

### ATTEMPT TO MAKE BONDING COMPANY SETTLE A CLAIM

Surety for David Lyons, Former County Treasurer, Sue Federal & Guarantee Co.

### OFFICIAL WITHHOLDS SUM

Keeps From \$3,000 to \$4,000. Claiming Money is Due as Salary for Supervisor of Assessments.

The case of F. G. Allen, et al., vs. the U. S. Federal & Guarantee company is being tried before a jury in circuit court today. An attempt to get a continuance was made some time ago, but Judge R. W. Olmsted would not allow the motion and it was arranged that depositions of David Lyons, former county treasurer, should be taken in New York.

The suit involves the accounts of the former county treasurer, who at that time resided in Coal Valley. It will be recalled that Mr. Lyons, when he retired, withheld between \$2,000 and \$4,000 of the county's funds, claiming the sum to be due him as salary as supervisor of assessments. His salary was \$1,700, but the county board claimed that as treasurer he was to receive only \$700 and the other \$1,000 was paid for his services as supervisor of assessments, under the law. Mr. Lyons claimed the \$1,000, in addition to \$1,700, for almost four years.

**Bondsmen Settle.**  
When Mr. Lyons took office, Mr. Allen and other individuals signed his bonds, filed with the county, and Mr. Lyons gave to these bondsmen a bond of the company which is now defendant, to protect the individuals against loss. The individuals were forced to settle with the county, and now they claim the amount from the bonding company.

In the pleadings the defense alleges that the bond of the company was to protect the holders only against loss by larceny or embezzlement. Mr. Lyons, it is set forth, withheld the money on the advice of attorneys, and showed no criminal intent. He never was indicted for larceny or embezzlement, and the claim is that he could not have been charged with crime under the circumstances, as he believed, in good faith, that he was entitled to the money he appropriated to his own use. Accordingly the bonding house denies any liability to Mr. Allen and his associates under the terms of their bond.

Mr. Lyons' term expired seven years ago, and the claim of the county was settled about two years ago, after suit had been instituted by the county.

J. T. and S. R. Kenworthy and J. B.

Oakleaf appear for Mr. Allen and Searle & Marshall for the company.

### Gets Judgment.

Yesterday afternoon in circuit court judgment for \$17.50 was awarded the plaintiffs in each of the following cases: Elmer Minniek, for the use of H. M. Osborn, vs. the C. R. I. & P. and G. B. Neuhart, for the use of H. M. Osborn, vs. C. R. I. & P. In justice court garnishee proceedings were started against the railroad in an attempt to collect board bills. When judgment was rendered against the railroad, appeals were taken to circuit court, where the ruling of the lower court was affirmed.

### MILITIA TO HOLD A RIFLE CONTEST

The regular weekly drill practice of Company A was held last evening at the Armory hall. After the drill the men engaged in rifle practice. Several good scores were made, and Captain E. H. Dunavin was more than pleased with interest the men are taking in this work.

Fought at the Armory a rifle shoot match will be held by members of the company. Eight of the best shots in the organization will be selected, and four placed on each side. Captain Dunavin hopes to be able to pick his rifle team after the match tonight.

### PERSONAL POINTS

Elmer Anderson left this morning for Cambridge.

Carl Johnson left this morning for Kewanee, Ill., where he is erecting a bungalow.

Mrs. P. J. Smith of Peru, Ill., is visiting her father, P. J. Kinney, 2809 Eighth avenue.

Philip Dingledein left this morning for a month's visit to Chicago and other eastern points.

Ralph Anderson of Center Station left this morning for a several weeks' visit in Chicago.

I. G. White of Council Bluffs has been called here because of the serious illness of his father, W. White.

Mrs. George S. Ivens left yesterday for her home in Joliet after spending a week with friends in the city.

E. W. Sullivan, formerly of Rock Island, but now employed on the editorial staff of the Detroit News, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

Mrs. J. J. Bauman and three children of Fort Collins, Colo., are visiting at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Eugene Dolph, 519 Thirtieth street. Mrs. Bauman was formerly Miss Lulu Mitsch.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. White and daughter, Margaret, and Ira Karr left yesterday for Pittston, Pa., to visit relatives and friends. From there the party will go to New York City, sailing for Hamburg, Germany, Saturday.

A train load of boosters, all members of the Peoria Association of Commerce, passed through this city at 1:50 this morning on the Rock Island lines. The party has a special train and are enroute to Omaha to boost the interests of their city.

Mrs. Milton Jones left today for her home in Chicago, after a week's visit among old friends in the tri-cities. The Jones family left Rock Island 14 years ago. The eight children, all of whom were of a musical bent in their younger years, having been heard in concert on numerous occasions, have all prospered in their new home. Mr. Jones, now in his 82d year, is enjoying excellent health.

