

IN FREE SELF OF BOND

Rock Island Hunt Dealer Asks to Be Released as Surety for Tom Cox.

Arthur De Commer, 2225 Fourth avenue, proprietor of a meat market, is anxious to be released as surety for Tom Cox now that the former chief of police is securely confined in jail on a charge of murdering Bill Gehl.

De Commer appears as bondsman for Cox on the indictment charging the ex-chief with conspiracy to protect gambling. De Commer assumed the responsibility when W. A. McCarthy, Rock Island grocer, asked to be released.

De Commer indicated to Circuit Clerk G. W. Gamble this morning that he believes Cox is not in need of him as a bondsman now. De Commer was instructed to return this afternoon and explain his wishes to Judge N. A. Larson. The court is expected to instruct him on the procedure to be followed. When a defendant is out of jail, the bondsman has the right to request the sheriff to take him into custody and furnish a new bondsman. There is some uncertainty whether this applies when a man is jailed on another charge.

DEALS PENDING ON ISLANDERS

President Frank Wood Returned From Louisville Meeting; Hopes to Sell Several Players.

R. F. Wood, president of the Rock Island Fans' association, returned from Louisville last night, where he attended the opening sessions of the annual meeting of the National Association of Minor Leagues. Mr. Wood represented the local club at the conference.

Negotiations involving the sale of a number of Islanders are hanging fire. Mr. Wood said today, but deals had been closed at the time he left Louisville. He was called

back to Rock Island by business and left members of the local club in the hands of H. E. Sorenson, president of the association, and Pat Sengua, formerly manager of the Ottumwa club, now with Albany. President Wood is hopeful of clearing several tales within the next few weeks.

SEHNERT DIDN'T SEEK COX LETTER, TIFFIN DECLARES

Fred Tiffin, the colored man who drove an alleged stolen car for John Looney from Rock Island to New Mexico, today came to The Argus office to deny that Detective Hermann Sehnert had ever approached him in an effort to obtain from him a letter from Chief of Police Thomas Cox, which he carried on the trip.

"The only man who saw me about the letter," Tiffin said, "was Detective Charles Ginnane. He met me on the street one day and asked me to take a walk with him. He led me to the residence of Tom Cox. Cox asked me if I had the letter, and I said I didn't have it with me. He wanted to see it, he said, to find if it contained his signature. Detective Sehnert never has talked to me about the Cox letter, or about any other matter, since I have been in Rock Island, until a few days ago when the Cox letter story first came out in the papers."

JAIL FOR PROFITEERS. Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Mayor M. Curley urged jail terms for profiteering coal dealers.

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SELECT DEBATE TEAM MEMBERS AT AUGUSTANA

Three of Successful Candidates Were Members of Last Year's Team of College.

Six members and two alternates were chosen for the Augustana debating team in the contest held last night in the college chapel. Twelve students competed for the honor.

Successful contestants are Fridolf Hanson, Earl Hanson, Edwin Munson, James Berry, Francis Bowman and Reed Hamdahl. Alternates are Oscar Bloom and Stanley Nothstein.

This team will represent the Lutheran institution in all its inter-collegiate debates. Three of the number, Earl Hanson, Berry, and Munson, are members of last year's forensic staff.

Judges in the competition were A. F. Schersten, debating coach, Miss Iva Pearce, Carl Fryzell and Paul Randolph.

WRIGHT SEEKING BOARD'S AWARD

Aerial Company Employee Burned in LaSalle Accident, Takes Case to Industrial Commission.

The claim of William Wright against the Tri-City Aerial company for compensation was heard by A. W. Becker, arbitrator for the Illinois industrial commission in the court house this morning. Wright's right hand was burned and its use impaired when flames

EXCHANGE FOR QUAD-CITIES IS WELFARE PLAN

Committee Is Named to Perfect Plan for Working Arrangement Between Organizations.

A committee representing welfare associations and associated charities of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Davenport was appointed at a joint meeting of the organizations at the Rock Island club yesterday afternoon to perfect a plan for establishing a confidential registration exchange for the four cities.

The purpose of the exchange is to facilitate welfare work between the cities, so as to enable officials of each organization to keep trace of persons they have been working with when they move from one city to the other. The committee, which was ordered to report back at a meeting to be held early in January, is composed of the following: Rock Island—Mrs. C. L. Slivis, Miss Ada Barker and T. A. Murphy. Moline—Dr. C. C. Sloan, Miss

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FORECAST NEAR ZERO WEATHER BY TOMORROW

Weather Man Predicts Decided Drop in Temperature During Night With Possible Snow.

The mercury will cling near the zero point tonight when it will fall steadily with its maximum between 5 and 10 degrees above zero, Andrew Hamrick, meteorologist, announced this afternoon. The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is fair and colder.

At noon today the temperature was 19 above, rising from 17 degrees which was registered at 8 o'clock this morning. A noticeable

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PERSONAL POINTS

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TIGER RESTS TODAY

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