

# DEATH OF FORT MADISON MAYOR

W. L. Gerber, Well Known in Keokuk, Died Suddenly of Apoplexy Sunday Morning at Home There.

## WAS A PIONEER OF STATE

For Five Times he Was Elected Mayor of Fort Madison and Was a Conscientious, Whole-Souled Man.

W. L. Gerber, mayor of Fort Madison, dropped dead of apoplexy at his home there Sunday morning.

He was well known in Keokuk and had a number of friends here, several of whom received news of his sudden death during the afternoon. Mr. Gerber was serving his fifth term as mayor of that city and leaves to mourn his death a wife and two children.

The Fort Madison mayor was one of the pioneers of Iowa, having come to the state more than half a century ago. He left Indiana in 1857 coming to Burlington, where he made his home until 1893. He then moved to West Point where he engaged in the milling business.

In 1899 he moved to Fort Madison, continuing in the milling business. In 1904 he was elected to the city council on the democratic ticket, holding that position until elected to the position of mayor.

The Fort Madison mayor was well liked through the entire county and it was because of his interest throughout Lee county that he had so many friends. He was a prominent Elk of that city and during the past few years attended quite a number of Elk celebrations in this city. He was a particular friend of Mayor Charles Off of this city.

"Mayor Gerber was one of those loyal, whole-souled men of Lee county, who was upright and conscientious in business and city affairs as well," said an acquaintance in speaking of him today. "He was universally popular and had a big feeling in his heart for Fort Madison and the whole county. I recall his attendance at the baseball minstrels in Keokuk last year and a number of his other little visits to the city."

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## ASSAILANT IS A KEOKUK MAN

W. Roy Woodbury Was Captured at Cereal Works Sunday Evening and Confessed to the Crime.

## POLICE ASSISTED BY BOYS

Allen Betts and John Carrs Remembered Seeing Woodbury with Flask of Whiskey in Park Before Crime.

W. Roy Woodbury, son of James H. Woodbury, self-confessed assailant of eight-year-old Grace Moore, the victim of an attempted criminal assault in Rand park Saturday afternoon, in broad daylight, was arrested late yesterday afternoon, by Officer L. C. Fuqua, as he was going to work at the cereal works, where he has been employed for some time past. At police headquarters he made a written confession and signed it, and was then hurried to the county jail for safe keeping.

Girl Fails to Identify. About 7 o'clock in the evening little Grace Moore, in company with her father, came to the police station, so that the girl might identify Woodbury. She could not positively state that he was the man, although the voice was familiar. During the short time that Woodbury remained at police headquarters his demeanor was one that puzzled the police. Calmly he answered questions and recited the incidents as given in this paper Sunday morning, and seemed disinclined to realize the full gravity of his heinous offense. After answering a few questions and being subjected to as rigid an examination as the police deemed necessary, Woodbury asked that he be released, saying that he wanted to return to work.

The Confession. The confession covers a page and was written by Deputy Marshal Jerry Harrington, as Woodbury recited the affair in outspoken words. He then signed the document and it was entrusted to County Attorney Theodore A. Craig. Attorney Craig, when seen today regarding the confession, stated that it had been a full one on the part of Woodbury, but until after the preliminary examination he would not give it for publication.

It is understood that Woodbury made a clean breast of the whole affair. He told of his being in Rand park during the middle of the afternoon and of meeting the little Moore girl; first asking her to help him hunt a jack knife and then offering her money. Woodbury has been making his home recently with his parents, 1719 Exchange street, and it is thought that when the feeling man disappeared down an alley, he escaped to his home. He has been twice married, now living with his second wife. He has a five-year-old child by his first wife.

Story of Capture. Woodbury's capture was brought about and made possible by Allyn Betts and John Carrs, two young lads, the former a step-son and the latter a son of James Carrs, who lives at 1712 Orleans street. The boys were about the park in the afternoon on Saturday and happened to see Woodbury with a flask of whiskey. They did not know his name, however, but knew that he was employed at the cereal works. When the news of the act spread like wild-fire and a description, accurate in detail, was made public in the morning paper, the two lads recalled the fact that they had seen this young fellow in the park with the whiskey, and during the day communicated the fact to the police. Shortly after 5 o'clock, or a few minutes before the day and night shifts change, Officer Fuqua took the two lads with him to the cereal works and they stationed themselves at an advantageous point where they could watch the men going to and from work. Soon Woodbury appeared and the boys readily recognized him. Officer Fuqua immediately placed him under arrest. Enroute to the police station Woodbury made a partial confession to the officer, and later made a complete one.

Punishment by Law. The self-confessed man was not locked in jail, but taken to the office of Marshal Henry Kesselring, where he was questioned regarding the affair. Deputy Marshal Harrington questioned him in detail as to the attempted assault, and in making the confession, he did not seem to realize the

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offense in the eye of the law that he had been guilty of. "Public opinion is what made our laws," said Assistant County Attorney McManus, in touching upon Woodbury's situation this morning, "and for that reason, a man convicted of an attempt to commit rape is always dealt with very harshly, and in few instances is any leniency shown. A banker may rob people of millions and escape with six months in the penitentiary, but when a man is a moral degenerate enough to take advantage of a young girl, the board of parole acts slowly, because of public sentiment that enters into the case. A man convicted of this crime will usually spend twenty years in the penitentiary."

