

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

SAVING EFFECTED BY A COMMISSION

O. F. Anderson Gives Figures in Opposing Return to Aldermen.

SEES MANY ADVANTAGES

Vast Amount of Improving Has Been Done and Business Has Been Transacted With Dispatch.

What is perhaps the strongest endorsement ever given locally of the commission form of government was presented in the paper read yesterday by O. F. Anderson, Mr. Anderson's statements made by those who are trying to bring about a return to the aldermanic form that the commission has proven an expensive luxury. He gives figures to prove that there has been an actual saving in Moline and enumerates the improvements made to show that a commission is more effective in giving good government than an aldermanic body.

Greater means of publicity for city affairs and the initiative and referendum are some of the advantages enumerated in connection with the present system. Mr. Anderson's paper continues:

"Now what has been the experience of our town under the commission form?"

"The business of the city has been put upon a real business basis."

Save in Water Rents.

"A survey of the water rents, which was instituted under the new form, has resulted in the saving of \$1,700 per annum—based on last year's through correction of water rental bills which were incorrect and to which no attention had been paid and disclosing many consumers of city water who had never been charged anything for use of water."

"The city entered into a 10-year franchise for lighting the city, instead of making a five-year contract as heretofore. This made a saving in the price of each light sufficient to enable the city to add 200 new lights, so that now almost every corner in the town is lighted, and this at an additional expense of only \$700 a year."

"All purchases are now made on requisition of heads of departments, thereby systematizing the purchase of supplies and enabling the city to make better bargains, which has resulted in the saving of hundreds of dollars each year."

"Instead of buying hay, grain and supplies for the health and other departments, in small quantities as was done under the former government, it is now purchased in carload quantities, saving to the city many hundreds of dollars each year."

"As an example of how the official who is on the job all the time may better serve the public, the following might be mentioned:

"An electrical engineer was brought down from Chicago to make a test of the street lights. He found that they were deficient in candlepower and hence did not comply with the contract. This resulted in a reduction of \$1,000 in the bill for lighting. This same waterfulness holds good in every department of the city. The commissioner is on the job all the time, using every effort at his command to save money for the city."

Drinking Water Tested.

"The commission form of government has given us daily tests of our drinking water; inspection of milk and dairies; an up-to-date traffic ordinance; inspection of new buildings and a more rigid enforcement of building laws within the fire limits; a new telephone franchise with the maximum rate fixed in the franchise. This is something no other city in Illinois can boast of."

"The best waterworks in the coun-

try for any city of 20,000 inhabitants; so complete in its plans that further increase in demands upon it for future extensions will require only the addition of filtering beds and another clean water well, when the daily consumption shall exceed 5,000,000 gallons, the present consumption being only 2,500,000 gallons."

"Reorganizing the fire department with a more modern equipment, including the reconstruction of the fire and police alarm system by replacing the two-drum alarm with one of ten circuits and extending the same to new territory."

"Keeping the streets and alleys clean and beautiful."

"Enlarging the Browning field by the purchase of land fronting Sixteenth street, thus making the tract more accessible and giving it a frontage on the main thoroughfare of the city."

"Cleaning up and making Prospect park attractive and useful, as well as establishing therein a public bathhouse."

"Planning and erecting a beautiful and serviceable building for the city's home, as well as giving it a suitable location."

"These improvements are an evidence that the city officials are in touch with the progressive spirit of the town and alive to its growing needs."

Costs Are Compared.

"It has been said by the opponents of the present form that it is too expensive. A comparison of the costs of the aldermanic form and commission form thoroughly refutes this argument."

"The total amount of the regular running expenses of the city for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1911, under the aldermanic form, taken from the audit for that year, was \$196,696 in round figures. Under the commission form for the year ended March 31, 1912, the city's expenses amounted to \$171,696."

"For the year ended March 31, 1913, it was \$191,000."

"For the year ended March 31, 1914, it was \$206,000."

"These figures show a saving of \$25,000 in three years."

"During the same period the population of the city increased from 21,000 to 25,000, or 16.7 per cent."

"During the years we have been under the commission form pavements have been extended, sidewalks laid and sewer and water provided to a greater extent than in any previous four years of the city's existence, proving also that the commission form is more capable of responding to the public demands for permanent improvements and a general betterment of living conditions in the town."

"No one claims that the commission form is perfect, but it is a vast improvement over the old haphazard way of running the city's affairs, no business man can help but say."

