

## IOWA PUGHS/MORRISSEY'S IN THE NEWS 1900-1908

- Jan 13 1900      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Peter Morrissey returned this morning from a visit of some days with friends in Council Bluffs.
- Sept 3 1900      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
MA Morrissey, of Adair, CA Berry of Casey and Wm Carroll of Avoca were in town this week.
- Oct 19, 1900      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
A Switch Engine and Crew for Atlantic. Several years ago, during the hard times, the Rock Island railway removed their switch engine and crew from the yards in this city. This week they have decided to place a switch engine and crew here again as a permanent feature of their business and it is now in the yards at work with a full crew of five men; viz; a conductor, two switchman, and engineer and fireman.  
During the absence of the engine and crew here, the freight engines and crews on the main line have had to do their own switching and make up their own trains and the consequence was a good deal of delay and many trains late. Under the new arrangement this will be avoided. During the hard times business fell off in the railroad traffic to a considerable extent, but at the present time the railway business has increased and the traffic of the road demands better facilities to handle it quickly. An immense number of freight cards are handled in the yards here. The two branch lines from this city to Audubon and Griswold handle a large business.... (missing words).....amount of switching. The new arrangement will be of considerable importance to the interests of Atlantic, as it will transfer five busy families from Valley Junction to this city as soon as the crew can secure residences, and will enlarge the pay roll to that extent. With this addition there will be twenty-six men on the pay roll in this city at the depots and in the freight yards. In addition to these are section gangs who work out from this city on the main line and branches, which probably average nearly as many more employees of the company with headquarters here.
- Dec 15 1900      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Pete Morrisy [as is] is authority for the statement that more brick walk has been laid in this city this year than in all the years previous, added together, and that the amount of work to be done next year will exceed that of this one. He has been the right hand man to Contractor, Con Enright during the season. They are now making contracts for next years fulfillment and hope for great things.
- Dec 24, 1900      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Miss Vinnie Evans of Manning is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Julia Pugh at 310 Locust Street.

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- Jan 15 1901      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Miss Kate Pugh left today for a short visit with friends in Griswold.
- Jan 16 1901      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Pete Morrissey has decided to embark into permanent sidewalk building on his own account and is now preparing to fill all wants in the brick or cement walk line with the opening of spring. Mr. Morrissey is an old hand at this work and will no doubt do his share of the large amount of this work which will be done here during the coming summer.
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1901    **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph** Tim Morrissey returned home Saturday after an extended visit with relatives and friends in New York. Mr. Morrissey, who had never been east before, was very favorably impressed with the country and thinks of returning there to make it his home.
- 1902              **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
**CASS COUNTY 1902: Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernia**  
  
William P. Curry, County President, 307 Chestnut St., Atlantic.  
  
John B. Pugh, County Vice President, 307 Locust St., Atlantic.  
Andrew J. O'Dea, County Secretary, 306 Olive St., Atlantic.  
Albert L. Moreland, County Treasurer, 309 Oak St., Atlantic.  
Rev. P. Daly, County Chaplain, 106 W. Sixth St., Atlantic.  
Div. 1  
John F. McGovern, President, Atlantic.  
John Pugh, Vice President, Atlantic.  
W.P. Murray, Recording Secretary, Atlantic.  
T.F. Casey, Financial Secretary, Atlantic.  
A.L. Moreland, Treasurer, Atlantic.  
  
Meetings held at 8 o'clock in Hibernian Hall on the First Saturday of each month.
- Oct 1 1902      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
Democrats Caucus. The democrats of the third and fourth wards met last night at the office of Willard & Willard and their brethren of the first and second wards met at the Fireman's hall to select delegates to the county convention to be held on Friday of this week. The following delegates were selected. First ward-. Delegates Wm Goodale, Con Enright, Geo. Lang, John Connor, Pat O'Brien, Pete Morrissey, Wm Dewey, CP Cornell.

