

FINISH WORK ON ALARM SYSTEM

Police Boxes All Connected and in Use for First Time, Giving no Trouble.

MAY BE EXTENDED TO SEARS

Nearly \$2,500 Left From Sum Realized From Bond Issue to be Used for Extensions.

Workmen today put the finishing touches on the new \$7,500 police alarm system. The 47 boxes were all in commission for the first time last night. No trouble was experienced from any one of the number.

The superintendent of the construction work which for weeks has been engaged in installing the boxes and wiring the same, will remain here for a few days longer to satisfy himself that the system is working smoothly and to instruct the city electrician as to the operation of the boxes.

For the last three weeks a number of boxes were used by the police, but not all had been installed, nor did the system give entire satisfaction.

All trouble, however, has been eliminated now, obstacle in the successful operation of the device having been removed one by one.

Cost is \$7,500.45.

Rock Island has at a cost of \$7,500.45 a police alarm system of 47 boxes. Inaugurated at a cost of \$20,000 installed another week, with only 42 boxes, but has the flash system, by which an officer can be called to a box, and which is used whenever the police wish to throw a dragon over the city.

There is a question, though, as to whether the flash system is more valuable than the one in Rock Island, some police officials objecting to it because the flash warns the violator of the law also. Kansas City, it is understood, which at one time installed the flash system, has recently eliminated the flashing part from above the boxes, claiming it did more harm than good, in warning fugitives.

At the election in the spring of 1912 the people voted several bond issues, one of \$10,000 for a police alarm system. Not until last fall, however, were the first steps taken toward securing the system.

Boxes were advertised, both for equipment and installation separately and for complete installation. The Star Electric company of Newark, N. J., proved low bidder for \$4,000 on stands and equipment, and the contract was awarded in the concern in January.

Completed in Two Months.

Work was not started until about two months ago. The new system replaces one of home-made manufacture. Years ago there was a complete police alarm system in use here, but when the fire alarm was installed the wires were used for that, and the ticker was cut off of the police equipment.

Boxes are located in all parts of the city. A ticker is provided which records the report of the officer on a tape, although it is presumed that the tabulated record of each officer will also be maintained by the old pencil system, as in the event that the record of an officer is wanted day or night it is easier to locate it with the present methods.

In New Territory Next.

There will be left in the police alarm fund nearly \$2,500 after the system is accepted and the Star Electric company paid. It may be that with this additional money, boxes will be installed on the south side, which, previous to its annexation to the city, had not been provided for when the contract was let for the work.

Following is a revised list of the police alarm boxes, their number and location, the grouping being according to the old ward limits, vacant numbers being left in each to take care of the future growth:

- First Ward. 12—Second street and Fourth avenue. 13—Second street and Thirtieth avenue. 14—Fourth street and Seventh avenue. 15—Fourth street and Hennepin avenue. 16—Sixth street and Fourth avenue. 17—Seventh street and Second avenue. 18—Seventh street and Thirtieth avenue. Second Ward. 21—Tenth street and Third avenue. 22—Ninth street and Seventh avenue. 23—Ninth street and Michigan avenue. 24—Eleventh street and Twelfth avenue. Third Ward. 21—Twelfth street and Fifth avenue. 22—Twelfth street and Seventh avenue. 23—Twelfth street and Alben street. 24—Twenty-fifth street and Nineteenth avenue. 25—Seventeenth street and Seventh avenue. 26—Fifteenth street and Eleventh avenue. 27—Fifteenth street and Sixteenth avenue. 28—Sixteenth street and Sixteenth avenue. Fourth Ward. 41—Seventeenth street and Second avenue. 42—Nineteenth street and Twelfth avenue. 43—Eighteenth street and First avenue. 44—Eighteenth street and Third avenue. 45—Nineteenth street and Second avenue. 46—Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue. Fifth Ward. 51—Twenty-first street between First and Second avenues. 52—Twenty-first street and Third avenue. 53—Twenty-first street and Tenth avenue. 54—Twenty-second street and Third avenue. 55—Twenty-second street and Eighth avenue. 56—Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue. 57—Seventeenth street and Alben street. Sixth Ward. 61—Twenty-fourth street and Third avenue. 62—Twenty-fifth street and Eighth and-a-half avenue. 63—Twenty-sixth street and Twelfth avenue. 64—Twenty-sixth street and Fifth avenue. 65—Forty-fifth street and Ninth avenue. Seventh Ward. 71—Thirtieth street and Seventh avenue. 72—Thirty-first street and Fifth avenue.

HIS DEATH GIVES PROBLEM TO SOLVE



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gunther.

The sinking by a German submarine of the American oil tanker Goldflight, which resulted in the death of Captain Gunther of the vessel and two members of the crew, has provided the government with the gravest situation which it has been compelled to face since the beginning of the war.

Captain Gunther lived in Bayonne, N. J. The accompanying picture of his wife was taken shortly his death.

ANSWER IS FILED BY THE WALSHES

Allegations of Bill Asking Receiver-ship for R. I. Southern Railroad Company Denied.

PROPERTY NOT DEPRECIATED

Charges of Mismanagement Are Called False—Complainants Urged Bankruptcy Proceedings.

The expected answer of the Walsh brothers to the bill of complaint and petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Rock Island Southern Railroad company, filed in circuit court at Monmouth, April 21 by W. W. McCullough, W. B. Young and S. S. Hallam of this city, has been filed in the office of the circuit clerk there. A copy of the paper was not left on file, but it is understood to be a general demurrer to the first part of the bill of the complainants, the demurrer being applicable particularly to defendants J. W. Walsh and the Rock Island Southern Railway company.

