

## JOHN CHERRY WILL BE AWARDED LOOP PAVING; GIVES LOW FIGURE

### MAN WHO PAVED OTTAWA COMING BACK ON THE JOB OPEN BIDS TODAY

#### TWO FIRMS WERE IN FIELD FOR WORK—CHERRY'S OFFER HIGH- ER THAN ESTIMATE, BUT FAR WITHIN LIMIT FIXED BY LAW.

This morning at the opening of bids for the "loop" pavement, John Cherry, Jacksonville contractor, made another step toward earning the sobriquet, "The man who paved Ottawa." By submitting a price that was \$4,551.11 lower than the limit fixed by law, Cherry, at a meeting of the commissioners on Monday, will be awarded contracts for re-paving the downtown district.

Two contractors—T. W. Keys and Mr. Cherry—were in the field for the work and submitted bids at the special meeting of the board of local improvements and council sitting today. The bids follow:

T. W. Keys, La Salle, \$112,985.78.  
John Cherry, Jacksonville, \$108,761.46.

With a disparity of \$4,224.32 in these two bids and the fact that Public Engineer Farnsworth placed his estimate at \$102,829.61, leaving Mr. Cherry's offer \$5,930.85 above the estimate and \$4,551.11 less than the legal limit of \$113,112.57, at which figure the commissioner would be privileged to award, it is almost a moral cinch that Mr. Cherry will be given the contract.

#### Cherry Not Present.

Mr. Cherry was not present at the meeting of the council today. He had representatives on the scene, however, and one of them submitted his bid. That Mr. Cherry did not bid at the previous attempt to get contracts was assigned by certain circles to a precautionary move taken by him to buy enough futures in bricks to assure him ample material should he be successful in landing the big job in Ottawa. It is hinted that Mr. Cherry is sufficiently supplied with materials to permit his going right ahead with the work as soon as he gets labor and teams in the city.

#### Supply Men on Hand.

Many supply men were on hand this morning, and during the reading of Mr. Cherry's bid pencils flew like lightning. Some quarters showed discomfort, but all in all the letting went off good naturedly. After adjournment there was considerable buzz among the various representatives and some predictions were made that Mr. Cherry could not do the work without losing money. Cherry, however, has never been known to get many "bumps" in the paving game, and he has tackled some of the largest jobs in Illinois and has been in the business a great number of years. He is recognized as one of the most daring "independent" bidders in the state.

#### He has twice come to the rescue of Ottawa when it appeared as tho the city was going to be precipitated into a pool and fail to let large contracts. On the west side letting the same procedure had to be followed as that employed today, and in both instances Cherry was "Johnny on the spot" to deliver.

Besides paving west Ottawa, Cherry paved the entire south side. He is now working on a large contract at Princeton, which will not interfere in any way with his contract here.

#### Must Wait Ten Days.

The law requires that after the letting the city must wait ten days before signing contracts with Mr. Cherry. This is to give a majority of the property owners residing in the district an opportunity to take the contract off Mr. Cherry's hands at 10 per cent less than his bid, if they care to. In view of the present high price of labor and materials, it is not believed, however, that any attempt will be made by owners of real estate in the "loop" to relieve Mr. Cherry of the work.

#### A Short Story.

"What seems to be the matter with him?" asked the doctor, approaching the bedside of the man who lay swathed in bandages.  
"He found the gas leak," briefly explained the nurse.—London Tit-Bits.

## UNION MEN MEET; PLUMBERS' STRIKE MAY END SOON

#### CARPENTERS' SETTLEMENT MAY BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRING- ING ABOUT AGREEMENT BE- TWEEN PLUMBERS AND EM- PLOYERS.

With conferences being held between the union men, and another meeting arranged for between Frank Kennedy, organizer for the Plumbers and Steam Fitters, it is generally believed that the plumbers' strike will soon come to an end.

The fact that the carpenters reached a settlement, news of which was published exclusively in the Free Trader-Journal last evening, may be instrumental in bringing about a settlement between the Plumbers and their employers.

The carpenters asked for an increase of ten cents per hour in their daily wages, thus an increase from fifty cents an hour to sixty cents an hour. They were given a seven and one-half cent increase and a settlement was made on this basis.

In some labor circles it was believed that the plumbers' strike would come to an end before the week was out, while others were more pessimistic, predicting that it would be some time before an agreement would be reached.

The plumbers are asking for an increase of six and one-half cents an hour for the first year and six and one-half cents for the second year.

