

VETERAN RIVER CONTRACTOR IS FINALLY CALLED

Captain A. J. Whitney Passes Away at St. Anthony's Hospital Last Night.

HELPED BUILD THE CANAL

Assisted Materially With Hennepin Project and Other Big Undertakings.

Captain A. J. Whitney, 217 Fifteenth street, passed away at St. Anthony's hospital at 8:50 last night following a brief illness. The captain was stricken with paralysis one week ago last Sunday and his condition became so serious that he was taken to the hospital last Sunday night. For a few days after the stroke he showed signs of improvement and the attending physicians entertained some hope for recovery. He gradually became weaker during the week until last night when the end came. Captain Whitney's death marks the passing of one of the city's veteran rivermen. For nearly half a century the captain was engaged in river and harbor work and he was known all along the length of the great stream.

NATIVE OF MASSACHUSETTS. Captain Whitney was a native of Massachusetts. He was born at Stowe in the eastern state Jan. 25, 1828, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1856 he came west and settled at Burlington, Iowa, where he was employed as a locomotive engineer on the B. & M. Four years later he entered the employ of the D. & V. railroad, occupying a similar position. In 1865 he became master mechanic of the D. & V. railroad and in 1870 he first engaged in river and harbor work. He was first employed as superintendent of the Des Moines Rapids canal under George Williams and in 1879 he started in business for himself. Captain Whitney's success as a river contractor was pronounced. In the year of 1889 he completed over a quarter of a million dollars' worth of work and at the time was the owner of four steamers and numerous other equipment used in river and harbor work. He amassed materially in building the Hennepin canal and lock No. 37 was constructed under his direction. Of late the captain had led a retired life. Through his honesty and integrity in all business deals he gained countless friends who extend their sympathy to the bereaved members of the family in their sorrow.

FIVE CHILDREN. Captain Whitney was united in marriage in 1851 to Miss Lucretia Blodgett and to the union four children were born, three of whom survive him. In 1864 Mrs. Whitney passed away and a few years later he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Kelly. To the last union two children were born. His survivors are Frank Whitney, Cripple Creek, Col., Henry and Charles, Villisca, Iowa, Wilber and Arthur, Rock Island. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the home. Rev. R. G. Pearce will be in charge and interment will be in Chippannock cemetery.

POLICE NEWS

"If I had been fightin', judge, somebody might have got hurt, but I wasn't. I was just beat up." With these words Clarence Hoffman defended his valor in police court this morning. Clarence was having a good time on the hottest summer street last night—such a good time that he seemed on the point of forgetting the proprietors of the occasion, so it is claimed. When Officer William Fitzsimmons approached him he hopped onto the mission of the law and did not subside till he had been given a beautiful drubbing. This

OLD STEAMBOAT MAN GOES BEYOND RIVER



Captain A. J. Whitney.

morning both eyes were nearly closed and his face had the appearance of a well massaged slice of raw beefsteak. He went down for 20 days.

The mystery of the theft of a tarpaulin belonging to the Tri-City Railway company which was recovered by Officer Johnson Monday night was partially cleared today when John Lohse pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing it. His accomplices have not been apprehended. The tarpaulin, which was valued at \$7, was taken from Third avenue and Twenty-second street. Officer Johnson saw two men carrying it toward the river at a late hour and on his halting them they dropped their plunder and ran, making their escape for the time being. Lohse's bond was fixed at \$200.

As the result of a melee on Eighteenth street early this morning James Packard paid a fine of \$3 and costs. Packard was arrested while defying a crowd of revelers to mortal combat and this morning was ready to admit his error.

John Morales and N. J. Molnar, respectively Mexican and Cherokee Indian, were fined \$2 and costs each for raising a disturbance on Fourteenth street last night.

RUSSELL ESCAPES FROM STATE PEN

Bad Negro Sent to Joliet from Here in March Makes Successful Break.

