

# WORKING HARD FOR ENLARGEMENT OF ARSENAL PLANT

Tavener Joins Hands With Congressmen McKinney and Pepper for Big Project.

SEEKING \$250,000 LIFT

Would Mean the Employment of 250 Additional Men at Rock Island and Save Money.

BY CLYDE H. TAVENER, CONGRESSMAN-ELECT FROM THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

(Special Correspondence of The Argus.) Washington, Dec. 16.—Although I will not be sworn in as the representative of the Fourteenth district until March 4, I thought it might be of interest to my friends in Rock Island and Moline to know that I am trying to make myself useful to my district just the same.

I am doing everything I can to assure the passage of this winter of an appropriation of \$250,000 for the enlargement of the Rock Island arsenal's field artillery plant, which will open the way to the employment of 250 additional men.

I have talked to nearly every member of the appropriations committee, and they are interested, and unless something unforeseen comes up, this item in the appropriation bill will be allowed. I have prepared a statement showing in as few words as possible what a good, sensible investment this expenditure would be.

WOULD SAVE \$1,500,000 IN 10 YEARS. I am showing by the war department's own figures that this investment of \$250,000 will enable the government to save in the next 10 years approximately \$1,500,000. At present only one-third of the field artillery material used by the government is manufactured by the government arsenal. The other two-thirds are being manufactured by private concerns, and the government is being held up unmercifully.

The congressmen are being informed that every dollar of the \$250,000 would be spent for machinery and tools. The

buildings are already constructed. The power is already available.

**WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.**  
If this appropriation is passed, the credit will not by any means be entirely due to my efforts. I am simply doing all I can to help the movement. I am working with Congressman James McKinney, who is pushing the matter. Another congressman who is helping is I. S. Pepper of Muscatine, and my friend, Congressman Charles Kennedy of Burlington, is also lending us his aid. Mr. McKinney and Mr. Kennedy are close friends, and whenever the former is working for anything for his district, Charley Kennedy jumps in and helps him out.

Another man who deserves great credit for helping this project along is Irving C. Norwood, secretary of the Greater Davenport committee. Mr. Norwood has written a letter to every member of congress, stating what the proposition is and citing figures to show what the actual saving will be to the government.

**NO POLITICS INVOLVED.**  
"If this proposition is not meritorious," says Mr. Norwood, "it should not be considered. But if a present expenditure of \$250,000 will result in a saving to the government of a million and a half dollars or more, then the vote for that appropriation should be unanimous."

There is no politics in this enterprise. Mr. McKinney is not playing politics, and Mr. Pepper is not playing politics. We are simply presenting to the government a business proposition, in a business like way. We are all trying to do some good for the arsenal and the Fourteenth district. And we are going to win, almost certainly at this session, but if not, at the first session of the next congress.

**MOVEMENT LOCALLY.**  
Rock Island organizations which stand for the uplift of the city, are united in the effort to secure the appropriation for the Rock Island arsenal. Following is a copy of the circular letter they have sent out to congressmen from this state:

"As one of the representatives in congress from the state of Illinois, we desire to call your attention to a matter of great importance to the people of this state, and of special importance to this particular section of the state.

"We are advised that a special appropriation of \$250,000 will be requested at this session of congress for the purpose of equipping one of the present buildings at the Rock Island arsenal with suitable machinery, tools, etc., for the manufacture of field carriages for artillery. We are further advised that the expenditure of \$250,000 for this purpose will result in a saving to the government of at least \$1,500,000 in the next 10 years, this amount being the difference between the cost of the manufacture of field artillery material in the proposed new plant at Rock Island arsenal, and the price now being paid to outsiders for the manufacture of these articles.

"Aside from the benefits which will

naturally be derived by this locality in the employment of additional skilled labor at the Rock Island arsenal, it would appear that the investment of this sum, solely and purely as a business proposition, should appeal to all members of congress. We, therefore, trust that you will investigate the statements made herein, and feel assured that you will find these statements conservative, and we hope you will lend your aid and assistance to securing the appropriation mentioned.