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- Oct 22, 1902      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
The case of Con Enright vs Peter Morrissey [as is] is occupying the attention of Justice Pressnall's court today. The plaintiff sues for \$50 which he alleges is due him for material. The defendant has filed a counter claim of some \$86 which he alleges is due him as his commission of the profits of the sidewalk business of the plaintiff when he was employed by him. He claims that there was an agreement by which he was to receive a per cent of the profits. The case is being tried before a jury. WA Follett is attorney for the defendant and John Hudspeth for the plaintiff.
- Oct 23 1902      **Atlantic Semi- Weekly Telegraph**  
The jury in the case of Enright vs Morrissey [as is] which was tried yesterday returned a verdict of \$14.85 and costs in favor of the defendant. That case was a suit for \$50 which Con Enright claimed was due him for material from the defendant, Peter Morrissey [as is]. The defendant filed counter claim for \$86 which they claimed was the amount due from Enright as commission on the profits of the sidewalk business while the defendant was employed by the later. (On a later day, the paper corrected the amount due to \$1.48 ½ cents)
- Jan 17 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Maccabees Officers Installed**  
Atlantic Tent No 41, knights of The Tented Maccabees- installed the following officers last night. Commander, Eugene Ramsey, lieutenant commander, Thomas Mullins, record keeper, John Eggers, sergeant, Gus Lindberg, first master of the guard, John Pugh; sentinel, Herman Selbock. Henry O. Gillett acted as installing office. This lodge is expecting an uncommonly large growth and is planning for a big meeting the first Monday night in next month at which time it is expected that twenty-five or thirty new members will be initiated into the mysteries of the order.
- Jan 19, 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Pat Pugh, who was hurt some weeks ago by falling from the top of a car and who has been at the hospital ever since, was able to stand on his feet yesterday for the first time since he met with the accident which laid him up.
- Feb 12 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
S.B. Morrissey of Harlan, member of the democratic state central committee from this district was in the city today shaking hands with friends and attending business matters.

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- Feb 22 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Pete Morrissey is announced as a candidate for alderman in the first ward. The suggestion of his name came about through his connection with and experience in the permanent sidewalk work of the city. There will be much of this to do in the coming season and Mr. Morrissey's experience is believed to be of value. While his position as councilman would bar him from taking any contracts for work for the city, it would enable him to direct much of the work and would be a benefit for the public. It is on this score that Mr. Morrissey has been brought forward as a candidate.
- Mar 12 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
S. B. Morrissey, member of the Democratic State Central committee from his district was in the city today a short time on his way west to his home after a visit at Des Moines where he was on political business.
- Mar 25 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**The City Election**  
On Monday next, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the voters of the city of Atlantic will have an opportunity of voting for their candidates for councilmen and for to office of city attorney. There are two candidates in each of the four wards. In the first, Peter Morrissey and Wm. Goodge are the opposing candidates, in the second Carl Wissler and Joe Burnea, in the third B.R. Wasson and J.H. Laurenson, in the fourth, John Hudspeth and Wm. Hines. For city attorney W.A. Follett has no opposition.
- April 4 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Peter Morrissey, through his attorney, John Hudspeth, filed a contest of the election in the First Ward. He alleges as a cause that two of the Judges of Election, John Moreland and George Lang knew how the vote was going and kept outsiders posted by certain signs. He also alleges as a cause for contest the fact that the judges all went to the Atlantic Hotel for supper before the vote was counted and took the ballot box with them. He also says that Mr. Goodge, the successful candidate, whose election he seeks to overthrow, went into the voting place and gave cigars to voters and that three of his workers worked and talked with voters within the legal limit of the polls. He gives a bond in the sum of \$100 with John Kernan as surety. He asks in the petition that the council declare the election null and call a special one for the purpose of choosing a councilman form that ward.
- April 6 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
The matter of the contest which Peter Morrissey has brought in the First Ward, by which he aims to have the election in that ward, at which Wm Goodge was elected councilman, declared null, and a special election called, was brought up. Both city attorney Follett and John Hudspeth, attorney for

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Mr. Morrissey, were present, and come little talk was had about the matter. Mayor McWaid, under the law much act as one of the judges of the trial, which decides the contest and associated with him there much be two other judges, one to be chosen by the incumbent in the office and the other by the contestant. Mayor McWaid said that he would decide today the time when the contest would be heard, the law also given him the power to fix that date.

April 25 1904 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Files Answer**

Through his attorneys, T.B. Swan and W.A. Follett, Wm Goodge has filed in the office of the city clerk, his answer to the petition of Peter Morrissey, who is contesting the election in the First Ward. Mr. Goodge denies each and every allegation of the contestant except that the ballot box was taken by the judges and clerks of election to the Atlantic Hotel and all ate supper, returning with the box and counting the votes. Incumbent admits that much of his contestant's petition but says in his answer that the box was never out of the sight of the election board. He asks that he be allowed to continue in office and that contestant pay costs of the hearing. In his petition he nominated B.R. Wasson as associate judge in the hearing which is set for tomorrow. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed in the case. As yet Mr. Morrissey has not filed his nomination of associate judge at the hearing and has not subpoenaed any witness.

