

FINDS CHILD DEAD IN CRADLE

Mrs. Julius Lambert, 721 Ninth Street, on Removing Covers, Makes Discovery.

IT HAD BEEN SMOTHERED

Was Left Asleep, and Mother Did Not Disturb It for Hours—Was But Five Months Old.

Remarking to herself that her daughter had been unusually quiet all morning, Mrs. Julius Lambert, 721 Ninth street, this noon went to the cradle of her 5-months-old daughter, Martha, and was horrified to find the little one dead. A doctor was summoned at once but when he arrived he gave it as his opinion that the little one had smothered to death some hours before his arrival.

Mr. Lambert, who is employed in Moline, left home as usual this morning after eating breakfast. Little Martha was allowed to remain asleep during the breakfast hour, after which her mother returned to her and tucked her securely in the little cradle. The child was a very strong one and had a habit of throwing off the covers. Knowing this, and not wishing to be taken away from her work during the morning, Mrs. Lambert was careful to see that the covers were firmly in place before she left the sleeping infant. She then went about her house work and was busy all morning washing.

Finds Baby Dead.

The baby was so quiet all morning that its mother did not pay it any attention and allowed it to sleep as she supposed until dinner time. At noon she went to the cradle and lifted the covers off the child. The little one did not stir. She made an effort to awaken it but it was useless and she then awoke to half a realization of what it all meant, and summoned her husband and a doctor. She is heart-broken now, and nearly prostrated.

Coroner Holds Inquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have been married but a short time and the mother is a mere girl hardly out of her teens. The loss of her first born has almost prostrated her.

Coroner J. F. Rose conducted an inquest this afternoon.

Dividend on Ingalls Stock.

The first creditors dividend on the

Receipts from the trustee's auction sale of the stock of J. B. Ingalls, the jeweler, was declared yesterday afternoon. In this connection the referees in bankruptcy, Adair Pleasants, took occasion to compliment the trustee, J. W. Parker, on the record he made in getting rid of the stock in short order for the benefit of the creditors.

COMPANY IS FORMED TO BUY BIG TRACT

Lake Francois Land and Investment Company is Organized Here with Capital of \$50,000.

A new land company with a capital of \$50,000 has been formed to take over the business of the Streeter & Cooling company of this city, and purchase a tract of 15 sections, 9,600 acres, near Lake Francois, British Columbia. The new company is to be known as the Lake Francois Land & Investment company, and a number of prominent business men have become interested in it. The officers are as follows: President, George W. Streeter; vice president and treasurer, E. C. Hart; secretary and general manager, O. G. Cooling; assistant secretary, H. B. Hubbard. The directors are Dr. F. A. Smith, F. O. Van Galder, S. J. Ferguson, E. F. Dorn, Lewis Gowen, Captain H. A. J. McDonald, E. C. Hart, O. G. Cooling and G. W. Streeter. The last three controlled the Streeter & Cooling company. The new company's offices will be in room 219 in the Safety building. The company has purchased the tract and is preparing to open it this summer.

PERSONAL POINTS.

W. H. Booth left for Texas last night for an extended visit.

Henry Dibbern of Milan left last night for Arkansas for a week's stay.

Harry B. Linderholm is in the city making a short visit with his many friends.

Rev. F. E. Shult and Rev. J. W. Edwards have gone to Tennessee on a short trip.

W. C. Schull of El Paso, Texas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Briggs.

Harry M. McCaskin left last night for a two weeks' trip to Brownsville, Texas, and other southern points.

H. C. Johnson has resigned his position as principal of the South Heights school to accept the principalship of the schools at Bartonville, Ill. Mr. Johnson will take up his new duties next week.

PLATFORM IS OUT

Mayor Schaffer States Principles With a View of Seeking Renomination.

IS FOR THE \$1,000 LICENSE

Promises to Insist Upon Regulation of Saloon—Says He Has Decreased Crime 75 Per Cent.

