

REQUIREMENTS ARE APPROVED

Aldermen in Committee Session Pass on General Specifications for the Proposed New Filter Plant.

ARE TO BE PUBLISHED

Will Appear in Full in Official News-papers, and Come Up for Formal Adoption Monday Evening.

At the committee of the whole session of the city council the general requirements of the city for the proposed new filter plant on the river front at the waterworks pumping station were approved, and they will be submitted formally at the regular session of the council Monday evening for formal action. The specifications will be submitted in the form of a report from the committee of the whole. The public, however, is to have an opportunity to become familiar with the requirements as drawn up, for the council, on motion of Alderman Smith, instructed the mayor to have the entire specifications published in the official papers of the city, and the printing committee to have 100 copies printed. The specifications will appear in full in The Argus in a later issue this week.

Little Change Made.
There were no material changes made in the original draft of the requirements. The word superintendent was substituted for engineer, the impression of some being that the latter term meant city engineer, and the desire being to indicate the consulting engineer or superintendent in charge of the construction work for the city. Alderman Ellinwood thought that the city should at once employ a consulting engineer, but others pointed out that a consulting engineer's services will not be required until the different companies submit plans and specifications and bids. The council will then have the advice of an expert engineer in the subject of filtration, who will be able to give advice as to the best plan and the most satisfactory proposition submitted.

Alderman Carse opposed the adoption of the specifications on the ground that the city clerk had failed to comply with the former resolution instructing him to secure plans and specifications from the different contractors. These were not to be submitted, however, until the first meeting in March. Alderman Ellinwood opposed the specifications for reasons which did not appear, although the statement was made openly that he acted because of personal feeling against the city engineer. Aldermen Trefz and McNealy were absent.

To Build Arway.
A petition for permission to construct an arway under the sidewalk at 1616 Second avenue, to accommodate the saloon located there, was received and referred to the street and alley committee and alderman of the ward. The arway is being constructed today.

BOX RENTS ARE TO BE HIGHER

Increase in Receipts of Office Causes Change in Charges at Rock Island Postoffice.

Under the postoffice department regulation, which fixes the rental for postoffice boxes on the basis of the earnings of the office, the rents at the Rock Island office are to be increased beginning April 1. Notice of the increase has been received by Postmaster H. A. J. McDonald, and was sent out on the examination of his records for the last year, when the receipts were increased to \$112,526.53. The rates by the quarter are to be as follows: Small boxes, \$1, an increase of 25 cents; medium size boxes, \$1.50, an increase of 50 cents; large boxes, \$2, an increase of 50 cents; extra large boxes, \$3, an increase of \$1. The department a year ago put in force an order basing the rates on the gross receipts of the offices. This makes the rents here higher than in most cities of this size, as the office has gross earnings far ahead of any city of its size in this part of the country.

WRITES REGARDING CUTTING OF STONE

Assistant Secretary of Treasury Says Government Can Not Make Requirement Asked.

Secretary C. F. Grant of the Moline Business Men's association has received a reply from the assistant secretary of the treasury department relative to the requests from the three cities that in the construction of the postoffices in Rock Island and Moline the treasury department have the stone cut here, instead of elsewhere, and shipped here. The assistant treasury states that the department cannot discriminate, and that it can concern itself only to see that the work is all done in a workmanlike manner, and according to the specifications. The resolution adopted at the request of the stone cutters were forwarded to J. K. Taylor, supervising architect of the treasury department, and he referred the matter to the assistant secretary.

Democratic Meeting.
The democratic precinct committee men of the city of Rock Island are requested to meet at Turner hall at 7:30 Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing a chairman and discharging such other business as may seem proper in view of the approaching campaign. Democrats generally are invited to meet at Turner hall at 7 o'clock the same evening.

C. J. SMITH,
County Chairman.

DEMOCRATS TO HAVE MEETING

Committeemen of City Will Name Chairman and Gathering of Voters Will Follow

AT THE TURNER HALL

Spring Campaign and Possible Candidates Will Be Subject for Discussion This Evening.

The democratic precinct committee men of Rock Island are to meet at 7:30 this evening at the Turner hall for the purpose of naming a city chairman, and completing the organization of the committee. The city committee is composed of the same men who compose the city representation on the county committee, County Chairman C. J. Smith has called the meeting.

The session of the committee is to be followed by a mass meeting of democrats at the Turner hall at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the spring campaign. It is expected that there will be a large attendance, as interest in the municipal campaign is warming up rapidly, and there are already a number of candidates announced.