April 26 1904 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**

**Hearing Continued.** The hearing of the Morrissey-Goodge contest in the First Ward which was set for this (Tuesday) morning was continued until May 10<sup>th</sup>. The judge elected by Mr. Morrissey in the case was J.S. Goss but he was unable to serve so H.C. Gillett was selected. Mr. Gillett and Mr. Wasson, the judge selected by Mr. Goodge, were sworn in. John Hudspeth, attorney for contestant in the matter, filed a petition with the city clerk asking that the case be tried before a justice of the peace instead of Mayor J.A. McWaid, alleging as a reason therefore, 1<sup>st</sup> that Mr. McWaid is opposed to Peter Morrissey, the contestant, 2<sup>nd</sup> that he was a supporter of Mr. Goodge the incumbent and third that contestant believes he could not obtain a fair trial of the case before said J.A. McWaid.

May 10 1904 **Atlantic Daily Democrat : Morrissey-Goodge Contest**

Trial of Case Brought as a result of first ward Election

The trial of the election contest case in the First Ward was commenced this (Tuesday) morning before Mayor J.A. McWaid and Associate Judges H.C. Gillett and B.R. Wasson. The attorneys argued the petition of contestant to take the case before a justice of the peace but it was not allowed and the trial

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of the case was commenced.

A number of witnesses were examined, the most to them voters in the First Ward, who swore that they had seen or had not seen the judges of election open ballots. This afternoon the attorney for contestant brought in an amendment asking for a count of the ballot cast at the election in controversy and up to the hour of going to press the count is in progress. John Hudspeth is attorney for the contestant, and W.A. Follett and T.B. Swan for the incumbent.

- May 10 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat   No Fraud**  
The trial of the charges brought by candidate Morrissey in his effort to have the election of Councilman Goodge declared void, has occupied the time of the city official today. The court is composed of Mayor McWaid, Councilman Wasson and Henry Gillett. Up until a late hour this afternoon the plaintiff was introducing testimony. He had witnesses to state that ballots were opened by the election judges after the voters had marked them, and that candidate Goodge had given cigars to voters within the polling room after they had cast their ballots. There has been no substantial showing of fraud upon the part of anyone so far as the case has now progressed.
- May 11 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Continued until tomorrow-the court in the Morrissey- Goodge election contest was adjourned yesterday until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The evidence of contestant is all in and one or two witnesses for incumbent have been sworn.
- May 12 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
The Maccabees will hold a most interesting entertainment at the IOOF hall next Monday evening when the state leader of the organization, Mr. Emerines will be present and deliver an address. Music, recitations and other entertaining features will add to the program and make it enjoyable. The Maccabees hope that a full room will greet their speaker and as there will be no charge for admission, it seems quite reasonable that their plans will be met.
- May 12 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Morrissey-Goodge Contest**  
The Morrissey Goodge contest was taken up this morning and submitted to the judges. Mayor McWaid and Mr. Wasson reported in favor of the defendant, thus dismissing the case at Morrissey's costs. The costs are \$88.35. Mr. H.O. Gillett will bring in a dissenting report. Mr. Morrissey intends to appeal to the district courts.

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- May 12 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Morrissey-Goodge Case**  
The trial for Morrissey- Goodge election contest case was resumed this (Thursday) morning after an adjournment yesterday. The evidence of incumbent was submitted and the case given to the judges. The court found for the incumbent, Wm Goodge. One judge, H.C. Gillett, will file a dissenting opinion. The cost of the case have amounted to \$88.00. The costs will be taxed to the contestant.
- May 28 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Peter Morrissey who contested the election in the first Ward and against whom the case was decided by the court before which it was tried, has served notice on W. Goodge, the incumbent, that he will appeal the case to the district court.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> 1904   **Lewis News (The Daily Telegraph)**  
Peter Morrissey and his force of men have completed the cement walk around the new bank. He will also lay new walks in front of the business block south of the park.
- July 15 1904     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
First Ward Democrats  
The democrats of the First Ward met at the office of John Blake on Thursday evening and selected the following delegates and alternates to the county convention to be held in Atlantic on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Delegates: John Moreland, George Lang, Con Enright, Wm Duwe, Ed Reichstein, George McGee. Alternates: Peter Morrissey, John Connor, Wm Goodale, James Walters, Peter Landmesser, Andy Heiser and Henry Hoffman.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> 1904   **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
*Summary- news from the Democrat Convention*  
**They Fail to Nominate**  
This next matter that was brought before the convention was that of the state chairmanship; Hudspeth made a motion to vote for Maxwell for state chairman. This brought on the only storm of the convention. Willard moved to amend by the insertion of the name of Steve Morrissy {as is} of Harlan and supported his amendment by quite a little talk. He was followed by L.L. Delano who stated that he was not in favor of instructing the delegates. He said that to turn down Steve Morrissy meant that the democrats of Shelby County would be miffed at their brethren in Cass and that when the next campaign came for the elected of a state senator from the Cass- Shelby district Cass would receive the worst of it.

