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GREAT FRUIT CROP MAY BE EXPECTED

First Bulletin From Wesley Greene
Puts Yield at 86 Per Cent
Perfect for This Season.

CONDITIONS ARE GOOD

Strawberries and Peaches May be
Hurt by Drought But Not
to a Great Extent.

Iowa will have a fruit crop 86 per cent perfect, according to the first bulletin for 1914, issued by Wesley Greene, secretary of the Iowa Horticultural society, which will be sent out tomorrow. Peaches and strawberries, damaged by the drought of last summer, are the important factors in causing the percentage to drop below 90.

However, 86 per cent indicates a bumper crop, and if the conditions are favorable during the summer Iowa will have a record-breaking year.

The rating given by the secretary follows:

	Per Cent.
Apples	92
Pears	83
American plums	94
European plums	78
Japanese plums	77
Cherries	91
Peaches	92
Grapes	92
Red raspberries	85
Black raspberries	85
Blackberries	89
Currants	94
Gooseberries	94
Strawberries	78

"The winter was mild and there is no apparent injury to plants from cold weather," the report says. "The injuries noticeable were caused by drought last summer and by high temperatures late in the fall, which caused premature swelling of the fruit buds in some localities and made them less able to endure winter conditions. The drought last summer reduced the number of strawberry plants and made less strong the growth of raspberry canes. The average condition, however, of fruit trees and plants this spring is good, as shown by a comparison with the average condition of trees and plants in the spring of the last sixteen years.

"The rating in past years follows: Spring of 1899, 54 per cent; 1900, 71 per cent; 1901, 90 per cent; 1902, 80 per cent; 1903, 88 per cent; 1904, 72 per cent; 1905, 75 per cent; 1906, 85 per cent; 1907, 79 per cent; 1910, 68 per cent; 1911, 75 per cent; 1912, 68 per cent; 1913, 89 per cent; 1914, 86 per cent."

AUTOMOBILE FUND READY FOR SHARING

Lee County, With Sixteen Townships Will Receive \$5,562.88 This Week.

Each of the 1,643 townships in the state of Iowa will receive a remittance of \$347.68 from State Treasurer W. C. Brown within the week. This is the share of each township of the automobile license money for the six months' period ending April 1. The total amount in the hands of Treasurer Brown at Des Moines, after the deduction of 8 per cent which goes to the state highway commission and 7 per cent which is placed in a fund for paying the expenses of the auto-

mobile department, is \$571,239.27. This is by far the largest amount ever collected in any semi-annual period, being more than \$100,000 in excess of the amount distributed a year ago.

Lee county, having sixteen townships, will receive a total of \$5,562.88.

VELASCO HAS GIVEN VILLA THE SLIP

Fresh Federal Troops are Keeping the Mexican Rebels Quite Busy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] JUAREZ, Mexico, April 8.—While many dispatches have been received from the various constitutionalist commanders now operating between Torreón and Saltillo and Monterey, none of importance has been made public except that General Velasco and his army and the cavalcade of refugees accompanying him have reached Viesca, a station on the Torreón-Saltillo line, 45 miles east of Torreón, the federalists evidently having eluded General Hernandez who drove them into the hills south of San Pedro de Las Colonias several days ago.

It is admitted in constitutionalist official circles that the rebel forces of General Eugenio Aguirre Benavides and General Lorbio Ortega have engaged the federalists under command of General Joaquín Maas and General Javier De Moure at a point east of San Pedro de Las Colonias, 60 miles east of Torreón, but nothing has been made public as to the result except that constitutionalist forces are trying to surround and capture the entire federal band.

The presence of federalists in large numbers at San Pedro de Las Colonias probably explains why General Velasco and the forces under his command were permitted to escape. It is presumed that the forces of General Hernandez was attacked by General Maas and General Demoure and had to forgo the enveloping movement by means of which he hoped to capture General Velasco's army, and the civilian refugees accompanying him.

If it were not for the presence of civilian refugees, it is believed General Velasco would have joined with the reinforcements coming up under General Maas and General Demoure, but under the circumstances Velasco had no course but to strike out for Saltillo, leaving the battle to be fought by the fresher troops of the south. It is said in Torreón that Velasco will never reach Saltillo as there are between 3,000 and 4,000 constitutionalists operating between Viesca and Saltillo.

SANDERS ADDRESSES GATHERING OF W. C. T. U.

Women Hold Business Session Afterwards and Discuss Conditions in City.

[Contributed.] The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at the Y. W. C. A., was called to order by the president, Miss Ida Homan, and was opened with song, scripture reading and prayer. Miss Rose Peltz sang a solo. Rev. J. F. Sanders gave an excellent address which was filled with enthusiasm. He spoke of the advance of the temperance organizations and the great work yet to be done.

After the address a business session was held. Present conditions in Keokuk were discussed. Ten new members were added to the union. There was a large number in attendance.

Railroads Before I. C. C. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Three weeks of hearings on carriers' petitions to retain water lines, under the Panama canal act were begun by the interstate commerce commission today. The act provides that on July 1, railroads must relinquish all control of water carriers unless the commission grants an order permitting their retention.

MONTROSE.

John Wilken, an aged citizen, who has been ailing for some time, died Monday afternoon about the hour of 4:00 o'clock, from a complication of diseases incident to old age, in the seventieth year of his life.

A candidate will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Dolly Bindewald is visiting relatives at Hamilton, Ill.

The board of equalization was in session Monday.

Mrs. Louis Wahrer will be hostess Thursday afternoon to the W. C. T. U. where the ladies will busy themselves in the interest of the order. Tempting refreshments will be served by the ladies.

