FRIENDS' LABORS LOST, AVERS C. P.

EX-MAYOR SKINNER WILL NOT RUN, THOUGH PETITIONS HAVE BEEN SIGNED.

In Statement Says Sacrifice is Uncalled fos "Even if Assured of Election."

Work of friends who have circulated petitions to place the name of C. P. Skinner, former mayor, on the primary ballot for the spring election in Moline, has been in vain. Mr. Skinner has decided that he will not make the race, leaving Mayor M. H. Carlson so far the only avowed candidate for the office. Mr. Skinner made public the following today:

"To the Voters of Moline: Each day since the announcement of my prospective candidacy for mayor at the coming election I have become more firmly convinced that I cannot at this time afford to enter the contest. It would be impossible for me to give the time necessary to the work without neglecting my business. This I do not feel justified in doing at this time.

"In my opinion, it is the duty of all good citizens to be willing to sacrifice themselves or their interests to a certain extent for the benefit of the city. However, at this time I do not consider that any condition has arisen which would necessitate my making the sacrifice, even if I was assured of being elected.

Knows What it Means.

"Having gone through one campaign for the office of mayor I fully realize the amount of time which is necessary to give to the work.

"I desire in this manner to thank my friends who have interested themselves in my behalf in getting out my petition and signing the same. Also all those who have personally assured me of their support.

"Yours truly,
C. P. SKINNER."

MOLINE FIREMEN HAVE TWO JOBS IN MORNING

Two fires in one morning broke the monotony of life for the Moline department today. The first call came at 1:45 a. m. and the centrals, No. 2's and No. 3's responded. They found the pool hall of Samuelson Bros., 1427 Fifteenth street, in flames. While the building was ruined the fire was prevented from reaching adjoining structures and the loss will be only a few hundred dollars. The cause is unknown.

On the second call, which came at 9:35 a. m., there was a blaze in the roof of the home of Victor Osberg, 1803 Eighteenth avenue. A defective flue was the cause and the loss was slight.

PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION WILL NOT DESTROY DOGS

That there is no intention on the part of the directors of the Farmers' Protective association of South Moline to attempt the killing of wandering dogs, cats, pigeons or other domestic animals for fear of introduction of hoof and mouth contagion by this means is asserted today in a formal statement signed by E. G. Jamieson, president and George McMaster, secretary. This statement repudiates reports that such a course had been decided upon or seriously considered at any time by the officers of the organization.

RUSKIN SHOWING ANIMAL PICTURES IN THE MOLINE

John W. Ruskin of New York, the naturalist who has been appearing for the last two weeks in Rock Island and Davenport showing moving pictures of animal life, is in Moline this week. Monday evening he made his first appearance at the Moline theatre, giving his exhibition to a fair audience.

RAILROAD MEN IN EAST MOLINE ON TUESDAY EVE.

Arrangements have been made to give a hearing to the railway passenger officials who are touring the state in the interests of 2½ cent fares at the East Moline Commercial club Tuesday evening. There will be a smoker and the members will endeavor to induce the citizens generally to meet with the visitors.

Freeport, Ill.—Mrs. J. T. Johnson has offered a reward of $50 for information concerning the whereabouts of her son, Robert L. Johnson, who left home last November. The boy's father is dead.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

TOWER OF JEWELS AT PANAMA EXPO

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The Tower of Jewels, the dominating piece of architecture at the Panama-Pacific exposition, is shown here illuminated for the first time. That it does not belie its title is evidenced by its beauty when it is illuminated.

There are 125,000 jewels or novagems to decorate the tower, which stands on the Avenue of Palms and is the work of McKim, Mead & White of New York. Each of the 125,000 jewels is backed by a mirror the size of a 25-cent piece.

The tower is a terraced structure, the principal feature being the gigantic figures of the Philosopher, the Priest, the Adventurer and the Scholar, the work of John Flanagan of New York. At the base of the tower are 44 foot long murals by Edward Simmons.

ROW WHEN MAYOR VETOES MEASURE

CHANGING OF E. MOLINE WARD LINES SUBJECT FOR HEATED EXCHANGE.

