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MONDAY MUSIC CLUB
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GRAND OPERA HOUSE
 Monday Evening, November 2, 8 P. M.
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BIG GERMAN GUN ACCIDENTALLY BURST
 Killed About 300 Men and Sent Fragments of Shell and Bodies Seven Miles.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] MADRID, Oct. 29.—The story of how one of the German great 42 centimeter guns exploded, leaving a fearful mark of death and destruction, is told in a despatch received from its correspondent in northern France by the newspaper El Imparcial. He states that this particular gun was being used by the Germans at a "certain point" on their right wing when it exploded as the result of an over charge.

FUNERAL RECORD

Mrs. J. H. Acherson
 The funeral of Mrs. Sue A. Acherson was held at the residence on Grand avenue, near Twenty-fourth street, Rev. Frank Beardley of the Congregational church officiating. Appropriate musical numbers were given by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Joy, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Ed F. Carter and Frank E. Fuller.

College of Dancing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 29.—The state of Minnesota has taken up the cudgel against the suggestive dances of the times. In an effort to decrease the craze for the freak dances, the state university of Minnesota announced that a class in "social dancing" had been added to its curriculum. The half and half and the fox trot are the first steps that will be taken up by the class of 200 already enrolled. The teacher is Timothy Aronson, a Russian student, and a prominent disciple of Mordican and Pavlova.

Robbers at Postoffice.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FREEPORT, Ill., Oct. 29.—Robbers blew the safe at the Maryland Station postoffice early today and escaped with \$50.

Mexican Revolution.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Fourteen carloads of reinforcements including guns, men and fuel arrived at Nogales for General Alvarado, presumably to renew an attack according to official reports at the war department today. The garrison at Aguas Prietas was also being reinforced, reports declared. Announcement of the selection of a provisional president of Mexico by the convention at Aguas Calientes was expected late this afternoon by the Mexican embassy here. Committees have already been appointed by the convention which has been in session all week, to at-

tend to the work ordinarily done by cabinet officers, but so far no choice has been reached on the presidency.

GET READY TO DIG UP YOUR WAR TAX

Assessment will be Made on Iowans on Certain Things Next Month.
 Get ready to go down into your pocket and cough up money for the government. The war tax bill is in effect, or rather part of it. Another part will go into effect next Sunday and the balance on December.

Opera house managers will be compelled to dig up \$100 while the managers of the moving picture houses will be taxed from \$50 to \$100, according to capacity. All other public exhibitions will be taxed \$10 except circuses which will be called on to fork over \$100.

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Mrs. Weil to Entertain.

Mrs. J. B. Weil will entertain on Wednesday and Thursday of next week at bridge teas.

Pretty Halloween Party.

Mrs. Fred Rhodes of 308 South Tenth street, entertained eighteen ladies yesterday afternoon at a Hal-



Halloween Party Planned.

The young people of the First Westminster Presbyterian church are to have a Halloween party on Friday night at the chapel. The following invitation has been sent out: "On Friday evening at eight o'clock at Westminster chapel the witches will stop. Be sure to be there, and be under their spell—The outcome of which will be hard to tell. Come, bring a ghost story, and also a friend. And with the witches that evening spend."

Children's Halloween Party.

Mrs. Henry Brandt, 1312 Des Moines street, entertained fifty children yesterday afternoon at a Halloween party from 4 to 7 o'clock in honor of her daughters, Florence and Hazel Brandt. The house was elaborately decorated in yellow and black streamers, autumn leaves and yellow flowers. Lighted jack-o'-lanterns were placed about the rooms and added to the spirit of Halloween. Miss Vera Berger dressed as a witch, told fortunes. At six o'clock a delicious supper was served. Mrs. Brandt was assisted by Mrs. Will Virgin, Mrs. A. L. Berger and Miss Ethel Burgess.

Mrs. Craig Entertains.

Mrs. Theodore A. Craig entertained fourteen ladies at a beautifully appointed one o'clock luncheon today in honor of Mrs. Wm. Lewis, of Cincinnati. The table had for a centerpiece a great basket of yellow chrysanthemums. Throughout the house, yellow chrysanthemums were used in decoration. Following the luncheon, auction bridge was played. Mrs. Wm. Theophilus of Davenport and Mrs. J. E. Hubert of Chicago, were guests from out of town.

Mrs. Tucker at Salem.

Mrs. Collingwood Tucker will give a recital of negro folk songs in Salem one evening next week. This is her second concert given there.

Party is Postponed.

Because of the illness of the hostess, the party which Mrs. E. S. Baker was to have given this evening has been postponed.

The Misses Perry Coming.

The Misses Saidee and Kate Perry of Capri, Italy, who were expected in Keokuk during the summer, will make their deferred visit here in November. They are the daughters of Colonel Perry, whose family was a very prominent one here years ago.