### FAVOR CAMPAIGN IN THREE CITIES BY BILLY SUNDAY

Ministers of Rock Island, Moline and Davenport Put Selves on Record.

### HAVE A MEETING IN MOLINE

Question Left to Three Ministerial Alliances, However, for Final Approval.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Tri-City Ministerial alliance held in the Y. M. C. A. in Moline yesterday afternoon, a resolution was adopted expressing the sentiment of the tri-city organization to be heartily in favor of bringing the evangelist, Rev. Billy Sunday, to the tri-cities for a series of meetings.

The resolution was adopted following a stirring 30-minute address delivered by Dr. Frank Cole of St. John's Methodist church in Davenport. A lively discussion followed the address and the presentation and adoption of the resolution was the result.

This does not mean, however, that the bringing of the noted evangelist to the tri-cities at a future date is an accomplished fact, for each of the separate alliances composing the tri-city organization must first vote on the matter and report back to the latter society.

### Hear Address by Ladd.

In addition to Dr. Cole's address, Dr. P. C. Ladd of the First Congregational church in Moline read an able paper on "The Church and the Child." The usual banquet followed the program, 35 ministers from the tri-cities enjoying the repast. The next meeting of the alliance will be held in the fall, probably in October.

### EXPLAINS OBJECT OF ASSOCIATION

Secretary of Highway Organization Boosts the Coming Good Roads Ball.

The following statement of the aim and purposes of the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association was made today:

To the Public: As every thoughtful man and woman knows, the present is recognized as a new era in the activities of mankind. Old conditions are rapidly giving way to new conditions.

To better meet the requirements of these new conditions, the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association as an organized cooperative body came into being.

This new era is called the industrial era to distinguish it from the slowly passing era of age of slothful indifference to the everyday realities of life.

Economic conditions are causing all humanity to sit up and take notice of the transforming changes now going on in every civilized nation of the world.

There is a state of social unrest prevailing. It is universal. It is not confined to the older civilized nations. It is felt and recorded by all peoples on the face of the globe, uncivilized, semi-civilized and civilized.

This feeling of unrest is forcing all humanity to recognize the urgent necessity for intelligent cooperation. Such cooperation is the spirit of the age in which we are now living.

In recognition of this new age of public spirit and acting upon the initiative of the Greater Moline committee, some months ago several get-together banquets were arranged for and participated in by representative committee members of the commercial organizations of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline.

As a result, on December 10 last, at the Rock Island club, the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association was organized with the view of embracing all sectional interests of the county into one comprehensive whole in the interest of the common cause of county wagon road improvements. The formation of this public service association was based upon the fundamental principle that every community contains within itself the means of its own betterment.

Further recognizing that each county is a community unit, the same as each state is a community unit, in a united nation of states and that all must work harmoniously together for the good of the whole, the association is now endeavoring to practically work out comprehensive cooperative suggestions of a constructive nature. It is hoped that these suggestions may materially encourage and aid the recognized county authorities in their public service usefulness. In other words the association aims to unselfishly become an educational factor in the public service interest of Rock Island county, acting in the reasonable belief that through carefully considered cooperative plans, this county can soon be developed into the banner good roads county of the state of Illinois.

In addition to a duly elected president, six vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer, the association has a board of sixteen additional directors representing established city and country organizations and clubs; three women's clubs of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline are included. The association further has an advisory board of 21 members in which each township has representation.

Funds for carrying on the educational work of the association are provided

by membership fees, as provided in the articles of organization and by-laws. Officers, directors and advisory board, members volunteer their services. Outside of necessary clerical hire, no salaries are paid.

To become more effective in its self-assumed duties a larger membership is urgently sought.

To stimulate and arouse an active interest in the affairs of this public service organization a "Good Roads" ball will be given at the Moline Commercial club rooms, Friday evening, May 29. Tickets are \$2. Every purchaser or holder of a ticket of record automatically becomes a paid active member of the association for one year.

Better roads mean a reduction in the high cost of living. This is a question of vital interest to every man, woman and child.

All can help the good roads cause by purchasing a ticket, and all who care to express the joy of living through the rhythm of music can tango themselves into public service and materially aid in making this "A greater and better industrial county."

Yours for better roads now,  
E. W. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

### MATHEVILLE

Julius Montresello visited in Cardiff the first of the week.

James Purus and Edith Thompson visited friends in Chicago the past week.

Word has been received here from Lon Odgen, who is in Chicago, that he is recovering nicely from an operation which was recently performed on his eyes.

Clyde Lawson spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Victoria.

The mines have resumed work after a six weeks' lay off.

Mrs. Emil Muller of Sherrard was a visitor here the past week.

John Blane was a Rock Island passenger Wednesday.

Earl Odgen was in Alledo Wednesday.

The village board has decided to build some brick crossings in the business section of the town and work will commence as soon as material arrives.

