

REFUTES ELLIOTT'S SEWAGE ARGUMENTS

George Bennett, Director of Wild Life School, Tells Why Cedar River Should Not Be Polluted.

A reply to Owen N. Elliott, local attorney, whose opinions on the sewage situation in this and other cities were published in the Evening Gazette...

Mr. Bennett's letter in which he takes objection to many of the local man's views is as follows: "My attention has been drawn to some remarks on the sewage situation made by an attorney of Cedar Rapids, Owen N. Elliott and I shall be glad if you will kindly afford me a little space to comment on these."

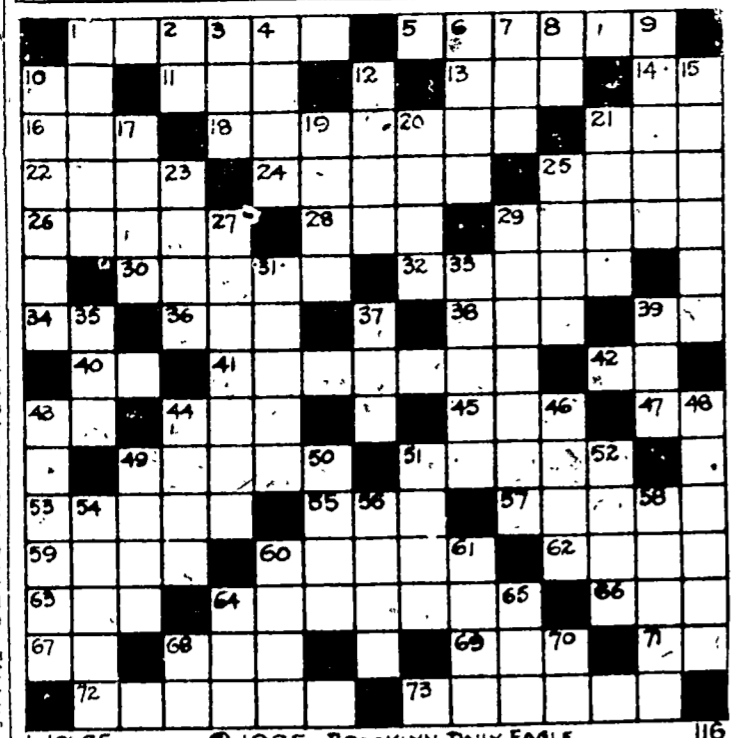
"The present state of the river for a distance of three hundred miles is such that it is a disgrace not only to our state but to the nation at large. The Illinois is now an open sewer, death-dealing sewer. It is a shame that the city of Cedar Rapids should have a sewage stream in the Potomac river for the ever present boy who enjoyed his daily swim but now if any boy is so fool as to take the risk he is sure to come out of the water with a little covering his entire body or if he goes in at Havana two hundred miles from Chicago he will in a few days have infectious pimples on his body or if at Havana he may receive a cut or any skin abrasion he will come out infected with a poison that will kill him in spite of any medical aid, but Chicago cries out in despair that her young people must have clean bathing beaches and there must not be any possible infection for them."

"So much for improved conditions in handling sewage east of the river. The general trend of Mr. Elliott's remarks would facilitate us on the fact that through conditions peculiar to a comparatively new state, so in Iowa and quite a long period of years before us, to continue to pollute our waters, ere we arrived at the situation prevailing farther eastward and then it would be ample time to get back to normal again, by adopting eastern methods of correction."

"Now this is bad in every way and has not a redeeming feature."

"In the first place, this reasoning assumes that the east has been acting wisely in the past and thus has set a good example to follow, where

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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of these various wastes being dealt with in a way that is by no means all extra expense. "The sentiment for making and keeping Iowa's waters pure is rapidly growing, and the advent of the new law of the legislature is a substantial advance in this, with a resultant stiffening of legislation and its enforcement. Of course, where cities have greatly grown in population and long used the stream running through them as a cesspool and sewer, it is reasonable that a certain time be granted for re-adjustment, and the same would follow in the case of the industrial plant where the large number of wage-earners tolled for a living. But in the case of young and small cities and embryo factories or ordinary business concerns, the regular rule should be applied.

Easier to Bar It All. "I know the plea is made that a stream can carry a certain amount of pollution without evil results, but assuming this correct, what a troublesome situation we should have with us perpetually, where in the case of a river, with a number of towns on its banks, it was attempted to regulate the amount of this pollution and how much each place should be allowed to contribute. Infinitely easier and better to bar it all! "And who shall say that even a fragmentary amount of sewage or industrial waste does not pollute a river? Does not the pure, fresh stream water possess an infinite variety of organisms, many of them delicate and needing all the environmental nature has given them? Does not the water itself only contribute to the mischief that has accrued where nature's plans have been interfered with, and we can not digest the lesson too thoroughly.

"Mr. Elliott gives us a picture of the Cedar river almost approaching a virgin stream. But let me ask him why a few miles down that river, amid the beautiful Palisades, with their splendid contribution of trees and rocks, the water is so foul parents want their children to bathe or to wade or bathe there? And there are many and many of the intelligent dwellers of Cedar Rapids who would willingly face an increased tax, if conditions such as these could be changed. To talk about the attendant expense, is like the case of a man suffering from a disease that threatens his life, but who hesitates because the physician's fee. No sum of money is too great to pay for life and real enjoyment in living. "Yes! The great state of Iowa is going to line up against this menace of polluting the river, and the action of adopting a enlightened policy which will save it from the disaster that has submerged the states of the east. At the same time this will mean a tremendous impetus to Iowa's status and general advance through the fine and progressive economic conditions that will follow. "And the Iowa courts will back its progressive government, and wide-awake legislature to the hilt!"