"The result of the four years' trial of the commission government by our city should warrant the city in continuing its trial for another term. The experiences gained in this trial, which was entirely new and strange to us, will be of greater advantage in the administration of the city's government for the next four years."

QUARTER METER TO BE BANISHED

People's Power Company Will Require Deposit of \$3 From Gas Users.

The quarter meter is to be abolished by the People's Power company and no tears will be shed over its passing. Judging by the experience which a great many housewives have had with it.

The quarter meter always has had a faculty of shutting off the supply of gas in the midst of preparations for a meal when precious moments must be lost searching for a quarter, which not infrequently is not to be found in the house.

The purpose of the company as announced by its officers, is to weed out the quarter meters as rapidly as possible by replacing them with the other kind when there is a change of tenants. It will of course take years to eliminate them entirely by this plan. The quarter meter was introduced for the purpose of preventing the company from being defrauded by those who moved away without paying their gas bills. To meet this difficulty now it has been arranged to require a deposit of \$3 from each gas meter user to protect the company against non-payment of bills.

MOLINE BANKERS PLAN TO BOWL THE ISLANDERS

In preparation for a contest with Rock Island Moline bankers are practicing on the Eagle bowling alleys all night long. Rock Island bankers recently defeated a team of Davenport money handlers and the Moline contingent proposes to go after the tri-city honors if they find that they can get into championship form.

SCOTS CELEBRATE THIS YEAR ACROSS THE RIVER

Scots of the three cities will hold their annual celebration of Bobby Burns' birthday anniversary in Davenport Feb. 1. It will be under the auspices of the Tri-City Caledonian club which formerly held its meetings in this city. Scotch dances and music will be a feature of the program.

FOURTEEN PLACES VIOLATE THE LAW

Survey by Health Department Finds Foods Are Handled Improperly.

TEN RESTAURANTS OFFEND

Proprietors Warned and Given Two Weeks to Make Reforms, Arrest Being Threatened.

That there are 14 out of the 75 stores, restaurants, hotels and lunch rooms in Moline in which food is handled that do not observe reasonable sanitary regulations was brought out in the report of the survey which has just been completed by the city health department. Ten of these places are restaurants, two are grocery stores and two meat markets.

It is the health department which is giving the health authorities the most trouble, though the two grocery stores and two meat markets were found to be handling their goods in a manner which is detrimental to the public health. Warnings were given in all the cases where conditions were not approved and two weeks will be given in which to make reforms. At the end of that period if nothing has been done arrests are promised.

The hotels were found to be up to standard and the better class of lunch rooms and restaurants were also given an official O. K. Greatest source of complaint in a certain class of restaurants was the condition of the refrigerators, which were often found with the doors were opened, to give off a sickening odor, and with tables in kitchen, which in several cases were positively filthy. In the unclean refrigerators foods were found to be kept in uncovered containers, while the tables which were unclean were used for preparation of meats, vegetables, etc., for cooking and for the dining table.

Resist Reforms.

Commissioner E. L. Eastman stated today that the cheaper restaurants are the places in which it is most difficult to secure reforms. Proprietors in many cases are fastidious, some of them understanding English but imperfectly and most of them regarding the activities of the health department as unwarranted interference with their private business.

PREDICTS UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Speaker at Meeting of Bluff Men's Club Talks on History of the War.

That the present war in Europe is based on economic and political reasons and not on race hatred was the statement made Friday evening by J. Walter Joslyn, Elgin attorney, at the monthly meeting of the Bluff Men's club at the Second Congregational church. His address followed the regular dinner, which was served by Messrs. Lidvall, Anderson and Shalens. His topic was the European war from a historical standpoint.

The speaker said that back of the issues which are being fought out there is an underlying movement for the abolition of the powers of the present governing class and he believed that it would manifest itself before peace has been fully restored. He would not be surprised if eventually the governments were merged into a United States of Europe modeled on the same general plan as the United States of America.

C. J. Seymour, president of the club, was authorized to appoint a committee to cooperate with those named by other Moline organizations to work for a fare of 2 1/2 cents for school children on the street railway lines.

Members were urged each to bring to the February meeting some member of the G. A. R. to hear the address which will be given by Judge Rathburne of Chicago on Abraham Lincoln.

BOXERS SHOW PACES AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Three boxing exhibitions were given at the stag party of the Moline Commercial club Friday evening, two being for three rounds and the other for eight. Local talent appeared all the way through and the entertainment was highly pleasing.