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Keokuk People Attend.

Last evening at 8:30, Margaret Helen Benbow, one of Fort Madison's most popular young ladies was united in marriage to Francis Marion Cockrell, of Chicago, Ill. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, 929 Fourth street. The Rev. Newsom officiated.

The Groom, Francis M. Cockrell, is employed by the Westinghouse Co., at Chicago, where he works at his profession of electrical engineer. The groom's home is in Marshall, Ill.

Those who were in the city, coming from other towns to be in attendance at the ceremony were H. H. Bartells, of Streator, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips, and daughter Elizabeth of Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. A. Cockrell, mother of the groom, of Marshall, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Taubenbeck, and son George of Marshall, Ill.; Miss Lucile Runkle, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; A. L. Benbow of Waterloo, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Mr. and Mrs. George Black of Dallas City, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. William Rhea of Colusa, Ill.

Elizabeth Phillips acted as ring bearer and Mrs. Earl Phillips was matron of honor.

Teachers Planned a Surprise.

The following item is from the Denmark correspondence in the Fort Madison Democrat: The teachers of the Union school, Miss Talbot of Keokuk, and Mrs. Moffitt of Denmark, planned a surprise on their pupils this afternoon. It was in the form of a picnic in Mr. Whitmarsh's pasture. Some of the mothers furnished conveyances.

Willing Workers' Meet.

The Willing Workers of the Second Presbyterian church will give a Halloween social in the chapel of the church Friday evening. Refreshments of pumpkin pie, doughnuts and coffee will be served.

Social an Enjoyable One.

The class of Mrs. Frank G. Beardley in the Congregational Sunday school gave a delightful rally social last evening in the church parlors. Miss Greta John sang a number of songs in a pleasing manner to the delight of the audience. Mr. McFarland sang several children's songs which were enjoyable. The entire evening was most enjoyably spent by those who attended.

M. L. Club's Kensington.

The M. L. club was entertained yesterday afternoon at a Kensington at the home of Mrs. Shaffer, 902 1/2 High street. A delicious luncheon was served and the afternoon spent in a most enjoyable fashion.

Banquet is Planned.

The Degree of Honor will entertain their families at a banquet on the evening of November 11. Elaborate plans are being made for the occasion.

Ghosts and Witches.

The Royal Neighbors will enjoy a Halloween party tonight at the close of the regular meeting at Woodman hall. A ghost dance, fortune teller, Halloween games and a luncheon will be the features of the Halloween party of the evening.

Halloween Party.

A Halloween party will be given by the Epworth league of the Trinity M. E. church tonight.

AVERAGES COMPILED AT POST OFFICE

Each Mail Carrier Distributes 606 Pieces Daily According to Figures Just Compiled.

Figures just computed for postal authorities show that each carrier at the local office handles daily 606 pieces of mail matter, averaging a total weight of seventy-five pounds. There are fourteen regular carriers and one parcel post carrier on the force. The parcel post carrier distributes a daily average of eighty-five pounds of matter.

PERSONALS.

Miss Georgie Johnson left for California yesterday to spend the winter with her mother and sister. Mrs. James E. Hubbert of Chicago, Ill., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collier.

MRS. JOHN WEIL DIED THIS FORENOON

At Her Home, 928 Palaan Street, After a Short Illness of Pneumonia and Heart Trouble.

Mrs. Mary F. Weil, wife of John Weil, died at 11:30 o'clock this forenoon, at the family home 928 Palaan street, after a short illness of pneumonia and heart trouble.

Mrs. Weil was born at Cleveland, Ohio, January 4, 1856. About the closing of the civil war she came with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, to Southern Illinois where they located. At St. Louis February 23, 1879, she was married to John Weil and on May 6, 1881, she came with her husband to Keokuk where she has since resided. She was a faithful and devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic church and a woman of kindly, neighborly qualities ever careful in performing her duties as a consistent Christian and neighbor. She had many friends in the city who will be pained to hear of her death. She was taken slightly ill only last Sunday, but it was of such a nature that no serious alarm was caused, though a physician was immediately called, and though she had every care that skill and attentive nursing could give her, death closed her eyes in that last sleep that knows no waking until the last day.

She was a kind and gentle wife and a devoted mother, extending kindness to all with whom she was associated and her gentle influence will be sadly missed in the home circle, the church and among her neighbors and many friends.

She is survived by four sons, Henry and Frank of Illinois, and Frank at home, and four daughters, Mrs. R. N. Neal of Moline, Ill., Mrs. H. L. Crane, Los Angeles, Calif., Miss Helen Weil of Moline, Amelia, Emma and Elizabeth at home. She is also survived by two brothers, Henry and Frank Nelson of near Little Rock, Ark.

CITY NEWS.