Council Readopts Ordinance 4 to 3 After the Executive Had Formally Rejected It.

By a vote of four to three the East Moline city council Monday evening passed over the veto of Mayor Charles Goodwin the ordinance adopted last week changing the boundaries of the Third and Second wards. It was a warm session.

Announcement of the veto by the mayor brought a storm of protest and some acrid remarks were exchanged. The mayor and his backers had prepared another ordinance which they proposed to submit making a different arrangement in ward boundaries if the veto had stood.

Politics is said to have played a part in determining the mayor's attitude. He is a resident of the Third ward. It is claimed that some of the aspirants for city office at the spring election are residents of the part of the Third ward which it was proposed in the ordinance to add to the Second. They believed they could win in the Third, but if changed to the Second were doubtful of the result. Hence the opposition to the measure as finally passed. Aldermen Lundeen and Williams stood with the mayor, while Alderman Ryan, Schluter, Radden and Van Quanthen opposed him.

Salary for Attorney?

It is probable that it will soon be arranged to pay the city attorney a fixed salary instead of remunerating him with salary and fees, as at present. The salary is now $150 per annum, while he is paid extra for drawing up ordinances and doing other work. It is proposed to increase the salary and do away with the fees. Fred H. Railsback is now city attorney.

FRIEND OF BOYS TALKS IN MOLINE

ERNEST K. COULTER, FOUNDER OF BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT BRINGS MESSAGE.

Interests An Audience of 250 Men at February Meeting of the After-Dinner Club.

Ernest K. Coulter, founder of the big brother movement and friend of children in general and the boy in particular, interested an audience of 250 men at the monthly meeting of the Moline After-Dinner club in the Moline Commercial club rooms Monday evening. Special places were reserved for Elks, who have espoused the cause that the New Yorker originally agitated.

Mr. Coulter is an exceptionally entertaining speaker and his stories about boys are endless. So realistically did he paint the pictures of his subjects that the movie camera would have aided but little in communicating the details of the audience.

The speaker told of the forming of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children and what it had done to relieve suffering and distress and to give the young people an opportunity to grow up into lives of usefulness.

Need More Big Brothers.

The origin of the big brother movement and something about its methods, purposes and results were also included in Mr. Coulter's talks, the speaker urging his hearers to take up the work as indivduals if they are not in position to do so as members of an organization.

COMMISSIONERS FOR REELECTION

E. L. EASTMAN AND C. V. JOHNSON OF MOLINE FINALLY DECLARE INTENTIONS.

Commissioners E. L. Eastman and C. V. Johnson of Moline, silent as the sphinxes heretofore as to their intentions at the coming primaries and election, today formally announced themselves. Both will go before the people at the primaries March 9. That makes it almost unanimous, Commissioner L. O. Jahns being the only one of the present governing body who has declined to reenter the race.

Since Mayor Carlson came out a few days ago he has been importuning Messrs. Eastman and Johnson to make a declaration. Both, however, remained uncommunicative till today, when Commissioner Johnson by a chance remark revealed his intentions. Commissioner Ed Ericson gave it out last week that he would be a candidate.

No petitions were filed today.

GIVES A FORTUNE FOR REPARATION

DOUGHERTY, FACING A CELL FOR PEORIA LOOTING, SIGNS AWAY $200,000.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—Newton C. Dougherty yesterday, through his attorney, Clarence S. Darrow, signed over to the school board of Peoria quitclaim deeds to $200,000 worth of property—all he had.

The signatures were affixed in the flat at 6021 Kimbark avenue where the aged educator has been living in seclusion and remorse with his wife and one daughter. For all his 67 years of age, Dougherty in his outward appearance still holds the dignity and poise that once elevated him to the presidency of a bank and the executive office of the National Educational association.

Dougherty is facing another indeterminate sentence to Joliet. Even when the supreme court last week denied his motion for a new trial Dougherty refused to betray any trace of a collapse. He still insists he is innocent of the frauds that were charged against him.