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- July 14 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Stephen B. Morrissey (*any relation?*)  
This paper favors the election of S.B. Morrissey as chairman of the state committee, not from any ulterior motive but because good political sense suggests it.  
Mr. Morrissey is a member of the democratic state committee for this district. He is in line with the dominating element in national politics, while Maxwell has been out of line all the time and the management of party affairs in this state should be in hearty accord with the national candidate.  
Mr. Morrissey lives in this senatorial, judicial and congressional district, and the ethics of politics suggest that he be supported by the democrats of the district for the good he has done in the past and can do in the future.  
Mr. Morrissey is active and energetic and his long service on the state committee has especially fitted him for its chairmanship. Mr. Morrissey supported Mr. Bryan in 1896 and 1900 and has been what Mr. Bryan terms "regular" at all times.  
The state committee stands 6 to 5 in favor of an anti-Maxwell candidate and will not submit to Maxell's setting as chairman. There is talk of carrying the matter into the state convention for settlement. If this is done good politics suggests that the Cass County delegation vote for Mr. Morrissey.
- Aug 8 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat** *SB Morrissey is Sec Pro Temp after election 1904*  
Peter Morrissey called our attention to the new cement culvert he has laid at the fireman's hall. It is the first of its kind that has been put in Atlantic and is certainly a great improvement over the old style. It would be a good idea for the city to adopt the general use. While it would cost a little more than plank yet it is a permanent one. It is a nice piece of work.
- Aug 23 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
An 8-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morrissey yesterday morning. Mr. Morrissey is still able to look after his sidewalk business but is figuring on turning the work over to the son sometime in the future.
- Sept 20 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Case of Morrissey Against Goodge Comdicted All But the Attorney's Arguments**  
The taking of testimony in the case of Morrissey against Goodge was completed in the district court this morning but the argument of the attorneys was not heard because Judge Green had to attend to pressing business before the federal court at Council Bluff this afternoon. He is expected to return from Council Bluffs tomorrow morning and then the arguments are expected to be made.



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- Oct 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Goodge Retains Seat**  
Judge W.R. Green Renders Decision in the Election Contest Case  
County Clerk H.F. Fulton this morning received the decisions of Judge Green in the case of Peter Morrissey against William J. Goodge. He holds that Mr. Morrissey's grounds for suit are not good, therefore dismissed the suit and ordered the cost of the suit taxed up to the plaintiff Morrissey.
- At the city election last spring Morrissey and Goodge were candidates for alderman from the same precinct here in Atlantic. The election board declared Goodge was elected. Morrissey demanded a recount of the votes, but the decision remained the same. He then appealed to the district court with the result stated above. The cost in the case are \$145.65 and as stated above are taxed up to the plaintiff, Morrissey.
- Oct 20 1904      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Staak of Carroll who have been guest of Mr. and Mrs John Pugh Jr. returned home today.
- April 7 1905      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter who arrived at their home yesterday (*Mary Loretta*).
- April 27 1905      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Atlantic approved \$3.00 to Tim Morrissey -work for county. \$60.00 to Pete Morrissey laying walk.
- Dec 12 1905      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
John Pugh Jr left for Goodlund Kansas yesterday to look after business matters.
- July 13 1905      **Atlantic Daily Democrat Are Building Walks**  
Peter Morrissey [as is] has just completed building a sidewalk at the rear of the court house, from the south entrance west to Poplar street. The board of supervisors early in the spring built a fine walk east from the south entrance and took up the old board concern running west. Since then there has been such a storm from residents of the southwestern part of the city, persons who have occasion to frequent the court house that the members of the board finally consented to had the walk built.
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat** Born to Patrick Pugh and wife, living on Olive street, a girl.