What Morning Papers Featured

WASHINGTON -- President Coolidge believes the federal government should reduce the interest on the \$450,000,000 in loans made to the railroads after the war. LAKELAND -- The Los Angeles completed a successful 33 hour test, during which she was several times hoisted to her mast after several short flights.

FURNITURE DAMAGED BY FIRE IN FOSTER HOME

Fire starting in a chair in the living room at the home of M. Foster, 707 Third avenue west, at 3:15 p. m. yesterday, damaged furniture to the extent of \$100 before it could be extinguished by firemen. The cause was reported by Chief Kennedy to be either a lighted pipe or cigarette. Another alarm was answered by the fire department at 6:37 p. m. at the home of A. M. Chalmers, 1217 First avenue west. The chimney on the house burned out. There was no damage.

ALBURNETT SCHOOL NOTES

The Alburnett basketball team won both of its games with Walker. The girls' score was 19 to 15. The boys played up an unexpected score of 27 to 12. Thursday and Friday were devoted to the semester examinations. A birthday party in honor of Viola Miles was enjoyed at the Miles home. Twenty high school folk were present. Francis Kee and Dorothy Hense are absent from school, on account of sickness. Visitors this week were Bernice Anderson, Blanche Norris, Nova Henderson, Velma Reel, Herbert Andrew, Delmon Moothart, Vera Hauser, Paul Goodlove, Eldridge

ROADS BECOME SLIPPERY AS TEMPERATURE MOUNTS

With the temperature creeping a few degrees above the freezing point for the last few days, the dirt roads are reported to have become slippery. The Cedar Rapids Automobile club has been informed that chains are necessary for cars to climb some of the hills in the vicinity of the city. Many motorists are traveling at night after the roads freeze to escape the mud. The mercury went up to thirty degrees yesterday, according to the report at the Iowa Railway and Light company. The minimum temperature last night was ten degrees above.

THREE-DAY BAZAAR AND FROLIC CASCADE EVENT

Special to The Gazette. Cascade's next big event will take place Jan. 15, 16 and 17, when the Cascade Community club puts on its three-day bazaar. A little bit of everything that goes to manufacture a good time has been provided for this occasion. Already considerable interest is manifest in the woman's popularity contest. Programs each night, with dancing, music and other features will make this mid-winter frolic one of the best ever held. DES MOINES -- Arguments in the public funds suit were completed in district court here and the case was taken under advisement by Judge Thompson.

PALACE ALL NEXT WEEK STARTING TOMORROW SUNDAY--ENTIRE WEEK "Sundown" Is Another Epic of Old West YES, SIR! It's Big! Big with the throbbing life of the sturdy pioneers -- big with the fire that pulses through our own veins. To a jazz-laden movie public comes the more sturdy refreshment in this picture called "Sundown" which is the screen story of the passing of the cattleman. For a time at least it seems we have swapped the ballroom for the prairie; the "young hunk" for the old-time cowboy. The picture is a clear-eyed girl with the sun-kissed lips and the wind in her hair. We find that we are gratefully lifting our eyes from the more of sensationalism to the hills and fields of the old-time pioneers. Received their strength -- and revelling in pictures dealing with achievement. Witness "Sundown," "The Iron Horse," "The Covered Wagon," etc. Nice and restful and wholesomely stimulating at the same time, for, tell the world, our country's builders never lacked excitement! "When East Came West" might have served as a title for "Sundown," which is of the "westers," who, granted sections of land by the government, gradually populated the cattle country and forced the cattlemen to drive their herds into Mexico, the only place at last where they can find grazing space. There's a love story -- but it is more or less incidental. "Sundown's" big pull lies in its panoramic effects, its coloring, its photography, and the stirring cattle drive. All that cattle drive is something to see, with its thousands of beautiful, molting beasts and the stern, sad men who, having made the west safe for civilization, are forced by "the gentle fingers of progress" to move on! Laughs lighten the production, and the tender passages between Miss Love, who, with her "keeper" father, comes west to "nest," and Roy Stewart, cowboy son of a cattleman father, are interesting and convincing. But, as I said, the love story graciously keeps in the background that the big picture makes the west safe for civilization, are forced by "the gentle fingers of progress" to move on! YOU WILL SAY THE SAME THING Admission For This Special Production ADULTS 35c KIDS 10c Matinee and Evening Also Comedy News Orchestra PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! Help Us Handle the Crowds by Attending the Matinees and Early Shows. Show Time: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

JACQUELINE LOGAN in "The House of Youth" Oh Min--Look "THE GUMPS" In "AGGRAVATIN' MAMMA" SUNDAY 4 Days Only YOUTH! That's the subject of this gripping screen version of Maude Radford Warren's widely-read novel. The Plot frolics, skyrockets, grips, thrills and entertains every second. IT MAKES the average flapper drama look like an Old Ladies Home. 10c 35c A BRILLIANT Spectacular production, luxurious settings linked with a logical dramatic story. A PEEP BEHIND the gilded walls of society with its intrigues, its greed and selfishness.

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