For 25 years Dougherty was the superintendent of schools in Peoria. He was president of a bank there. He was interested in many manufacturing enterprises. He was a national authority on text books.

Then the blow fell. In 1905 one of the greatest school scandals of the country became public. Dougherty was stripped of his honors. He was charged with frauds and forgeries that have never been completely totaled. Estimates of the alleged embezzlements ranged from $25,000 to $200,000.

Unable to furnish bail of $1,000,000 that was demanded, Dougherty was placed in jail. Indictments, general and specific, were returned against him, charging him with padding pay rolls and taking salaries that were credited to teachers who never existed.

The school superintendent pleaded guilty and went to jail. Before going he turned over real estate holdings to the school trustees, on the condition, he now says, that the amount of his alleged embezzlements be ascertained and liquidated by the property.

After five years in a cell Dougherty was paroled when the states attorney, the presiding judge, and numerous citizens of Peoria wrote to the pardon board that there was no opposition. At that time the board acted on the sentiment that Dougherty had been punished sufficiently, and that in consideration for his age and family he be released. A full pardon was granted in 1912.

Soon after, Dougherty asked for an accounting of the funds which he had turned over to the school trustees, and later began civil suits to recover the property. He alleged he wanted the remainder of the property to carry him and his family through their declining years.

A new state's attorney in Peoria, back by a number of citizens, expressed objection to the suit by bringing Dougherty to trial on one of the old indictments. He was convicted and sentenced to go back to the penitentiary.

Attorney Darrow argued before the supreme court that Dougherty had served his complete punishment when he was pardoned. The supreme court admitted the punishment feature, but ruled that the new conviction was legal.

Now a petition for a rehearing has been filed. Dougherty has withdrawn the civil suits and given quitclaims to the property. Sentiment is high in Peoria. Many citizens there believe Illinois cannot afford to send this old man back to a cell. Others still resent the abandoned civil actions and demand a tooth for a tooth. On Monday the state pardon board will meet at Joliet to take up the question of a new pardon for Dougherty on his last conviction.

MOLINE OBITUARY

Funeral of Mr. VanHecke.

The funeral of Theophilus VanHecke was held Monday morning, services being at the home, 1211 Seventh avenue, Moline, at 8:30 and at Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Father J. B. Culemans officiated and interment was in Calvary cemetery, Rock Island. The Holy Name society acted as escort for the remains, marching from the residence to the church. Bearers were Camiel Vermuelen, Julius Vandervennett, Henry Tanghe, August Vanderrebroeck, Joseph Geiger and John Barlon.

Funeral of Mrs. Weander.

Remains of Mrs. Marie Weander were laid away Monday afternoon at Riverside. Services were held at 2:30 at the home, 414 Railroad avenue, Moline, Rev. E. A. Lagerstrom officiating. Bearers were Herman Larson, Otto Anderson, Morris Melin, Charles Chinlund, Robert Linder and Peter Munson.

STRANGLER TO DIE THIS WEEK IS STILL HOPEFUL

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—For a man who has only five days to live, Roswell C. F. Smith, condemned to be hanged next Saturday for the murder of 4-year-old Hazel Weinstein on July 7, 1914, behaves as calmly as if he expected to regain his liberty on that day. In the county jail yesterday he said he still believes that his execution will be stayed, although Governor Dunne last Saturday refused to grant a reprieve in his case.

"By the grace of God I am an innocent man," he said, "and I trust to His grace to see that this thing will not be done. I am not afraid of death, but I think that a crime is being done against humanity in hanging a man without giving him a fighting chance, and I have not had that."

Mrs. Sadie Weinstein, the mother of the murdered girl, was vindictive toward Smith last night.

ARRESTS END ELOPEMENT

Negro and White Girl Miss Appointment, Both Taken.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—Charles Williams, a negro, paid Mary Smoothers' fare from Marion, Ill., to Chicago, when she wished to run away from home. She is 16 years old and white.

