

MANEUVERS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Instead of nine men, Webster City will furnish but eight for the maneuvers at Fort Riley. The men will leave this city Saturday at 12:46 p. m. over the Illinois Central and will join Company C of Glenwood and the Fifty-fifth regiment at the Union Pacific transfer in Council Bluffs. From that place the regiment of 900 men will be transported direct to Fort Riley in thirty Pullman cars, run in three divisions. New canteens and meat pans have been received by Captain Lyatt for distribution to the men. The meat pan is something new. It is similar to two frying pans, hinged together. The men carry meat in it and at meal time can open it up and use it as a cooking utensil.

Active preparation is being carried on all week for the mobilization of the troops of the Fifty-fifth Iowa Infantry at Council Bluffs next Saturday afternoon prior to their journey to Fort Riley, Kas., to take part in the military maneuvers. Adjutant General Myers, Col. James Rush Lincoln and members of his staff will arrive early for the purpose of completing the organization of the regiment. The twelve companies of the regiment will arrive for Fort Riley over the Kansas City division of the Burlington on Saturday evening on a special train of three sections, consisting of thirty cars.

The troops will commence arriving at Council Bluffs about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. A special car of canteens will be attached to the train for the use of the officers during the maneuvers. Colonel Lincoln and the adjutant will also be on this train. Travel rations for two days have been issued to the troops from the quartermaster of the department of Missouri at Omaha, which has charge of the subsistence. The rations consist of canned meat, hard tack, beans, tomatoes and coffee.

A complete hospital outfit in charge of Dr. J. F. Clark of Fairfield, will be turned over for use of the regiment at Fort Riley. The Fifty-fifth Iowa Infantry will reach Webster City boys at noon and will immediately commence active camp life. The maneuvers will commence Monday morning and will last for two weeks. Sham pitched battles will be between the blues and the khaki uniformed men. The Fifty-fifth regiment will wear both uniforms, participating in maneuvers of both colors.

The Fifty-fifth will be in the same ranks with the Fifth and Twenty-second regiments, United States regulars, being the only regiment of the national guard participating in the maneuvers to be brigaded with regular troops.

GROSS ERRORS IN CHICAGO AND OHIO.

In some states, the irregularities have been on a wholesale scale. One Chicago judge was found to have admitted 1,800 foreigners to citizenship in one evening, an act physically impossible unless the oath was administered to applicants in platoons, while the law presumes an individual administration. A much greater mistake has been made in Ohio, where over 250,000 men have been admitted to citizenship by probate judges, who have no right to administer the oath.

It is understood that the many errors have prompted President Roosevelt to suggest that a bill be presented to the next congress limiting the right of naturalization to the federal courts. The law has been strictly enforced in Hamilton county, Ohio, where the cases above cited were not obeyed. The probate judges themselves to have been naturalized are still foreigners.

ELECTION PLEASES COMRADES.

Webster County Takes Interest in Rev. Johnson's Election as Delegate to General Conference in Los Angeles.

The Fort Dodge Messenger speaks of the election of Rev. E. S. Johnson as a delegate to the general conference—which is the legislative body of the Methodist church—in Los Angeles in the following complimentary terms:

The election of Rev. E. S. Johnson of Webster City to be a delegate to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church next May and his appointment as superintendent of the Methodist hospital at Webster City, both of which honors came to him at the recent meeting of the Northwest Iowa conference in Sioux City, gave a pleasure to his many old comrades of the Fifty-second regiment, Rev. Mr. Johnson having served as chaplain of that regiment during the Spanish-American war. Company G of this city was in that regiment and its chaplain is well remembered by the members of the company.

Those who best know Rev. Mr. Johnson are not surprised at the honor given him by the conference. Although comparatively a young man, he is as comparatively old in the service of the Methodist church, having begun his ministry in London, and being transferred to the United States at his own request. His impulses are republican and his religion catholic.

On arrival in this country he undertook the modest charge at Danbury in

BUT ONE OBSTACLE IN WAY.

Mr. Edwards has signed the resolution appointing C. F. Miller to the office of general superintendent of public works of this city. Mr. Miller has filed his bond, which was fixed at \$10,000, with the city clerk, and upon its being approved by the council, will enter at once upon his duties.

MATTER MAY BE SETTLED.