"In connection with the above, we also wish to call your attention to another matter of great importance, regarding the Rock Island arsenal. It is reported that the war department contemplates discontinuing the manufacture of small arms at the Rock Island arsenal, and concentrating the work in this department at the Springfield, Mass. factory. This will result in the throwing out of employment some 250 men, skilled in this particular work, besides the abandonment of the plant in which the government has already invested more than \$1,000,000.

**SHOPS ARE MORE MODERN.**  
"We are informed that the war department acknowledges that these small arms have been manufactured at the Rock Island arsenal at a less cost than at the Springfield arsenal. The shops at the Rock Island arsenal are more modern and up-to-date, and we believe the best interests of the government would be subserved by continuing in operation the small arms plant at the Rock Island arsenal as long as the manufacture of these articles.

"We are particularly interested in both of the above propositions, and hope that we may have your earnest and active support in these matters, to the end that the small arms plant at the Rock Island arsenal may be continued in operation, and that the appropriation for equipping one of the buildings for the manufacture of field artillery may be made at this session of congress.

"Thanking you in advance for your careful consideration of these matters, which we trust will merit your active and earnest support, we are

Yours very truly,  
**ROCK ISLAND CLUB,**  
By H. H. Cleveland, President.  
**ROCK ISLAND RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION,**  
By H. A. Clevenstone, President.  
**FIFTY THOUSAND CLUB OF ROCK ISLAND, ILL.**  
By H. E. Casteel, President.

ONLY 5 MORE SHOPPING-DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

## WIFE FINDS SOUL MATE; FLEES CITY

Mrs. Charles Bundy Leaves Husband Second Time for Love of Charles White.

## DARK TRAGEDY ENACTED

Elders Freed From County Jail Monday, Take French Leave—Hubby Heartbroken.

Charles Bundy, the colored gentleman who has been unable to induce his wife to love, cherish and cleave to him because of the fact that she loves another, has again been handed a large package by his fickle spouse, who upon being liberated from the county jail joined hands with Charles White, also colored, the man who has broken up the Bundy home, and the couple have fled for parts unknown, leaving the deserted husband broken hearted and alone in the city of Rock Island.

**HAD PRETTY ROMANCE.**  
The White-Bundy infatuation had its inception in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Bundy had a lovely little home there and the dove of happiness hovered overhead, until White secured lodging in the domain next door. Bundy has never been a financier. At times he would accumulate the magnificent sum of \$15 or \$20 but according to his wife's statement, has always insisted in utilizing his savings for the purchase of an old nag. These alleged horses have invariably been bombed into the celestial regions by representatives of the Humane society. With no money in the bank there was no money for silk petticoats, red hair ribbons, new switches and puffs. Mrs. Bundy was unhappy. When the chocolate visage of Mr. R. neo White loomed on the horizon of domestic infelicity, a great joy crept into the heart of the horse buyer's sparring mate. She agreed to flee to Rock Island and cook for White.

**HUBBY ALONE.**  
The couple lived at 2620 Fourth avenue for several months, purporting to be man and wife. When Bundy came to Rock Island he was forced to content himself with the lot of a humble boarder, while another man monopolized the attentions of his wife. On Nov. 20, White and Mrs. Bundy were arrested for their loose method of living and were each sentenced to 29 days in jail. Bundy "batched" it, patiently waiting for the joyous time when he would again join his wife. He sent her money, which was invariably transported to White who occupied quarters on the first floor of the jail. White was liberated Monday, and the soul mates then packed their belongings and left the city, without even bidding Bundy good-bye. "You never can tell about women," agrees the horse buyer.