Young Sinner boxed three rounds with Ed Evans and then three with Joe Galligan, all three men being from Rock Island. Both contests were tame but Galligan furnished considerable amusement with his antics. He took the match seriously and in one of his wild swings he struck the referee, Harry DeWolf. Young Steckman of Moline and Eric Larson of Rock Island boxed eight rounds, putting up a creditable exhibition. Steckman weighed 139 and Larson 135.

JANSSEN ASKED TO SPEAK AT BANQUET AT LASALLE

H. A. Janssen, secretary of the Tri-City Manufacturers' association, has been invited to speak at a banquet to be held by the Illinois Valley Manu-

ON PERSONAL STAFF OF KAISER AT FRONT



General von Chelius.

General von Chelius was formerly military plenipotentiary at St. Petersburg and is at present with the personal staff of the kaiser at the front.

facturers' club at LaSalle Friday evening, Jan. 23. This is a new organization, just getting its work started, and it is presumed that the members decide to have something of the methods of the tri-city association has employed to win success.

IOWANS COME TO MOLINE FOR JOBS

Rumor Factories Here Have Put on 4,000 Men Causes Serious Situation.

Acting on a report which has been in circulation at Des Moines that 4,000 men have been set at work in Moline factories during the last couple of weeks a number of men have come here from the Iowa capital seeking employment. Of course, they have been disappointed and some of them have appealed to the Tri-City Manufacturers' association, of which H. A. Janssen is secretary.

Mr. Janssen was unable to account for the influx of Des Moines unemployed men but he learned from Secretary Norwood of the Davenport Commercial club that there has been a report circulated in Des Moines that there is plenty of work here. Whether this report was started with the deliberate purpose of ridding the Iowa capital of some of its idle men or to make passenger business for railroads is not known. It is believed, however, that the rumor was accidentally started.

In order to disabuse the minds of Iowans of the impression that work is to be had in Moline for any outside men Secretary Janssen today wired the three daily newspapers at Des Moines setting forth the true conditions and asking that publicity be given to them. The message states that Moline industries do not as yet provide employment for the resident labor of the city and that newcomers have no chance to secure work.

OBITUARY RECORD

Funeral of Mrs. Fleming.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Rosa M. Fleming were held at 3:30 Friday morning at the home of her daughter at 715 Nineteenth street and at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's church. Father J. S. Kelly officiated and interment was in St. Mary's cemetery, East Moline. The bearers were E. H. Wilson, G. O. Dietz, George Rank, Roy J. Greer, John McEniry and Francis De Jaeger.

Funeral of Warren Erickson.

The funeral of Warren Lee Erickson was held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home, 542 Twentieth avenue. Rev. R. S. Haney officiated and interment was in Riverside.

Melonas Infant.

Little Andrew Melonas, 8-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Melonas of Fifth street and Eighteenth avenue died at 10:30 o'clock this morning and burial took place this afternoon in Riverside cemetery after short services at the home.

Banks Get Notice.

Banks of Moline today received notices from James J. Brady, state auditor, informing that the law against paying checks on overdrawn accounts, will hereafter be enforced, as the practice is against good banking principles and leads to carelessness on the part of depositors.

Asks a Good Deal.

"How about the rent of this house of yours, Fitter?" Doesn't the landlord ask a good deal for it?" Fitter—Yes. He often asks five and six times a month for it.

Three Things.

Three things too much and three too little are pernicious to man—to speak much and know little, to spend much and have little, to presume much and be worth little.—Cervantes.

A man of courage is also full of faith.—Cicero.

COMMITTEES FOR BANQUET CHOSEN

Local Swedish-American Republican Club Holds Its Annual Meeting.

MAYOR CARLSON IS HEAD

Elaborate Arrangements Will Be Made for State Convention to Be Held Here March 9.

Special committees were named at the annual meeting of the Moline Swedish-American Republican club Friday evening to look after the arrangements for the state convention and banquet to be held in Moline March 9. Mayor M. R. Carlson was elected president to succeed Frank J. Landee and N. E. Munson was chosen secretary.

A committee composed of Martin T. Rudgren, Grant Hogberg and Andrew Kempe of Rock Island, and Martin R. Carlson, John Sundine and N. E. Munson of Moline, was appointed to name a vice president for each precinct in this city, nine in Rock Island and two in East Moline. The report of this committee will be presented at the next meeting of the club. Standing committees were then named as follows:

Executive—Charles Branstrom, M. R. Carlson, F. J. Landee, Emil Johnson, Carl Hallgren and Oscar Oberg.

