

## HOW THE ELECTION WAS ALL BROUGHT ABOUT BY PEOPLE

Had Its Initiative in Petitions and Resolutions for Ball Park Purchase.

### ANNEXATION CAME NEXT

And Then the Improvements Essential to the Acquisition of More Territory.

The occasion for tomorrow's special election originated with the people. The initiative came in the form of petitions signed by about 1,000 citizens asking the city to acquire the tract of land in which Island City ball park is situated and hold it for an athletic field, playground and baseball park. These petitions were supported by resolutions adopted by the Industrial Home association, the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Eagles. All of this led to the calling of the special election and in the same connection came the petition for the annexation of further territory in South Rock Island, and the other propositions—the elevated tank, watermain extension, fire station and fire alarm extension, police alarm system and improvement of the Rock river bridges—which the commission felt that inasmuch as an election was necessary under the commission form in order to comply with the petitions and resolutions bearing on the park purchase, the people should have the opportunity to pass on the other questions at the same time.

Under the commission form the people have the right of initiative and referendum. They have the right of petition. A considerable number of them sustained by the memorials of worthy organizations, asked the city to acquire the park tract, and the commission has complied to the extent of its requirements within the law.

ALL ARE ESSENTIAL. Every measure is essential to Rock Island's expansion, growth and the comfort and enjoyment of its citizens. While bonds are bonds, the municipality is so happily situated, that all may be voted without involving an additional tax, the cost of the waterworks improvements to be met out of the revenues, as they become due. This is possible by reason of the fact that they are spread over a period of years coming due at various times. If all the proposed improvements were to be paid for at once, an additional tax levy would be necessary, but under the plan put up to the voters, the people are to have the benefit at once and the city is to pay for them on the installment plan.

### THE BALLOT.

While there are seven separate propositions to be voted on, there are eight different measures on the ballot to be voted. This, as has already been explained in The Argus is due to the fact that the park proposition is split into two sections, one for the approval of the purchase and the other for the authorization of the bonding ordinance. Both pertain to the same subject but the success of both is essential to the acquisition of the land. So see that nothing on the ballot is overlooked.

### AS TO THE LOCATION OF FIRE STATIONS

There seems to prevail in the east end of the city an apprehension that if bonds for the new fire station are voted tomorrow, it will mean that the long needed protection on the bluff will not be provided for. This is absolutely a mistake. The station to be voted on tomorrow will be known as No. 5 and will be located in the southwest section of the city. Station No. 4 for the bluff district on Elm street has already been provided for, an appropriation for the erection of the hose house having been made some time ago by the city commission. At the meeting of the council last Monday the mayor was authorized to advertise for bids.

### BIDS FOR HOSE ARE OPENED BY COUNCIL

Bids were received today by the city commission for 500 feet of fire hose and 500 feet of hose for the sewer department. Twelve firms submitted figures, ranging from 54 cents to \$1.04. The contract will not be let until Monday.

### FINE SPECIMEN OF NIGHT BLOOMING CEREUS SHOWN

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. James Carl, 925 Twenty-third street, are being given the opportunity to see a beautiful specimen of the comparatively rare flower, the night blooming cereus. The flower is an unusually large and fragrant one, and has attracted much attention in the neighborhood, numbers of people calling each evening to see the lovely blossom.

### PAPER HANGING

Why have a poor job of papering while a good one costs no more. Let me tell you what it will cost to decorate your home. Telephone 3725 Rock Island. O. F. STANLEY.

## Involved in Tomorrow's Elections

The propositions—Purchase of tract in which Island City park is located, in all about 11 acres, for athletic field, playground and ball park; bond issue, \$20,000; eight-year bonds; Construction of elevated tank on the bluff; bond issue, \$22,000; 10-year bonds, to be met out of the income of the waterworks department. Flooring of the Rock river bridges with concrete; bond issue, \$8,000; five-year bonds. Installation of police alarm system; bond issue, \$10,000; 10-year bonds. Extension of water mains along Eighteenth avenue and out into new territory. \$17,000; eight-year bonds, to be met out of the revenues of the waterworks department. Erection of new fire station in new territory and extension of fire alarm system, \$15,000; eight-year bonds. Annexation of a further strip of territory in South Rock Island, running from the city limits to Brasher street, south, and from Twelfth street west to the Mississippi river, exclusive of the tract already made a part of the city.