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- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Pugh and Miss Anna McGrath entertained about twenty friends last night at 205 Linn street, the home of the former, in honor of their guest, Miss Agnes Sutzin of Minneapolis Minn. Board of Trade and whist furnished amusement for the evening and a two course luncheon was served.
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
John Pugh, who is employed on the railroad here, is taking a few days vacation from his duties, because of a slight indisposition caused by illness. He is not confined to the house and will be back at work again in a short time.
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Lady Maccabees circle will meet at Mrs. John Pugh's 201 Linn street tomorrow afternoon from 1-6 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.
- March 8 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Pete Morrissey [as is] has given us to understand that he is planning to become a candidate for alderman from the First ward. Mr. Morrissey [as is] made the race two years ago and came within eighteen votes of being elected. Should he decide to enter the race he will undoubtedly make a strong candidate.
- March 15 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
*Summary* Pete announced his intent to run.
- March 19, 1907      **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Pat Pugh is acting as night policeman temp in place of Frank Cain, who is doing the day work until after the city election.
- March 31 1906      **Atlantic Daily Democrat** Addie Sutzin has returned to her home in Minneapolis after a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, and other relatives.

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## **June 1907 The Daily Telegraph Eighth Grade Graduation**

*Commencement Exercises of Eighth Grade of the Atlantic School Occurred This Afternoon.*

One of the important events for commencement week of the Atlantic high school was held this afternoon, when 50 students of the eighth grade graduated from that room and will enter upon their studies in the high school next year. The exercises were held in the high school room of the Central building and were well attended by relatives and friends of the students. The program consisted of recitations, music, and dialogues, and was very interesting and entertaining. The drill by a company of the graduates being especially well rendered and showing much earnest work on the part of the teachers and pupils. The class history by Ethel Kadel was especially entertaining and well written, while the concert recitation was rendered in a faultless manner, and the dialogue provoked much laughter. At the conclusion of the exercises, the members of the class presented with promotion cards, that allows their entry to the high school next year. This class consists of 50 members as follows:

John Barnes	Sam Block
Grace Borchardt	Ednah Bruce
Lee Burton	Lafe Carter
Winnie Cornell	Mary Curry
Amy Dallas	Lester Dunn
Roy Dunn	Delia Eby
Grace Fagan	Irma Fudge
Ralph Gilbert	Raymond Hamm
Ethel Horn	Ray Hunter
Arthur Jensen	Clara Johnson
Ethel Kadel	Hazel Kirk
Lillian Kirk	Jessie Lawson
Willie Liuke	Harry Lorenzen
Roy Luke	Helen Mailjander
Sam Marshall	Lottie Means
Carrie Newcomb	Laura Pelzer
Jesse Pipgrass	Murry Preston
Bertha Prince	Clem Pugh
Lois Reynolds	Pansy Riggs
Rose Scurlock	Blanche Scybert
Hazel Sperling	Mayme Stewart
Grace Spencer	Irma Townsend
Mary Weideman	Max Williams
Willie Williams	Mary Willis
Marion Winger	Frank Woolsey (Not related to Summit Woolsey from what I can tell. Summit Woolsey's came from NY)

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- June 25<sup>th</sup> 1906 **Atlantic Daily Democrat** Mr and Mrs. Peter Morrissey are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> 1906 **Atlantic Daily Democrat** Mrs. Morrissey in hospital.
- July 31 1906 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Peter Morrissey has left for Cumberland where he has more cement side walks to construct. Pete has had much work in the surrounding towns this year.
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1906 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
**Back from Lewis.**  
Peter and Tim Morrissey have returned from Lewis where they have been engaged in putting in some cement sidewalks for the past two weeks. The work has proven entirely satisfactory to the patrons and Pete expects to return next week to complete some other jobs he has there.
- May 3 1907 **Atlantic Daily Democrat** After July 4<sup>th</sup> I will build sidewalks at the following prices: Atlantic brick 6 ½ cents/ft, No 1 not No 2 flint brick 8cents/foot, Galesburg 7 cents/ft, cement 10 cents/foot. Con Enright, the old Veteran
- May 3 1907 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Peter Morrissey expects to leave Tuesday for Cumberland where he has contracted for laying the brick street crossings.
- May 11 1907 **Cumberland Enterprise**  
Peter Morrissey of Atlantic arrived in the city Monday and at once began work on the new brick steel crossings, the material for which the council recently purchased. Ten new crossings will be laid at this time which have been badly needed for some time. In additional to this work Mr. Morrissey rebuilt a large part of the cement crossing on Main street which was placed there last spring by him with a guaranty that it would last forever. Peter evidently misjudged the material used or else did not use the right prescription in mixing the material, as many weeks did not elapse before the crossing began to show signs of going to pieces and for some time past it has been in bad condition. It is hoped that the new one will prove more substantial.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> 1907 **Atlantic Daily Democrat**  
Mrs. John Pugh and sons John and Raymond left for South Dakota where they will visit with relatives for a few weeks.

