

LEE COUNTY FARMERS HUNT PACK OF WOLVES

Not Since the Days of Early Civilization Has There Been Such a Devastation From Wild Animals as at Present Time.

DESTROYING MUCH VALUABLE STOCK

Hunts in Montrose and Jackson (Outside) Townships are Being Engaged in Nightly and Wolf Hounds are Helping.

Not since the days of early civilization in the middle west, when wild animals nightly came from their lair to prey upon the unprotected stock of the pioneer settler, has there been such a pillage as is now going on in Lee county. Farmers have already suffered hundreds of dollars worth of damage with no prospects of bringing the costly devastation to an end.

For two weeks a pack of timber wolves have been thriving on the stock of the farmers of Montrose and Jackson (outside) townships. More than one hundred men, comprising in their numbers the youngsters in knee pants and the gray bearded old man, have joined in the wolf hunt, which is now becoming a nightly occurrence. Despite their efforts the slaughter has continued without abatement. Many of the farmers are already prepared to file claims with the county because of the damage they have suffered. It is the first real wolf hunt that has been engaged in for sixteen years and the outlying districts of the county are teeming with excitement for the people. Never has a wolf hunt carried with it more thrills than the present one and farmers for miles around have been attracted to the scene. The wolves have been seen on numerous occasions. One hunter claims to have filled one of the animals with buck shot, to have seen the wild beast tumble over, only to recover and scurry away without being captured. Several times the wolves have been tracked to a deep ravine, only to elude pursuit. Two wolf hounds have been secured from Denmark and are being put on the trail.

Appeared Several Weeks Ago.

The wolves made their first appearance more than two weeks ago and since then have been preying upon the sheep and lambs almost nightly. Estimates differ as to the number of animals in the pack, but a conservative estimate places the number at four. They are blood-thirsty beasts who are ever hungry for the blood of the defenseless young stock. In many instances the wolves have only placed their teeth in the back of the sheep or lamb's head and then passed on to another animal. When hungry, in other instances, much of the flesh meat of the animal killed has been consumed.

The destruction of stock continued for several days before the farmers were sufficiently alarmed to take concerted action in the matter. As they organized the work of the wild beasts broadened out to assume alarming proportions, and before the first real hunt was engaged in it is said that more than one hundred lambs and sheep had been destroyed. These figures give an estimate of the speed and persistence with which the wolves worked during those first few nights.

The wolves have worked over an area of about twenty-five square miles and the land owners who have been awakened to the necessity for action are the following: W. A. Grimes, J. T. Crane, E. P. Smith, John Weirather, E. E. Barger, John Schamper, J. P. Wright, Zack Owens, John G. Boyd, William Mullikin, George Wirtz, J. J. Brown, J. Vermazen, A. Hollingsworth (Keokuk) Charles Slattery, R. S. Owens, Fred Hilpert and many others.

The First Big Hunt.

The first big hunt indulged in occurred Sunday, April 16. Thirty-five farmers, the majority of them residing in Montrose township, gathered in the search, but returned to their homes late in the night unrewarded. During that week the hunts were continued almost daily, and at times it looked as though success would crown the efforts of these men. Firearms of every description were brought into the fray, many with heavy rifles, others with shotguns and even boys with their small 22-caliber rifles caught the spirit of the chase.

The second big hunt occurred last Sunday when nearly one hundred farmers took up arms and searched the two townships as thoroughly as possible.

One of the most interesting tales brought back to camp after the wolf hunt is that told by Ralph Wright, a man who works on the farm of A. Hollingsworth, of Keokuk, who also has participated in the exciting hunt. Mr. Wright declares he saw the oldest wolf of the pack and was close enough to take a shot. He emptied both barrels of his shotgun into the animal, which fell to the ground, momentarily stunned. Wright advanced cautiously to the fallen animal, simultaneously reloading his gun. But before he had gone up many steps the wolf recovered and hurried off. For several miles the animal could be followed by the blood, but eventually the tracks disappeared, and it is not supposed the animal died.

At different times no less than four wolves have been seen and many of the farmers are inclined to believe that the number is even greater than this.

Hounds Have no Luck.

It is difficult to estimate the number of lambs and sheep that have been killed by the wolves. In four or five flocks in Montrose township alone no less than seventy-five have been slaughtered.

During the past few days hounds secured from a Denmark man, have joined in the hunt. Ten times the bounty offered by the county has been offered by the farmers to the man who will bring the wolves in dead or alive.