Payment of bonds—Those for improvements in the waterworks system, out of the receipts of the waterworks department. The other bonds, out of the general revenues and appropriations of the city, as they mature. Additional tax levy—None. Present financial condition of the city—Above par.

What is at stake—The growth and general improvement of Rock Island now and in the future.

## CROWD AT FAIR SETS NEW MARK FOR SECOND DAY

Three Thousand Pay Admission to Rock Island County Exhibition.

### EXPECT MORE TOMORROW

Mark Hauberg Takes Prizes for Best Farm Display and Best 10 Ears of Seed Corn.

(Special to The Argus.)

Joslin, Ill., Sept. 10.—Today's attendance at the Joslin fair broke the record. There were 3,000 admissions to the grounds, this number never having been equalled since the association was formed. Tomorrow, with a continuance of favorable weather, should see the record of 3,500 for the closing day eclipsed.

Jerome Leland of Springfield, who is judging the live stock, says he never saw a better display of horses at a county fair than there is here. Special attention was attracted by the Brown Swiss cattle shown by L. K. Cleveland, Guernsey cattle from the Deere farm and the farm and garden products from the Watertown hospital farm.

### HAUBERG PRIZE WINNER.

Mark Hauberg of Hillsdale was awarded the Deere walking plow, offered for the best display of farm produce. He has 35 varieties on the grounds. He also secured the riding cultivator offered by the Moline Plow company for the best 10 ears of seed corn.

Among the display are 50 cattle, 100 horses, 90 hogs, 69 sheep, a herd of goats and 40 coops of poultry. Tomorrow is Moline day when a special train will be run over the Burlington leaving Rock Island at 9:30 and Moline at 9:45 and leaving Joslin on the return at 5:20.

## NEW ROCK ISLAND HOUSE OPEN SOON

Remodeling Work Nearing Completion—Throw Open Doors About Oct. 15.

Work of remodeling the Rock Island house is nearing completion and the new management expects to throw open the doors to the public by October 15. A large force of men is now rushing the various operations through to completion. Skinner & Bloomquist, the successful bidders for the papering and painting contract have started their men on what is considered the largest single job of its kind ever contracted for in this city. The woodwork throughout will be done in a special old ivory tone and with German and English hangings of imported paper, will present a very pleasing and harmonious effect when completed.

For the ladies' parlor a French adaptation of Parisian tapestry will be used to harmonize with the furniture, which will be upholstered in Persian silk tapestry. The bridal suite, on the second floor, will be done in a special color scheme of gold and ivory tints with inserts by a New York artist. Work has also been started on the cafe, which calls for a massive beamed effect. The cafe will be finished in Flemish oak.

The steel for the large ornamental canopy to be placed over the main entrance, has been ordered from the Rock Island Bridge and Iron works and will be placed in position some time this month.

Throughout the work of remodeling and refurnishing it has been the policy of the lessees to "Try Rock Island First."

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## BOARD WILL PAY THE OLD DEBTS OF THIS COUNTY

Supervisors Plan to Borrow \$85,000 From Banks for This Purpose.

### ANTICIPATE THE TAX LEVY

Smallpox Bills Are Turned Down—Candidates Nominated for Highway Superintendent.

Plans looking toward paying off the indebtedness of Rock Island county were advanced at the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday afternoon. It was decided to fix the tax levy at \$166,000 and then borrow the sum of \$85,000 in anticipation of next year's tax. A resolution prevailed that the county treasurer be authorized to pay off such amounts on the county debt as seemed advisable from time to time.

The county debt at the present time is about \$39,000. Originally it was about \$55,000. Within the last few years two large payments on it have been made until the total has been cut to the present figure. With the \$85,000 which it is proposed to borrow, it is expected to pay off the indebtedness and provide for the current expenses of the county. This loan will then be all that the county owes and John Lypton of Bowling, who as chairman of the finance committee has put the new plan into effect feels that the county will soon be in the best condition from a financial standpoint it has been in years.

### SMALLPOX BILLS.

The matter of smallpox bills was given considerable discussion before the board yesterday afternoon. Hampton and South Moline presented claims but the board decided to turn them back to the townships from which they came, thereby establishing a rule against paying for accounts of this character. Rock Island has a large number of smallpox bills and the question of submitting them to the county was warmly debated by the local commission and it was decided that the supervisors should set a rule for them but evidently the city held them up in order to have the board pass on the claims from outside townships first.

The salary of the engineer at the court house was fixed at \$1,000 the same as last year. Thomas Thompson has resigned and his successor has not been named.

