# BID IS ACCEPTED

## Council Orders Lot on Seventeenth Street Sold to Mrs. Corcoran.

## THERE IS A BREAK IN OPPOSITION

### Ordinance Introduced to Create Board of Fire and Waterworks Commissioners.

Ald. Blochlinger did the business. One could have heard a pin drop in the council chamber last evening when, and for some time after, he serenely voted "aye" on the proposition to sell the city's lot on Seventeenth street to Mrs. Anna Corcoran on her bid of $1,250 and the necessary three-fourths to legalize the sale was given.

Ald. Kennedy brought the matter up the last thing before adjournment, as he had been doing at nearly every meeting since the bids were opened. He stated in doing so that he would continue to move the acceptance of the highest bid at every meeting till the question was settled. He then moved that the bid of Mrs. Corcoran be accepted.

Ald. Birkel was ready with a copy of the city ordinances, from which he read to show that the question having been lost could not be taken up under the circumstances. Ald. Kennedy pointed out that while the bid had not been accepted, neither had it been rejected, and it was still before the council and would be till a majority vote rejected it. The city attorney took the same view of the matter when he was called upon to give his interpretation of the rules. Accordingly Mayor Knox ruled that the question as proposed was in order.

**Mr. Maucker Heard.**

W. C. Maucker, who was present, then asked to be heard and was presently given the opportunity to do so. He repeated his former assertions, that he stood ready to put up a $10,000 building upon the lot and bring here a branch of the Amazon Pickling works if the lot were knocked off to him on his lower bid. He also recalled the occasion upon which the property was previously advertised for sale and he was the highest bidder, and questioned the sort of improvement that his competitor would make on the land.

Then upon an insinuation from Ald. Kennedy as to the motive that actuated certain aldermen in voting against the sale of the lot to the highest bidder when they had voted to advertise the same for sale in the first place, there came two or three explanations and the question was put to a vote. Then it was that Ald. Blochlinger broke from the minority and the vote stood 11 to 3, Alds. Birkel, Gall and Naab voting against. Another motion was then put and carried authorizing the city attorney and city clerk to prepare and execute a deed for the transfer of the lot.

**Fire and Waterworks Board Proposed.**

Ald. Blochlinger did something else. He introduced an ordinance providing for establishing a board of fire and waterworks commissioners, a measure that is in every way commendable. The board is to consist of the mayor and two reputable citizens to be appointed every two years by the chief executive, one from each of the principal political parties with the consent of the council. This board is to have entire charge of the appointing and discharging of all employes connected with the fire and water departments.

Is is especially provided that no employe shall be removed for political reasons, but that when it is desired to remove a man the charges against him must be committed to writing and one copy filed with the board and another served upon the objectionable incumbent. Then a hearing must be had in which the accused party shall have full chance to be heard. Then he would have the privilege of appealing from the board to the city council, which body must take the matter up at the next regular meeting. Detailed records must be kept and the city clerk is to be made secretary of the board. "Another job," commented that overworked official when this clause was read. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee to report at the next meeting.

**Railway Ordinance Up Again.**

A mistake having been made in publishing the ordinance presented by Manager J. F. Lardner, of the Tri-City Railway company, for the west half of the Longview line, another ordinance was reported from committee and passed last evening. The new one is a copy of the old one except that two or three details are altered and certain parts are elaborated upon to eliminate ambiguity. This was immediately considered and passed. The work must be begun in three months and be finished in six.

Ald. Birkel called up the question of improving Fifteenth street, for which a petition had been referred to the board of local improvements. He was informed by City Attorney Scott that the board of local improvements had met yesterday and adopted a resolution recommending the passage of an ordinance by the council for the carrying out of the work. The only reason that the ordinance was not presented last evening was because the city engineer was out of town and it was impossible to secure the necessary data. The ordinance was promised at the next council meeting.

The health committee reported the completion of the remodeling of Riverview hospital for the treatment of smallpox patients and the acceptance of the building. The report was accepted.

The park committee reported the acceptance of the design for the construction of a gateway as entrance to Longview park at Seventeenth street and Twelfth avenue presented by Ald. McCaskrin to be built by private subscription. The recommendation that the work be done under the supervision of the park commissioner and the city engineer was adopted.

Then Ald. McCaskrin moved that the city clerk advertise for bids for the grading of the walks and driveways in Longview park, stating that he had assurance that there would be at least one bidder for the job and that therefore advertising would not be in vain as it was last fall. This carried.

**New Coagulent Adopted.**

From the waterworks committee came a report upon the tests made of the new coagulent composed of sulphate of iron and lime that is used at Quincy with such good results. The committee had roiled water with the sediment taken from the filter basins at the reservoir and had thus gotten various degrees of turbidity. With the turbidity at 91, or about the state of the water in the spring of the year when the frost is leaving the ground, it was found that a complete precipitation could be effected with the use of the coagulent in two hours. There was some lime left in the water, but nearly all of it was taken out by filtering. Figures were given to show that a saving of from 30 to 50 per cent over the cost of alum could be effected. The committee's recommendation that the new coagulent be adopted for intermittent use was adopted.

A scheme for providing fire protection for the waterworks pumping station, a thing that has not been previously looked after, presented from the waterworks committee, was approved. The work, which is to be done by the employes of the system under the direction of Waterworks Supt. Bancroft, it is estimated will cost $250.

Adjournment was taken till next Monday evening, when the remainder of the revised ordinances will probably be presented and the ordinance for the construction of the east half of the Longview line will be presented.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

Paul Bartholomew left today for New Orleans.