Frank Russell, the colored man sent to Joliet from here at the last term of court for assault with intent to commit murder, escaped yesterday afternoon from the state penitentiary. He was one of a party of prisoners sent out in charge of a guard to cut some wood and taking advantage of the proximity of cover he broke away and was not retaken. Russell will be remembered as one of the gang of negroes that was in a schoolhouse in the southeastern part of the city one night last winter. Surmising that the negroes were had men citizens undertook to capture them and in the fight that followed William Bruchmann was badly hurt and Russell, who was captured, was convicted of having inflicted the injuries. He was sent to Joliet March 13, last, on an indeterminate sentence.

CURRENT SHUT OFF FOR HALF HOUR THIS MORNING

The power was off this morning for 25 minutes shortly after 7 o'clock, stopping the street car service just at the time transportation was wanted. There was a small break at the power plant which was responsible for the delay, but it was quickly repaired.

LONESOME BOY IS SUICIDE VICTIM

Porter M. Greehe, Window Trimmer in Davenport, Turns on the Gas.

LEAVES NOTE TO PARENTS

Comes from La Crosse, Wis. Short Time Ago—Melancholia Causes Rash Act.

Because he was lonesome and had few friends in whom he could confide Porter M. Greehe, aged 21, window trimmer for J. H. C. Petersen's department store, Davenport, committed suicide last evening about 11 o'clock at his room in the Schick apartment building, 116-124 Harrison street, in that city. He went to the bathroom, locked the door and turned on the gas and his lifeless body was found a half hour later.

The young man was found by his roommate who forced the door open upon detecting the strong odor of gas. A note had been written by the unfortunate victim before he took the desperate step, in which he said: "No one is to blame. I'm just lonesome. Notify parents." W.S.

WELL LIKED.

Mr. Greehe had been in Davenport but a short time. He was employed at the Petersen store and proved a good worker. During the time he had been there he made many friends who are at a loss to understand his rash act. He worked yesterday and seemed cheerful as usual and there was nothing in his demeanor to show that he contemplated taking his own life. It is thought that melancholia alone prompted the deed.

MOLINE WILL HAVE FINE NEW DEPOT

A. C. Ridgeway, vice president, and A. C. Morse, chief engineer for the Rock Island railroad, are in Moline today with plans for the new depot which the road is to construct there. The structure is to be placed between Seventeenth and Nineteenth street, Eighteenth street being closed.

TEN CASES TO COME UP BEFORE GRAND JURY

The May grand jury reassembled this afternoon on special call to take up certain cases that are pressing for action. The sessions were to have begun this morning, but Foreman R. S. Woodburn was not on hand. There are eight or ten cases to be investigated, among them being, it is understood, those of the county jail prisoners who broke out a week ago and against some of whom additional and more serious charges may be made as a result. It is expected that the work will be finished tomorrow.

MRS. BEHNKEN DIVORCED; ENDS ALIMONY SQUABBLE

Henry Behnken of this city was brought into circuit court yesterday afternoon charged with contempt in failure to pay alimony to his wife, Mary. This morning Mrs. Behnken was given a hearing by Judge Olmsted and granted a divorce. The grounds were cruelty. The trouble over alimony was settled and the charge against the defendant withdrawn.

GIRL KNOCKED DOWN BY PONY IN THE CROWD

While the people were gathered at the corner of Eighteenth street and Second avenue last evening at 9:30, a spotted pony owned by F. J. Tonn dashed through the crowd. A little girl was knocked down and for a time it was thought she was seriously injured but this proved a mistake.

City Chat

(Advertisements.) Buy a home of Reidy Bros. For express, call William Trefz. Tri-City Towel Supply company. Bluebird pins at J. Ramser's Sons'. Independent Express Co. West 981. Bracelet watches at J. Ramser's Sons'. Kerler Rug company for vacuum cleaning and rug making. Have you seen the lucky bluebird pins at J. Ramser's Sons'. Smoke the Grand Dictator hand-made 5c cigar. Better than ever. The Cax, Moore and Waterman fountain pens at J. Ramser's Sons'. Diamonds are on the jump. You can buy one right at J. Ramser's Sons'. Coin purses vanity bags, fancy leather bags, at J. Ramser's Sons'. Our B. B. serge at \$33 is the best value ever offered. J. B. Zimmer's Sons. Six per cent farm mortgages. Litten & Roberts, People's National bank building. Coal, coal, coal. The Rock Island Fuel company will deliver to you all the best grades of hard and soft coal. See our demonstrations daily at 2:30 p. m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 p. m. We do things that will interest you. 1509 Third avenue. Lame shoulder is almost invariably caused by rheumatism of the muscles and yields quickly to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. This Liniment is not only prompt and effectual, but in no way disagreeable to use. Sold by all druggists.—(Adv.) All the news all the time — The Argus.