It is more than likely that the action of the mayor will settle the matter as to the appointment of the new official. The action of the council in creating the new position and giving the appointment to Mr. Miller, caused something of a sensation at the time it was done and it was intimated that should the new official attempt to take his position, a quo warranto suit would be filed. It is not very likely, however, that such a proceeding will materialize.

ANOTHER OBSTACLE.

While it is hardly likely that an injunction will be issued, there still remains one obstacle—so it is said. The city solicitor states that the resolution is in direct variance with one of the city ordinances. Before the new official takes up his duties it is more than likely that the council will take some further action in regard to the ordinance with which the resolution is at variance. Either the ordinance or the resolution will have to be repealed.

A Remonstrance.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune: The article in last evening's issue in regard to the system now used in reserving seats for the lecture course was all right, only there was not enough of it. There ought to be a decided protest against it. There are a good many people who cannot be there at that particular time and lose from one to two hours to get seats reserved. Consequently they have to take a seat wherever they can get it, when they are perfectly willing to pay for a reserved seat if they could secure it. Another thing that does not seem just right is that the poorest reserved seat is sold for just the same price as the best one.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas: our sister, Mrs. Maggie Perkins, has been called to mourn the loss of her husband, who died October 10, 1903.

Resolved: that the sympathy of Relief Corps No. 89 be extended to the family in this their hour of affliction, pointing them to Him who doeth all things well. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent our bereaved sister and placed upon the minutes of our memorial book; also sent the Grand Army Advocate and published in the city papers.

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MRS. A. A. COOK, Com.

Just the girl was of age, said he had talked with her brother that very morning, that her relatives all knew that she was eighteen years old last July and that her parents simply opposed the match. The witness he had with him also offered to swear that the girl was of age, but the clerk, having been notified by the girl's parents that she was not of age, refused to issue the license and the young man finally departed, saying, "He would see about it."

MANY CASES LIKE THIS.

"We have many cases just like this in the course of a year," volunteered the clerk. "Now take this very couple for instance. They are from Iowa. This morning I received a telephone message from the girl's parents, telling me to refuse the license if the parties should call for it, because their daughter was not yet eighteen years old. Sometimes the old folks fool me in this way. If they are opposed to the match and all are strangers to me, they simply notify us not to issue the license on account of the girl's being under age. As a general rule, though, this but delays the marriage for a short time. The couple usually take the next train for some other county seat and before they have gone far Little Dan Cupid is accounted the winner."

The young man who called Tuesday was a clean, honest looking fellow, and had it not been for the phone message, would have secured his license all right. There were several persons in the clerk's office at the time and the most of them were inclined to believe him when he said his intended bride was of age. However this may be, the case is pretty likely to turn out in the end just as the young folks would have it. "The course of true love never runs smoothly," but it usually ends as do the story books, "and they lived happily ever after."

It is not known where the young couple went from here, but it is a pretty safe guess that they did not return to Iowa.

WILL BE ELECTED BY BOARD.

Directors of Mercy Hospital Will Hold a Session to Elect Superintendent of Institution.

The Northwest Iowa conference of the Methodist church having failed to elect a superintendent of Mercy Hospital in this city, that duty now devolves upon the board of directors. Until this body acts, Mr. Johnson will continue to serve in that capacity. It will be remembered that when Jacob M. Fnnk gave the hospital to the Methodists he named himself, L. A. McMurray and Cyrus Smith as life members of the board of directors. Upon the death of any of the three, the

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N. L. Rood of the democratic militia, will be few days to furnish with a list of the county, to copy of Hearst the leader of the case, from now close. The cop and are a donat the democratic democratic state funds with which ful literary bur who is said to democratic pre and wants the s agreed to enter, now until electric Iowa every day, that he is seriou ing a morning de Moines.

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Besides being s owner of two F York, Chicago gr Hearst was recen man from New solicited by the I gers to aid the ca consequence give cago American ab both its editorial Iowa campaign.

The details for t been completed w Jackson of the de committee, who Chicago last week of the paper going tion. It is the int circulation of the throughout the sta average 500 copies allotted to each counties and these to the voters thron rangements made mittes of the diffe committees have forward to the offe list of names from ing city postoffice dresses of enough quota, and the Am names on its mailin the papers.

The Star Petrolen Texas, financed larg is in trouble and been sold to pay its know whether any V were caught or not.

Rev. G. W. South pointed pastor of the in this city, will mon to his congrega day.

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