Mayor H. C. Schaffer today gave out to the press the following platform upon which he will make his campaign for renomination by the republicans at the primaries Feb. 23:

To the Republicans of Rock Island: As I am a candidate for renomination for the office of mayor I desire herewith to submit the platform upon which I stand, and which, in the event of my renomination and re-election, will embody the policy of my administration during the ensuing term.

For \$1,000 License.
1. I am in favor of increasing the saloon license fees from \$500 to \$1,000 per annum, and the limitation of saloons to one for every 500 of the population. As you are doubtless aware, I have urged the adoption of these two measures by the council, but while I could not convince the majority of the municipal legislature of the wisdom of these measures, the council finally adopted an ordinance submitting the \$1,000 license proposition to a vote of the people at the forthcoming election.

Opposes Incidental Evils.
2. I am in favor of the elimination of all abnoxious features from the saloon business. During my term as mayor, which is now drawing to a close, the efforts of the administration have been consistently directed to the moral improvement of the city, by driving women, gambling devices and other illegitimate "attractions" from the saloons, and enforcing the midnight and Sunday closing laws. If I am re-elected, I shall continue my efforts in this direction, whose success, I believe, is demonstrated by the fact that the last two years have witnessed a reduction of 75 per cent in the number of crimes committed here, as compared with the preceding two years.

Favors Filter Construction.
3. I am in favor of the speedy construction of a mechanical filter plant, which will furnish the people with an abundant supply of perfectly filtered water, and which will obviate the necessity of pumping raw unfiltered water into the mains whenever a fire seems to demand a greater pressure than is provided by the existing gravity pressure from the existing inadequate filter plant on the bluff. The latter, in the event of the construction of the mechanical filter plant at the pumping station on the river bank, should, and will be utilized for the storage of a large reserve supply for the downtown sections of the city, and to supply the daily and growing requirements of the bluff sections.

Civil Service for Departments.
4. I am in accord with the growing sentiment in favor of placing various municipal departments, particularly the fire, police and waterworks departments, under civil service regulations, to the end that it may be the interest of the men employed to do their whole duty at all times, by the assurance obtained by them that the continuity of their employment will be made more certain by the performance of their duty, than by side-stepping.

Better Accommodations Needed.
5. I am in favor of making public improvements, such as the completion of the sewerage systems, and the building of pavements and permanent sidewalks, as rapidly as the people demand them, and the city's finances permit of provision for the municipality's proportion of the costs accruing from the several improvements.

Refers to Past Efforts.
As a resident of the city, I believe you are aware, in a general way, of what my administration has sought to accomplish toward cleaning up the city from a moral standpoint; and of promoting the material and sanitary well-being of the community by the building of pavements and sewers. Modesty forbids elaboration by me, of what has been accomplished under both heads. But I may be permitted to express the belief that my record has been such as will meet the approval of all fair minded men, who are interested in the moral and material progress of the community, and to whom I submit my cause at the forthcoming primary election. Respectfully yours,
H. C. SCHAFFER.

Ward Meetings Held.
The republicans in the different wards are busy naming delegates to a township convention to be held Feb. 26 for the purpose of nominating township officers. The Seventh ward voters have already named their delegation, and last evening there were caucuses held in the Third, Second and Sixth wards. In the Second ward the candidacy of Alderman August Utke for reelection was endorsed. The candidates made talks at the different meetings.

OBITUARY.

Arthur M. Green.

Arthur Mitchell Green, who for the last five years has managed the Chicago board of trade office in the Rock Island house, died yesterday afternoon at Mercy hospital in Davenport, where he was removed some time ago.

Mr. Green had suffered with heart trouble several months and then asthma set in and made his condition serious. Saturday his condition was such that it was decided to remove him to the hospital. His condition gradually grew worse and yesterday about 4 o'clock he passed away.

He was born in Muncie, Ind., and was 42 years old. He came here five years ago and took charge of the board of trade office. He is survived by his wife, who is confined to her room in the Rock Island house as a result of the shock accompanying her husband's death, and his mother, a brother and a daughter in Muncie.

