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FIRE ATTACKS OLD BOARDS

Blaze This Morning at Old Enlow Home Near First and Blondeau Streets Brings Memories.

THE OLD RAPIDS HOTEL

Tavern in the Days of the Forties Was Wrecked and Lumber Used in Dwelling Scorched Today.

Historical boards they were that caught fire this morning at ten minutes to seven. Timbers that were used in what was probably the first hotel or tavern as it was called in those days—that was built in Keokuk.

The firemen were called to the Enlow home at 119 Blondeau street at the early hour today to put out a fire that started between the ceiling of the kitchen and the bath room on the second floor, and was gradually eating its way among the joists and other work of the rear portion of the home made of antique lumber.

As near as some old citizens can remember, it was along in '55 or '56 that the Rapids Hotel, an old road house and stopping place of the forties, was torn down. This antiquated frame hotel was situated some where near the place where the water works plant is now located. When the structure was razed, a man by the name of Burns had the lumber hauled up between First and Second on Blondeau street and on the high slope, he erected the home which was scorched quite badly this morning. William S. Iving at one time bought the place and later the property passed into the hands of the Dunlap family, and is now a portion of that estate, controlled by an agent.

The dwelling in which Mr. and Mrs. Enlow now make their home is a two story frame, and but for the chemical application which was used might have been destroyed by fire. That however, would have been unwelcome for several reasons, as the lumber used in the construction of the old home, have historic worth in their fibres, and though the old hotel has long been gone, the greater part of the lumber, the heavy sills and studs, and the large boards that made the tavern in the days of Keokuk's historic forties, are still in a state of good preservation.

PERSONALS

Miss Tiny Raasford left for Memphis to spend the holidays with her parents in that city.

General Agent A. C. Maxwell made a business trip to LaGrange, Mo., this afternoon. He returns this evening.

J. E. O'Riley, traveling freight agent for the M. K. & T., with headquarters at St. Louis, was calling on Keokuk business men today.

J. H. Harper, general agent for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Co., was in the city today. His headquarters are in the Pierce Building, St. Louis.

Edward Eden, of Chicago, traveling freight agent for the Canadian Pacific, was in Keokuk today.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Watson of Hascoco, Mo., will arrive in the city Saturday evening to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Dr. Watson and wife were former well known Keokuk residents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Collins and daughter will arrive in this city this evening on an extended visit with Mrs. Ed. Finigan.

Ewers-McCarthy—the store for men.

John Brown, the negro who attempted to kill Mrs. Ella Coon yesterday, and then cut his own throat, was reported by hospital attendants today to have spent a quiet night and seems to be recovering from his self-inflicted wounds.

SOCIETY

Party Beautiful Was First Dancing Company of Holiday Season, Last Evening at Gibbons'.

With gaiety and dash of splendor, the holiday season's first dancing party was held last evening in Gibbons' hall, the five entertaining lady hostesses receiving their guests with a charm that is equaled only in the upper set of Keokuk's younger cotillion set.

Misses Frances Sawyer, Georgia Stafford, Ida Belle McClure, Fannie McClure and Phyllis Ochiltree entertained at this initial function of the listed several that will be given during the two weeks of the festival season to follow. Assisting in genteel manner was Mr. Francis Elliot of New York, uncle of Miss Sawyer, and the pleasure of meeting the out-of-town guest-attendant proved delightful for the seventy-five couples of ladies and gentlemen.

The decorations were among the most pleasing and elegantly conceived that have ever been attempted in Gibbons'. The holiday color scheme in red and green prevailed. A squared grill of crepe paper formed a suspended ceiling which obscured partially from view the usual fixtures and walls of the large ball room. In the center of the room was a clever electric effect in the form of a miniature world in yellow and inlaid with incandescent globes. Tiny starlets of pale blue and green surrounded this globular arrangement. At intervals electrically illumined Japanese lanterns hung suspended along the sides of the grided drop, and from the center scattered prettily through the colored effects, were pennants, small umbrellas and other decorative ideas which the guests received as souvenirs at the conclusion of the evening company.

The hostesses received their guests at the entrance of the ball room. At nine o'clock, Miss Frances Sawyer and Mr. Edward Hawkes, Junior, followed by the other young ladies in entertaining and their escorts, formed the line of grand march. Mr. Elliot, stationed at one end of the hall, gave out the programs to the guests during the procedure of the march.