Walter Snell is erecting a cottage in the east part of town.

The miners' new hall will be erected this summer. It will be a frame building, two stories high and basement. The contract has not yet been let but everything is ready for bids.

The Rock Island Boosters which were scheduled to play ball here Sunday, failed to show up. Two picked teams played a game and held the crowd for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson of Rock Island were guests of the former's parents Sunday.

A social dance was given at the Boden hall Friday evening and a good time was reported.

A vaudeville show in connection with the moving pictures was put on at the Russell opera house the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Frank Kennedy and baby and Miss Bessie Johnson of Rock Island were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Mildred Blackstone of North Henderson spent Thursday here.

Several from here attended the K. P. lodge meeting in Moline Friday evening. A large class of candidates was initiated at that place.

Ferry Wilson of Alledo visited here Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zude and sons, Walter and Harold, visited in Sherrard Sunday.

The Hallstone cafe was dedicated Sunday evening. The Matheville orchestra played several selections.

Ben Gifford was in Rock Island Thursday.

Arthur Roseen spent several days the past week in East Moline.

Mrs. Gust Engstrom and two daughters were visitors in Woodhull Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hebbeln and son were guests of relatives in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, Sunday.

Fred Erickson was in Alledo on business Saturday.

Elmer Jefferies of Rock Island visited here Sunday.

Dave Nelson, of Galesburg spent Sunday with home folks.

Arthur Johnson, station agent for the R. I. S. is enjoying a month's vacation. Joe Holgate is taking care of business during Mr. Johnson's absence.

Mrs. Ernest Lee was taken to Davenport Sunday evening where she will be operated on for appendicitis.

George Scott spent Monday and Tuesday in Norris.

Mrs. Thomas Gear is visiting relatives near Viola.

Thomas Elliott of Alexis was here on business Saturday.

Peter Connor spent Sunday in Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Sherrard were visitors with the former's mother, Mrs. Alma Nelson Sunday.

R. R. Stein and Gust Anderson and son, Eric, motored to Galesburg in the former's auto Sunday.

### Chronic Iron Ore Deposits.

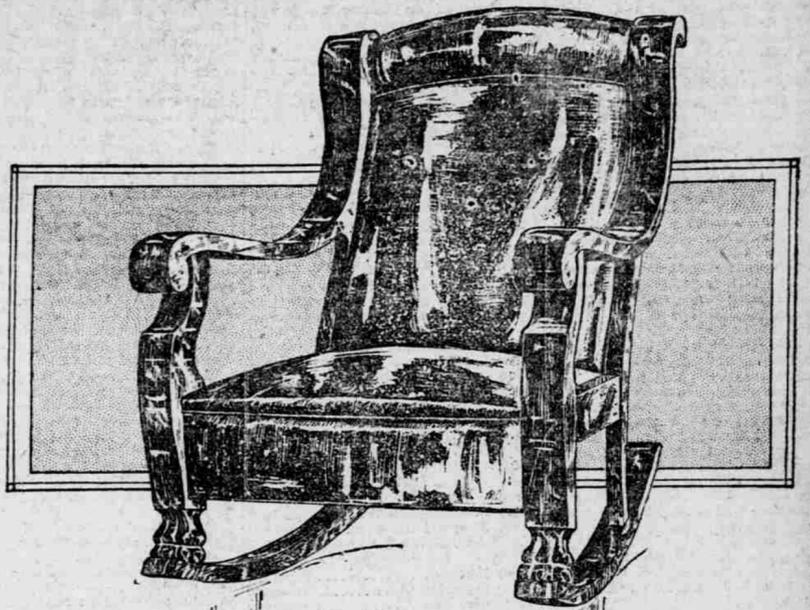
Deposits of chronic iron ore occur in Maryland and the adjacent portions of Pennsylvania, in North Carolina, and to Wyoming, but the only deposits operated in the United States within recent years are in California. Numerous deposits have been reported in 32 counties of that state according to the United States geological survey, and many of them could be worked if the demand for the ore and its value warranted exploitation. The available deposits, with much in reserve, largely exceed the local demand for refractory material in a field extending as far east as the Rocky mountains.

A 60-year-old Malden man, arrested on a charge of drunkenness after attending a public dance, denied that he was drunk. He told the judge he was only dizzy from dancing the tango.