### FIVE CANDIDATES.

Five candidates for the position of county superintendent of highways were nominated by the board today. They were Clyde Cushman, Sears, Wallace Treicher, Rock Island; Conrad H. Schadt, Silvis; J. M. Bongten, Moline; C. C. Hubbard, Rock Island. The civil service examinations are to be held on October 18 at Chicago, Dixon, Peoria, Springfield, Champaign, East St. Louis, O'neal and Carbondale, the counties of the state being divided into three classes, Rock Island being in the second class.

### FEES CAUSE DISCUSSION.

The board had another discussion today over naturalization fees amounting to \$1,695.50 which Circuit Clerk G. W. Gamble has been holding since 1906. It will be remembered that some time ago the board and Mr. Gamble agreed to submit the proposition to the members of the bench of this judicial district and it was unanimously held that the sum in question belonged to Mr. Gamble, inasmuch as it was federal business, control over which neither the state nor the county could have. The judicial committee made a report this morning to the board stating the opinion of the judges but there was not included any authorization to the county treasurer to pay the money to Mr. Gamble. Some of the members felt that a compromise might be affected with Mr. Gamble and that he might be induced to share with the county and it was decided to hold a conference with him for the purpose of discussing the same. It was stated that there was now pending before the United States supreme court a case in which the same question was involved and that until a decision is given in that action, the matter of paying over the fees to Mr. Gamble was not approved.

### PERSONAL POINTS

Mrs. E. R. Maloney and Miss Sara E. Ward, 928 Twentieth street, have returned from an outing in Colorado.

Miss Jennie Lindrud, who has been the guest of Miss Marie Jensen, 2518 Eighth avenue, will leave this evening for her home in Minneapolis after a six weeks' visit.

Miss Marie Jensen, 2518 Eighth avenue, has as guests her sister, Mrs. A. B. Hansen and son Harold of Monrovia, Cal. and her brother Harold Jensen of Los Angeles, Cal. who will remain for an extended visit.

Lead, S. D.—Statements reflecting on mine owners of Lead made by Bishop Busch at the convention of Catholic societies in Milwaukee were declared "wholly misleading and false" by a mass meeting of citizens called by the mayor.

Washington—Senator O'Gorman introduced a bill compelling all railroads to use solid steel rails in interstate commerce after Jan. 1, 1918. This is one result of the New Haven railway wrecks.

## Points About Park Purchase

Location—Ninth street and Eighteenth avenue. Area—About 11 acres. Space enclosed—Four acres. Contemplated uses—Outside portion or major part, free athletic field and children's playground; enclosed part, league baseball and other forms of athletic sports or amusements for revenue.

Amount of bond issue—\$20,000, in eight year bonds. What it means—An athletic field for the youth and a playground for the children, under the direction of the park board. A permanent park already equipped for professional baseball, and upon the fate of the proposition before the people tomorrow will be determined whether or no. Rock Island shall have a league team next season.

## WOMEN WILL HAVE THE FIRST CHANCE

Right of Suffrage Is Their's in Tomorrow's Public Improvement Elections.

Much interest is being expressed in the extent to which the women of Rock Island will exercise their right of franchise recently bestowed by the Illinois legislature in their first opportunity tomorrow. Upon this will determine how strongly the women of Rock Island favor suffrage.

Just what will be the disposition of the women on the question of public improvements, etc., will also be shown in how they vote. It is the impression the women are progressive, that they want to see the city grow and improve. It is believed the mothers will favor strongly the track field for athletics which constitute an essential part of the high school training and they will also favor the playground for the smaller children, which will keep them off the streets and afford them an opportunity to enjoy themselves on the ground and in the open air under the protection of the park board. There are seven acres in the tract that is under consideration outside of the ball park enclosure that it is proposed to devote this part of it exclusively to free athletic field and playground.

All the other measures, annexation, water and fire protection, a better police system, the re-flooring of the Rock river bridges, all appeal to those who have the highest and best interests of Rock Island at heart, and the women are looked to always stand for these advantages.

They will have the right and opportunity to say tomorrow.

## MAKING PLANS TO HOLD BIG OUTING

Woodmen of the World Will Celebrate on September 21 Near Milan.

At the regular meeting of Camp 85, W. O. W., held last night, the executive committee was appointed to complete arrangements for the annual stag picnic of the degree team and officers. Joseph Cameron, H. Biggs, P. E. Wood, R. Carlson, L. Dickinson, C. T. Fuller and F. C. Downs. The picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, at a point near the river southwest of Milan.

