

WILL ASSIST BETHANY HOME

Council Favors Appropriation of \$1,000
to Aid Association in Enlarging
its Present Quarters.

ADOPTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Like Sum to Be Raised in Moline—
Mayor Vetoes Inspector Ordinance
and Measure Is Lost on Vote.

At the regular meeting of the city council last evening, a report recommending that in the next annual appropriation ordinance the sum of \$1,000 for the aid of the Bethany Protective association be set aside, was adopted by unanimous vote. Alderman Blochinger, for the committee composed of himself, Alderman Carse and Alderman Schmid, reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas the city council of the city of Rock Island and the city of Moline have been solicited by the Bethany Protective association for aid in providing more suitable facilities for the care and maintenance of homeless children in this community; and

"Whereas, the said Bethany Protective association is a worthy charitable institution and is at the present time prevented by reason of lack of room, from doing its greatest good.

"Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Rock Island, That this council recommend that in its next annual appropriation ordinance the sum of \$1,000 be set aside for the aid of the Bethany Protective association in the construction of an annex to its home."

Up to Moline.

Some of the aldermen questioned the advisability of acting until Moline had passed on the matter, but it was finally agreed that the institution is of more importance to Rock Island than to Moline, and that this city should take the initiative. Assurance was given by Hon. Thomas Campbell, president as the representative of the Bethany Protective association, that the association will be given \$1,000 in Moline for this same purpose, probably from the city government, but if not, then from private sources.

When the committee report had been adopted, Mr. Campbell briefly expressed the thanks of the association. The plan of the association is to establish a large annex to Bethany home by remodeling the present barn. The work is to cost about \$2,000, and the association has appealed to the municipal governments to furnish the needed amount.

Plan Repeater System.

The council approved a report recommending that the repeater system for the fire department be installed under the direction of the fire and light and health and police committees, presented by Alderman Trefz. This system is to cost between \$400 and \$500. It will not, as is supposed by some, be a fire alarm system, except as it provides an alarm system from the police station connecting with all of the fire houses and the waterworks. It will have no direct connection with the alarm boxes distributed about the city.

At present when a fire call comes in on the police alarm system to the police headquarters, the desk officer repeats the alarm over a private telephone circuit to the fire department houses and the waterworks. Under the new plan, when the alarm comes in to the police station, it will be repeated mechanically to the different fire stations, and in this way the agency of the human voice and ear in the repeating of the alarm will be eliminated. If the police system were entirely automatic, and it was impossible to resort to the telephones in the alarm boxes in turning in fire

alarms, this system should meet nearly all requirements. There are objections, however, as long as the telephone method is provided. The repeater will be one more step toward the automatic system of fire alarm, though, and will be an improvement over the present arrangement. It was opposed by Alderman Ellinwood, who inquired of George Hill, city electrician, and Alderman McNally, who is also an experienced electrician, whether they had "inquired of some authority whether this system would work or not."

Veto for Ordinance.

The electrical inspector ordinance was vetoed by Mayor Schaffer, and failed to carry over his veto. The mayor explained that he does not oppose the proposition of inspection, but objects to the ordinance on account of the schedule of fees to be charged. He suggested that an inspector be designated, with police powers and with additional authority to cover the field in the ordinance vetoed.

Alderman McNally moved the adoption of the ordinance over the mayor's veto, but as the vote was 8 to 5, the ordinance was not supported by the required two-thirds vote.

Regarding Water Rents.

The subject of water rents was given some consideration, and two new ordinances were introduced, one regulating the question of rebating, and the other making it an offense punishable by heavy fine, for plumbers to connect with any water main without giving notice to the city clerk. Both were referred to the ordinance committee.

The matter was brought up by the report of the waterworks committee on claims for rebates. The committee did not recommend the payment of any of the claims, but instructed the clerk and superintendent to follow the ordinances. George W. McCaskett was present on behalf of several property owners, and presented his claims for rebates.

Want to Make Fine Big.

Alderman Smith and other members of the council believe that the owner of an automobile, if he speeds his machine, and violates the law, should pay a good stiff fine. Alderman Smith brought the matter to the attention of the council, declaring that motorists are making speedways of Twelfth street and of Seventh avenue. His motion that the ordinance committee report an ordinance conforming to the state law, and fixing a minimum fine of \$100 for violation of the speed regulation, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schaffer said he believes the ordinance should be made strong, and then strictly enforced. City Attorney Witter said he does not want to make a one-man crusade, but if the council will back him, he will do what he can to enforce the speed regulations.

MOLINE COUNCIL DELAYS

Doubts Right to Give to Bethany Home and Make Terms.