Punch was served as a refreshment, and the appointments of the entire effect were complete and showed skill and happiness of thought in preparation. The Agne orchestra, screened from view at the rostrum end of the hall, played a delightful program of eighteen dances and three extra numbers. Dancing was enjoyed until two o'clock.

Miss Ethel Riley and Mr. Earl Gibson Wedded Last Evening.

A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Jacobs, 1106 Morgan street, last evening, when Miss Ethel M. Riley, and Mr. Earl G. Gibson were united in marriage at seven o'clock by the Rev. John W. Pettey.

The bride, who is a sweet and graceful young woman, wore a bridal dress of white serge, attractively made, and carried a bride's bouquet. Bride and groom entered the parlor unattended and took their place in a charming cozy corner which had been arranged for the happy occasion. The corner in which the ceremony was performed was done in a color scheme of green and white.

Thirty wedding guests were present and following the pretty ring nuptial service of the Methodist Episcopal church, an elegant turkey dinner was served by the bride's sister, Mrs. Jacobs, in honor of the event. In the

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Daily Grain Letter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cables one-eighth wider. May-July spread liable to widen to around 3 1/2 or 4c. Further widening probable, and if such widening occurs, buy July and sell May. It will be weeks before we learn if snows have helped the crops. Bears liable to develop at 99c for May. The market is exceedingly rutted. The world will have to pay a fair price for its cash corn. Iowa may undersell Illinois temporarily, but the holding attitude to Illinois must tell. Illinois corn growers have developed sound common sense. I advise purchases of May corn all the way in case of a decline. Declines cannot be permanent. Sharp returns certain. The natural rut of May corn is 50c. Buy May oats.

Hogs Closed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Market closing 5c lower than yesterday's average. Mixed, \$7.55@7.95; heavy, \$7.55@7.95; rough, \$7.50@7.95; light, \$7.55@7.87 1/2. Cattle, 8,000; market 10c lower. Sheep, 20,000; market opening steady. 9:00 a.m. Estimate tomorrow—Hogs 21,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 16,000. Market steady at yesterday's average. Light \$7.55@7.95; rough, \$7.55@7.75; mixed, \$7.55@8.00; heavy, \$7.80@8.00; pigs, \$7.25@7.95; bulk, \$7.55@7.90. Cattle market, steady; sheep steady. Cattle, 10c lower; beefs, \$4.50@7.25; cows, \$2.35@6.00; stockers \$3.25@5.50; Texans, \$4.40@5.50; calves, \$6.75@9.00. Sheep, steady; \$2.75@4.35; lambs, \$4.40@6.80.

Kansas City Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Hogs, 6,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 4,000.

Omaha Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 22.—Hogs, 7,000; cattle, 2,800; sheep, 2,600.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Today, Con, Last Year

Northwest Receipts.

Table with columns: Minneapolis, Duluth, Today, Last Week, Last Year

Argentine Shipments.

Wheat: this week 270,000; last week 1,230,000; last year 280,000. Corn: this week 3,000,000; last week 315,000; last year 780,000.

Liverpool Cable.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Wheat opened 1/4 lower; corn unchanged. Close: Wheat 1/4 @ 1/2 higher. Corn 1/2 higher.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Today's produce markets are as follows: Butter, creamery, extra, 29 1/2 to 30c. Process—Special, 25 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh, gathered, western first—34 to 35c. Fancy boxed fowls, 12 1/2 to 15c. Dry packed springs, 12 to 13c.

Local Grain Market.

KEOKUK, Dec. 22.—The following markets, furnished by the O. A. Fair bank company: No. 2, Wheat, red, \$1.80. No. 3, Wheat, red, \$1.75. No. 2, Wheat, red, \$1.80. New white oats, \$1.25. New mixed oats, \$1.25. Corn, new, \$1.22.

Local Live Stock.

KEOKUK, Dec. 22.—The following live stock market furnished today by Joseph Haubert: Hogs—Good butchers, \$7.00. Sheep—Butchers, \$4.00. Calves—\$6.00 to \$6.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Hogs, receipts 25,000; hogs left over, 2,600. Opened 5 to 10c lower. Mixed, \$7.55@7.90; good heavy, \$7.55@7.90; rough, \$7.55

Daily Range of Prices.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—

WHEAT—

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CORN—

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OATS—

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PORK—

Table with columns: Jan, May, Open, High, Low, Close

LARD—

Table with columns: Jan, May, Open, High, Low, Close

RISES—

Table with columns: Jan, May, Open, High, Low, Close

Estimated Receipts Tomorrow.