Finance—John Sundine, George W. Johnson, Dr. Louis Ostrom, M. R. Carlson and N. E. Munson.

Committee to select delegates and alternates to the state convention—J. B. Onkief, Albin H. Anderson, Grant Hogberg and F. A. Johnson.

State Is Recommended.

Special committees on the state convention were named on recommendation of a committee named at the last session and composed of Frank J. Landee, retiring president, G. L. Peterson, retiring secretary, and Emil Johnson, treasurer. Those selected are:

On general arrangements—Frank J. Landee, chairman; August Sundine, Robert Shalberg, A. V. Esterdahl, D. R. Freeman, G. L. Peterson, Charles Branstrom, Emil Coleman, A. E. Danielson and F. W. Anderson.

Committee on banquet—George W. Johnson, chairman; F. A. Landee, J. B. Onkief, Andrew Kempe, Jack Freeman, C. G. Hogberg, A. P. Berzelius, M. T. Rudgren and Frank A. Johnson.

Committee on speakers—John Sundine, chairman; Emil Johnson and Dr. Louis Ostrom.

The club voted to hold a meeting at the Manufacturers' hotel Feb. 9 at 8 o'clock in the evening, at which time a dinner will be served for the members of the club. Reports of officers and committees will be heard at this time and further arrangements will be made for the coming state convention.

Women Are Active.

Women are taking an active interest and indications point to a large delegation of the fair sex. It was only two years ago that women were admitted to the convention for the first time and they proved a valuable addition to the state league. Reception committee for the state meeting will be a large one, as it is composed of the newly elected officers of the club, and they have appointed all the members of the organization as assistants.

SIDELIGHTS ON EUROPEAN WAR

Berlin. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The steady extension of the sphere of activity of German submarines is the subject of a recent article by the German naval expert, Count Reventlow. The sinking of a patrol boat off Dover and later by the destruction of two commercial steamers off the French coast, give evidence, says the writer, that German under-water craft are able to operate almost anywhere even in the most frequented waters.

He dismisses the suggestion that the revival of German submarine activity has been due to the restoration of the locks at Zebrugge, Belgium. Germany's new naval base, stating that to his knowledge the locks were never damaged by British gunfire as fact, he argues, German submarines are not dependent on Zebrugge as a base in order to make successful raids in England waters. That their radius of action is extensive enough without it is proved by the fact that submarines have gone as far as the Shetland islands and to points even more distant, referring evidently to the well-authenticated report that one of the little craft had circumnavigated the entire British Isles.

Calcutta. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Judgment has just been decreed in the courts here in the first case of "trading with the enemy" which was made a severe misdemeanor at the beginning of the war. The accused, an employee of a Calcutta exporting firm, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$3,000. He was convicted of endeavoring to arrange for the sale of a shipment of mica to a German firm.

London. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—"One of the great perils of journeying in the war zones," writes an officer from the front, "is the nervous, inexperienced sentry, who is always firing at stray objects which fail to answer his summons promptly. On meets many such sentries, and their challenges, 'Halte-la,' ferocious in some cases, excited in others, is distinctly terrifying, especially as it is backed up by a business-like bayonet and a tremendous finger on a trigger. One is in real danger until the word is given."

"I was walking with a general in his own territory the other day when we were held up by such a man, who presented his bayonet to the general's breast and refused to move until an officer had been summoned to establish the general's identity. Of course he was strictly correct, but as his rifle went off (in the air) from sheer nervousness as we passed on, we had reason for feeling a slight thrill."

Amsterdam. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—"Lille has already paid 3,400,000 francs as a war tax; the feeding of German troops has cost as a million and a half, while the city's damage from bombardment is something over three hundred million," writes the mayor of Lille to General von Heindrich, the military governor, begging to be excused from paying an additional war tax of three million francs, which the governor has demanded.

"The governor's reply, according to the Lille Bulletin, which is now published bi-weekly under German supervision, is that 'in view of the quiet behavior of the population I will allow the payment of the remainder to be postponed for a week.' The governor declined to recognize any obligation on the part of the Germans to feed the citizens, and recommended that the mayor import corn from England."