There will be services Good Friday evening at St. Barnabas Episcopal church. A cordial welcome to all.

Mrs. Elmer Reed entered Graham hospital last week, the second time, for surgical treatment. She is seemingly improving.

Mrs. J. D. Hamilton received word from Chicago that her aged sister is in very poor health. Mrs. Hamilton may be enroute to that city in a few days.

J. G. Singer has completed a new hay barn for Chas. Curtis, Jr., in the suburbs of the city.

Hen fruit is retailing in the local markets at twenty cents per dozen.

I. S. Ackley of Keokuk, delegate to the Anti Horse Thief association, was in this city Tuesday to attend their meeting. Mr. Ackley has legions of friends here, who met him with a hearty hand shake.

Miss Emma J. Smith, the parish visitor, has organized quite a class here for confirmation. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Theodore W. Morrison is expected here during the latter part of April.

There seems to be considerable sickness here, mostly lagrippe and asthma.

Good Friday there will be services at the Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. Jones.

Easter dinners among families and friends are scheduled for next Sabbath, with egg eating.

The Rev. John C. Sage of Keokuk, Thursday evening delivered his usual excellent sermon at the St. Barnabas Episcopal church, choosing his evening text from Zachariah 13:3. "The wounded Christ and one shall say unto Him, what are these wounds in thine hands; then He shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." The sermon was scholarly and appreciated.

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by thinking minds. The choir put on a new appearance by the addition of new voices.

J. L. Wright of Burlington was called here Sunday on the account of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Cooper's critical illness.

A heavy downpour of rain reached here Monday that was scheduled for Saturday night.

Contractor Silvers is at work on the new office of Dr. E. M. Buck, and work will be rushed to completion as soon as the weather will permit the carpenters to resume work.

Mrs. Eliza Holmes is improving slowly, which is good news.

A beloved girl called home. Dolly Skinner, daughter of David Skinner of this city, and wife of John Powers of Warsaw, sank quietly into that sleep which knows no awakening on this side of the great river, and death closed the last chapter of a beautiful life Saturday, March 28, 1914. She was born and reared in this city and grew up to womanhood; was married to John Powers at this place June 4, 1913. She united with the Presbyterian church under the pastorate of Rev. Alexander in the summer of 1911. Funeral obsequies were held from her late home, the Rev. J. M. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the services. The casket was adorned with beautiful flowers as loving remembrances of relatives and friends. The acquittal was made at Warsaw cemetery. Those who survive to mourn are her husband, John Powers, father, David Skinner, and faithful step-mother, five aunts and five uncles.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church served chicken pie at the school house hall April 7. A program was rendered and well carried out by home talent. It consisted of attractive musical numbers and all was delighted with the entertainment.

Joseph Reed has embarked in farming.

Mrs. Anna Goll, after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Clement, at Hannibal, Mo., returned to her home Monday, in this city.

J. B. Ash of Hamilton, Ill., brother of Miss Alice Bindewald, has had surgical treatment for partial blindness or ulcerations of the eyes at St. Joseph's hospital, Keokuk.

Sunday morning under the leadership of St. Andrew, H. W. Upham of Keokuk conducted services at St. Barnabas church.

Wm. Rider, a veteran of the civil war, who fell, dislocating his hip during the winter is still unable to arise from his bed, owing to his extreme age fate seems against him, but we hope for him that he may soon be able to sit up.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

State of Iowa, Lee County—ss.

In the District Court of said County, at Keokuk.

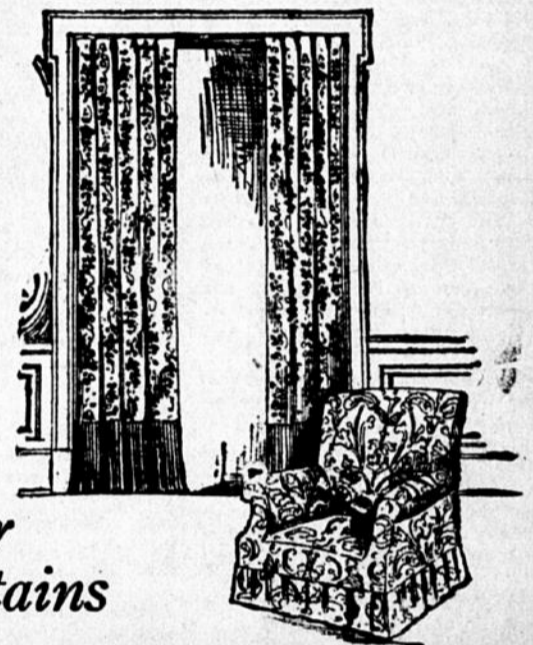
Julia R. Benthon, plaintiff, vs. unknown claimants to lot 9, block 165, Keokuk, Iowa. Unknown heirs of Jacob Benthon, deceased, defendants.

—Original Notice.

To the above named defendants: You are hereby notified that a petition is on file in the clerk's office of the district court aforesaid at Keokuk in behalf of the above named plaintiff, against you and claiming that she is the absolute and unqualified owner of lot 9 (nine), block 165 (one hundred and sixty-five), city of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa, purchased the same with her own money; had her husband Jacob Benthon's name inserted in deed to her. That Jacob Benthon is dead; if his heirs have any interest in said lot aforesaid it would be derived through him. That plaintiff prays the judgment and decree of the court to quiet the title to said lot 9 in her and such other and further relief prayed for.

And unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next regular May term of said court, to be begun and holden at Keokuk, on the fourth day of May A. D. 1914, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon as prayed for in said petition.

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