

TALES ABOUT THE EARLY DAYS TOLD

"Jim" Gilbert, Former Rock Islander, Writes Interesting Letter to Phil Mitchell.

RECALLS MINING EXPERIENCE

Tells of Making Overland Trip to Colorado with 300 Yoke of Oxen in Year 1864.

J. B. Gilbert, 1496 Winnemac avenue, Chicago, is another former Rock Islander, who is planning on attending the big home-coming which is to be the feature of the Fort Armstrong centennial celebration here next June.

"Jim" as he is familiarly known among his old associates, has written Phil Mitchell, his old school mate, the following interesting letter, relative to reminiscences revived through the receipt of a recent copy of The Argus telling of the approaching home-coming.

"Chicago, Ill., April 27, 1916. My Dear Schoolmate and Friend: I just received a copy of the Rock Island Argus which I suppose you sent me. I read with interest, Mrs. Florence L. Garrett's letter to you regarding the centennial celebration of Fort Armstrong to take place June 18 to 25, this year. I will remember the old fort on Rock Island. I, with other boys have looked over the old logs in that fort in search of faint points of Indian arrows.

"I also well remember when the Black Hawk Mining company was formed and the equipment crossed the plains on wagons. I was a boy of 14 years of age at the time and was anxious to make the trip to Colorado, but my mother said 'No, you are too young.'

TANLAC ROMANCE NOW FULLY TOLD

Its Launehing and What Inspired It Is at Last Explained.

"Every few years someone suggests something that will tend to better our condition, whether it may pertain to our business, our knowledge, convenience, or health, or our social state," declared L. T. Cooper recently.

"It has been my pleasure to offer Tanlac to the world," he continued. "I presented Tanlac on its merits, knowing full well that it would prove satisfactory if properly tested.

"Confident as I was of the reception Tanlac would receive, I confess I was hardly prepared for the wonderful popularity into which it at once sprang. When it is considered that just nine months to the day after Tanlac was announced, one million bottles had been sold, it can be understood that when the story of Tanlac is called a romance of the business world it is quite true.

"Tanlac appeals particularly to the best people everywhere—people who are able to judge carefully and to render a just opinion of its merits. Upon the thousands of endorsements of such men and women Tanlac's astonishing success has been based. Great as is the demand for Tanlac now, I really feel that the country, as a whole, is only just awakening to it.

"Tanlac, which is the joint product of Herr Joseph Von Trimbach, the noted German chemist, and myself, is, I believe, the most effective remedy known for ailments of the stomach, liver and kidneys and for catarrhal affections of the mucous membranes.

"It is compounded of roots, herbs, barks and flowers, many of which come from remote parts of the world, and it is free from the mineral taint feared by many persons.

"I have no doubt that Tanlac will be as successful in your city as it has in every other in which it has been introduced."

Tanlac now may be obtained in Rock Island at the Riess drug store, where it is fully explained.—(Adv.)



ALWAYS MAKES 'A TEN STRIKE'

At home At the club - or Wherever it is Served

CROSS COUNTRY Bottled Beer

Delivered to any part of the Tri-Cities by the ROCK ISLAND BREWING CO.

"Four years later I was favored with an opportunity to go to Colorado by wagon. I entered the employ of the Niwot Mining Co., owners of the Columbia mines, at Niwot, Col. My first work for this company was buying oxen through Rock Island, Mercer and Henry counties. I purchased 20 yoke of oxen and drove them yoked to Rock Island, and turned them loose in Uncle J. W. Drury's lots, next to Dr. Gregg's home. The next morning we started for Grinnell, Iowa, on foot with these oxen and arrived safely with the 20 yoke, after a tramp of 122 miles.

"Our equipment consisted of a 50-stamp quartz mill, a sawmill and stock for a general store. I think we had between 200 and 300 yoke of oxen. Seventy-five men were required to drive the cattle and care for the wagons and their contents. We started with the wagons from Grinnell, Iowa, on June 7, 1864. This was as far west as the Rock Island railroad extended at that time. We reached Niwot, Col., 53 miles northwest of Denver, up in the mountains, on Oct. 28, 1864.