Six applications for membership were received by camp 85 and two by Grove 27, W. C. These, with others, will be initiated at the big class meeting to be held at Turner hall, Moline, Saturday evening, Oct. 4. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by the ladies and the balance of the evening enjoyed socially.

## COAL PRICES TO MOUNT SKYWARD

Local Dealers Predict Upward Trend Due to Shortage of Railway Facilities.

Local coal dealers today predicted that by the middle of October the price of coal would equal if not surpass the high water mark of last winter. The claim is made that mines are working but three or four days a week and that even this limited output will be more than the railroads can handle with dispatch. The shortage of cars is the main reason attributed to the raise in price.

The claim is made that but one railroad which enters Rock Island has prepared itself for the renewal of coal activities, and that when the actual rush begins, other lines will be swamped, and will not have the facilities for handling the black diamonds. It is said that the C. & E. I. and I. C. mines are at present operating but three days a week, and this condition is reflected to a greater or lesser extent all over the country.

## IOWA SUFFRAGETS DUE IN DAVENPORT TONIGHT

Miss Flora Dunlap of Des Moines, and eight others, is expected in Davenport this evening. The women are making a tour of the state, preaching the gospel of which Jane Addams is one of the main exponents. The women made their last stop at Muscatine. They had planned to hold a

# A Bee Hibe \$20 Suit

Is a good standard of excellence by which to judge any suit

Twenty dollars for a suit is a popular price with many women. We have for many seasons made a strong feature of suits at this price and our showing this season is even better than ever before. A wider range of styles including dozens of the most popular models in strictly tailored and novelty suits in women's and misses' sizes.

Every suit is strictly man tailored and shows quality far beyond what women would ordinarily expect for the price. They compare favorably with most suits that you will see priced at \$22.50 and \$25.

Other Suits there are of course—more expensive suits and less expensive. There is nothing lacking here to bring this store up to its usual standard as a "SUIT STORE."

At \$12.50, \$15, \$25 and up to \$40 there is a large variety of charming models—each one representing the utmost value at its price.

Complete Stocks of New Fall Coats Here to Choose From

Greater stocks—greater assortments than any other store in this vicinity would dare to carry—ranging in price from \$7.50 to \$50.

Some striking examples of the splendid values offered by this store are shown in our windows priced at \$12.50, \$15, \$20 and \$25.

Look for them—notice the stunning materials, the new mandarin sleeves, the clever touches of trimming, the perfect tailoring—you will get a splendid idea of what your coat money should buy when you are ready for that new one.

New Dresses New Waists New Sweaters  
New Skirts New Petticoats New Millinery

## The Bee Hibe on the Corner

Second and Brady Streets, Davenport



street meeting in Davenport, but have changed their plans, the meeting to be held in the public library building instead.

## STASSEN DIES AS RESULT OF A FALL

Aged Man Succumbs to Injuries Received by Falling Off a Ladder Monday.

### CORONER HOLDS INQUEST

Jasper Gunn Found Dead in Yard at Home of Robert White—An Inveterate Smoker.

William Stassen died this morning as a result of injuries received by falling off a ladder while repairing the roof on his home Monday morning. A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury today. Mr. Stassen was born Dec. 9, 1849 in Olenburg, Germany, but came to this country when he was but 13 years of age. He has been a resident of Rock Island for the past 43 years. For 29 years he was in the government service here while for 21 years he worked at his trade of ship carpenter aboard the ferry Rock Island.

Surviving are a son Fritz of this city and two daughters residing in Sterling. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

### JASPER GUNN.

"Death from natural causes." was the verdict handed down by a coroner's jury this morning in the case of Jasper Gunn, who was found dead in the rear of a house at 214 Twenty-second street, yesterday.

From the evidence brought out it was found that the man's body was discovered by Robert White, a porter at the Regins hotel. Life was then extinct for several hours. Gunn came to this city about six weeks ago, and but little is known concerning him. His body is being held at a local undertaking establishment until its disposition can be determined.

## COMPROMISE CASE IN COURT; DISMISS JURY

The jury in county court has been dismissed for the term. When the forty-second street water main project was brought up this morning, the compromise was effected with Mrs. Myra Walker, whereby her assessment was reduced to \$100. Thereupon she withdrew her objection and the assessment roll was confirmed.