Case is Unparalleled. The case of Woodbury's is probably unparalleled in the annals of crime in Keokuk. His act of attacking a little girl and attempting to commit a crime that is more punishable in the eyes of the public, than any other, is one that has created a sensation in the city. The theory has been advanced at the police station that Woodbury may be temporary deranged, but such is not thought to be the case, at least his history in the past and that of his family, has never given the slightest trace of insanity.

Bound Over to Grand Jury. Woodbury was bound over to the grand jury at 10 o'clock this morning after awaiting preliminary examination in the superior court, and his bond was fixed at \$5,000. When arraigned before Judge W. L. McNamara he appeared nervous and somewhat changed in his demeanor of the preceding night. He was notified of his right to employ counsel and that he would be given time to plead. He then inquired what effect it would have if he waived preliminary examination, or whether he took time to consult counsel before entering a plea, and was duly informed as to the course of law. He made inquiry as to whether his wife had been notified of the matter, which it was learned she had. In court he was not represented by counsel, while the state was

represented by County Attorney Craig. Did Not Furnish Bond. Woodbury was unable to furnish the heavy bond imposed by court and was promptly returned to the county jail. The maximum penalty under the indeterminate sentence law is twenty years in the penitentiary. The next term of the district court opens on March 14, and Woodbury will appear before the grand jury which will be in session the first week of the term. Woodbury has lived in Keokuk all of his life and is well known.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT CONVENTION (Continued from page 4.) The great advantages offered each city will be set forth by competent men at the Des Moines river improvement convention here Feb. 25, and doubtless an organization known as the "Des Moines River Improvement association" will then be formed and fanned into an association of "first aids" to the government in improving the stream.

Straighten Channel. But perhaps the most important phase of the Ottumwa convention will be that devoted to the consideration of straightening the river to effect drainage. The Courier here has been active in securing information about the redemption of land by the straightening of the river. It has reported its findings as follows: In thirty-five counties in Iowa, 1,259,230 acres of land are overflowed annually by swollen rivers and creeks. Of this vast area of land rendered practically worthless by recurring floods, 851,800 acres or considerably more than half of it, can be saved to cultivation by straightening the streams which overflow it, and by scientific drainage. At the most conservative estimate this rich bottom land, that can be saved by a reclamation project here at

home, can produce crops valued at \$40 an acre every year. The value of the crops in those thirty-five counties can be increased \$34,072,000 by utilizing this overflow land. While the Courier has not received returns from every county, the figures that are herewith given show conclusively that straightening the streams in Iowa so that the water will run off, instead of backing up over the land, will give for cultivation over a million and a half acres of land that



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does not now yield anything. This land will produce \$40 to the acre, or a total of \$60,000,000 annually. This means that every year the people of Iowa would have \$60,000,000 more than they now have from their crops. Believing that this is one of the most important questions before the people of Iowa today, the Courier set about to secure specific information as to the amount of land in Iowa subject to overflow, with the idea in mind that such information would be valuable to the legislature in showing the need of reclamation work in Iowa.

Letters were written to the boards of supervisors in all of the ninety-nine Iowa counties asking them to fill out a blank inclosed, in which they were requested to state the number of acres overflowed at least once in two years by spring floods, and the number of acres of this land that could be saved to cultivation if the streams which flooded it were straightened.

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number of acres that can be reclaimed are given, is all the proof necessary that Iowa today is far from coming up to its possibilities. Following are the Courier's reports from thirty-five counties showing overflowed land and percentage that can be reclaimed.

County	Acres now overflowed	Can be reclaimed if the stream is straightened
Appanoose	40,000	14,000
Allamakee	20,000	2,000
Buena Vista	20,000	15,000
Carroll	2,500	2,000
Clay	5,000	4,000
Clayton	2,500	1,200
Crawford	15,000	15,000
Davis	5,000	2,000
Delaware	29,000	14,000
Floyd	1,000	500
Fremont	110,000	75,000
Hancock	92,000	90,000
Humboldt	25,000	20,000
Iowa	3,000	2,700
Jasper	25,000	15,000
Jefferson	500	400
Johnson	5,000	2,000
Keokuk	20,000	15,000
Kossuth	290,000	50,000
Lucas	10,000	5,000
Mahaska	5,000	4,500
Mills	34,000	26,000
Monona	88,000	80,000
Muscatine	2,000	1,000
Pottawattamie	150,000	125,000
Plymouth	700	500
Union	40,000	35,000
Van Buren	7,000	6,000
Wapello	7,000	5,000
Warren	25,000	10,000
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Wright	36,000	16,000
Totals	1,259,230	851,800

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