DEATH RESULTED FROM CANCER

Henry Smith Passed Away Last Evening After Long Sickness Caused by Cancer of the Tongue.

WORKED FOR R. I. ROAD

For Fifteen Years, Was Later an Employe of McGrath Bros., and Also of Huiskamp Brothers.

Cancer of the tongue, from which he had been suffering for nearly three years past, caused the death of Henry Smit, 816 South Fourteenth street, last evening about 11 o'clock. Since last Christmas he had been confined to his home and was unable to do any work.

He was fifty-nine years of age and had made Keokuk his home during the greater part of his life, being employed at the Rock Island shops, McGrath Bros. and later at Huiskamp Bros.

The deceased was born in Groengan, Holand, August 14, 1849 and came to this country at the age of seventeen years. With the exception of a year spent in Michigan Keokuk has claimed him as a resident since that time. He was married in 1879 to Miss Nellie Paardekooper who survives him.

For fourteen years Mr. Smit was in the employ of the Rock Island shops in this city and for eight years worked for McGrath Bros. For four years he was at Huiskamp Bros. and retired from active work. Christmas.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and funeral services will be held there Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

The surviving relatives are the following: wife, three sons, John, Martin and Henry, daughter Gertrude, brother Eli of Carroll, Iowa, sister, Mrs. Margaret Dreeberg of Grand Rapids, Mich.

CITY NEWS.

—"A Country Maid" pleased two large audiences at Bloomington last Saturday.

—Attend the boosters meeting tomorrow evening at the superior court room.

—Boosters meeting tomorrow evening at the superior court room; be sure and be present .

—Otto L. Asher has adopted as his own child, Harlan Leroy Dunlavy, aged four years, according to an instrument filed with the county recorder today.

—Tonight is th time to vote, your sentiment in regard to the Sunday amusement bill before the Iowa legislature. Be sure and vote.

—Charlie Tone plead guilty this morning in the superior court to larceny and was sentenced to fifteen days in the county jail.

—There will be a meeting of the committee of the whole council this evening. The regular monthly council meeting is to be held next Monday evening.

—An information was filed in the superior court this afternoon against Fannie Russ by Annie Bates, who charges her with disturbing her peace by loud and abusive language.

—The late George Kamuf, who was accidentally killed at Davenport and whose funeral was held this morning, was a member of the A. O. U. W. and a number of the members of the order here attended the services this morning.

—Tomorrow evening at the superior court room a meting of the base ball fans of the city will be held for the purpose of organizing a boosters' club. Every fan in the city is invited to be present and assist in carrying out this important work.

—Funeral services for the late William M. Morgan were held this morning at St. Peter's Catholic church, services being conducted by Rev. Thos. O'Reilly. The pallbearers were the following gentlemen: George Ederer, Charles Englehardt, John McNamara, John McGee, John Nagel and John Finigan.

—In the district court today, a suit for dumages was filed against the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Cobpany by Anna L. McElroy, administratrix of the estate of George McElroy deceased, who was killed at the powder plant on February 15, 1907, by being caught in a shaft, being whirled around and crushed to death. Only $2,000 is asked for in the petition which recites that the deceased had worked for the company for twenty years and came to his death by reason of the negligence, carelessness and wrong of the defendant in not having the dangerous shafting properly guarded.

TEN MEN CONTROL TOBACCO BUSINESS

Report of the Commissioners of Corporations on Tobacco Industry Shows Colossal Trust Has Been Formed.

HOW THEY FOUND IT OUT

Unscrupulous Use of Vast Sums of Money, Deceiving the Public, Many Schemes and Fierce Price Cutting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Fb. 25.—Ten men absolutely control the tobacco and snuff business of this continent, with the exception of the manufacture of cigars, and the colossal trust which they manage has within the last few years throttled almost every vestige of real competition. They have gained their hold on the trade by the unscrupulous use of the vast sums of money, by deceiving the public, by resorting to all manner of schemes, and by the fiercest price-cutting that the commercial world has ever known.

