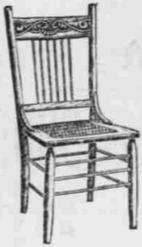


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## THE LONDON.

## ALL TOPSY TURVY

The Arguments of the Union Against Reliable Alarm System.

GETS AWAY OFF THE SUBJECT

Flounders About Telling What It Does Not Believe and What is What.

The Union is exhibiting its customary consistency in its attempt to bolster up its opposition to the proper alarm in connection with the paid fire department which it did its best to prevent at the time of its establishment. In its issue of this morning it has the effrontery to accuse The Argus of dragging Chief Pinning into the controversy, declaring that it was not necessary to summon him to the defense of the Gamewell alarm system, the merits of which it says "have not been seriously questioned by the Union, Mayor Knox or the city council." Yet in the same breath it seeks to show that this same alarm was at fault in Davenport in the one instance of the Mueller fire, and incidentally it proceeds to take Chief Pinning to task because he sticks up for the direct alarm as preferable to the telephone which he says is a failure as a means of fire alarm. The inconsistency on the part of the Union is shown in the first place in accusing The Argus of bringing Pinning into the matter, when the Union itself adopted the initiative by attempting to cite an incident, reflecting upon the Davenport system of alarms, and in favor of the telephone. The morning paper in the second place shows its inconsistency in asserting that it has not seriously questioned the merits of the Gamewell system, when it proceeds further to reiterate what it said in its issue of yesterday in disparagement of that system, and at the same time to cast reflections upon Chief Pinning simply because through The Argus he has come to the defense of his own department, and has voiced his honest convictions as to the relative merits of the direct alarm and the telephone in sending in alarms. Then as further evidence of its inconsistency, after making the declaration, as to having no serious objection to the Gamewell alarm, the Union goes on to sarcastically allude to it. As to its assertion that the fire losses in Davenport during the past 12 months have been greater than Rock Island has suffered in the past fifteen or twenty years, the fact reflects credit upon the efficiency absolutely of the Rock Island paid department and the Union can take no credit upon itself for that, for it fought the innovation as persistently as it is now opposing the proper alarm system. And if the Rock Island department has made such a splendid showing, and thus borne out what The Argus has always said for it, without the benefit of an alarm system deserving of the name, it will indeed attain a degree of perfection worthy of striving for when it is given the added advantage that is now essential.

**Gets Away From the Subject.**  
But the Union is not content with decrying the standard alarm system one moment, and whitewashing its statement by saying that it has no objection to it in the next. In order to make, as it hopes, its opposition to the reliable alarm the more effective with the present all-republican council, it seeks, as it did yesterday, to make a political issue of it. The financial condition of the city, will not it avers admit of the proper alarm because the administration of Mayor Medill in the furtherance of such public improvements as the reservoir and the levee, and a system of finance with reference to the deferred payments for public square paving, with which Mr. Medill had nothing whatever to do, left the city in such shape that it is not now expedient to provide a first-class alarm, but instead, the Union argues, it is proper to adopt a makeshift in the acceptance of the sop that has been given in return for a valuable telephone franchise.

As far as the reservoir and levee are concerned, both are acknowledged to be among the best public improvements ever made by the city. Unfortunately, the city was imposed upon by an engineer in whom it had reason to repose the utmost confidence, in connection with the original construction of the reservoir, but the misfortune did not reflect in the slightest degree upon Mayor Medill or the council—composed of democrats and republicans alike—that was responsible for the carrying out of the plans. The errors in construction were of course, much to be deplored, but the city has been able to wrestle with the matter, with the result that it is now in possession of one of the finest systems of water supply in the United States. Quite different in its outcome, has been the matter of the reservoir to the storm drain fiasco that featured the first administration of the present mayor, and which as far as usefulness is concerned, the city does not seem to be able to dispose of even in the interests of a most deserving institution, without some phase bobbing up like the famous ghost to make the council shudder.

As to the slur that the Union makes with reference to the new levee driving through steamer lines

from the city, it is but necessary to say that the levee and the entire course of action with reference thereto, was one of the things in the way of public improvements—a distinction which by the way was shared by the reservoir—that enjoyed the unqualified endorsement of the Union. No steamer line has been driven from the city, as the Union well knows. When the levee was completed the line referred to sought exceptional privileges with reference to it. The council declined to concede them, and Mayor Medill had with the endorsement of practically every business man, manufacturer and shipper in the city proceeded upon the adoption of a plan of general warehouse for the accommodation of all steamboat lines alike, when he was superseded by Mayor McConochie, who had other ideas—and the consummation of a good work was prevented.