## MEMBERS OF SETH C. EARL POST TO HOLD PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE

President Mrs. Susie S. Snow and Secretary Mrs. Madge G. Cooke and Treasurer Mrs. Nellie Kilgore, of the Seth C. Earl Relief Corp. are busily engaged in making the preparations for the usual customary patriotic observance this year. On Sunday the members will meet at 10 o'clock in the Sunday school of the Congregational church to arrange to attend the services at the Congregational church with comrades of the G. A. R.

Memorial services for comrades and members of the W. R. C. who have died since January, 1916, will be held at the armory Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Yonck, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will have charge of the services.

On Wednesday, May 30, a meeting will be held at the court house at 1 o'clock to arrange to attend the patriotic celebration Decoration day. Exercises will be held at the armory and some of the members will go to Ottawa Avenue cemetery to hold memorial services at soldiers' lot.

## FAMOUS TRAIN IS SOON TO PASS INTO HISTORY; LOSES NAME

After 12 o'clock next Sunday night the Peru accommodation will be known no longer by that name. As long as the oldest employee of the Rock Island can remember this passenger train has left Peru for Chicago every morning except Sunday and returned at night to Peru, where the train was put up for the night.

Beginning at the above hour next Sunday, the Rock Island will make a change in its time-card and one of the changes will be the passing of the name "Peru Accommodation." The "Bureau Accommodation" will take its place.

The local train hereafter will go to Bureau, 14 miles farther west, instead of to Peru, and will leave that station at 6:30 in the morning, getting to Ottawa at about 7:25. It will mean a little longer run for the crew but there will scarcely be any change in the time of the train reaching this city.

Another reason for the change was that many mornings No. 6 passenger from the west generally side-tracks the accommodation, making it considerably late reaching here and trailing the fast train into Chicago. The Peoria train also interfered with the accommodation at night getting by at Peru.

The changes in the time schedule of other trains will not be important.

## FRENCH CORPORAL JUST FROM VERDUN VISITS IN OTTAWA

#### FRANK MASSETT, OF SANDWICH, HOME ON TWENTY-ONE DAY FURLOUGH—TOOK PART IN FIGHT OF THE MARNE AS WELL.

Corporal Frank Massett, of the 14th regiment French grenadiers, last night gave Ottawa its first touch of Verdun atmosphere. Massett, fresh from the defense of the French stronghold in a twenty-one day furlough and is putting in his brief stay with his wife and children at their home near Sandwich, before going back to the battle line.

Massett, in company with friends, came to Ottawa last night and spent several hours upon the streets, where his uniform attracted endless attention. Massett was garbed in the uniform of an infantryman. His coat is a dark shade of blue while his trousers are of greyish blue. Red stripes running horizontally across his sleeve give the only touch of bright colors to the outfit. On his sleeve is a black band above his corporal's chevrons to indicate his three months' service at Verdun.

Massett is forty-three years of age and is the picture of health. He carries a round front that is comfortable in its proportions and appears to be well fed, besides admitting having had plenty to eat. He arrived home on May 15 and will return to France in time to get back into service at the expiration of his twenty-one day furlough.

Besides taking part in the defense of Verdun Massett saw service on the Marne under General Joffre. He escaped wounds, but had two very narrow calls—once when a dum dum pierced the heel of his shoe and again when a bullet tore his bayonet scabbard off the belt, but succeeded in passing without touching his body.

He is a grenade, or bomb thrower, considered among the most dangerous of all the fighting. He takes his lot with good grace and does not look forward to his return to the trenches with any misgivings. Like all others of his kind, he is fighting for France and victory.

He wears the medal for distinguished military service, but will leave that with his children when sets sail for France.

## 2 CATHOLIC CHURCHES WILL RAISE FLAGS IN ELABORATE CEREMONIES

On Sunday morning, immediately after high mass, at St. Francis church, the flag, which was to have been blessed and raised two weeks ago but was postponed on account of the failure of the railroad to deliver the pole in time, will be solemnly blessed and raised.

Special ceremonies have been arranged for this occasion. The flag will be given a place of honor in the church during the high mass at 10 o'clock. Immediately after the mass the blessing will take place. Procession will then be formed and will proceed to the spacious lawn between the new church and the school building, where a fifty-foot pole has been erected. The Knights of Columbus and the members of Company C, 3rd Ill. N. G., escorted by Hendrich's military band, will also take part in the ceremony. While the flag is being raised, Company C will fire a volley, followed immediately by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by the assembled audience, accompanied by the band.

The flag measures 7 x 12 and is the gift of the G. A. R. The pole is the gift of the St. Francis Dramatic and Athletic Club, while the celebration is being financed by the various societies connected with St. Francis parish.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock a flag raising exercise will be held at St. Patrick's school. A similar program has been arranged, which was announced earlier in the week.