These are, in brief, the conclusions reached by Herbert Knox Smith Chief of the Bureau of Corporations, the trust-probing end of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Mr. Smith's second installment of his report on the Tobacco industry was made public today and in it he deals with the organization of the combination, its degree of control, its growth, and its present overtowering position in the trade. In future chapters of his story, he writes the President, he will handle the subjects of prices, profits, and competitive methods.

The American Tobacco Company and its three great subsidary combinations—the American Snuff Company, the American Cigar Company, and the Birtish-American Company —comprise some 82 subsidiary concerns in the United States, Cuba and Porto Rico, according to the Smith report. Ten stockholders are alleged to control sixty per cent of the stock of the mammoth concern, and these are: J. B. Duke, (president of the company); A. N. Brady, O. H. Payne, P. A. B. Widener, Thomas F. Ryan, B. N. Duke, G. B. Schley, the brokerage firm of Moore &-Schley, and the estates of W. C. Whitney and W. L. Elkins. Twenty-eight directors own nearly 77 per cent of the stock, but for all practical purposes, says the report, the ten names mentioned dictate the policy of the combination, which represents a total net capitalization of $316,000,000. According to the report, the concern controls 82 per cent of the cigarette business of the country, 77 per cent of the manufactured tobacco (chewing, smoking, fine-cut and snuff), and 14 per cent of the cigars. In 1906 the American Tobacco used in its manufacturing plants 400,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

Society

A number of young people are expected to arrive in the city this evening from Fort Madison to attend the dance given by Mrs. M. Corse in Hawkes hal' The class in this city has been newly opened and much interest is being taken. On tomorrow evening a number of young people from this city are planning to attend the dance given in that city by Mrs. Corse.

On Saturday evening the class of Mrs. W. H. McDowell of the Trinity M. E. church, known as the Philathea class will hold a mid-winter picnic in the parlors of the church. Members of the class will each bring a well filled picnic hamper and the young ladies are planning for a good time on that evening.

On March 10 Herman lodge of I. O. O. F. will hold their annual banquet for members and families. Dancing will be enjoyed after the banquet. Agnes' orchestra furnishing music for the occasion.

Mesdames L. D. Sheppard, J. E. Craig, J. H. Reimers, B. C. Kellogg and Mrs. J. H. Ellsworth will entertain the Ladies Sewing Society of the Westminster Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. Ellsworth, 811 Franklin street, Friday afternoon.

During the week in Hancock county, Ill., the following marriage licenses were issued: Edward F. Kirchcherr to Ethel Landen; F. J. Myers to Delia Agnes Tanner; Dillon Cook to Naomi Marsh.

STOPS FALLING HAIR

Ayer's Hair Vigor is composed of sulphur, glycerin, quinin, sodium chlorid, capsicum, sage, alcohol, water, and perfume. Not a single injurious ingredient in this list. Ask your doctor if this is not so. Follow his advice. A hair food, a hair tonic, a hair dressing. Promptly checks falling hair. Completely destroys all dandruff.

DOES NOT COLOR THE HAIR

J. C. AYER COMPANY, Lowell, Mass.

MISS STRONG Y. W. C. A. VISITOR

Miss Lilly Strong, Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.'s of Michigan and Iowa Arrived Last Evening.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Will Meet With the Various Committees at the Association Rooms During Next Several Days.

Miss Lilly Strong, state secretary of the Y. W. C. A.'s of Iowa and part of Michigan arrived in the city last evening from Dubuque and will remain in the city until next Tuesday.

While in the city Miss Strong will meet with the various committees of the local association and offer such suggestions as are necessary and helpful to the various association work committees with whom she will come in contact.

A number of social events have been planned for her visit here and a program similar to the following has been arranged for her stay in this city.

This afternoon at 4:15 the state secretary met with the educational committee. This evening a meeting with the membership committee was held, followed by a social gathering at the home of Mrs. T. R. Board, at her residence on Franklin street.

