moving picture film will be made by an independent concern. In it will be included such things as school children marching from schools after dismissal, the fire departments on review, scenes along prominent thoroughfares, reproductions of the processes employed in the leading manufacturing and business houses of the city, and anything else which will present novelty.

In this day when the moving picture show house is one of the most popular forms of amusement, the value of a film is great. Things which will boost Rock Island in the eyes of others will be embodied in the scheme of the picture.





# MOVE TO FURTHER IMPROVE AVENUE

Ornamental Lighting Posts to Bet Set in Another Second Avenue Block.

## CONDUITS AND WIRES IN

People's Power Company to So Arrange Things That Paving Need Not Be Disturbed.

Preparations for the installation of lighting posts of the ornamental type along Second avenue west from Seventeenth street to Fifteenth are under way, and, even though the posts are not installed at once, conduits will be arranged and wires set so that the People's Power company will be able to complete the work at any time desired by the property owners after the new asphalt paving is laid. Mayor H. M. Schriver has given instructions to the power company for the underground wiring of the avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets also and that work will be completed before next week. Up to the present time, the majority of property owners to Sixteenth street have signed for the lighting system but one or two owners have not done so as yet.

SOME TO BE SET AT ONCE.

West of Sixteenth street some of the merchants have orders for the immediate setting of the poles. Clemann & Salzmann will lead the improvement in their square and others will follow quickly after them. Said one of the men in that block this morning, "We'll soon be ahead of you men in the next block if you don't hustle."

## Lodge Notes

The T. O.C. club, composed principally of members of the Elks' lodge, is going to have a meeting tomorrow evening the Elks' club rooms and from remarks of the members of the organization, several candidates are going to be initiated into the secrets of the organization. The organization had its incipiency in the city of the Caesareons of years ago and since has spread into this country. A man's qualifications are either membership in or eligibility for such with the Elks. Should he be a "Bill," all that is necessary is for him to appear before the T. O. C. club for initiation, pay his most moderate initiation fee and then join in the organization. Those who desire to present themselves for membership tomorrow night will be welcomed by the club membership.

# COAL CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY IS GIVEN

The contract for supplying the coal for the Rock Island public library for the ensuing year, was let to the Rock Island Sand & Gravel company at a meeting of the board held last night. The above company agreed to furnish the coal for $2.65 a ton. There were but two other bidders, the Empire Coal company, and the Frazer Coal company, whose bids were both higher than the successful company.

Another important step taken was the changing of the time of meeting of the library board from 8 o'clock to 7:30. It has been the custom from time immemorial to convene at 8 o'clock, but it has been found that when there was a great deal of business to come before the board, that the sessions extended too far into the night, and it was believed that the beginning of the meetings a half hour earlier would prove more convenient to all concerned.

Reports of the librarian, finance committee and book committee were adopted.

Walsh is Released.

The charges of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer which were lodged in the county court sometime past by Officer John Johnson against W. J. Walsh, were nolle prossed today by the state's attorney on the grounds of insufficient evidence. Edward Ritter who was arrested at the same time Walsh came into disfavor, is still held, being under bond now.



# ROAD OFFICIALS MAKE INSPECTION

Officials of the Burlington road yesterday were in the city on a tour of inspection, coming from Chicago. They departed for Galesburg late in the afternoon. The purpose of the trip was to familiarize the new officials with conditions and to enable them to see what changes if any should be made on the road bed. F. L. Johnson the new general superintendint and E. J. Worden the new division agent were in the party. The journey was made in one of the new inspection engines built especially for trips of this sort. The locomotive is built close to the ground, and is being used generally on the Burlington system.

Licensed to Wed.

Jacob B. Woods ..... Rock Island
Miss Minnie Hobart ..... Rock Island
Harry Frankel ..... Moline
Miss Bessie B. Thrilling . Rock Island

# WEARY, FOOTSORE NIMRODS RETURN

Three Rock Islanders Spend Day Hunting for Turtle Doves.

## HAVE SAD ADVENTURES

One Entrusted to Purchase Ammunition Gets the Wrong Calibre Shells.

A weary, footsore, disgruntled and perspiring trio of nimrods drove into Rock Island last night at dusk, and after heaping maledictions upon life in general and particularly hunting trips, began to pluck divers cockle burrs from their habiliment and open negotiations for something in the provender line. They are among the original unfortunate boys who always miss the train and get their change in Canadian money. Ill fortune trailed them during the entire day and never once lost the scent. As a result they have become soured upon the world and hereafter will refuse to permit anything which bears the remotest semblance of a smile to play upon their classic features.

It happened just like this: Harry Schreiner, Slim Barnett and "Curly" Blair yesterday decided to go out and shoot enough turtle doves for a mess. They were to make an early start, but after trying in vain to secure an auto, and thereby wasting two hours of golden time, they finally annexed a horse and buggy. Whilst awaiting the rig, Schreiner was dispatched for some shells, which were secured, and the journey was inaugurated. Arriving at the field of action near Cordova, the artillery was unlimbered, when it was discovered that the purchasing agent had gotten No. 10 shells, which never did fit a 12-gauge gun without wrinkling. Then a search for suitable ammunition was instituted, whilst ever and anon boon companions of the P. A. would comment upon the wide-awake and alert methods followed by certain parties intrusted with buying supplies.

After shells had been obtained, "Curly" Blair covered himself with glory, when he took deliberate aim at some 10 or 12 doves, grouped artistically near a fence, and being seized with buck fever, pulled the trigger and mortally wounded a sparrow in a tree 300 yards distant, completely missing the doves. "Slim" Barnett did the best shooting of the day, and got every bit of the game, consisting of "a dove."

The next time a hunting expedition is planned, the boys are going to take along lots of provisions and, choosing some shady nook, lie down and wait for the game to come to them.

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