During one of the hunts considerable excitement was occasioned when the men followed a trail to the ravine in Zack Owens' pasture.

The wolves are what are known as timber wolves, and damage incurred by them may be recovered from the county. It is said that a big bill will be presented to the county.

And in the meantime the wolves are still at large and hunts will be continued until they are captured.

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ARMY CHAPLAIN AT UNITARIAN CHURCH

John E. Dallam, a Man With a History, Will be Heard by Congregation Sunday.

John E. Dallam, chaplain of the 12th United States infantry, will conduct services at the Unitarian church Sunday morning. Chaplain Dallam, who is visiting his brother in Warsaw, is home from his third term of service in the Philippines, his last station being Fort McKinley at Manila, the largest and most important post in the islands. He resigned his pastorate of an Episcopal church in Minnesota to join the army as a volunteer at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and was in active service in the Philippines being present at the taking of Manila. Later he became a chaplain in the regular army, joining the 12th infantry in 1904. He has withdrawn from the Episcopal to become a member of the Unitarian faith.

The public is cordially invited to hear Chaplain Dallam on the subject: "From the Old Faith to the New," at the Unitarian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Bismarck's Drink Capacity. Bismarck is credited with drinking one gallon of French brandy in a one-night session. Bismarck claimed that so long as alcohol wasted its effects upon the brain in keeping up sprightly thought and conversation it had little effect on the rest of the system.

THEY "HUNG ONE" ON THE BOARD

Girls of the High School Domestic Science Department and Superintendent Aldrich, Hosts.

FIT FOR A KING

School Directors and Their Wives Given Seven O'clock Dinner in Charming Style Last Night.

To know how to cook is the grandest and foremost of all accomplishments. The foregoing statement is vouched for by every member of the board of education and on every mother's son's tongue of them today are words of praise that would burst forth in real song, were the same attention and service of the High school young ladies, paid the dais of Keokuk's school district last night, oft repeated.

Superintendent William Aldrich and the girls of the domestic science department of K. H. S., with the instructor, Miss Annie Parsons, won a notable conquest at 7:30 o'clock last evening, McKinley school building being chosen as the most suitable battle ground.

At that hour a four-course evening dinner, attended by all of the niceties and indulgence that only young women about to receive graduation diplomas can bewitchingly offer, was served.

The guests were the members of the board of education and their wives. After the first course was served, the company was completely captivated, the school directors especially.

One of the large assembly rooms of McKinley school had been pleasantly converted into a cozy dining place. Center pieces of yellow jonquilles and a setting of silver candelabra lent a soft touch of daintiness and seclusion to the affair, while the charming attention of the young serving ladies upon their guests completed a picture that many would have enjoyed to revel in.

Hand painted place cards seated the company about the long stony table and as the final course was served, those attending felt delightfully galed and repaid in full measure for the courtesies tendered by the hostesses of the High school.

The Menu.

- Cream of celery soup
- Toast Fingers
- Cream potatoes Sliced tongue
- Hot biscuits
- Pickles
- Salad Salt wafers
- Nuts
- Apple pie a la mode
- Coffee (Cafe noir)

Girls Prepare All.

Each and every menu item was prepared by the High school young ladies and the enjoyment of the course was entered into with even greater enjoyment because of this fact.

The viands in their serving attested to the splendid work which has been accomplished in the domestic science department since its installation as a branch of school study, last year. Each separate "dish" was one of numerous delicacy preparations which has been learned in these several

Good Liver Remedy Free

When you suffer from any form of indigestion it is always well to take something for the liver, as usually the trouble lies there. If you are bilious, have a bloaty feeling after eating, if you belch, if your skin is yellowish you may be sure it is liver trouble.

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Stephen S. Jones, Indian Secretary



At the Young Men's Christian Association at 8 o'clock this evening, Stephen S. Jones, field secretary of the association among the Indians, will deliver an illustrated lecture free to the public, upon the work which he is engaged in. Mr. Jones is himself a Sioux Indian, and is the only secretary now at work among his people. The Indian association was founded twenty-five years ago and has since been built up until it contains a large membership and has done much good. Secretary Jones went to Carlisle and was a football and baseball player. He was one of the speakers at the international convention of the association. He arrived in Keokuk yesterday and brought with him a number of Indian relics which will be exhibited tonight.

Months Past by the Girls.