Santa Claus Visits the Toy Department at 8 o'clock each night

# Wednesday Evening Specials

"The Store With the Christmas Spirit"

## YOUNG & M<sup>c</sup> COMBS

CO OPERATIVE STORE CO. WE SAVE YOU MONEY

50c Neckties 25c

This evening we will offer 25 dozen of 50c all Silk Ties for 25c each. These come in bulk and in fancy Xmas Boxes. Boxes will be charged extra. None before, none after these hours, price ..... 25c

\$8 Boy's Watch and Chain \$4.98

Seven jewel American made movement, guaranteed, regular \$8 value, in silk-lined box, handsome Christmas present, for ..... \$4.98

Art Needlework

18-50 in. Mexican Drawn work Scarfs, worth 48c, Wednesday evening ..... 25c  
Tapestry Pillow Covers, ready for use, tonight, each ..... 25c

Fascinators  
7 to 9 P. M.  
All wool Fascinators, black and white, 25c values ..... 19c

Jardiniers  
7 to 9 P. M.  
Hammered Brass Jardiniers, 8-in. size, footed, tonight ..... \$1.25

One Large Table  
of Fancy China Plates, Cups and Saucers, Hat Pin Holders, Vases, Syrup Jars, etc., worth up to \$3.50, your choice for ..... 75c

Mittens  
7 TO P. M.  
15c Infants Mittens for 10c. All wool, blue, white, red, Wednesday evening, special ..... 10c

Special Sale of Hair Goods

The season's newest styles. Only thoroughly Reliable, Sanitary Human Hair Goods are carried in our Popular Beauty Parlors.

Largest assortment of Hair Goods in Tri-Cities.

Hair Dress Free with every Switch sold.

Furs  
DEEP CUT ON FURS.

Suits  
DEEP CUT ON SUITS.

Coats  
DEEP CUTS ON COATS.

\$2.98 Sweaters for \$1.98

7 TO 9 P. M.  
Men's \$2.98 all wool Sweaters, Byron collar, navy, gray, white, maroon, Wednesday evening, special ..... \$1.98

\$1.25 Umbrellas for 79c

Fancy curved or straight handle, Gloria Silk American Taffeta.

Ladies Silk Hose  
7 to 9 P. M.  
\$1.25 Ladies' Silk Hose ..... 89c  
High apiced heel, double heel and toe, heavy sole, made of pure silk thread, in black only.

In the Linen Section  
7 to 9 P. M.

72-inch heavy double satin Damask, beautiful range of patterns, our regular \$1.75 quality, special Wednesday night ..... \$1.29

Napkins, 22-inch to match ..... \$3.50

36-inch Lunch Cloth, nicely finished hemstitched satin damask, assorted patterns, \$1.50 quality; special Wednesday night ..... 98c

Night Gowns  
7 to 9 P. M.

Ladies' flannellette Night Gowns, regular 75c values ..... 49c

\$5.00 Millinery for 98c

Our ready to wear hats must be closed out and we offer you choice of 50 hats for ..... 98c  
Your choice of any hat in the house, worth up to \$50.00, for ..... \$10

## Mosenfelder & Sons

The Gift Store For Men and Boys

THIS is truly "The Store With the Xmas Spirit" of the tri-cities, for men, young men, boys and children. At this time of the year, Mosenfelder & Sons becomes the popular trading place for "The Ladies" because in the arrangement of gift ideas for the "male" end of the family we have made for ease of selection and thorough appropriateness of the things chosen. Christmas shopping made a pleasure at this up-to-date store. Early buying is advisable and we will hold articles purchased until Xmas, if desired. These suggestions will assist you.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits.  
Hart Schaffner & Marx O'coats.  
Society Brand handsome suits.  
Society brand stunning o'coats.  
Yorkshire suits in new models.  
Yorkshire o'coats in new fabrics  
Clothcraft suits & new o'coats.  
Prices range from \$10 to \$35.