Others May Enter List.
Today a boom developed for J. K. Scott as a candidate for the nomination for mayor on the republican ticket. Mr. Scott has not announced himself, but the movement seems to be taking well among republicans. Others who have been mentioned as candidates for the nomination are S. J. Collins, C. J. Larkin and W. H. Edwards. It is possible that one or more of those mentioned may be brought out in the next few days.

William Cochran has a petition out for the democratic nomination for alderman of the Fifth ward.

Do Not Endorse Gest.
The Third ward republican club met last evening, and the matter of giving the club endorsement to the candidacy of Judge W. H. Gest for re-nomination for circuit judge was discussed. The club voted down a proposition to alter the by-laws to make possible the endorsement.

FIRE TOOK SALOON

Rock Island Brewing Company Building at Silvis is Food for the Flames.

LOSS IS ABOUT \$10,000

Blaze Started in Basement of Place Occupied by Fred Hansen, Possibly by Incendiary.

The building in Silvis occupied by Fred Hansen's saloon, was destroyed by fire during last night and the total loss will reach \$10,000. The building, located on First avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, was owned by the Rock Island Brewing company, and was built two years ago.

The fire started in the basement and was well under way before it was discovered. A number of men were engaged in playing cards in the saloon when suddenly a cloud of smoke burst into the room. The Silvis volunteer firemen were soon at work with buckets and chemicals but they were helpless until the fire department of the Silvis shops came to their aid and by laying over 1,500 feet of hose succeeded in getting a stream of water at work on the fire.

Nearly Complete Loss.
It was seen at once that the saloon building was doomed and the principal efforts of the fire fighters were directed towards saving the surrounding buildings. From 11 o'clock last night until 5 o'clock this morning the fight was continued until the fire was finally conquered and the other buildings were saved. The first floor of the saloon building fell into the basement and the second floor nearly followed. The third floor was badly burned and the loss is practically complete.

The insurance will probably cover the entire loss. The bar fixtures were insured for \$2,000. Just how much was lost by the roomers who lived in the second and third floors of the building is not known. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin, as a like attempt has made on another saloon building recently.

ADMITS HE IS HARRY JONES

Muscatine Prisoner, However, Denies Murder of VanWinkles.
Sheriff Benham reached Muscatine early this morning from Wellington, Kan., with the prisoner arrested there on suspicion of being Harry Jones, wanted for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. William VanWinkle at Fairport two years ago. When brought into the city the prisoner admitted that he was Harry Jones but stoutly denied that he had committed murder.

NOTICE IS DULY RECEIVED

Governor Acts, and Hanging of Billik Will Not Take Place.
Chicago, Jan. 27.—Sheriff Strass-

ISSUE ULTIMATUM

Augustana Debaters Are Exasperated With Tactics of Bethany Representatives Regarding Contest.

TWO QUESTIONS ARE REFUSED

Were Submitted by Rock Island Team, and After Much Delay, Are Turned Down—Must Decide or Quit.

As the result of action taken last night by the debaters chosen by Augustana college to represent the institution against Bethany college, Lindsborg, Kan., the annual forensic contest, which was scheduled to take place here the latter part of the spring term, will probably be called off. The action taken by the debaters amounts practically to an ultimatum to Bethany college to either cease their dilly-dallying tactics or call off the debate.

Augustana submitted two questions to the Kansas institution for approval during the fall term. The first question submitted was rejected by Bethany about December 1, whereupon a second question was submitted. After a delay of more than a month, a reply was received yesterday also rejecting this question. The objection made by Bethany was that the question was too broad and that they could not debate it under the present wording.

Will Submit No More.
As the time is now exceedingly limited in which to hold a preliminary contest and then prepare for the finals, the Augustana debaters decided last night to return the question to Bethany as it now stands with a refusal to submit a new one. The question under dispute reads as follows: "Resolved, That Individualism is the Chief Force that Operates in Our Country's Industrial and Economic Progress."

The question is purely an economic and sociological one, in which departments Augustana is acknowledged to be exceptionally strong. It is supposed that Bethany is timid about meeting Augustana on these grounds. According to the action of the local debaters last night, Bethany is given one week in which to reply. If the debate is called off, it will probably mean the end of inter-collegiate debates between the two institutions.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

[Society news, written or telephoned to the society editor of The Argus, will be gladly received and published. But in either case the identity of the sender must be made known, to insure reliability. Written notices must bear signature and address.]