Tomorrow evening at 7 p. m. at the association rooms there will be a meeting with the Bible study committee. On Saturday afternoon there will be a parlor conference at the home of Mrs. R. M. Lapsley. On Saturday evening there will be a meeting of the devotional committee at the association rooms.

Sunday Address.

On Sunday afternoon Miss Strong will speak at the auditorium on association work, as she has seen it the state over and tell what is being done. In the evening she will speak at the Y. P. S. C. E. at the First Christian church, corner Tenth and Blondeau.

On Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. there will be a meting of the social committee with the state secretary, followed by a social gathering at the home of Mrs. W. W. Huiskamp at her residence on Grand avenue.

The coming of Miss Strong is an important one to the various committees and much will be gained by her visit to this city and local association.

NEWS NOTES OF OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Stock Company in Boys Department Formed Last Evening and Shares Will Be Floated Soon.

At the Y. M. C. A. last evening a stock company was formed composed of twenty members and 500 shares of stock will be floated soon, the particulars to be announced later. Guy Fulton was elected president of the company, William Brugman, vice president, Ferdinand Board, secretary, and Earl Carpenter, treasurer.

Slides on boys work from all over the world will be displayed next Tuesday evening at the association auditorium and a talk given by H. T. Powers. The public is invited.

The punior atheletic teams will will clash tomorrow evening in an indoor meet. The captains are Jenkins, D. McGrath and Lasum.

A meeting of the physical work committee was held last evening and the members decided to promote a boys' circus.

H. T. Powers will entertain the high school discussion group at his home, 303 North Fifth street this evening.

The speaker at the Sunday afternoon meeting will be Rev. J. C. McCaslin. The Johnson-Cox male quartet will furnish music.

BENZOATE AND SODA TO BE USED

As a Preservative it Will be Permitted Hereafter According to Recent Order.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—By the use of benzoate of soda as a food preservative be permitted hereafter accordin gto an order issued today by Secretary Cortelyou, Wilson and Strauss composing the board of food and drug inspection . Order in accordance with the recent findings board of experts who held the drug was not deleterious to health. It stipulated that each package shall be labeled so as to show amount contained therein.

—Have some man to nominate for the office of president of the boosters club when yu attend the meeting tomorrow evening.

LADY CONSTANCE, WHOSE BAREFOOT DANCES CAUSED A SENSATION.

[Lady Constance Stewart Richardson, whose Greek dances, before fashionable audiences at Sherry's in New York, caused a sensation, declares that the average American woman is a prude. She thinks the row over "Salome" is very foolish. Her own barefoot dances are far more sensational than the character of Salome as portrayed by Mary Garden in the Strauss opera. Lady Constance is giving her dances in the United tSates to aid some charitable institutions in Scotland.]

"Keokuk Made Goods."