## TO PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON PARADE AT MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at the circuit court room at the court house, the officers, committeemen and everyone having red blood in his veins who want to see Memorial Day fittingly observed will meet to put on the finishing touches for this day in Ottawa. Men and women, boys and girls and everyone are not only invited, but are urged to attend this meeting, and it is hoped the circuit court room will be packed to its capacity tonight.

## P. M.'S TO ADVERTISE LIBERTY WAR BONDS

#### WILL PLACE ADS UPON LETTERS AND PARCEL POST PACKAGES— OFFICIAL ORDERS RECEIVED BY DOUGHERTY.

If within the next few days you see some extra lettering on the letter from your business house or friend, don't tremble lest you are suspected of being a spy while the censor opens your letter. Don't reach into your jeans for "postage due." For probably the printed matter stamped across the face of your letter is only a postoffice advertisement for the Liberty loan bonds.

Postmaster Dougherty is getting ready to call the attention of all his "customers" to the bonds, and as soon as his stamp arrives from Washington he will start in decorating the mail packages of Ottawa folks.

#### Official Order Issued.

Here is the official order sent to Mr. Dougherty and other postmasters in the United States:

With reference to the notice of the postmaster general, dated May 17, 1917, printed on the front page of the Official Bulletin, issued at Washington on that date by the committee on public information, requesting postmasters to aid postal employees in subscribing to the Liberty bonds, the attention of postmasters, rural carriers and all other postal employees is invited to the further opportunity of rendering valuable assistance in selling the Liberty bonds by bringing the matter to the attention of those of their patrons likely to subscribe and supply them with all necessary information.

It is hoped that every employe in the postal service will subscribe for at least one of the bonds, and thus be well armed in the campaign for the sale of the bonds to others.

#### "Liberty Loan" Rubber Stamps.

To assist you in your patriotic efforts there will be forwarded within a few days to the postmaster at every second, third and fourth class postoffice, a rubber impression stamp bearing the following legend:

Do Your Bit.  
Buy a Liberty Loan Bond.  
Inquire at any Bank or Postoffice.  
In the use of the stamp use your red ink pad (or the black pad if you do not have a red one) and see that the impression is put on every letter received for delivery from your postoffice, the impression to be placed just above and slightly to the left of the addressed name.

## MISS ETHEL LA DUE IS BRIDE OF JOHN MILLER OF DAVENPORT

Simple ceremonies marked the wedding of Miss Ethel La Due, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Burdette La Due, of 515 East Main street, and John A. Miller, son of Mrs. August Miller, of Davenport, Iowa, last evening at 6 o'clock at the La Due home. Rev. Chessman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated.

The bride was charmingly attired in a georgette crepe dress with white silk. The couple were unattended.

Following the ceremony a four-course wedding supper was served at the home of the bride to the immediate relatives of the young couple.

The bride had been a teacher in the public schools at Spring Valley, and was one of Ottawa's popular young ladies. The groom is a resident of Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will make their future home in Davenport.

## IT IS O. K. TO WEAR STRAW LIDS NOW

Straw hat season is at hand, but thus far there have been only a few Chumney Olcotts who have had the nerve to discard the little brown Fedora, put on the straw bonnet and blossom out in creamy flannels. The fact of the matter is, a fellow feels like Ringling's circus as he floats down the avenue attired in a new "skypiece" and one of Easy Mark's two-piece suits of creamy shade and filmy texture. Looks as if he were trying to "outstrip" some other fellow.

The good housewife has put hubby to work on quite some few dusty rugs while she is storing away, amongst a brigade of moth balls, the winter clothing—or maybe she is hiding them away in the cedar chest which has the same effect on clothing as moth balls—except that there is a variation in the odor. If George is a good, hard working, indulgent husband, and knocks a few scuttles of dust out of the rugs, he gets a good, substantial feed of "greens"—with maybe an onion sandwich on the side.

This is also the season of the year to drink saffraan tea and eat burdock root and a few other "yarks" for your blood. Some of the boys think "Koon Crick" whiskey is almost as good—in fact, better.