Drove Stage Coach.
"I remained in Niwot about two years and then went to Denver and was employed by the Ben Holliday Stage Coach company. I drove six horses on one of their coaches from Denver to Black Hawk, Central City and Georgetown, Col. While in Black Hawk I visited the mines operated by W. L. Lee, Dr. Judd and others. Also the Gregory mines, the Bobtail mines and others, in and around Black Hawk and Central City, Col. On this western trip, I laid the foundation of the good health I have always enjoyed since.

"I would enjoy being at the centennial celebration of old Fort Armstrong and wish the effort now under way, unbounded success. Many of our old schoolmates and associates have passed away and many have left Rock Island and I have lost track of their present whereabouts. I was born in Moline March 25, 1846. My birthday passed without event.

"I can hardly realize that I am past 70 years of age. Am in good health and perform my daily task as well and as easily as I did 40 years ago. I would like to see Rock Island once more and intend to before long if I possibly can. I often think of you and Bob and hope you are both enjoying the same good health I am. I shall be glad to hear from you when convenient. I appreciate the papers you have sent me. With best wishes and always kindest remembrances of you and yours, I am

"Your old friend and schoolmate,
"JIM GILBERT."

PAINTERS' STRIKE IS AFFECTING 275

Only 110 in Membership of 385 at Work Today, Majority of Contractors Refusing Demand.

Two hundred and seventy-five union painters and paper hangers are on a strike in the tri-cities today. One hundred and ten are working for 12 boss painters who have met the increase asked by the union men three months ago.

Indications were today that a meeting would be held soon between the contractors and the men to talk over the situation, and while perhaps no agreement will be effected at the first session, after a series of meetings it is anticipated that a compromise may be reached.

The increase asked by the union men is 19 cents per hour, from 50 cents to 69 cents. This will amount to 80 cents per day. The painters say that the demand is just and that they will remain firm in their request for a new contract providing raise. The majority of the 27 contractors in the tri-cities have stated that they will refuse to meet the demand.

MRS. MARY CRAVENS DIES AT ORION HOME

(Special to The Argus.)
Orion, Ill., May 1.—Mrs. Mary Cravens, widow of Thomas Cravens, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gust Johnson, Sunday morning after a lingering illness from cancer. She was born May 25, 1847. Surviving are five children, Mrs. Minnie Prome, Wataga, Ill.; Mrs. Maggie Hegstrom, Alto, Mich.; Mrs. Sadie Wilkins, Oneida, Ill.; David, of Alfalfa, and Mrs. Anna Johnson of Orion.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

GREATEST BLOOD REMEDY

Gives Results When Others Fail Nature's Remedy For the Blood.

The purifying and curative properties of Nature's great remedy have made "S. S. S. for the Blood" a household name. Thousands today enjoying perfect health owe their recovery from blood or skin diseases to this universally used blood purifier. S. S. S. is made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, which possess cleansing and healing ingredients. You cannot be well when your blood is impure; you lack strength and energy natural with health; your complexion becomes pale and sallow; your vitality is weakened. When waste or refuse matter, which Nature intends shall be thrown off, is left in the system, it is absorbed into the blood and boils, pimples, rashes, blotches and other eruptions of the skin appear.

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\$15 Monthly

Don't Consider Boarding for a Minute

Start your married life under the most pleasant surroundings in private, free from the gaze of the boarding house and its idle gossip that has ruined so many happy unions so soon after the wedding. Live a life of independence! Particularly when it's all within your means and so easily possible.

We are Proud of the Results

We can't help taking a certain amount of pride in this outfit. In the first place, because of its beauty and practicality and, second, because of the fact that we are able to afford to sell this remarkable outfit of furniture at this exceptionally low price.

After Much Experimentation This Room Outfit Was Created!

We wanted this room outfit to be all that young people could ask for. Not too expensive—yet, on the other hand, not the cheapest! (We sell outfits at all prices.) We wanted it to contain all of the essential pieces of furniture, yet, on the other hand, we wanted the furniture to be of excellent design.

If Bought Singly This Outfit Would Total \$75.00 More!

We feel quite certain that if you bought this outfit piecemeal—the dining table here and the dresser there, and theavenport somewhere else—that the total cost for this suite would be at least \$75.00 more than the price at which the complete four roomful are sold here.