Whitham.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCoy Whitham died at her home at Aledo Monday, aged 84. The funeral was held this morning. Mrs. Whitham was the mother of K. M. Whitham of Aledo, well known in this city, and leaves one other son, John Whitham of Lansing, Mich. She was one of the pioneers of this part of the state, and she and her husband, the late Joseph R. Whitham, made their home a refuge for fugitive negroes fleeing from slavery to Canada during the period just prior to the civil war.

Weigand.

Gertrude Adella, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weigand, 433 Forty-fourth street, died Monday evening after a brief illness. The child was born Jan. 4. The funeral services were held this afternoon at St. Mary's church in Moline. Burial took place at St. Mary's cemetery in East Moline.

Funeral of David Garber.

The funeral of David Garber was held this morning from the Sacred Heart church. The services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Lockney. Burial took place at Calvary cemetery.

Funeral of W. H. Starr.

The funeral of William H. Starr, 916 First avenue, was held yesterday afternoon from the home. The services were in charge of Rev. Henry Cullen of Milan. Burial took place at Chipiannock cemetery.

FOR NEW ARMORY

Senator Landee Introduces a Bill Providing for \$35,000 to Erect Building Here.

WANTS ONE IN MOLINE, ALSO

Better Accommodations Needed by Militiamen and Movement is to Be Warmly Commended.

Among the bills introduced in the Illinois senate yesterday afternoon was one for an appropriation of \$35,000 for a new armory at Rock Island, presented by Senator Landee of Moline. It is understood that a similar bill on behalf of Moline will also be offered by Mr. Landee.

Rock Island's armory is now the property of the city, being part of the city hall building. In the recent remodeling of that structure better quarters were provided for Company A of the 6th regiment and the second division second ship's crew, N. M. I.

Better Accommodations Needed.
However, a separate building devoted to the needs of the militiamen would be a decided improvement over present accommodations and would without doubt increase interest in both branches of the service. Senator Landee's efforts will be warmly commended.

ACTORS FILE \$1,000 SUIT

Morris & Wheeler Begin Proceedings Against Moline House.

A praecipe in a suit for \$1,000 has been filed by Joseph C. Morris and Miss Zelma Wheeler, a vaudeville team appearing as Morris & Wheeler, against I. B. Haviland, proprietor of the Elite theater of Moline. G. A. Shalberg represents the plaintiffs. The suit was started in the county court.

Tomorrow the jury for this term of the county court will report, and the condemnation case of the commissioners of Hampton drainage district No. 3 against Reidy Bros. and M. I. Morris and H. Lewis will be taken up.

WAS PECULIAR INJURY

Moline Boy May Lose His Sight as Result of a Fall.

Chester Freeman of the east end of Moline submitted to an operation today for a most unusual injury. He fell recently and a weed stub penetrated his nasal cavity and went so far up that it touched his optic nerve, with the result that he was losing his sight. While not yet certain, it is hoped that the operation will be the means of saving his sight.

Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.
I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost 20 years' standing. I have been treated by several smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffen, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by all druggists.

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DISCUSS TERMS OF CONTRACT

City Council Considers Bid for Street Lighting and Extension of the Circuits.

THE COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Is Instructed to Confer With Company and Offer Suggestions—No Cut in Clerk's Pay.

The bid of the People's Power company for street lighting was taken up by the council in committee of the whole session last evening, and was gone over carefully. The company proposes to reduce the cost of the lamps to \$60 a year for street lamps, of which there are 287, and \$33 a year for the alley lamps, of which there are 14. The present cost is \$65 for street lamps and \$36 for alley lamps. The company proposes to renew a contract made five years ago, which in turn was a renewal of the contract of 1899. In the original contract the price was \$72, and provision was made at that time for the eight towers which for a time supplemented the system of low lights. The contract provides that the lamps shall be 2,000-candle power, and operated at full candle power, with not less than 450 watts. Carbons of one-half inch diameter are specified.

Provisions of Contract.