H. M. Anschutz, photographs.
H. E. Ratcliffe, plans.
Weber-Kirsch Mfg. Co., cream separators and flue stops.
W. E. Strimback, job printing.
Meinberg's laundry, makes hard water soft.
S. Hamill Co.,, canned goods.
Strickler Store Fixture Co., floor veneer.
Huiskamp Brothers' Co., shoes.
Central Chemical Co., parafine.
Frank LeBron Jewelry Co., optical goods.
Brassill, ice cream cones.
McManus & Tucker, stone constructors.
Keokuk Milling Co., flour, etc.
McElroy Iron Work, general machine foundry works.
Kollmyer & Talbott, engines.
W. P. Sutton, plumbing and gas and steam fitting.
Krueger, clothes.
Rees Mfg. Co., Nodust.
Keokuk Hotel, pies and cakes.
Akerson Ringstrom Co., kitchen cabinets.
American Stove and Range Co., stoves.
Kellogg-Birge Co., syrup.
Peerless laundry, hard water to soft.
Mills-Ellsworth Co., shafts and poles.
Joseph Haubert, sausage.
C. W. Ewers, cigars.
Dupy Brothers, bakers.
Frank J. Ewers, sausage.
Bevering, cigars.
Cameron, Joyce & Schneider, monumental work.
Schouten's bakery.
Walker studio, photographs.
Keokuk Paper & Cigar Box Co., boxes.
Peter Wolf, fencing and wrought iron work.
Leake Printing Co., job printing.
Mrs. E. A. Parker, hair goods.
J. Spring, plumbing, steam fitting and tin work.
August Wustrow, wagons.
The O'Brien Worthen Co., dental supplies .
Keokuk Gas, Light & Coke Co., gas and electricity.
G. W. Seavers, linen and fancy work.
J. W. Markley, sausage.
Blank's Keokuk Steam Dye Works, makes clothes look like new.
L. Felz, makes clothes.
C. H. Henneman & Son, cigars.
Wm. Ewers, sausage.
S. F. Baker & Co., medicines, extracts and spices.
Peonstein & Nagel Co., beer.
Henry Schmidt & Son's Co., sash doors and mill work.
Thomas J. Phillips, picture frames.
Sigmund Bros., tents and awnings.
Mississippi Coal and Ice Co., ice.
J. Burk, carbonated beverages.
J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., starch.
Peter Blom, laundry soap.
Lutz & Stahl, books and printing.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Wm. Lowitz has returned from his eastern business trip.

E. S. Hoyt has returned to the city after a trip through Minnesota and Iowa and will spen da month in the city.

Ashley J. Elliott, manager of the Illinois and Iowa demurrage bureau of the Rock Island lines was in the city yesterday on business. He was accompanied by Mr. Fallinsby of the same line.

CITY NEWS

—The banquet of the Eagles will be given next Tuesday evening. The affair was to be held last Tuesday, but was postponed on account of the death of a member.

—The funeral of the late George Kamuf, who was killed in Rock Island, was held at St. Mary's Catholic church this morning at 9.30 o'clock, requem high mass being celebrated by Rev. George Giglinger. The pallbearers were the following gentlemen: George hScenk, Charles Schenk, Jacob Renwadl, Edward O'Brien, C. Sommers and E. J. Beard.

—Mrs. E. Irene Reed, national representative of the American Humane Society is in the city for the purpose of organizing a branch of the association in Keokuk. The branch will be organized next week, possibly Tuesday evening, at a mass meeting ta be held at the Y. M. C. A. building, to the public will be invited. Announcement of the meeting will be made later through these columns.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Nearly Everyone in Albion, Mich., Praises Mi-o-na, the Perfect Digestion Cure.

ALBION, Mich., Feb. 16, 1909.—People in Albion are elated to an unusual extent because of the many and remarkable cures which have lately been made by Mi-o-na, which has a world-wide reputation for the cure of all stomach disorders. Everybody is endorsing Mi-o-na as a remedy of real merit. Here is what some respected residents say:

Mrs. E. C. Cass says: " Mi-o-na cured me of stomach trouble that had bothered me a long time."

Ed Cooley says: "Mio--na cured me of distress in my bowels and stomach in a short time."

J. Nuseur says: "I only had to use one box of Mi-o-na before the much needed relief was given me."

Mrs. Emma Overy says: "For months I had dyspepsia, bad stomach distress, pains and nausea. Nothing I used relieved or cured till I used Mi-o-na."

W. H. Mott says: "Often I had doctored for months without help. I used Mi-o-na and since using it three years ago I have been free from the distressing malady.

Mrs. D. Sharpe says: "I doctored and used remedies for a long time for gastritis, pains in stomach, dizziness and dizzy headache, and pains over my side, and lions. Mi-o-na cured me, and to it I give the credit."

Mi-o-na is sold in every town in America, and by Wilkinson & Son., in Keokuk, for 50 cents a large box, and they think so well of it that they will give your money back if it doesn't cure. Mi-o-na purifies the stomach and bowels; it relieves at once sour stomach, belching, heaviness and shortness of breath. It makes mealtime a joy time. Prepared by Booth's Mi-o-na, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mi-o-na is sold in every town in America.