All the joys and pride that go with a beautifully furnished home are yours for only \$15.00

The greatest force in the community for creating human happiness is credit, particularly as applied to furniture. Just think of two young people crossing the threshold of marriage, starting their married life in a perfectly appointed home, with every essential bit of furniture, even to a davenport to accommodate visitors, all for the small outlay of \$15.00 at time of purchase and \$15.00 per month.

We Have 100 of These Outfits to Sell at This Price **\$15.00 Monthly for Less Than a Year Pays for This Outfit**

That is not very many, and if you are planning on getting married, or if married just planning on starting housekeeping, come in and look at this suite as quickly as possible. Remember, looking doesn't mean buying. You're always welcome here. But after you've looked you'll know if you want one of these suites, and a small deposit will reserve one for you.

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ROBBERY STORIES PROVE EXPENSIVE

Rock Island Police Are Making Persons Pay For Lying About Being Relieved of Their Money.

RAID DIVE AND ARREST FOUR

Negro Complains That Woman Took Sum From Him and He Is Removed to Station With Inmates.

The popular hobby of running to the police and complaining of being robbed, when in reality no theft has taken place, is proving costly. One man paid \$25 and another \$5 for such acts today.

The statement A. Carter, a negro, made to Patrolman Berry Saturday night that he had been robbed in a colored dive on Twenty-second street near Third avenue led to a raid of the place. Mazie Jackson was arrested as the keeper and Odessa Goodlow and Maude Southern were taken as inmates. Investigation proved that Carter had had trouble with the Southern woman and tried to have her arrested so that she would be incarcerated in jail over Sunday. Carter was fined \$5, the same sum as the other inmates of the place, and the Jackson woman paid \$25 and costs for being keeper of a house.

SAYS HE CAME TO FIGHT RED SKINS

Cable Man Picked Up by Rock Island Police Expected to Find Rock Island a Frontier Town.

Joe Linquist expected to find western frontier scenes in Rock Island when he set out for this city from his home in Cable, police today declared he had told them. So Joe placed an old style Colt in his hip pocket as a means of protection against Indians.

Police found today, when they examined the gun, that it could have been put to little use as a weapon. It was so rusty that it could not have exploded the cartridges in its chambers.

Joe was picked up by police Saturday night and fined \$25 and costs today on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The fine was remitted and he was released on payment of the costs, when police communicated with Cable and found that he was given over to whims such as that of "preparedness" against Indians.

YELLOWSTONE PARK AS A LECTURE THEME

Charles Norton Hunt is to give an illustrated lecture on Yellowstone National park in the auditorium of the local high school next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock under auspices of the Rock Island Rotary club. Mr. Norton is sent on his lecture tour by the Northern Pacific railroad. His pictures of scenes in the park are said to be the finest that have ever been secured. The lecture at the high school will be free to the public.

FEEL YOUNG!

It's Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets For You!

Beware of the habit of constipation. It develops from just a few constipated days, unless you take yourself in hand.

Coax the jaded bowels muscles back to normal action with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, which forces them to unnatural action with severe medicines or by merely flushing out the intestines with nasty, sickening cathartics.

Dr. Edwards believes in gentleness, persistence and Nature's assistance. Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets open the bowels; their action is gentle, yet positive. There is never any pain or straining when Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are used. Just the kind of treatment old persons should have.

Use Zemo for Eczema

Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little zemo furnished by any druggist for 25c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of pimples, black heads, rash, eczema, tetter and similar skin diseases will be removed.

For clearing the skin and making it vigorously healthy, zemo is an exceptional remedy. It is not greasy, sticky or watery and it does not stain. When others fail it is the one dependable treatment for all skin troubles.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received at the mayor's office, 9 a. m., May 8, 1916, for construction of water main on Twelfth street from Twenty-fifth avenue to Forty-second avenue.

Rumania Had Mild Winter.

Bucharest, Rumania.—This winter has been the mildest which Rumania has experienced in more than 25 years. Snow and rain combined reached a total of only 11 millimeters in December, which is less than a third of the normal. The lack of severe weather has been fortunate in view of the shortage of fuel.

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