—Dozen sale at C. W. S.
 —Sweet cider at Immeget's.
 —Henry H. Long, 23, of Fountain Green, Ill., and Bessie May Miller, 19, of Webster, Ill., were united in marriage this afternoon by James S. Burrows, justice of the peace.

WAR VETERANS ON PAY ROLL OF STATE

More Survivors of Rebellion Than at Any Other Time Hold Official Places.

There are more veterans of the civil war in official positions of one kind or another today, in the service of the state, than before for many years, says a Waterloo exchange.

For the first time in history the G. A. R. itself was this year given what might be called official recognition by appointment of the department commander himself to one of the finest offices in the state. This is Commander J. W. Willett, who was appointed district judge. It is the first time, it is believed, when a department commander while holding the office, was ever appointed to high office in the state.

Col. D. J. Palmer was in office when elected department commander and is still in office while commander in chief of the G. A. R.

No other of the elective state officers was a war veteran, but there are a great many holding positions. A few of these are given here:

- R. L. Chase, in secretary of state's office;
- Thomas L. Stevens, office of adjutant general;
- Melvin H. Byers, chief oil inspector;
- T. W. McCurdy, in charge of capitol grounds improvement;
- John N. Gadd, postmaster;
- W. C. Duckworth, custodian;
- Oil inspectors or assistants: J. P. Risley, Davenport; Mr. Garrison, Cedar Rapids; D. Shrook, Waukon; J. W. Ramsey, Garner; S. B. Humbert, Cedar Falls; J. E. Wildman, Marshalltown; Thomas Chantland, Badger; J. A. Patrick, Wall Lake; G. B. Hardill, Council Bluffs; J. T. Smith, Burlington; J. P. Early, Albia; W. C. Jacob, Knoxville; J. W. Hall, Osceola; C. W. Kent, Sioux City; deputies, Geo. W. Hicks, Perry King and R. G. Sheuy.

NOTICE.

Believing the people of Keokuk and vicinity want and will support a decorative store, I have resigned as manager of the wall paper department of Duncan-Schell and will open a decorative store with a complete line of the highest grades of wall papers and draperies. My business will be to assist you, not only in the wall treatment, but the floor covering and draping, as I believe my five years in Keokuk has convinced you I am able to do. Date of opening later.

CAN'T BE PROUD OF KILLING SQUIRRELS

It May Be Sport But Prowess in This Line is Nothing to Boast About

Cedar Rapids Gazette: No one ever saw a real sportsman shoot a red or fox squirrel and then intimate that he felt proud of his act. There are plenty of hunters who shoot squirrels but not one in a hundred has the nerve to carry the dead body of one of the little fellows through the streets and exhibit it to his friends. Squirrels are good eating, and hunting them is considerable sport, but the last dying gasp of the bright colored, bushy tailed little animals always digs deep into the conscience of the hunter—if he has a conscience—and then and there he takes a solemn vow that after this particular trip he will never hunt squirrels again.

PROPAGATE MUSSELS ON MISSISSIPPI

Two of Five Government Field Parties Are Operating Along This Big Stream.

Five field parties are now operating along various streams in the Mississippi valley propagating mussel shells under the direction of the United States biological station at Fairport. This is the largest number of crews to engage in this work at any time since the attention of Uncle Sam was first attracted to the importance of artificially propagating the mussel shell in order to conserve an industry which was threatened by the de-

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 Stylish Shapes New Lengths
 Tomorrow we will place on sale a gross of the new Hatpins with six inch pins, gold heads, in Roman or English finish at half price. While they last.
 Per pair—50c.
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FOR RENT—House, good furnace, cement floor in cellar, modern plumbing, hard wood floors, stationary laundry tubs, gas and electric lights; furniture or unfurnished. Also an apartment. Call at 727 North Ninth.
 FOR RENT—Five room house. Inquire 227 North Ninth.
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 A man can shoot a molly cotton tail without a qualm of conscience, because rabbits are destructive in many ways. Wild ducks, prairie chickens and other small game, with the possible exception of quail, are the legitimate prey of the nimrod. But it is different with squirrels. The frisky little chaps harm no property, unless it be to occasionally gnaw a hole through a barn if it be too near his habitat, or to "swipe" an ear of corn from a nearby field. Their cheery, little scolding chatter is one of the most pleasant sounds heard in the woods, and if treated kindly by men and dogs they will appropriate a tree in the front yard as a home.
 The squirrel wants to be friendly, but men won't let him. Owners of timber land are beginning to recognize the homely virtues and friendliness of their hard working and frisky friend, and forbid hunters from molesting him. The squirrel, in fact, is responsible for a great majority of the "No Hunting" signs, and hunters would do well to respect the wishes of the little chap's self-appointed guardian if they expect to have a single acre in all Iowa where they will be allowed to hunt in the future.