He came to Chicago first, arranged to meet her at the station and provided a place where they could stay. He missed her at the Illinois Central station because a Travelers' Aid society representative engaged her in conversation. The police found her looking for him near 6600 Cottage Grove avenue and arrested her. Williams, who was searching for the girl, was arrested when he made cautious inquiry at the Woodlawn station.

Yesterday the girl told Judge LaBuy she feared her father would be cruel to her and she wished to marry the negro. She said that was why she came to Chicago, although Williams denied it. Williams was fined $200 and the girl was turned over to the juvenile court.

Sterling, Ill.—District Game Warden A. M. Classin has issued orders prohibiting hunting in any manner in the 13 counties in northwestern Illinois. The order is due to the foot and mouth disease and is rigidly enforced.

Urbana, Ill.—A short course in dairying practical in nature has been opened at the University of Illinois. The subjects treated are the making and testing of butter and the making of cream.

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An extraordinary offer

This sale of suits and overcoats at $7

Customer after customer took advantage of this sale Saturday. The man or young man who wants a suit or overcoat for little money, will find that the savings come big in this offer . . . $7

Other clothes reduced

$15 to $18 Suits	$20 to $25 Suits	$27.50 to $35 Suits	O'coats to $18	O'coats to $25
$11	$16	$22	$10	$15

ARRANGE TO SELL BOOSTER BUTTONS

MOLINE KING'S DAUGHTERS HOPE TO DISPOSE OF 10,000 FOR BALL CLUB.

Committees were named and other arrangements made at a meeting Monday afternoon by the King's Daughters of Moline for inaugurating the sale of baseball booster buttons. The campaign will be waged vigorously from now on.

The purpose is two-fold. In the first place, it is proposed by means of these buttons to finance the Three-Eye league team for the beginning of the season. The club will need several thousand dollars to pay railroad fare, board, salaries and incidentals and to get a park ready for business.

In the second place, 25 per cent of the proceeds of the sale will be used by the King's Daughters for their infant welfare work, which is a cause worthy of the support of everybody.

Buttons are red and on them is printed, "Member 60,000 Club, Moline Baseball Association." They will sell for $1 each and it is hoped to dispose of 10,000 of them before the season starts.

The Moline Baseball association hopes to boost the attendance this year to 60,000, and if it does so, on the first game after the mark is passed wearers of the buttons will be the guests of the organizatoion, being admitted free to the grounds. This being the case, owners of the buttons will see two games for $1, 25 cents of which is given to a worthy philanthropy.

Mrs. C. P. Skinner was chosen leader of the "button brigade" selected by the King's Daughters, Moline. Mrs. George FitzGibbon was named treasurer and Mrs. Ben Kough secretary.

Miss Clara Weckel and Mrs. Emil Coleman are to take charge of the store district on the bluff; Mrs. H. W. Whitsitt and Mrs. John Wallace are to handle the district east of Fifteenth street from Eighth to Fourth avenues; Mrs. Johnson is to handle the west side of Fifteenth street; Miss Anna May Simmons and Miss Mildred Herbst will take care of Fifth and Sixth avenues; Miss Elsie Humason will attend to the Third avenue district; Mrs. Harold Hemenway and Mrs. R. S. Hosford will take charge of the sales throughout the factories. Mrs. Ben Kough will handle the east end, east of Twenty-third street.

General sales agents are Mrs. O. E. Mansur, Miss Goldie Mowry and Mrs. Max Sklovsky.

Each member of the committee was given from 50 to 100 buttons with instructions to dispose of them immediately. Members are to report to Mrs. Skinner in two weeks.

TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW IN MOLINE FIRST WEEK

Tax collections in Moline are slow this year. Of the $420,000 on the books in the office of Deputy Collector A. E. Froyd but $10,000 was taken in the first week, meaning that there will probably be a big rush during the closing days of the period for payment. However, a great many small amounts were included in the first $10,000. None of the larger payments was made.

DOZEN GIRL STUDENTS APPEAR AS DECLAIMERS

An even dozen girl students are this afternoon competing at the Moline high school in the second preliminary to the general school declamation contest which will be staged Friday evening. Out of the 12 nine will be selected to take part in the finals and the winner Friday will meet outside school representatives in the Big Eight.