Even to the ice cream, which gave the "a la mode" touch to delicious apple pie, the entire was the commendable work of the young housewives of the future, under the tutorage of Miss Parsons.

Superintendent the Sponsor.

Superintendent William Aldrich was responsible for the entertainment at 7 o'clock dinner last evening of the directory board and their wives, "footing the bills" being the happy part in the enjoyable affair played by the head of the Keokuk school system.

Last course served, the guests were invited in the culinary department, where the arrangements for cookery were shown and a better idea of how the sumptuous "spread" was prepared, given those who formed the company.

Greatly enthusiastic over the proud effort of the High school girls, those served were profuse in compliments and promises from school directors that were made from a standpoint of assurance, told Miss Parsons and her corps of young ladies that anything in future that is needed will be readily furnished for the continuance of domestic science in the Keokuk schools. In fact one of the first acts of the board after convening in regular monthly session, was to allow an appropriation sufficient to carry the work through the term.

The board members, school officials and the wives who were present last night were: Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hamill, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Lutz, Mr. W. J. Roberts and Miss Ruth Roberts, Dr. G. Walter Barr.

The Doubt Removed.

He it understood, although there has been no loud voicing of disapproval because of domestic science instruction in the schools, the board of directors have been skeptical as to the good results that can be accomplished in that department and from time to time have said so.

Happily, Superintendent Aldrich struck a cue, conferred with Miss Parsons and her older students, then informed the board members that they with their wives, were invited "out to tea." It all worked like a charm and skepticism has taken to the woods and thoughts of taboos study which teaches girls how to be the housewives of tomorrow has vanished like an inch square cake of ice on July 4.

The Young Hostesses.

The table committee was as follows: Marie Jones, chairman, Minnie Hartley, Helen Whetstone, Elizabeth Fanning and Hannah Kink.

Head waitress, Miss Helen Owens, assisted by Misses Martha Tracey, Helen Hodge, Minnie Hartley, Helen Whetstone, Ethel Russell, Nellie Carlson.

Those who assisted in the preparation of the menu were: Coffee—Martha Phillip, Beatrice Williamson, Biscuits—Marie Jones, Ada Conrad, Irene Rolloson.

Salad—Marguerite Betts, Eula Sundbye.

Meat—Lella Hagkott.

Soup—Myrtle Bland, Irelia Bland.

Toast fingers—Eunice Frazier, Verma Miller.

Serving butter—Georgia Schell.

Pie—Elizabeth Neill, Elizabeth Fanning, Dorothy Wether, Greta Palmer.

Ice cream—Hazel Ackley, Mabel Meister, Edna Sand, Hazel Messinger.

Culinary assistants—Bertha Bode, Mildred Miller, Minnie Baber.

She Was Smothering.

ROCKFORD, Ala.—Mrs. M. C. Paschal of this place, says, "I was taken with nervous prostration, and had headache, backache, pains in my right side, and smothering spells. I called in physicians to treat my case, but without relief. Finally, I tried Cardui, and it gave perfect satisfaction. I recommend it to every sick woman." Are you weak, tired, worn-out? Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to women? Cardui has a record of over fifty years in relieving such troubles, and will certainly benefit you. It prevents those frequent headaches, and keeps you up, out of bed, feeling fresh and happy. Try Cardui.

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LAST ROUND TABLE SERVICE SUNDAY

"The Girl Who is Prompt and Faithful" Will Be Discussed at Y. W. C. A. in Sub-Topics.

Final service Sunday Sunday at 4 p. m. the devotional services of the Y. W. C. A. will be brought to a close with this final meeting, and the committee in charge are expecting a large audience.

The Round Table experiment has proved thoroughly successful, and everyone has expressed their pleasure in the informal method of procedure.

The subject for Sunday is "The Girl Who is Prompt and Faithful," being based on the verse from the Book of Proverbs, "not slothful in business but fervent in spirit serving the Lord." Miss Myrtle Megheison of the United Presbyterian church will conduct the Round Table. The following sub-topics will be discussed:

1. "Why is There so Much Slothfulness Amongst People Who Are Responsible for the Accomplishment of things?"—Miss Emma Bindel.

2. "How Does the Prompt Dispatch of Duties Effect the Business World?"—Miss Lewis of the Second Presbyterian church.

3. "If Every Girl Was Really Fervent in Spirit, Serving the Lord What Effect Would it Have on the Coming of the Kingdom of God?"—Miss Anna Lourie.

Mrs. Jos. Furlong will sing.

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