The contract provides that the lamps shall be lighted a half hour after sunset and burn until a half hour before daylight, on a moonlight schedule. The alley lamps are to burn from 11 o'clock till daylight. The city is bound not to impose a tax on the company's poles during the life of the contract, and not to compel the company to place its wires underground. Franchises with other companies to interfere with the operations of the People's Power company are also provided against by the contract. Lamps must have police protection, and may be removed if interfered with or damaged. The location of not more than 10 lamps may be changed in a year at the expense of the company. If the company fails for 15 consecutive days to supply the lights, the contract may be forfeited. The company must furnish a \$15,000 bond. It has the right to transfer its contract on the same terms, the transferee giving a \$15,000 bond in that case. The 1904 contract provided for 240 lamps, at \$65 a year, and did away with the tower lamps.

Need More Lights.

Although the aldermen boasted that Rock Island is much better lighted than the average city of 30,000 or 35,000 population, they argued that the city needs still more lights, and various propositions toward this end were discussed. In addition to the 301 lights for which the city pays, the company is furnishing about 15 lights free of cost, and there are six lamps in Long View park for which no charge is made. The city has 60 more lamps than Moline.

Alderman Smith proposed that the council make an effort to revive the project for greater illumination of Second avenue and other business blocks, and endeavor to make arrangements with the company to install the lamps as needed for such illumination, in case the merchants will provide for the cost of maintenance. He also proposed that the city ask the power company to install 15 red incandescent lamps in the city as police signals to be used in connection with the alarm box system.

Alderman Ellinwood suggested a three instead of a five year contract. He also desires greater possibilities for relocating the lamps. Alderman Smith, Lawler and Erick spoke in favor of requesting the company to install without cost to the city as many lamps as are required to light dark crossings of the street railway tracks.

These suggestions were referred to a special committee, on motion of Alderman McNealy, instructed to confer with the company as to the quality of light to be furnished, and with reference to the installation of new lamps. The committee, of which the mayor is to be the chairman ex-officio, is composed of Alderman Blochinger, Carse, Tuckis, Thompson, Trefz, Lawler and Ellinwood. A report is to be made at the next meeting of the council.

Alderman Smith urged that the ordinance for the testing of the gas and electric current supplied for commercial and home use be revived, and action taken at once to compel the company to furnish a better quality of light. It will come up at the next meeting.

Talk of Engineer.

The council discussed the question of employing a consulting engineer for the filter plant construction, and voted to instruct the mayor to correspond with an engineer at Chicago and another in the east, and secure their propositions. The council already has an application from George T. Prince of Denver, who proposes to consult with the council as to the adoption of the plans for \$35 a day and expenses, and take charge of the construction work for 5 per cent of the cost if he employs his own assistant, and for 3 1/2 per cent if the city pays the assistant. Mr. Prince, it is stated, has very high



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WILL DISCUSS NEW PARK PROPOSITION

Meeting is to Be Held in Seventh Ward This Evening to Consider Purchase of Tract.

This evening the proposition of purchasing a tract of about 23 acres between Thirty-eighth and Forty-second streets south of Ninth avenue for a new link in the city's park system will be considered. The Bluff Improvement association has taken the matter up, and has arranged for a meeting of all citizens interested, and the members of the city council have arranged to be present. The meeting will be held at the Zion hall on Seventh avenue.

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20c can U. S. brand Spinach 15c. 10c can Hulled Corn 8c. Choice Tomatoes, per can 10c. Six cans for 54c. Choice Corn, per can 7c. Four cans for 25c. Herkimer brand E. J. Peas, nice and tender, a can 10c. Three cans for 25c. Large cans Sauer Kraut, per can 10c. You can cook this right in the can and have no odor while cooking.

Special on Swift's Witch Hazel Toilet Soap, three cakes to the box, per box 8c.

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Orange Blossom brand, California yellow free Peaches, in heavy syrup; a snap at our price 25c.

Beal Tailoring Co. Editorial



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We dote on skeptics. Just so he is a skeptic with brains.

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We like to have him come into our store because seeing is believing, and the intelligent man will admit it when he is wrong and become a loyal advocate.

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ILLINOIS THEATER BUILDING.