At noon yesterday the attorneys for the Walshes had ready for filing an affidavit executed by M. A. Walsh, president of the Rock Island Southern railroad since 1905, except for a brief period, in which the allegations of the complainants are denied in toto.

Owe the Walshes!

The affidavit sets forth that if there be any indebtedness existing between the Walshes and the Monmouth men who filed the bill, the obligation is with the complainants rather than with the defendants. The affidavit alleges that the complainants were given bonds to the value of \$50,000, as compensation for right of way which did not cost them to exceed \$20,000, but which they represented involved the larger sum; that the difference between the two amounts has never been accounted for by the complainants; that a settlement in full of all claims the complainants might have had was made in March, 1912; that Walsh brothers guaranteed the obligations of the complainants.

The voluminous affidavit further sets forth that J. W. Walsh assumed the office of manager of the railroad in February, 1914, that he has been competent in that capacity and that he has at all times been ready to give bonds for the discharge of his duties. The deficit of \$75,112, alleged by the complainants to have existed for the six months ending June, 1914, is denied, the falling off in gross receipts of the road during certain periods is said by the affidavit to be due to the fact that the non-existence of ball games, the change of Monmouth from west to dry territory, and the financial stringency caused by the European war, have all figured in the receipts of the road; a statement of the gross receipts for the period in controversy is attached to the affidavit.

The affidavit further claims that the debts of the railroad company are no greater than two years ago, that the difference in amount of indebtedness is only \$1,600 instead of an alleged larger sum; that the complainants have repeatedly advised the railway company to go into bankruptcy as an easy way to rid itself of its obligations; that the traffic agreements between the railroad and railway companies has not been discriminatory in favor of the latter; that complainants have tried to force Walsh brothers to buy out complainants' interest, and that letters have been written at various times threatening litigation.

Deny Excess Fares.

The affidavit denies that the road is now managed as though the Walshes were the sole owners, maintains that the affidavit has served the railroad as president, attorney and counsel, and has never received any compensation for his services; that E. C. Walsh has never been compensated for his services; that J. W. Walsh has been secretary-treasurer since 1905 with no compensation; that no illegal excess fares have ever been charged; that all tariffs have been sanctioned by the proper state board.

- 73—Thirty-first street and Fourteenth avenue. 74—Thirty-eighth street and Seventh avenue. 75—Thirty-eighth street and Fourth avenue. 76—Between Thirty-sixth and Fortieth streets and Fifth avenue. 77—Forty-fourth street and Third avenue. 78—Forty-fourth street and Seventh avenue. 79—Forty-sixth street and Fifth avenue. 81—Forty-fourth street and Fourteenth avenue.

AUGUSTANA WALLOPS NORTHWESTERN NINE

Augustana scored a triumph over the strong Northwestern college baseball team at Ericson field yesterday afternoon winning 5 to 2. Northwestern has had a comparatively clean record of victories so far this spring, meeting such teams as Notre Dame, Chicago university and other leading schools of the middle west.

Advertisement for Mosenfelder & Sons featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit. Text includes 'In the Minds of Men Now', 'Service', 'From \$20 to \$35', 'From \$12 to \$15', 'The Boys' Shop', and 'FREE For Boys A baseball and bat with every boy's suit..'

Advertisement for 'Specials in Shoe Department Tomorrow' featuring 'Women's \$3.50 and \$4 lace oxfords' for \$1.45 and 'low shoes for women' for \$1.95. Includes 'Profit by Our Big Week-End Sales' and 'M&K ROCK ISLAND' logo.

Advertisement for 'Pocket Pencil Free with Tuxedo' featuring 'All first-class tobacco dealers in town have a limited supply of Faber's Pencil Pencils' and 'FREE FOR BOYS A baseball and bat with every boy's suit..'

Advertisement for 'Freckles' featuring 'Don't Hide Them With a Veil: Remove Them With the Othine Prescription' and 'Be sure to ask the druggist for the double strength othine; it is this that is sold on the money-back guarantee.'

Advertisement for 'CITY CHAT' featuring 'Buy a home of Reilly Bros. For expense, call William Treff. Tri-City Towel Supply company. Independent Express & Storage. R. I. 281. Wear a \$2 (union made) hat. Men's Fashion Shop, Harper house block. Bloomington, Ill.—Rev. J. W. Rogers of Braceville has gone to Owatonna, Minn., to locate, if possible, his son-in-law, Rev. Leonard Lester. Recently Mr. Rogers sent his daughter a draft for \$1,500 to be used in fitting up a new home. According to the story of the wife, her husband cashed the draft and fled.'

Advertisement for 'ARRANGE PLANS FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN' featuring 'Tomorrow evening the Rock Island county democratic central committee will meet with the judicial committee from the Fourteenth district and the three democratic nominees to plan the campaign for the election taking place June 7. In view of the importance of the office and the excellent opportunity which the party has to obtain representation upon the circuit bench of the district, it is expected that there will be a large representation of members of the committee present. The conference will be held at the Rock Island house at 8 o'clock. Pans, Ill.—Health Officer George F. Morgan in his monthly statement reports 109 cases of measles and 15 cases of smallpox during April. All the news all the time—The ARGUS'

Advertisement for 'Young and McCombs ROCK ISLAND'S BIG QUALITY STORE' featuring 'Boys' Suits \$2.98 to \$5.00' and '\$1 Watch FREE'. Includes 'A host of mothers came today and had us fit out their boys with these fine men's cloth Suits at \$2.98 to \$5.00. As announced, we will give to every boy who buys one of these Suits tomorrow, a fine \$1 Watch FREE. Second Floor. The Store That Has Everything Newest and Best—Prices Always Lowest'