## SHERIFF SELECTS MEN TO SERVE AS REGISTRARS JUNE 1

#### LIST OF HELPERS FOR OTTAWA MADE PUBLIC THIS MORNING— ALL GIVE SERVICE TO HELP U. S. ON REGISTRATION DAY.

Volunteers who will assist in the registration of Ottawa men on June 5 have been selected by Sheriff Davis, and their names made known today. The list is appended, together with places where registration booths will be opened. All services are given free to the government, including rents of the election rooms. The lists follow:

- #### First Precinct.
- Axel Heiberg, Chief Registrar.  
David G. Cairns.  
George H. Woolbert.  
Loroth Perkins.  
V. J. Duncan.  
John D. Smith.
- #### Second Precinct.
- Arthur Colwell, Chief Registrar.  
W. H. Barnard.  
E. J. Kelly.  
Harry Lee.  
C. G. Deenis.  
E. F. Bradford.
- #### Third Precinct.
- William O'Connell, Chief Registrar.  
George V. B. Weeks.  
Timothy Creedon.
- #### Fourth Precinct.
- M. W. Bach.  
Joseph A. Peltier.  
James Barrett.  
C. A. Caton.
- #### Fifth Precinct.
- H. L. Nicholson, Chief Registrar.  
Al. F. Schoch.  
Arthur E. Snow.  
Col. Carl J. Metzger.
- #### Sixth Precinct.
- D. L. McKenny, Chief Registrar.  
Clarence Griggs.  
E. V. Yocke.  
W. D. Duncan.
- #### South Ottawa.
- H. W. Farnsworth, Chief Registrar.  
W. D. Fullerton.  
Rector C. Hitt.  
F. M. DeLapp.  
Henry Waldacker.
- #### Polling Places.
- First Precinct—Ottawa Hotel.  
Second Precinct—Reddick's Library.  
Third Precinct—Weller's Store.  
Fourth Precinct—Illnich Building.  
Fifth Precinct—Schaefer's Hall.  
Sixth Precinct—Jobst Barber Shop.

## ILLINOIS ROADS INCREASED RATES

The following official statement regarding the proposed increase in passenger fares was issued yesterday by the Illinois railroads:

"Duly constituted authorities having determined that certain passenger fares in Illinois are discriminatory, the same will be advanced to the interstate basis, commencing May 31, 1917. The necessary tariffs are on file at all passenger stations, giving details of these advances."

It is expected that the increase in passenger rate from 2 cents a mile to 2 4/10 cents a mile, will be contested by Attorney General Brundage, of Illinois. In that case the suit will be carried to the United States Supreme Court for final decision on the alleged conflict of jurisdiction of the Illinois and interstate commissioners.

## BILL ELIMINATING TAX COLLECTORS BECOMES LAW JULY 1

A bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Boyd of the 36th district, abolishing the office of tax collector, was passed at Springfield last week and will become effective on July 1, 1918. Tax collectors elected in April will be permitted to serve out their two-year term.

The passage of the law, it is estimated, will save La Salle county nearly \$29,000 or \$30,000 a year in fees which now go to collectors. Under the Boyd law any county treasurer will collect the taxes, and any additional help he may need, the board of supervisors will have to supply it. The bill provides for the payment of personal taxes in February, and the real estate tax to be paid one-half in September of each year.

County collectors shall have the same powers and may proceed in the same manner for the collection of any tax on real or personal property as town or district collectors.

The new law will set back the publication of the delinquent tax list to November and application for judgment and order of sale for taxes and special assessments on delinquent lands and lots shall be made at the December term of the county court.

## OLD GLORY TAKEN TO AISNE FRONT FLOATS BESIDE THE TRI-COLORS

## MRS. CHAS. WERNER, PROMINENT WOMAN, DIED LAST NIGHT

#### DECEASED HAS BEEN AILING FOR THREE WEEKS—FUNERAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTER- NOON.

The Werner home at 1664 Ottawa avenue, was saddened by death last evening at 7:30 o'clock when Mrs. Eva Werner, wife of Charles G. Werner, passed to her reward.

The deceased had been in ill health for the last two years, but was not confined to her bed until three weeks ago, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Werner was born January 20, 1868. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eva L. Pope. In 1881, she was united in marriage to C. G. Werner, at the home of her stepfather, the late John Brundage, of Miller township.

Following her wedding, Mrs. Werner came to Ottawa to reside and has been a resident of this city ever since. The deceased was very prominent in the social and religious life of this city and took a most active part in anything that meant for the betterment of Ottawa.

Two children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Werner, both are deceased. Clara L. Werner died when at the age of ten years. The late Mrs. Adaline L. Warner Lee was one of Ottawa's talented musicians. She was run down and killed by an automobile a few years ago. Mrs. Werner grieved greatly over the loss of her daughter.

She is survived by her husband, C. G. Werner, and one brother, Milton Pope, of Ottawa, and a grandson, Russell Werner Lee.

The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. C. A. Briggs, pastor of the Methodist church, having charge of the services at the home. Burial will be in the Ottawa Avenue cemetery.