Special Offer for the Balance of This Week

# THIS EXTRA LARGE PARLOR ROCKER \$11.25

\$1.00 Cash 50c Weekly



Value \$16.50

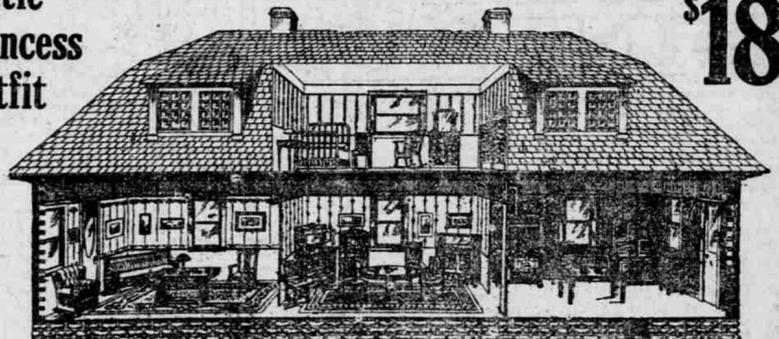
Very Heavy Frame

To anyone acquainted with furniture values, this valuation will appear conservative. To those skeptically inclined, we say compare. We know it to be a fact that this is one of the most wonderful values in a rocker ever offered anywhere.

The frame is massive American quartered oak finish and the upholstery is Boston leather over oil tempered steel springs. The construction throughout is high grade, making a rocker to be desired in any family.

Young Folks, Are You Awake to the Opportunities Offered You

# Little Princess Outfit \$185



Do you know that you are not obliged to live in a few rooms or small, uninviting flat? If you don't, then you are not awake to your opportunities. We will furnish a beautiful home for you with the choicest furniture and rugs and you can pay for it out of your income in sums that are convenient for you, monthly, semi-monthly or weekly. Come in and talk the matter over. See the wonderful values we offer—particularly the Little Princess four-room outfit.

ONE PRICE - PLAIN FIGURES

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FURNITURE - CARPETS - STOVES

107-109 West Second Street, Davenport

### NOT TO DESTROY BASE BALL PARK

Recent Wild Stories Relative to Disposition of Tract Denied by Mayor Schriver.

Recent stories to the effect that the fences and buildings at the Island City ball park, which was purchased by the city last year at the special bond election, would be torn down and sold, are absolutely denied by Mayor H. M. Schriver today.

The rumors probably are due to the recent visit of Mayor Schriver and Commissioner Jonas Bear to the ball park to investigate the tract north of the enclosed part, preparatory to having it put in condition for a public play ground for the youth of the city. It was decided to grade the land and to remove an old house and barn which has been located there. The park is to be improved and kept in good condition for use.

Mrs. Shurtz Gets Alimony. Chicago, Ill., May 19.—Mrs. Lulu Tanner Shurtz, daughter of the late

### POLICE NEWS

Merten Davis, colored, who lives in the vicinity of Twenty-first street, was arrested this morning on the complaint of his wife, who claimed he had not given her a cent in the last year toward support. At the hearing before Magistrate Smith this morning the counter charges flew thick and fast. The affair was finally settled, however, when Davis promised to support her.

E. D. Newkirk, a solicitor, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer Kinney on the charge of selling goods without a license. Newkirk claimed he was selling household goods on the installment plan, but it was proved that he offered to leave the goods at the time of the sale, and he was fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Smith. Newkirk is employed by E. J. Young, 1102 Third avenue, who is agent for the Howard Mercantile company of Quincy.

Max Stein, Joe Roth and Joe Steffens were each fined \$1 and costs this morning in police court. The trio were arrested yesterday afternoon at the corner of Nineteenth street and Second avenue, after a controversy over a card game.

### LICENSED TO WED

Oscar Gillis Hvarfven, Galesburg; Miss Anna Gustafson, Galesburg; Richard John O'Connell, Rock Island; Miss Lilla Tracey, Rock Island.

### CITY CHAT

(Advertisements.)  
Buy a home of Reidy Bros. For express, call William Trez. Tri-City Towel Supply company, R. I. 981.  
Woman's Liberal League Will meet at 1612 Fourth avenue Thursday at 7 p. m., sharp. All interested in the movement are invited to attend.  
All the news all the time—The Argus.

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns  
Now for sale at  
The Mill Store  
300 4th Avenue  
Phone R. I. 288

The Store of Quality

The Style Shop  
**Abrahams & Schultz**  
COATS - SUITS - FURS - MILLINERY - ETC.

111-113 West Second St., Davenport

Much attention has been given to the children's dresses—smart styles, new ideas, a thought to the laundering—many special values included in this



### May Challenge Sale

MATERIALS—Crepé, gingham, linen, plisse, percale, repp, organdy. COLORS—Tan, copen, white, pink, checks, stripes and dotted novelties. A host of clever styles, featuring the over-skirt, new blouses, pleated or gored skirts. Many of these dresses are copies of imported French garments. Sizes 6 to 14. Specially priced at

98c to \$5.95

New Tub Skirts

Now Ready



Hundreds of pretty styles of ratine, eponge, Bedford cords, pique, in white or stripes. All are perfect fitting single tunic, double tunics, drapes, over-skirt, bustle, as well as plain models with pockets for outdoor sports; misses', regular and extra sizes. Some very special things offered tomorrow

98c to \$7.50

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