Booth's Laxative Pills are the kind you have been looking for. Best for liver and bowels. 25 cents at Wilkinson & CO.

HORTICULTURE

IMPROVING POTATOES.

Three Methods for Improving this Staple Vegetable.

Three methods for improving the potato are in use: (1) Crossing desirable plants and comparing their seedings under controlled conditions. (2) Selecting extreme fluctuations among the plants and tubers of a variety. (3) Finding and isolating sudden changes or mutations.

That advance is possible by the first method is admitted from the results of its use by the best breeders. Theoretically, the new varieties obtained are merely new combinations of qualities which were held by the germ cells of the two parents. If our knowledge of inheritance in the potato were adequate, we could make the proper combination to obtain what we wish at will, but at present we can not do this because our knowledge of manifest characters is meager and because many characters are latent or hidden in our present varieties and need combining with other characters in order to develop. Therefore, until a firm foundation is laid in the science of heredity, we can do little more than make random crosses between varieties known to possess desirable characters, and compare their progeny with great care.

In this comparison it is well to be extremely conservative about drawing conclusions. Not only should every condition of environment be made as uniform as possible, but it should be remembered that there are stages of growth during the life of the plant when surrounding conditions affect it in different ways. And these differences are not hereditary qualities. For example, one variety grows rapidly and its tubers are half grown at a certain time, while at the same time another variety has just begun to set its tubers. A drought at this time kills the one variety but does not affect the other. The first, however, may really be the best variety and hasty conclusions to the opposite would be premature.

The real effect of selecting fluctuations within a variety (such as selecting the heaviest tubers to improve the yield, is still questionable. It seems definitely settled that the use of diseased and immature tubers as seed has an injurious effect upon the succeeding crop, but there is no evidence that planting the best tubers or planting tubers from the best-yielding plants will increase the yield of the variety. Such an inheritance would necessitate the supposition that germ cells of a large tuber have a different constitution from those of a small tuber of the same variety, and there is no warrant for such an assumption.

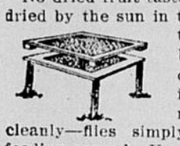
Wide variations or bud mutations are rare and have never produced anything especially valuable. They are at present more worthy the study of the scientist than the attention of the practical potato breeder.

The universal belief that a potato variety must degenerate through continued bud propagation appears to have little ground either in theory or practice. The degeneration that sometimes does take place is due to effects through the use of tubers which are abnormal, from inhospitable soil or climate, or from the ravages of insects or fungi on the plants. The old idea that a change of seed is necessary, is also a mistaken one.—E. M. East.

FOR NEXT SEASON.

An Idea for Fruit Drying That's Worth Saving.

No dried fruit tastes so good as that dried by the sun in the open air. But the old-fashioned back yard is not open tables in the ing the fruit on method of exposcleanly—flies simply make it their feeding ground. Use the device shown herewith—small frames three feet square, with wire netting bottoms. One can be arranged above another in the manner shown, says the Farm Journal, and all can be covered with a sheet of cotton mousquito netting. The air can then circulate in every direction through the trays, but insects can not soil the fruit.



ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Grape vines can be pruned at this season. Cuttings can be made of the trimmings. Each cutting should contain four buds.

General pruning and cleaning up in the orchard can be done now. Remove and burn all dead bush and trimmings. Collect and burn all dry decayed fruit, called "mummies." They carry spores of disease, which will cause next year's fruit crop to blight and rot.

Spray fruit trees with the lime-sulphur wash to kill San Jose scale The lime-sulphur wash painted on the tree trunks will also prevent entrance of tree borers next spring.

Look Out for the Berry Bushes.

If your locality is infested with rabbits, it should be remembered that they are just as likely to gnaw the blackberry and raspberry bushes (and the rose bushes) that are left uncovered, as they are to girdle the fruit trees. Small patches may be covered but large fields are a difficult problem. A combination of "gun and boy" is often a good solution.