The Greatest 10 Bargains We Ever Offered On FRIDAY BARGAIN

Regular 75c Silk 2-Clasp Gloves at 39c. A hundred dozen of the best 75c silk two-clasp gloves in all the staple and other wanted colors, including 25 shades and black and white. We are going to sell them out for one day, Friday, at only 37c. These gloves were purchased from an overstocked manufacturer, who took a great loss on them. In order to let our customers take advantage of this wonderful buy of a thousand gloves, we are going to lose a little money on them ourselves, tomorrow, and sell them at only 37c the pair. Better come early.

\$1 Imported Hemstitched Linen Lunch Cloths at 69c

This is the greatest value we have ever known and was only made possible through a special purchase from one of America's largest importers. They are direct from sunny Ireland, where they were bleached and made ready for you. The designs include the wonderfully pretty Fleur de Lis, Lillie and Chrysanthemum patterns. The quality of the linen is of the very best satin damask, full Irish bleached, imported. 36 by 36 inch Lunch Cloths, Friday, our price has never before been below \$1, but for Friday they will go at only 69c.

Any Shoe in the House Friday at \$2.98

Women's Shoes, Pumps and Oxfords. This includes all of our \$4 pumps, shoes and oxfords, of which we have a wonderfully wide assortment of the wanted models. It includes all of our \$3.50 Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps of which we can only say, that they are the greatest values at their regular price of \$3.50 we have ever known. And it includes all the rest of our Shoes from \$3 to \$5. All Children's Shoes at 15% off Friday.

Set of 6 Rogers Tea Spoons, Regular \$1 value, 58c

Six Rogers' triple silver plate Tea Spoons, warranted by the manufacturer and by us for 10 years of satisfactory wear. The next lowest price these have ever been sold at to our knowledge is 69c. Tomorrow the price is but 58c a set. None to dealers—new price is less than 10c each. Only two sets or 12 spoons to a customer. FREE. Each set beautifully hand engraved with initial or monogram by our expert Chicago engravers. Remember, Friday only 58c.

50c Union Suits for Men at 31c

Remember this price is for Friday. We have 300 Suits in all sizes, but they will not outlast the day, and this sale absolutely will not be held again at as low a price. We purchased them at a price that permits selling them at a loss to us, and to the manufacturer, at less than the cost to manufacture goods of equal quality. Long and short sleeve balbriggan union suits, regular 50c (no seconds) 31c.

2 and \$3.50 Balkan Dresses at \$1.98

Blazer stripe and plain linene and galatea Balkan Dresses just unrolled from their New York wrappings. Color schemes of plain light or dark blue, with white or blue skirt, and Blazer effects in stripes of dark blue and light blue with white; and orange with black. Guaranteed fast color washable Dresses, in the newest styles out. For one day and one day only, Friday, they go at less than the cost to make them. Choice only \$1.98.

\$1.25 Lawn Settee 78c

Suitable for lawn or porch use. Well made of hard maple. Can be folded and carried easily. This Settee cannot be bought regularly for less than \$1.25. Friday, special 78c. Fifth Floor

100 \$5 to \$10 Untrimmed Hats at 1.98

One hundred Hats to select from; all sizes; flower, fancy feather and ribbon trimmed.

Young & McCombs In Rock Island. Includes various advertisements for products like 'Today's Beauty Recipes' and 'Lung Pierced in a Drunken Fight'.

Advertisement for Polarine motor oil, featuring an image of a car and text describing its benefits for lubricating engines.

Advertisement for Keeley Cure, a treatment for alcoholism, featuring an image of a man and text describing the cure's effectiveness.

Advertisement for Illinois Contracting Electrical Co., offering electrical services and wiring, with contact information for Martin McNealy.