## C. S. AYERS LANDS SWEEPING CONTRACT

C. S. Ayers, of East Ottawa, was low bidder for sweeping and cleaning the streets, when bids were opened this morning at the special meeting of the council. Fred Scherer and T. J. Dimeen were bidders for the work, but both were considerably higher in their estimates than Mr. Ayers, and contracts will be awarded Monday to the successful bidder.

Mr. Ayers offered to carry out the contract for 45¢ per thousand square yards during the nine months period paved streets are swept, while Mr. Scherer asked 58¢ and Mr. Dimeen 53¢. There are a total of 306,950 square yards of pavement in Ottawa.

## CATHOLIC CENSUS IN PEORIA DIOCESE

The official Catholic directory, published by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, of New York, has just been issued. The figures of the Peoria diocese, of which Ottawa is a part, will be interesting reading to the citizens of this city and vicinity. The statistics are given for the preceding year, and are as follows:

Bishop, 1; priests, 223; churches with resident priest, 156; missions with churches, 77; total churches, 233; colleges for boys, 4; academies for girls, 8; parishes with schools, 74; pupils, 13,121; orphan asylums, 1; orphans, 123; Catholic population, about 115,500; marriages, 1,242; baptisms, 6,967; converts, 561; deaths, 2,073.

## UTICA RESIDENT DIES AT RYBURN HOSPITAL

John Lee, aged 49 years, of Utica, died last evening at 6:20 o'clock at Ryburn hospital. The deceased was taken ill March 8. He was brought to the hospital here Wednesday afternoon. His demise is attributed to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Lee resided in Utica the great part of his life. He leaves surviving two sisters, Miss Nellie Lee, of Ottawa; Mrs. Nettie Allan, of Marselles, and two brothers, George, of Utica, and Gilbert, of Harvey, Illinois. The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Utica. Interment will be in the Utica cemetery.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS AID IN FIERCE FIGHTING BY WORK IN TRENCHES AWAIT MORE UNITS

#### STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL MID- WEST UNIVERSITIES WILL JOIN COMRADES AND TAKE ACTUAL PART IN FIGHTING.

London, May 25.—The United States flag is on the battlefield at last. It flies alongside of the tri-colors on the Aisne river where furious fighting has been in progress ever since the spring campaign opened.

The first detachment of the American field service made up of college men who came from California to drive ambulances for the American hospital, but who were organized into a service corps as soon as the United States entered the war, is now actively participating in the operations with the French.

The Americans at the front are members of section one of the American munition transport service and most of them are former students at Cornell University. They are hurrying shells to the French fighters on the firing line and ammunition to men in the trenches. Capt. E. I. Tinkhof is in command and Lt. Col. Scully, of Princeton, is second in command.

Section two of the transport service will go on active duty next week and a week later section three will do so. The men of section three are mostly from Dartmouth, Yale, Harvard, John Hopkins, University of Chicago and Williams College.

The Americans have expressed the utmost anxiety to get to the front, saying they were willing to do any kind of work so long as they can get among the actual fighters.

#### Can't Join Pershing.

Washington, May 25.—Americans now fighting with the British and French forces in France will not be permitted to join the United States troops under Major General Jack Pershing and continue their "bit" for the allies under the stars and stripes. This view was expressed today by War Department officials who held that Pershing's men would not be supplemented by Americans now in the French or British service, but that more American troops would be dispatched to French soil as quickly as the units could be given the intensive training that is planned for them here.

It is variously estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 Americans are now fighting with the British and French forces. Practically all of them renounced their American citizenship by taking the oath of allegiance prescribed by Great Britain and France, although in the case of the foreign legion among the French troops and in that of many of the flying corps wearing French colors, American citizenship is retained by reason of the fact that the men took only an oath of obedience.

#### Proclaims Red Cross Week.

Washington, May 25.—Recognizing that fact that but a small proportion of American people can have the opportunity to serve on the battlefield, but that all men, women and children can do effective service by aiding the Red Cross President Wilson today issued a proclamation designating the week ending June 25 as Red Cross week. The proclamation calls upon the people to give generously to the fun for the support of the national relief needs. The proclamation follows:

"Inasmuch as our thoughts as a nation are now turned in united purpose towards the performance to the utmost of the services and duties which we have assumed in the cause of justice and liberty.

"And inasmuch as the American Red Cross is the official recognized agency for voluntary effort in behalf of the armed forces of the nation and for the administration of relief.

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as president of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week ending June 25, 1917, as Red Cross week, during which the people of the United States are invited to give generously to the support of the national relief needs.

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