Originally there were 22 aspirants for this honor, but 10 of them were eliminated several weeks ago, when all were required to read selections before members of the faculty chosen to direct this work. The program for this afternoon follows:

"The One Hundred and Oneth"—Madge Feaster.
"Virginia of Virginia" — Henrietta Mohr.
"Laddies"—Goldie Weinrott.
"Father"—Inez Payton.
"Mice at Play"—Barbara Garst.
"The Going of the White Swan"—Dorothy Peterson.
"Romona"—Ida Horblitt.
"Danny"—Juanita Grantham.
"The Stolen Song"—Gertrude Wood.
"Emmy Lou"—Alice Verme.
"Patsy"—Francis Grove.
"At the Sign of the Cross"—Marvel Griggs.

YOUNG EVERS SIGNS FOR A MATCH AT MILWAUKEE

Young Evers of Moline has signed up for a 10-round go at Milwaukee Friday evening with Young McGill as a semi-windup attraction. The chance is one that he has been looking forward to for a long time. If he makes good he will probably have other matches in Wisconsin. The winner of the mill has a tentative promise of a match with Young Ertle, the coming bantam.

SEVEN BOYS SEEK PLACE ON THE DEBATING TEAM

Seven candidates appeared last night in the preliminaries for the selection of a debating team to represent the Moline high school and seven more will be heard this evening. Candidates for the honor of representing the school in contests with other institutions are first required to read papers on one side or other of the topic chosen for this year's discussion and later informal debates between them will take place.

Those who were given the first tryout were Albert Stowe, Phil Celander, Royal Monigomery, Carl Faust, Howard Cooper, Herbert Person and Edmund Stofft.

Pana, Ill.—The board of health at Owaneco has ordered all the schools closed and the suspension of the Methodist Episcopal church revival on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever and measles.

CAPS AND GOWNS FOR THE MOLINE GRADS THIS YEAR

Moline high school graduates are to wear caps and gowns. This was decided at a meeting Monday afternoon at which Hulda Heinrich, Phil Celander and Archie Mullinix were named as a committee to select the apparel. Only at the commencement exercises will the graduates appear thus garbed. It was agreed to appear on class day in conventional dress.

A second committee composed of Marion Ross, Beulah Kerns and Gertrude Cornbrooks was appointed to select the style of invitations to be used by the class.

Legal.

Master's Sale.

State of Illinois, Rock Island County, ss.

In the Circuit Court; in Chancery:

John W. Beeney and William L. Beeney, Complainants, vs. Henry S. Beeney, Effie Wilder, Lon A. Wilder, Harvey Wilder, George Wilder, Thomas Wilder and Bessie Wilder, Defendants. Bill to construe will and sale. General No. 7343.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree of said court, entered in the above entitled cause, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1915, I shall on Saturday the 27th day of February, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the east door of the court house in the city of Rock Island, in said county of Rock Island, to comply with said decree, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand the certain parcels of land situated in the county of Rock Island and state of Illinois, known and described as follows, to-wit:

The northeast quarter (¼) of the southeast quarter (¼) and the southeast quarter (¼) of the northeast quarter (¼) of section number twenty-eight (28), township sixteen (16) north, range number five (5) west of the fourth (4th) principal meridian.

Terms of sale: Cash in hand.

Dated at Rock Island, Illinois, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1915.

JOSEPH L. HAAS,
Master in Chancery, Rock Island County, Ill.

J. T. & S. R. KENWORTHY,
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Nearly a hundred smart wool skirts in dozens of styles—blacks and colors—the best winter styles that formerly sold at $5.98 and $6.75 ..... $2.98

Another rackful—82 skirts to be exact—in late season pleated and tunic effects of poplins, serges and gabardines—beginning tomorrow are reduced to $3.98

Continuing the sale of skirts at $5, with many splendid values still here to choose from. Choice of the stock—none reserved—skirts that sold at $9.98, $11.98, $12.98.. $5.00

The Bee Hive on the Corner
Second and Brady, Davenport