## DAVENPORT CONCERN IS BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

First which broke out in the Red Jacket Manufacturing company's plant, Davenport, last night caused damage aggregating \$12,000, a part of which is covered by insurance. The blaze had its origin in the molding room. Some molten metal seeped through the sand in the form boxes and ignited the wooden parts. Owing

to the distance of the plant from water connections, the department was badly handicapped in fighting the blaze.

## RUMOR THAT CARS BURNED IN A FIRE

Persistent rumors to the effect that 35 of the new pay-as-you-enter cars being built for the Tri-City Railway company by the St. Louis Car company were burned in a fire which today destroyed the latter company's plant, floated about the city today.

President Porter of the street car company declared that he had heard nothing concerning the matter. Repeated attempts on the part of The Argus to verify the report also proved unavailing. It is believed that the rumor is false.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. A. E. DRAKE.

Mrs. A. E. Drake, wife of the founder of the Drake Furniture company, now the Iowa Furniture company, of Davenport, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. T. S. White in Chicago. Sarcoma of the lungs, with which she has been suffering for the past six weeks, caused her death.

Mrs. Drake is well known in Rock Island and made frequent visits with friends here. Her last visit here was made last winter and spring. She was born in Keokuk, July 4, 1870, and was united in marriage to A. E. Drake at that place in 1892. With her husband she came to Davenport in 1902 when he opened the Drake store on Brady street.

Mr. Drake died in Davenport in 1907 as the result of the accidental discharge of a firearm in the hands of his son. Since that time, Mrs. Drake has been making her home in Chicago and St. Louis.

Surviving are her son Sanford, two sisters and three brothers. The funeral will be held at Keokuk tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

#### MRS. MARY TOENNIGES.

Mrs. Mary Toenniges, for many years a resident of Rock Island, died at her home, 1224 Glenhurst court early this morning. Surviving are her husband, a daughter Eleanor living at home and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral will probably be held Friday. Rev. F. J. Rolf of the German Evangelical Lutheran church will officiate at the short services which will be held. Interment will be made in Chippianock cemetery.

#### MRS. ANNA LINDENBERGER.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Lindenberg was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home, 803 Fourteenth and a-half street. Short services were held at the German Lutheran church at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in Chippianock cemetery.

#### Notice.

Court of Honor, No. 21. Regular meeting Wednesday, September 10, Election of officers. I. F. CRAMER, Recorder.—(Adv.)

## NEWSPAPER MEN HOLD CONVENTION HERE THIS WEEK

German Publishers From Four States to Convene in Rock Island Friday.

### VAL. J. PETER TO SPEAK

Former Member of Staff of Volks-Zeitung Will Address Gathering—Plan Automobile Trip.

Between 75 and 100 German newspaper men will gather in Rock Island to attend their thirteenth annual convention which opens here Friday.

Delegates from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota are expected. Among the speakers will be Val. J. Peter of the Omaha Daily Tribune, who was at one time connected with the Volks-Zeitung in this city. The mayors of the three cities will also address the visitors.

Extensive plans have been made for the entertainment of the guests. Among them is an automobile ride through the three cities and all owners of machines who can do so are asked to contribute the use of them Friday afternoon. Those who are willing to assist in showing the visitors a good time in this way are requested to notify the publisher of the Volks-Zeitung, Rock Island.

### INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The convention will open promptly at 10 o'clock Friday morning when a short business session will be held. Friday afternoon the automobile trip will be taken.

The following is the program for the three-day session:

- FRIDAY.
- 10 a. m. to 12—Registration and business session.
- 2 to 4 p. m.—Business meeting.
- 4 p. m.—Auto trip through tri-cities and the arsenal.
- 6 p. m.—Luncheon Davenport Turner hall. Address of welcome, Mayor Mueller, Davenport.
- 8 p. m.—Banquet at Rock Island Turner hall. Addresses of welcome, Mayor H. M. Schriver, Rock Island, and Mayor M. R. Carlson, Moline.
- SATURDAY.
- 9 to 12 a. m.—Business meeting.
- 2 to 5 p. m.—Business meeting.
- 8 p. m.—Banquet at the Davenport Commercial club under the auspices of the Tri-City Press club and Ad club.
- SUNDAY.
- 8:30 to 12 a. m.—Business session.
- 2 p. m.—Excursion on Mississippi.

Accident Delays Cars. All Third and Fourth avenue and Elm street cars were delayed for nearly a half hour this morning when a coal wagon belonging to the Central Illinois Coal company broke down. The loss of a nut on one of the back wheels caused the accident.