**Repeating a Falsehood.**  
The allegation that the Union makes with reference to the paving due bills, is the repetition on its part of a deliberate misrepresentation and falsehood. These due bills were contracted by Mayor McConochie's administration before Mr. Medill became mayor, as the Union has been repeatedly informed, and yet it persistently and upon every conceivable occasion flaunts the miserable exhibition of untruth.

Notwithstanding that the Union assumes to be oracle of the council and in its concluding paragraph we are told of what to expect with reference to a fire alarm, The Argus still contends that in the face of any argument it is extreme shortsightedness for the city to defer the installation of such an essential to the protection of life and property as a reliable fire alarm system, much less to think of attempting to get along with a makeshift. The alarm is not a more trifling subject than the paid department, which the Union likewise belittled for years before it was adopted. It is a matter of necessity, just as much so as would be the replacing of any part of the present fire department apparatus should it be destroyed. In such an event the Union would probably want to get along with a daisy, but the city would meet the emergency just as it ought to do now.

### PERSONAL POINTS

Mayor Tom A. Marshall, of Keokuk, spent last night in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDaniel went to Chicago today to see "Ben Hur."

Mrs. E. A. Willett, of Aurora, who has been visiting with her son, C. F. Willett, returned home today.

Mrs. F. E. Brasher, of Dallas City, Ill., returned home today after visiting with Mrs. E. P. Brasher and family.

Hon. J. G. Johnson, of Peabody, Kan., is in the city in his official capacity as head attorney for the Modern Woodmen.

D. H. Merriam and family, who stopped in the city on their way from the east for a few days' visit, left last night for California.

J. M. Flack and daughter, Miss Belle Flack, of McGregor, Iowa, returned home today after a visit at the home of W. B. Graves.

Rev. D. L. McNary, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, leaves this evening for a 10-days' visit at his old home in Pennsylvania.

Col. C. H. Harris, who was installed at Milan Saturday evening as head of the 34th regiment of the U. V. U., with headquarters at Milan, left last night for Quincy to take part in the state encampment.

**The Obituary Record.**  
August Apple died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon at the home of his father, John Apple, 715 Third avenue, of general debility. He was a native of Sweden, where he was born July 17, 1871. Besides his father he leaves four brothers and one sister: Swan J., Charles G., Oscar F., Elmer and Emma Apple. Private funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

A peculiarly sad death was that of Mrs. Owen Lloyd Jones yesterday afternoon at the home of her sister, 2512 Fifth avenue, surviving her child three days. Her name before her marriage in 1898 was Miss Ellen Sprague. The couple took up residence in Blue Island, Mr. Jones being an employe of the Rock Island road, but recently they removed to this city on account of Mrs. Jones' illness. Mrs. Jones leaves besides her husband her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sprague, four sisters and a brother: Mrs. J. Bender, Mrs. J. Johnson, Silas Sprague, Jr., and Miss Mable Sprague, of this city, and Mrs. F. C. Babcock, of Blue Island. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the home of deceased's parents, 3009 Fifth avenue.

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## A HEAVY BOND ISSUE

Board of Education Negotiates Loan for Building of New High School.

MONEY SECURED AT LOW RATE

Rival Agents Bid on Proposition Till a Late Hour—Darby Offers Resignation.

The board of education held an unusually long session last evening, the greater portion of which was devoted to the disposal of bonds made necessary by the construction of the new high school. The amount of the issue will be \$71,500, which will bring the bonded indebtedness of the city for school purposes up to the legal limit, and the terms under which they are sold to Harris & Co., of Chicago, are considered very favorable.

The bond question was taken up after the disposition of the routine business, and it was decided to issue 4 per cent paper for the above amount and for the time limit of five years. The insurance received on the old high school has all been expended in taking up former issues and in preliminary payments upon the new building and it is figured that the \$71,500 will barely cover the cost of the new building. Besides the representative of Harris & Co., G. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, had a man on the ground. The two agents agreed to bid for the issue and Harris' agent started with a premium of \$500. This was quickly run up to \$1,200 and later to \$1,450. From this point the bidding was slow and the bonds finally were awarded to the Chicago firm at a premium of \$1,615, or an equivalent of 2 1/2 per cent on bonds at par. The date of the issue will be Dec. 1 and the interest will be payable semi-annually.

**Thanksgiving Holiday.**

The board voted to allow the teachers the customary holiday Friday, Nov. 29, the day following Thanksgiving, with the specified understanding that the teachers should on that day attend the institute that will be held under the auspices of the county teachers' association.