Ald. G. W. McCaskrin is in Springfield on business.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Ottumwa, is visiting friends in the city.

Hon. C. M. Osborn, of Chicago, is in the city on a business mission.

O. E. Cramer, of Beaumont, Tex., is calling on friends in the city.

Thomas Harrison, of Canton, was a business caller in Rock Island yesterday.

Edward Adrian, of Port Byron, was a business visitor in Rock Island today.

Worthy Dart departed today for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Mrs. Ida McBride, who has been visiting with relatives here, has returned to her home in Muscatine.

C. Hansen has gone for a trip to New Orleans. While in the south he will visit with his son at Dayton, Miss.

Miss Carrie Goldsmith left for Chicago last night, from which place she will go to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Clement P. Peterson, of Stratford, Iowa, is the guest of his brother-in-law, Ald. A. G. Anderson, of the Augustana book concern.

County Clerk H. B. Hubbard has gone to Bloomington to attend the annual meeting of the county clerks and supervisors of the state.

Miss Fannie Martindale, who has been visiting with friends in this city and Moline, departed at noon via the Rock Island for Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. E. C. Hart, of this city, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. English, and sister, Miss Blanche English, of Atkinson, left last evening for a visit of several months in New Mexico.

Fred Haas and daughter, Mrs. Robert Hoffman, of Minneapolis, who left a few weeks ago for the Pacific coast, have now concluded to visit the Hawaiian islands, and will sail for Honolulu Thursday of this week.

Ed P. Denkmann is giving a party of six young ladies and gentlemen a delightful treat in the way of a trip to New Orleans, the party starting from Chicago by train last evening, in time to take in the Mardi Gras and the sights of the capital at its most opportune time when spring has fairly burst on the south, and the voice of the mockingbird and the smell of roses are everywhere. The party includes Miss Sue Denkmann, of Rock Island; Miss Mary Hill, of Moline; Miss Foster, of Denison, Texas; Miss Frizette, of Champaign, together with Fred Reimers and George Sudlow, of Rock Island. The party will spend two weeks in the south.



# C. A. STODDARD DIES

## Well-Known Citizen Expires After Protracted Illness.

## FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE

### Long Connected With Improvement of Mississippi River.

Charles A. Stoddard, the well-known civil engineer, passed away at his home, 731 Nineteenth street, at 9:35 this morning after a long illness with cancer of the tongue.

Though he had been afflicted for about a year and had been confined to his home during the greater part of the time since early last fall, his condition did not become critical till during the past few days. Death when it came was painless and was due to a gradual wasting of the tissues of the body.

Deceased was a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Rock Island. He was born in this city Nov. 4, 1856, and was the son of the late C. H. Stoddard. His early education was gained here and he was a member of the first class in the local high school.

**Long Employed by Government.**

Leaving school he took up the study of civil engineering and followed that profession up till five years ago, when he retired. During the greater part of his career he was connected with government improvement of the upper river.

Mr. Stoddard was one of the prominent citizens of Rock Island and was closely identified with its progress. He was an active member of the Rock Island Club and belonged also to the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

He never married, but made his home through life at the old homestead. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. C. L. Walker, of this city, and Mrs. H. M. Pettit, of New York City. The funeral announcement will appear later.

**Mrs. Catherina Ihrig.**

The remains of Mrs. Catherina Ihrig arrived last night from Bertrand, Neb., where she died last Friday of heart failure. Deceased was a former resident of this city, being the widow of the late Jacob Ihrig, who passed away several years ago. She was 50 years of age. Funeral occurs at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Knox undertaking parlors and the interment will be made at Chippiannock cemetery.

## SEXTON WILL OPPOSE A THIRD CLUB FOR CHICAGO

M. H. Sexton, president of the Three-Eye and Western leagues, while enroute to New York yesterday called on James Hart, president of the Chicago National league club. He and Hart discussed the new national agreement that is to be made. The latter announced that he would vote against any agreement that gave the American association territory in Chicago.

"I do not believe," said he, "that the territorial question should figure in the agreement at all. No one can tell what circumstances may arise in the baseball situation, and the major leagues would be foolish to agree to recognize any territory as belonging to a minor league.

"All the national agreement should have to do with are the reservation of players, the rules, the respecting of contracts, punishments, and the drafting of players."

Accompanied by President Hickey, of the American association, Sexton left at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for New York.

**Circuit Court**

The following trial list for the remainder of the present week was arranged yesterday afternoon:

Wednesday — 97, Montgovery vs. Montgomery; 99, R. & E. Mfg. vs. Sturgeon; 101, U. B. company vs. Riess; 102, Anderson vs. Republic Iron & Steel company.

Thursday—110, U. B. company vs. Donahoe; 118, Robinson vs. Lord & Lord; 122, Koester vs. Carstens; 140, Jamieson vs. Tri-City Railway company.

Friday—67, Hendricksen vs. Tri-City Railway company; 56, Marshall vs. Walker; 69, Moore vs., Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern Railway company; 92, Rounds vs. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company; 141, Wainwright vs. Wainwright; 47, Holmes vs. McKenna.

Ed Conert, the Moline man indicted by the present grand jury for attempting to prevent a witness from testifying before that body, was arraigned in court yesterday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. He has retained P. R. Ingelsen as his attorney.

**Police Points.**

George Bittner, the man claiming to hail from New Sharon, Iowa, who was found rambling about in a state of delirium by Officer Bergsten yesterday morning, was fined $25 by Magistrate Johnson on a charge of disorderly conduct and he was committed to jail to recuperate.