

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

DAVIS SELLS DRUGS.

Stockert sells face curtains. Gas fixtures and globes at Bluff's. Fine A B C beer, Neumayer's hotel.

SENTENCES SELF TO ROCKPILE.

Farmer Dunn Breaks Into Police Stockade as Punishment.

KNOWS WHEN HE IS DRUNK ENOUGH.

When discovered by Sergeant Slack he forecoasts his sentence of ten days breaking stone.

PLANS TO WIDEN BROADWAY.

Alderman Hammer Thinks It Can Be Done by Tapering.

Alderman Hammer has a scheme on foot to increase the width of the sidewalk on the north side of Broadway beginning at a point opposite Fourth street and from there to Bryant street.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Northwest Department Has Its Thirtieth Annual Session in Davenport This Week.

DAVENPORT, Ia., April 21.—(Special.)—The Women's Board of Missions of the Northwest will open its thirtieth annual meeting in Davenport Tuesday evening of this week.

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STRIKERS OFFER A SETTLEMENT.

But Their Proposed Condition Fails to Suit the Bosses.

The striking union plumbers have notified the bosses that they are willing to go back to work on the old terms on one condition, that the bosses discharge from their employ all non-union men engaged since the strike began.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

OMAHA.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

REPORTS FROM STATIONS AT 7 P. M.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

OMAHA, CLEAR.

North Platte, clear.

Omaha, clear.

Sal Lake, clear.

Rapid City, clear.

Huron, clear.

Williamson, clear.

Chicago, snowing.

St. Louis, part cloudy.

St. Paul, clear.

Davenport, cloudy.

Kansas City, clear.

Helena, clear.

Haystack, clear.

Himark, part cloudy.

Galveston, clear.

T indicates trace of precipitation.

Local Forecast Official.

ARMY POST STILL A VISION.

Des Moines Has No Hope of Fulfillment for Another Year.

CITY IS PARTLY HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Water Mains Must First Be Run to the Grounds, a Proposition Easier of Promise Than of Accomplishment.

DES MOINES, April 21.—(Special.)—While Congressman Hull, by reason of his influential position at the head of the military committee of the house, succeeded in having an appropriation aggregating over half a million dollars made for the purpose of constructing an army post near Des Moines, while the land for such post has been purchased and donated to the government and accepted, the purchase price, about \$36,000, having been raised by subscription; while nearly \$200,000 of the appropriation was made available immediately so that the work could be commenced this spring, on the post—yet nothing has been done, and there is a good prospect for a year of idleness at the site of the army post.

THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE HAVE DIRECTED THAT NO WORK BE DONE ON THE SITE UNTIL THE CITY WATER MAINS ARE LAID TO THE GROUND, SO THAT ABUNDANCE OF WATER CAN BE HAD. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROMISES MADE BY THE DES MOINES COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF ARMY OFFICERS WHICH INVESTIGATED THE SITE AND RECOMMENDED ITS ACCEPTANCE.

THE COMMITTEE DISTINCTLY PLEDGED THE CITY TO EXTEND THE WATER MAINS TO THE SITE FOR THE POST.

THIS IS EASIER PLEDGED THAN ACCOMPLISHED. THE NEAREST WATER MAIN TO THE SITE IS TWO MILES FROM THE CITY LIMITS, AND FROM THAT POINT TO THE POST SITE IS A MILE AND A HALF.

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ORDERED THE WATER COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT THE MAIN TO THE CITY LIMITS, BUT IT HAS NO POWER TO COMPEL THE COMPANY TO DO SO. A COMMITTEE WILL THIS WEEK GO EAST TO INTERVIEW THE OWNERS OF THE WATER PLANT AND TRY TO INDUCE THEM TO IMMEDIATELY CONSTRUCT THE MAIN TO THE POST SITE. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO PASS AROUND A SUBSCRIPTION PAPER AND RAISE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE EXTENSION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BUT UNTIL THE WATER IS FURNISHED THE ARMY POST SCHEME IS DORMANT. IT IS A GREAT PROJECT OF CONGRESSMAN HULL AND OTHERS FOR MANY YEARS AND THERE IS MUCH CHATTER OVER THE DELAY.

MANY NEW TELEPHONES.

The increase in the number of telephone companies doing business in Iowa is remarked upon by everybody. New companies to operate telephones are being organized practically every week. The state auditor has printed 250 sets of blanks to send out to companies for returns for taxation purposes, supposing this would be sufficient because there were only 175 companies taxed last year. But he has had to print 200 more sets of blanks because of the great increase in number of telephone companies. The reports must all be in by May 1 and the assessment is made in July. The telephone companies also make similar reports. The report of the postal company is in, showing 957 miles of poles in Iowa.

SEEDING PRACTICALLY ALL DONE.

Reports from the state indicate that practically all the sowing of small grain is now done in Iowa, the season being much later than usual. The acreage put to spring wheat, especially in the northern part of the state, is larger than usual, a great many farmers feeling that the season is likely to be unfavorable to corn growing and other forms of farming. For the same reason there has been much grass seed sown and pastures will be plentiful. The demand for seed has been large. No corn planting has as yet been attempted and plowing is retarded, but during the next thirty days work will be very active. There is still general complaint over the condition of the roads in the state, and good roads movements are reported from many sections.

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Captain Irwin stating that it would be impossible to have the encampment in Dubuque in June, as it would conflict with the Grand Army of the Republic encampment and the ground would be unfit for use at that time. The date will therefore remain as now fixed.

Relic of Spanish War.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who had command of the battleship Iowa, has presented the Iowa historical department the nameplate of the Spanish warship Almirante Oquendo. The plate is of iron seven inches wide and nine feet long. Admiral Evans writes that the Iowa had a sharp engagement with the Oquendo at Santiago, and the nameplate was taken off the sunken ship by divers from the Iowa.

TAKES THE WOMAN'S PART.

As a Result Henry Steffen Feels Obligated to Kill John Jessen.

LEMARS, Ia., April 21.—(Special Telegram.)—John Jessen, a carpenter, was shot and instantly killed by Henry Steffen this afternoon at the Howe farm west of Lemars. Jessen was of a quarrelsome nature and Steffen claims self-defense. Peter Peterson, a neighbor, and Tom Beaver, Steffen's hired man, were locked in jail as accessories. Steffen gave himself up. Jessen's wife kept house for Steffen, and the murdered man when he came home used to abuse her and his children and Steffen and Beaver took her part.

OLD STORY REVAMPED.

Clothes Sign Works a Barkeeper Into a Rascal.

Over on the west side is a benevolent-looking old German, who runs a little saloon, relates the Chicago Chronicle. There is saved on the floor of the little tinny place and the odor of sausage and sauerkraut hangs heavy in the room, but it has its clientele. Now, the German sober and the German intemperate are two different things. The German fades away as his drinks increase, until there is a time when his stolid Teutonic nature is nearly as fiery as the fiery Celt. It was in this mood that two of his friends, practiced jokers, caught him the other night and perpetrated a joke upon him that has added a few gray hairs to his towed wig.

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