Silver Circle Entertained.—The Silver circle of the First Methodist church was entertained last evening at the home of Miss Jennie Ackermann, 421 Fourth street. Miss Blanch Skallberg was chosen to fill the vacancy as secretary and Miss Alice Quinlan was chosen to fill the vacancy as the vice president. A short program was given by Miss Marion Hazard, Miss Jennie Ackermann, Miss Jennie Johnson, Miss Mabel Smutz and Misses Holcombe and Foote. The hostess served a nice lunch during the evening.

A Pleasant Surprise.—A number of Mrs. Redebaugh's friends gathered at her home at 927 Twenty-second street, Monday afternoon to bid her farewell, as she and her family will soon move to Buda, Ill. After a three course lunch was served, Mrs. Stamard presented the hostess with a dozen sherry glasses in behalf of her friends. The affair was very pleasant and many kind wishes will follow Mrs. Redebaugh.

Benefit Card Party.—The ladies of the Sacred Heart church will give a card party for the benefit of the church debt tomorrow afternoon at the Sacred Heart hall, Twenty-eighth street and Fifth-and-a-half avenue. Cinch will be the game played and the prizes which are given by Mayor H. C. Schaffer, Mayor George Scott of Davenport, Mayor Andrew Olson of Moline and Dr. Taylor of the Water-town asylum, are very pretty.

Daughters of Isabella Party.—The Daughters of Isabella will give a card party and dance at K. C. hall Friday evening. Refreshments will be served during the evening and music will be furnished by Wrixon's orchestra.

Etude Study Club.—The Etude club will hold a study meeting tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Applequist, 907 Thirtieth street. The modern opera will be studied, the

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classic represented by Handel and the romantic represented by Weber and Spohr. The paper will be on the subject "Modern Opera, Italian and German Contrasted." The program will be given by Miss Selma Strolzy, violinist and Mrs. Applequist, vocalist.

Jepson-Moody.—Rev. G. H. Sherwood, at the rectory of Trinity Episcopal church, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, officiated at the marriage of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Moody to Andrew Jepson, both of Clinton. They were accompanied by Miss Metza Jepson. Mr. Jepson is a prominent grocer of Clinton, and he and his bride will reside in that city.

Program for Coffee.—The following program will be given Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at a coffee at the First Baptist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.:
Violin Solo—Ruth Johnson.
Recitation—Aiva Wagstaff.
Solo—Alice Journey.
Reading—Mrs. W. A. Lovett.
Solo—Mrs. A. E. Williams.
Reading—Fern McGranahan.

Assisted at Wedding Anniversary.—Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Jones returned home last evening from Springfield, where Monday evening they assisted at a brilliant reception in honor of the 20th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones of that city. The affair was attended by about 250 guests and was one of the most brilliant receptions of the season.

Olson-Anderson.—Miss Grace Marjetta Anderson and C. R. Olson, both of Cambridge, were married this morning at 11 o'clock in the parlors of the Harper house by Rev. C. A. Moore of the Edwards Congregational church, Davenport. A wedding breakfast was served following the ceremony.

T. H. G. Meets.—The T. H. G. club was entertained last evening by Miss Bertha Herman, 2735 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, where the final arrangements were made for the dancing party to be given by the members of the club tomorrow evening at Woodmen hall in South Rock Island.

Woodmen Have Initiation.—The Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle No. 27 initiated a large class of candidates last evening at their hall in the Math building. Following the business session refreshments were served by the ladies and a pleasant social hour passed.

Ladies' Aid Coffee.—The Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist church will hold the January coffee Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Nicholas, 2907 Seventh avenue.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Nearly Everything Save the Robin Appears to Have Proclaimed New Season.

ICE ALL GONE AND FROST OUT

Old Timers, However, Look for Trouble After the Change in the Moon Tomorrow.

If this be not spring it is a pretty fair imitation of the same. Nearly two weeks of mild weather has had its effect. Nearly a foot of ice in the Mississippi has broken up and gone out, the crust breaking away at Muscatine yesterday and the channel being practically open now from somewhere above Clinton down. On Rock river the ice has also moved out. Flocks of ducks have been noticed in this vicinity. Frost is out of the ground in many places and the earth is beginning to become firm. Sap is coming up in several varieties of trees.

Birds Are Joyful.
The sparrows make a noise like spring these mornings and the song

of a "phebe" bird has been heard. Possibly the robin has been around also, but so far nobody has reported seeing him. Ice dealers who have not completed their harvest are beginning to experience their annual doubt as to whether they will ever be able to do so.

But the old timer is looking wise. Watch for things to start happening after the moon changes tomorrow, he says.

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