At the meeting of the Moline city council last evening the same proposition from Bethany home as was presented to the Rock Island council asking for a donation of \$1,000 to help enlarge the home, was discussed at some length and it was finally left with the city attorney to bring in an opinion whether the council had power to donate money with a provision as to its use.

City Attorney G. A. Shallberg expressed the opinion that the money could not be donated outright by the city, but in view of the fact that in this case there is a consideration involved, it may be possible to arrange the matter.

The Moline city fathers also took up the matter of street railway service by the tri-city company and Mayor Olson was authorized to present a request that the Elm street cars run to Fourth avenue, instead of stopping at Fifth, and that a better transfer service be given to passengers going to Moline from Rock Island. Complaint was made that in many cases conductors leave the cars at the barn without having given transfers and the man who takes his place refuses to issue them.

BODY RECOVERED

Finding of Remains of Edgar Walker
of Moline Proves Manner
of Death.

STOLE AWAY TO GO SKATING

Hole in the Ice Guides Searchers Who
Are Rewarded Early in the
Evening.

That Edgar Walker, 11-year-old son of Mrs. Anna Walker of 2224 Third avenue, Moline, whose disappearance Sunday was mentioned in yesterday's Argus, was drowned while skating, was proven at 5:45 last evening when the body was taken from the Mississippi river. The remains were found just west of Twenty-third street and about thirty feet from shore in five feet of water. There was a small hole in the ice near that place and those who were dragging for the body had worked near it all day, but were not rewarded till after dark.

No One Saw Accident.

Coroner Rose held an inquest at the Knox undertaking parlors in Moline last evening and a verdict of accidental death by drowning while skating was returned. The coroner found no one who had seen the lad on the ice.

Mrs. Walker, mother of Edgar, is a widow and is in poor health. She has two other children.

Edgar had stolen away Sunday morning after attending Sunday school and the first intimation as to his fate was had when it was found yesterday morning that his skates were missing.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mrs. H. T. Seeley and daughter, Dulce, returned last evening from a short trip to Joliet.

Miss Garnet Warren has left for Springfield and other points in the south on an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolgamot have gone to Seattle, where they will make their home. Mrs. Wolgamot was formerly Miss Schell.

Will Barth returned last evening from Northwestern college for the Christmas holidays. Clifford Hubbard, who also attends school there, will be home Thursday.

Hon. Ben T. Cable, who with Mrs. Cable and son, Philo, recently returned from abroad, reached the city last night, and will return to New York to spend Christmas with his family in that city.

Miss Cable, with her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Castleman, and Miss Margot Postlewait of St. Louis, is traveling in India.

B. F. Knox and son, Harry, are returning from Chicago in a newly purchased automobile and are expected to arrive here some time tomorrow. The run from Chicago is in the nature of a trial trip for the new machine and a machinist is along with the party to take care of the engine while it is receiving its breaking in.

Electrical Workers' Officers Chosen.

Local No. 109, including the electrical workers of the three cities, have elected the following officers:
President—Newton Tyrell.
Vice president—W. A. Wark.
Recording secretary—A. L. Loring.
Financial secretary—James Ballin.

Treasurer—Ed Love.
First inspector—Ed Oppenberg.
Second inspector—W. J. Cooley.
Foreman—George Chaldin.
Press representative—George Chaldin.

Trustees—Charles Nelson, W. A. Wark, Ed Oppenberg.

At the Roller Rink.
Are you going to enjoy Xmas by roller skating? Morning session, a good time to learn. Brass band afternoon and evening.

An Ideal Showing of Waists, Skirts Petticoats, Furs, Suits, Coats

Our conveniently arranged Christmas stocks and rapid store service—together with the extremely low prices now prevailing, in every department, makes it possible for you to do your holiday shopping at The Bee Hive profitably—with the least effort, and in the shortest possible time.



Special Preparations in the Waist Dept.

Makes our Holiday showing unrivalled—new dressy models in Messaline Silks, Net and Lingerie Waists, and an unusually large assortment of new tailored effects in white and colors. Messaline Waists at \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5, up to \$10. Net Waists \$2.50, \$3.75, \$5, up to \$11.25. New Long Sleeve Lingerie Waists \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25, up to \$5. Tailored Waists at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, up to \$3.75. An exceptionally large showing of Nunsveiling Waists at \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.

Our Skirt Dept.

Offers many new mid-winter styles in Silk, Voile, Panama; materials and styles positively the best shown this season.

Our Petticoat Dept.