Wheat, 24; corn, 309; oats, 185; hogs, 21,000.

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Arrangement of the repast, skill and pretty conception of ideas were displayed on the part of the hostess.

Wedding bells and hearts were used for dining room decorations.

Mrs. Gibson is a young lady who has spent the greater portion of her life here and is a favorite among a large circle of friends. The groom, a rising young man of Keokuk's business world, is cashier at the C. B. & Q. railroad offices in this city and enjoys the confidence and trust of his employers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gibson of 179 South Sixteenth, one of the city's best respected families. Bride and groom left this morning for a short wedding trip to Chicago and on their return will be at home for the present at the residence of the groom's parents. In their event of last evening, heartiest best wishes are extended for their future happiness and success.

Those from out of the city who attended the marriage last evening were the father of the bride, Mr. J. D. Riley and daughter Mildred of Mt. Pleasant, a brother, W. J. Riley and Mr. and Mrs. C. French of Elvaston, Ill.

Minor Court Matters.

J. Carl and Margaret Hubinger guardianship matter; final report approved and guardian discharged. Estate Elizabeth Hunziker: Frank Kiefer and Bertha Landis appointed executor and executrix.

In the matter of the estate of C. C. Stont; claim against Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co. settled. Estate of Wm. Colvin; order made to cancel certain mortgage.

DISTRICT COURT TO ADJOURN

But Two More Days Are Left Which Will Be Given Over to Court Matters of Minor Importance.

The November term of the district court will adjourn sine die on Saturday. The last two days of the term will be taken up by motions and a few minor civil cases. Court has been in session since November 28 and as much business as possible has been disposed of. The criminal docket at the beginning of the term was a heavy one, but it was impossible to try the two murder cases set, owing to the inability to secure a jury, the list of 1910 taxmen having been destroyed. When court reconvened this afternoon Attorney L. E. Williams sought

to bring to trial a case having to do with a small claim of his against the estate of Sophia Kuebler. The attorneys for the defendant stated that they did not know the case was to be tried at this time, declaring their important witness was in Davenport. Attorney Williams, however, objected strenuously to any further delay in trying the case, saying that the case would soon rival the Grimsley case in point of time and that he himself would grow old before he would be able to try the case. "I expect to die and go to heaven some day," he said "and I do not want to remain on earth to try this case." The claim of Williams amounts to \$27.50. The trial of the case was begun at 2:20 o'clock.

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Mrs. Powell Almost Dead.

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tion and hope to secure enough withdrawals to defeat the petition.

MEMPHIS VISITED BY BAD FIRE

Morning Blaze Threatened to Wipe Out Historical Smoky Row.

[Special to The Gate City.]

MEMPHIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—About 2 o'clock this morning our city was visited by a disastrous fire which came near wiping out the historical "Smoky Row" on the southeast corner of the square. Among the buildings destroyed were the two story brick building owned by the Leisy Brewing Co., two frame buildings owned by R. W. Barnes and used as lunch room and store room, for electric light supplies; the Farmers' restaurant, owned by Mrs. Wm. Preston, and the office building of Dr. E. Brainerd. All buildings save the first mentioned were frame structures and old land marks.

How the flames originated is not definitely known, but is supposed of incendiary origin. The loss on buildings and contents is placed conservatively at \$12,000. The Leisy building was used as a club room.

The loss in the burned district is partially covered by insurance but the exact figures could not be ascertained at this time.

In all probability several of the structures will be replaced by substantial brick buildings.

Hotel Burned Up.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 22.—Fire early today destroyed the Franklin hotel and a number of adjoining buildings. Loss \$200,000.

Ralston Breakfast Food

Goes further than other breakfast foods. A 15 lb box makes ten pounds, 50 bowls of delicious, nourishing whole wheat food. In the checkerboard box.

831 Names to the Good. OTTUMWA, Dec. 22.—The Ottumwa saloon men filed their consent petition with the county auditor. The petition contains 3,065 names. 981 more than needed. With a large force of clerks the citizens committee started copying the names from the pe-