WANT COLUMN

WANTED.

WANTED—500 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting our graduates. Few weeks completes. Constant practice furnished, scholarship include tools, instructions, demonstrations, examinations and diplomas. Write for catalogue. Moler Barber College, St. Louis, Mo. tf.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Will sell five shares of stock in local corporation at a bargain. This stock pays an annual dividend of 12 per cent. Address M. H. McLean, Hoquiam, Wash. tf

FOR SALE—Driving horse, city broke, perfectly safe for lady. Good style. Inquire 1222 Blondeau. 22-4t.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—House 7 rooms, hot and cold water, gas, bath etc., south side. Good neighborhood, near business. Rent, $14. Call home phone 4301 or address F. this office. 1t

FOR RENT—Dwelling with gas, bath and barn. Also farm near Keokuk. Inquire 727 Morgan street.

WANTED—Twenty-five girls. Apply at Irwin-Phillips Co.'s garment factory. eod

YOUNG MEN FOR RAILWAY MAIL service.—Examination May 15. Intending applicants should begin preparation at once. Sample questions and "How Government Positions are Secured." Sent free. Inter State Schools, 142 College Pl., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1t

$36 PER WEEK—and expenses to men with rig to introduce poultry and stock remedies. Experience unnecessary. Reliable company and exclusive territory given. The Grant Co. Dept. 93, Springfield, Ill. 25-6t

FOR RENT—Fruit farm 34½ acres 3 miles west of Keokuk. Enquire at 1200 Park street. 25-5t

TODAY'S MARKETS.

	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
May	115⅞	116½	115½	116⅜
July	103⅜	104⅜	103	104⅜
Sept.	98	99⅝	97⅞	99⅝
CORN—				
May	65⅝	66¼	65⅜	66¼
July	65⅛	65⅝	65	65⅝
Sept.	65	65⅜	65	65⅜
OATS—				
May	54⅝	54⅞	54½	54⅞
July	49½	49¾	49⅜	49¾
Sept.	40⅛	40½	40⅜	40½

Chicago, Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Ill. Feb. 25.—Cattle6500. @Steady ten higher. Beeves $5.60 @ 7. stockers $3.40@5.50.

Hogs—21,000, ten fifteen higher. light $6.15;@6.55; heavy $6.25@6.70; pigs $5.10@6.10.

Sheep 14,000 steady natives $3.30@ 5.60; lambs $5.75.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 25.—Cattle 4,000 strong. Steers $5.10 @6.75, stockers $3.60@5.25.

Hogs—7,000, ten higher. Bulk $6.15 @6.50; pigs $4.00@5.75.

Sheep—10,000, ten higher. Muttons $4.75@5.15; lambs $6.50@7.75.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Dressed poultry, demand good.

Butter—Steady; creamery extra, 30 @30½c; statae dairy tubs, fair, 20@ 25c.

Eggs—Steady; nearby white fancy, 28@29c; fresh firsts, 23¾c.

Cheese- Firm.

New York Stock.

NEW YORK, Ny. Feb. 25.—The market was under a renewed and pronounced pressure all through the first hour. London sold about ten thousand Amalgamated, making that stock week. This foreign selling was followed by the appearance of many local liquidating orders the execution of which carried the price down to 67 1-4, a decline of over three points. The smelting fell 2 1-2 and the Anaconda lost 2 points. The reading yielded over two poins on the reports that operations in the antharacite districts will be suspended at the end of the week. The steel stocks were also lower, the common preferred was losing about 1 7-8. Harriman stocks after holding steady for a short time gave way with the rest of the list. The governments were unchanged. Other bonds were firm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The market showed a good deal of activity both in volume and in the trading range fluctuations this afternoon. Many stocks made a substantial gain over the mid day figures. There was a sharp advance in the B. R. T., beginning at the last hour, some profit taking caused another fractional reaction.

For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Wilkinson & Co.'s pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Laxative Bromo Quinine

Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

E. W. Grove on every box. 25c