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May 29<sup>th</sup> 1908     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**

John Pugh will soon take a position in the office of Roadmaster Gibbs of the Rock Island (John Jr)

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1908     **Atlantic Daily Democrat**

James Pugh, section boss on the Rock Island for some time, quit his job Sat and yesterday morning went to work in the same position fir the A.N.&S. Young Pugh is only 18 years of age, yet is considered very competent in his line of business.

## **November 20, 1908 The Daily Telegraph- Atlantic Iowa Delinquent Tax List**

The following is a true and correct list of all lands and town lots in Cass County, Iowa in which taxes for the year 1907 or prior years, are due and unpaid as appears from the several tax lists in my office. Notice is hereby given, that unless the taxes, interest and costs are sooner paid, the following lands and town lots or so much thereof as is necessary to pay the tax, interest and costs thereon, will be sold at the treasurer's office in Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa on the first Monday in December, A.D. 1908 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM of said day until all the lands and town lots are offered for sale.

John Pugh's name appears on the delinquent tax list for Atlantic City:

Lt 19 blk 12 1907 tax 9.11 interest .27 cost .20 total 9.58.

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## *Knights of the Maccabees*

Variously known as the Knights (and Ladies) of the Maccabees, Maccabees of the World, Macabees, Women's Benefit Association. The original early biblical Maccabees were a priestly family of Jews who organized a successful rebellion against the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV and reconsecrated the defiled Temple of Jerusalem. In 1896, the Knights of the Maccabees had a membership of 209,831. The Knights of the Maccabees were a fraternal and benevolent "legal reserve society." Families of deceased members received benefits in the form of legal-reserve insurance. All white persons of sound health and good character, from birth to 70 years of age, were eligible for membership. Their name comes from the Biblical Maccabees. The order was founded in London, Ontario in 1878 and reorganized in 1883. Before 1914, it was known as the Knights of the Maccabees. Subsequent to 1914, it has been simply been called "The Maccabees". At one time, about one third of membership was in Michigan. Thirty years ago, their national headquarters was located at 5057 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI. From "History of Genesee County, Michigan Vol. 1, - 1916": Knights of the Maccabees of the World, organized originally in Canada, was incorporated in Michigan in 1884. Originally it operated on an assessment basis; whenever a member died, each living member was assessed 10 cents to go into a pot to provide the widow \$1000. After reorganization, it became much more sophisticated, collecting monthly assessments based on payouts. By the 1890s it provided not only death benefits but also sick benefits of \$4 to \$10/week; total and permanent disability benefits of \$50, \$200, or \$300 annually (depending on the size of your assessment); \$175-\$2000 for loss of hands, eyes, feet, etc.; funeral benefits, and so on. "Coal miners" - "aeronauts" and other dangerous professions excluded. Manufacturers, sellers, and drinkers of alcohol also excluded. The *Maccabees* were one of the more successful of fraternal benefit societies which sprung up after the Civil War. Many insurance companies were not interested in sales to ordinary people and there was little in the way of "safety nets". Groups like the Maccabees, Foresters, Woodmen, and so on provided a safety net along with pleasant social meetings and other gatherings. Each had its own ritual legend -- the Foresters, Robin Hood, for example, and the Maccabees the story of Mattathias Maccabee and his sons, the leaders of the Jewish revolt against Syrian desecration of the Temple.

The insurance aspect of the fraternity has always been paramount. Its fraternal aspect drew on the exploits of the Jewish military genius Judas Maccabeus.

*The Knights of the Modern Maccabees* and *The Maccabees of the World* have since consolidated and were known simply as the *Maccabees*. Their fraternalism activities ceased to exist in 1962 when they became a life insurance company.

<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism/maccabees.htm>

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