Have. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—An official statement gives the information that up to the present time the French authorities have dispatched to the front 1,970,000 blankets, 2,950,000 undershirts, 2,170,000 flannel belts, 2,280,000 pairs of socks, 350,000 mufflers, and 1,350,000 pairs of gloves. Large reserves of these things have also been stocked for the immediate future.

Peking. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—In reply to a document recently printed and circulated by a supporter of the Manchukuo dynasty, the republican government has issued a statement concerning the dangers of attempting "to act contrary to the wishes of the people," saying that "it is no longer possible for one family to govern China." That this is the popular opinion seems to be borne out by the fact that the newspapers, though some of them are not very friendly to the government, condemn always any attempt at restoration of the Manchus.

The author of the reactionary pamphlet is an old man who has been engaged, it is said, in compiling a history of the Ching dynasty, and his studies and labors have probably inspired his enthusiasm. He is to be sent to his home in Szechwan province, and his family are to be made responsible for his loyalty to the republic. It is the time-honored custom in China to make a whole family liable to imprisonment, banishment, and even death, for the action of one of them.

CHURCH MAKES IT EASY TO PRETEND

Any Hypocrite Can Pray and Sing but not All Will Work, Says Patterson.

GIVES A SCATHING ADDRESS

Irish Divine Denies That He Is Advance Agent for Billy Sunday, but Thanks God for Him.

"Catch-my-pail" Patterson, who closed his series of set addresses in the three cities with a three hours address at the First Methodist church in this city last night in which he labored the church as it exists today and called upon his hearers to get out and do actual work in the assistance of their less fortunate brothers and sisters. He vigorously denied that he came here on an advance agent for Billy Sunday.

"I have heard Sunday, speak," said he, "and I thank God for him. He will do a vast amount of good in this community. But why wait for him before taking up the real work which lies at your hands?"

Churches, said Rev. Patterson, have deteriorated into institutions for the preservation of the preserved. The dignity their members assume, he said, is fatal to success in any real undertakings for the betterment of human kind.

Too Little Work.

"There is altogether too much reading and study and too much singing and prayer," said the speaker. "That is all your Christian Endeavor societies and Epworth leagues do. Now any hypocrite can read and sing and pray but not every hypocrite is ready to get out and do a good turn for others. Too many use these empty forms to cover up deficiencies along the lines of actual helpfulness to mankind."

"How many of you who are quickening at my remarks ever actually extended a helping hand to a fallen brother or sister? My advice is to forget most of the things you have learned to do in church and Sunday school and cultivate habits of real usefulness."

The Moline Y. M. C. A. has secured Mr. Patterson for an address at the regular men's meeting tomorrow afternoon at which he will speak on "Fly Fishing for Men."

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Files Bankruptcy Petition. Robert Ed. Moline contractor, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy and Referee E. U. Henry has set Feb. 3 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in Peoria as the time and place for a meeting of creditors. A trustee will be appointed at that time.

Plow Company Seniors Win. The Moline Plow Company Seniors fattened their standing in the Manufacturers' bowling league Friday evening by grabbing off three straight from the John Deere Plow company. The totals were 2,451 and 2,389.

Please Don't. Oh, yes, we think a good deal of the girl's voice next door, but it wouldn't do for us to put our thoughts into words.—New Orleans Playmate.

WHY WOMEN SUFFER

Many Rock Island Women are Learning the Cause.

Women often suffer, not knowing the cause. Backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, irregular urinary passages, weakness, languor.

Each a torture of itself. Together hint at weakened kidneys. Strike at the root—get to the cause. No other remedy more highly endorsed than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Recommended by thousands. Endorsed at home. Here's convincing testimony from a Rock Island citizen.

"I have used Doan's Kidney Pills with such fine results that I am glad to tell others about them," says Mrs. Westerdahl, of 236 Thirtieth St., Rock Island. "I had severe pains in my back, which kept me in misery. After stooping, I had trouble in straightening and my kidneys were weak. All these troubles left me when I took Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't get ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Westerdahl had.—Foster-Silburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—(Adv.)

LADIES! DARKEN YOUR GREY HAIR

Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and Nobody Will Know.

The use of Sage and Sulphur for restoring faded, gray hair to its natural color dates back to grandmother's time. She urged it to keep her hair beautifully dark, glossy and abundant. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect.

But brewing at home is messy and out-of-date. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get this famous old recipe which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, feverish, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two it becomes beautifully dark, glossy and abundant.

Larger house pharmacy.—(Adv.)