Sweater coats for men at \$1.00 to \$6.00.  
Sweater coats for boys at \$1.00 to \$1.50.  
Handsome new coat shirts at \$1.00 to \$5.00.  
Gloves, new shades, \$1.00 to \$2.00.  
Cheney neckwear, richest silks, 50c.  
Fur caps in all styles, also seal caps, \$2.75 to \$10.  
A score of swell umbrella styles at \$2.50 to \$5.

Cheney silk mufflers, \$1.00 to \$2.50.  
Phoenix silk hose, 4 pair guaranteed, packed in Xmas boxes, \$2  
Lisle hose, 6 pair guaranteed 3 months \$1.50  
Ties, special 50c values 25c.  
Immense display of handsome things for Boys and children at saving prices.

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## COLLEGE DEBATE TEAMS SELECTED

Young Men to Represent Augustana in Contests With Other Schools.

Three debating teams to represent Augustana college in as many forensic frays next spring were chosen last night after a two-day preliminary contest, in which 16 candidates participated. The question discussed was the subject to be debated with Bethany college, "Resolved, That a uniform system of tolls shall be established for ship of all nations using the Panama canal." The successful contestants and the colleges they will oppose follow:

Bethany—Walton Kempe, A. E. Olson and L. E. Jones. Alternate, William Schroeder.  
Northwestern—Werner Swanson, Elmer Nicholson and E. A. Peterson. Alternate, Herbert Swanson.  
Carroll—Evan Anderson, Oscar Peterson and Leo DeLong. Alternate, Gustaf Drake.

The debates with Northwestern and Carroll colleges will constitute a triangular affair with Augustana. Considerable interest is being taken in this three-cornered fight, it being the first of its kind between the three institutions. The question to be debated is "Resolved, That a minimum wage scale should be fixed by state boards." Augustana's negative team will go to Northwestern and its affirmative team will meet Carroll at Augustana. Northwestern's negative team will go to Carroll.

The debate with Bethany will be the fourth annual affair between the two colleges. The score now stands two to one in Augustana's favor. The debate this year will be held here.

**Notice to Contractors.**  
Bids will be received at the office of the mayor, 9 a. m., Dec. 21, 1912, for the improvement of Thirty-eighth street from the south line of Seventh avenue to south line of Eighteenth avenue, by paving with brick.  
Plans and specifications on file at the office of the city engineer. Contractor will be paid in bonds bearing five per cent interest.  
All bids must be accompanied by cash or a certified check payable to the president of the board of local improvements and in the amount of 10 per cent of the bid.  
H. M. SCHRIVER  
President of the Board of Local Improvements.—(Advertisement)

## X-RAY MACHINE THAT IS PORTABLE PURCHASED

A portable X-Ray machine of the latest and most perfected pattern has just been installed in Moline by Dr. Perry Wessel and it is something of a novelty in convenient medical apparatus. Though X-Ray machines of the stationary type have for several years been a common adjunct of every up-to-date physician's office it is only within the last year or two that a perfected machine of this character has been turned out that can be carried about by the doctor on his daily calls. The machine is a little larger than the ordinary suit case and is enclosed in a wooden case which simply protects the delicate mechanism within. With all the apparatus in place the weight is only 85 pounds, allowing it to be carried easily. From pictures which Dr. Wessel has already taken with the machine it has been found to be fully perfect as the stationary machine. That it will prove valuable and a positive aid to the physician there is every reason to expect.

## Lodge Notes

The Fraternal Reserve Life Insurance company held its regular yearly meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—John H. Liedtke.  
Vice President—Elmer Johnson.  
Clerk—J. J. Green.  
Junior Officer of the Guard—W. D. Weaver.  
Chaplain—Mrs. W. D. Weaver.  
Sergeant of the Guard—Jesse Howlett.  
Corporal of the Guard—Ray Summers.  
Inside Guard—Mrs. Zora Howlett.  
Picket—John C. Kaiser.  
The installation of officers will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1913, at the Odd Fellows' hall on Second avenue.

## Santa Claus Costumes For Rent

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