WILL SOON HAVE DAYLIGHT COURT IN ROCK ISLAND

Police Magistrate's Room Which Has No Windows Is to Be Abandoned.

WILL REMODEL KITCHEN

Resolution Passed by Commission Providing That Bids for Improvements Be Called for.

Rock Island is soon to have a "daylight court room." The deplorable conditions under which Police Magistrate C. J. Smith has been working at the city hall, are soon to be remedied. At the meeting of the city commission yesterday afternoon Mayor H. M. Schriver presented a resolution, which passed, providing that J. H. Stapp, building inspector, be authorized to furnish estimates on the cost of remodeling the kitchen at the station into a court room.

For years the police court has been conducted in a room underneath the stairs leading up to the second floor for the city hall. The room has no windows or doors which open into the street and light is afforded only through artificial sources and the ventilation by an electric fan.

The year around electric lights furnish the light. In the winter time the place becomes stuffy and in the summer time, even with the fan in operation the heat and air is almost unbearable.

Fan Is Annoyance.

With the fan turned on, the noise resulting makes it hard for the magistrate to hear the testimony and oftimes he is forced to shut it off. Several times this summer he has held court in the lobby of the police station on account of the poor ventilation in the inside room. The room is very small and accommodates but few over a score of people.

In the new court room, however, there are three windows and a door giving entrance from the street will be be provided. This will mean better ventilation, and light and more room.

Magistrate Smith for the past year has petitioned various members of the council asking their aid in remedying the matter. It has been broached by the commissioners several times, but no formal steps to arrange a change were taken until yesterday.

CITY CHAT

(Advertisements.)

Buy a home of Reidy Bros.

For express, call William Trefz.

Tri-City Towell Supply company.

Buyers' sale at Young & McCombs.

Soda in the Green room. Harper House pharmacy.

Independent Express & Storage. R. I. 981.

Soda in the Green room. Harper House pharmacy.

Blaschke's Cleaning works, 1412 Fourth avenue, for blocking hats of all kinds.

Whirlwind finish of great buyers' sale at Young & McCombs ends June 20.

Make your dollars nimble during this buyers' carnival at Young & McCombs.

Four more days only to share in the good things at this second annual buyers 'sale at Young & McCombs.

Good merchandise and good economy urge you to shop at Young & McCombs.

Every day sees prices on appealing goods melt away at Young & McCombs.

Four more days and our buyers will end this ecomomy carnival at Young & Combs.

Read Young & McCombs' economy announcement in this paper tomorrow.

The prices our buyers are now making should loosen the tightest purse strings. Young & McCombs.

Thrifty shoppers need no other inducement than our "saving prices" and "Young & McCombs" to urge them to shop here now.

Tomorrow night eight department managers will again make you realize the importance of this June sale at Young & McCombs.

Five in every ten children observed outside of school hours in the average city are loafing—doing nothing at all, because, as they say: "There is nothing to do," according to Arthur C. Moses of the Washington Playground association.

BARN CONSUMED IN FIERCE BLAZE

Valuable Horse Is Saved From Flames by Owner—Fire Gets Good Start.

A barn belonging to Nick Bredar, in the rear of N. Bredar & Sons' bicycle shop at 2529 Fifth avenue, was completely gutted in a fire which started at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A valuable horse, the property of Charles Evans, who rented the barn, was rescued in the nick of time.

Smoke was seen to issue from the barn by neighbors, who notified Mr. Evans. He just had time to get the animal out of the barn when it burst into a mass of flames. An emergency hose was first used on the flames by employes of the Rock Island Lumber company's barn, which is situated across the alley, not 25 feet away. The fire grew so hot it was feared that the lumber company's barn would catch fire, and instead of pouring the water on the flames employes soaked the big barn with water and when Chief Newberry arrived he had to take the hose away from them to play it on the flames.

A small barn just to the west of the burning structure caught fire from the intense heat and the shingles on a house to the soutnwest also were ablaze. The paint on the residences in the vicinity on the walls facing the fire were badly blistered. Much credit is due the firemen for saving the surrounding structures, as the neighborhood is crowded with inflammable buildings and the strong northeast wind was blowing the sparks toward them.

The total loss will reach several hundred dollars and is entirely covered by insurance.

By substituting plenty of good social opportunities at the school and meeting the pupils half way the school authorities succeeded in getting the students at the West Chester, Pa., high school to give up voluntarily the secret societies in the school.

GIRL TELLS TALE OF CRIME OF MAN

Hazel Ham Recites in Court Story of Joe Stone's Alleged Improper Actions.

Hazel Ham, 11 years old, told the details of the relations which had existed between herself and her stepfather, Joe Stone, in police court this morning. Stone is charged with having committed rape.

The alleged assaults, according to the story told by the little girl, occurred frequently before and after Christmas of the past year, and it was only through the absence of letters, which the defense claimed would entirely clear Stone, that the case was again continued, after some testimony was taken, until next Tuesday.

Hazel stated that while in Burlington with her mother and stepfather the assaults occurred. She also stated that while staying at the home of Mrs. Lucy Yates, in Moline, they were continued.

Mrs. Lucy Yates, of Moline, took the stand after the girl and told of Stone, his wife and Hazel staying at their home. She stated that several times the mother went to dances and left instructions that the daughter was not to sleep in their rooms, but with Mrs. Yates. She said that in each of these instances after the mother departed Stone would call the girl to his room. She said she reported the matter to Hazel's mother and that it was as a result of this that Stone was arrested in Moline last winter and tried on a similar charge to the one he now faces.

Throughout the cross-examination of both the girl and Mrs. Yates, Attorneys Harry McCaskrin and Ben Stewart, representing Stone, attempted to show that the mother of the girl and Stone had not lived peaceably together and that as a result the case now being tried was but a persecution.

Assistant State's Attorney A. C. Edwards, who conducted the case for the state, introduced no further witnesses, and Attorney McCaskrin stated that he did not intend to produce any testimony from Stone. He asked, however, that Attorney Edwards present to the court letters which Mrs. Salisbury, police matron of Moline, turned over to him at the conclusion of the last trial in Moline.

Attorney McCaskrin claimed that in those leters which were written to Stone by Mrs. Stone lay Stone's acquittal of the charge, as in the last case the same epistles resulted in his dismissal.

Attorney Edwards stated he could not produce them, as he did not know where they were, and he stoutly argued against any continuance of the case, as asked by Attorney McCaskrin.

Magistrate Smith, however, granted a postponement until next Tuesday afternoon, so that Mr. Edwards could hunt up the letters and present them to the court. He stated that both sides should have an equal chance to present all testimony.

In this life each man gets only as much happiness as he makes himself. And to make happiness for yourself you must make others happy.