Here, too, you can find a specially complete showing of all that's new in Silk, Satene and Heatherbloom Petticoats.

Furs; Always Practical and Acceptable

Are here in an exceptionally large variety of styles. Fur Coats, Muffs, Neck Pieces, Children's Fur Sets. The large assortments and prevailing moderate prices are features which makes purchasing both enjoyable and profitable in this department.

Coats—January Sale Price—Suits

Reductions the same that usually prevail during January are now in force in our Suit and Coat departments. Unlimited assortments of the most desired styles, and the values offered are really wonderful. To appreciate values and large assortments from which to make selections can only be done by a personal inspection. No buying obligations at the Bee Hive even if you look.

114-116 W. 2nd St.

THE BEE HIVE

Davenport, Iowa

ARE SAVING MORE

Auditor's Report Shows Increase in
Deposits in the State Banks
of Illinois.

RESOURCES ARE \$572,823,812

Statements Indicate Gold Certificates
Have Fallen Off—Figures Given
Out at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—An increase of \$2,089,186 in the state bank deposits of Illinois in two months is shown in reports submitted to State Auditor McCullough in response to a call for a statement of the condition of the banks on Nov. 28. The increase is evidence of the return of prosperity in 425 banks of Illinois, as compared with the 421 banks that were doing business when the statement was issued Sept. 2, 1908. The total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$91,664,535 is an increase of \$626,632 over the next preceding statement. The statement shows the per cent of reserve on deposits to be 35.84.

Total of loans and discounts is \$316,094,159, an increase of \$4,165,971. The total resources are \$572,823,812, an in-

crease of \$7,739,556. A total decrease of \$1,671,334.05 is shown in the amount due from national banks, and there is also a decrease of \$1,633,200 in the gold certificates.

Time Deposits Greater.

Savings time deposits aggregate \$183,122,774, which is an increase of \$3,420,534 over the amount two months previous. A decrease of \$234,722 is shown in certificate time deposits, now aggregating \$42,560,614. Individual demand deposits now amount to \$185,326,226, totaling an increase of \$1,100,583, as against one of \$1,198,898 in the next preceding statement. A decrease of \$2,614,077 is shown in certificate time deposits, which now aggregates \$18,796,943. Cashiers' checks aggregating \$2,626,089 amount to \$765,110 less than in the preceding report.

OBITUARY.

Weaver Funeral.

The remains of Mrs. Abraham Weaver, who died Saturday at Watertown, S. D., arrived in the city this morning, accompanied by the bereaved husband and her mother, Mrs. F. R. Harrington. Funeral services will be held at the residence, 1007 Twenty-first street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will be for the family and intimate friends.

Robeson.

John E. Robeson died at 6:15 this morning at his home in Hampton, aged 76 years. He had been a paralytic for

several years. Mr. Robeson came to Illinois 30 years ago, having been born in Blair county, Pennsylvania. He served three years in the civil war, being a member of the 26th Iowa volunteers. A son, Edward J. of Hampton, and a daughter, Mrs. Henry Eastor of Texas, survive. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hampton Methodist church.

IN NORTH CAROLINA NEXT

Farmers' National Congress Selects Its President's Home.

The executive committee of the Farmers' National congress, at a meeting recently held at Washington, D. C., selected Raleigh, N. C., as the next place of meeting. This is the home of the president of the congress, B. Cameron, and it was out of courtesy for him that the city was named as the meeting place. The session will be held later next year than usual because of the possibilities of the southern climate. The dates have been fixed as Nov. 4 to 9. The committee will arrange side trips to Washington for the delegates.

It Is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is a worth many times its cost. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Letters to Santa Claus

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 22, 1908.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy 3 years old. I live on Fifth street. I want for Christmas a teddy cart and whip, a sweater, two handkerchiefs and a story book and mouth harp and a little watch and a little fur dog and a rocking horse. I hope you will not forget me. Good-by Santa. Your little friend, JOE.

A Well Known Fact

That not skin disease, whether from internal or external origin, can long withstand the two powerful germicides, Zemo and Zemetone, they destroy the germs that cause the disease, they always cure. Write for sample. E. W. Rose Medical company, St. Louis. For sale at Harper House pharmacy.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Otto Grotjan, 1501 Second avenue, Rock Island; Gust Schlegel & Son, 220 West Second street, Davenport.

BOYS' SWEATER COATS MEN'S FANCY VESTS

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JUST A FEW extra tempting bargains as a last Xmas call—we have placed on sale Boys' Sweater Coats and Men's Fancy Vests at a reduction of 1-4, and Silk Mufflers at Half Price.

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SILK MUFLERS

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