Supt. Hayden in his monthly report gave the enrollment for the year as 3,413; for the month, 3,330; average daily attendance, 3,090; percent of attendance, 96; cases of tardiness, 58; percent of punctuality, 99.95; cases of truancy, 14. This showed an improvement over the figures for the corresponding month of last year except in the matter of tardiness and punctuality. The general condition of the schools was declared to be satisfactory. The superintendent also explained the work that the teachers are doing in their weekly schools of instruction in each of the buildings and in the monthly meetings at Lincoln building. He presented invitations to the board to attend the annual visitors' day exercises which are to be held Nov. 22 at the Longfellow building and to the mothers' meeting at the Irving building next Saturday afternoon when Miss McCowen will talk upon the work of teaching deaf children.

**Darby Offers Resignation.**  
Principal Darby of the high school submitted a proposition for the termination of his contract with the board at the end of the present year, but it was rejected with the utmost promptness. Mr. Darby accepted the verdict with commendable resignation.

The Rock Island Fuel company was awarded the contract for the furnishing of 25 cords of hardwood for use at the Broadway church at \$4.50 per cord and for 50 cords of slabs at \$2.50 per cord. The supply committee was authorized to purchase desks of proper size for the reseating of Miss Bier's room at the Hawthorn building, and for the buying of four new dictionaries. Following are the bills allowed:

Library Bureau	\$ 1.50
Hartz & Bahlsen company	1.70
Holden Patent Book Cover company	.60
Werner School Book company	23.00
Rock Island Sash & Door works	259.63
Lerch & Greve	19.30
John F. Dinginger	16.30
American Book company	31.20
J. F. Darby	14.00
Bausch & Lomb Optical company	9.00
W. Trefz & company	2.80
Geo. H. Kingsbury	22.45
D. C. Heath & company	20.00
Eaton & Company	5.76
Prang Educational company	2.00
Silver, Burdett & company	10.90
Ginn & Co.	78.30
H. B. Hayden	12.50
R. E. Robb	91.76
William Don	10.30
J. W. Stewart	2.25
S. A. Mager Manufacturing company	17.28
C. A. Hoge	1.70
Wallace Treichler	1.50
Edward Nance	1.75
R. I. Stair Works	1.90
R. I. Electrical Construction company	1.20
Peoples Power company	3.25
Educational Publishing Co.	73.60
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Fred Borgolte	350.00
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**7-Piece Berry Sets 50c**  
Handsome large real china bowls, every one decorated in rich, artistic floral patterns, finished clouded gold; also six large berry saucers to match; the whole 7-piece berry set worth a dollar. The McCabe way makes us able to sell these sets for half value—  
**50 cents.**

**Pretty Teas 47c Set.**  
Geneva shape tea cups and saucers, stippled gold edges and handles, vine blossom decorations, worth \$1.00 a set. The McCabe buying lets us sell these pretty decorated cups and saucers for less than the cost of common white elsewhere—47c a set, six cups and saucers for  
**47 cents.**

**Candles 3c Each.**  
Good, big, plain "Household Candles," neatly boxed, six in a box, for 18c. Fancy candles 2c and 3c each.

**A \$2.00 Lamp for \$1.25**  
Handsome hand-filled decorated parlor lamp, 20 inches to top of chimney, cast open work, brass foot, 9-inch globe and vase, tinted and decorated to match, fitted with best quality burner and chimney, worth, all complete, \$2, easy. The McCabe way puts the price at \$1.25.

**At 10c Each**  
Daintily decorated B. & B. plates. Triangular shape, heavy clouded gold and soft rich colors; also large oval meal saucers to match, choice of either 10c piece.

**10 cents.**  
**Candle Shade Beauty**  
Fairyland would be prettier for these candle shades. Not only serviceable, soft colored little shades at 10c each, but very pretty ones at 15c, 25c and 50c each.

### HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

**Quart Corn Poppers 4c.**  
Beginning Monday, and while they last, full size quart corn poppers, one to a customer, at  
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**Plate Racks 89c.**  
New plate racks, golden oak of Flemish oak, made to hold six cups and six plates, each.....**89c**

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Is an extremely fashionable garment this season. But, don't forget one thing: Unless this coat is properly tailored it will detract rather than add to your personal appearance. The shoulders must be broad and well balanced; the drapery must hang clean, smooth and full; the cuff on the sleeve must be of just the proper width; the vertical pockets must be placed at just the right point; if it shall be the stylish Overcoat that its originators designed it to be. Therefore, we recommend to you the

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