

# RUN OVER BY AUTOMOBILE WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

**Bridget Ellen Brerton, 60,  
Dies in Few Minutes After  
Accident at Fifth  
and Main Streets.**

## INQUEST HELD TODAY

**Testimony of Witnesses at In-  
quest Show Automobile  
Was Not Being Rap-  
idly Driven.**

The coroner's jury at 3:20 o'clock this afternoon, returned a verdict that Bridget Ellen Brerton came to her death by being struck by an automobile driven by G. W. Moseley.

Bridget Ellen Brerton, 60, was struck by an automobile driven by G. W. Moseley at the corner of Fifth and Main streets shortly before 7:30 last night and died a few minutes later at the Graham hospital, to which she was removed in Mr. Moseley's car immediately after the accident. The car ran over her body and rolled her for a distance of about twenty feet before it could be stopped, although Mr. Moseley had been driving at a slow rate of speed before the accident happened.

The coroner's jury met this morning and again this afternoon and heard the testimony of witnesses. At 3:00 o'clock witnesses were still giving testimony in the case.

### To Avoid Another.

According to the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest this morning and Mr. Moseley's description of how the accident occurred, he ran over Miss Brerton because he attempted to avoid striking a man who was about to cross the street from the southeast corner, and did not see Miss Brerton. He had been driving slowly near the curb. Just as he reached the crossing a man, believed to have been Charles G. Smith, stepped off the sidewalk and started to cross the street in front of the automobile. Mr. Moseley saw him and states that he sounded his warning signal. The man finally stopped and stepped back toward the curbing, but before he did so the driver of the automobile had swerved out toward the car tracks to avoid striking him.

His attention centered upon missing this man, Mr. Moseley did not see Miss Brerton standing near the corner about eight feet from the car track. He stated today that he stopped his car after striking her because he heard someone cry out for him to stop. He said that he could remember seeing something like a shadow in front of his car just before he heard the cry to stop and believes this must have been Miss Brerton.

He stopped his car within a distance of from twenty to twenty-five feet. According to the testimony of witnesses, Miss Brerton, just before the automobile reached her, half turned, facing the car, and then started walking backwards to keep from being run down. Either she tripped on her skirts and fell or was struck by the car and fell to the pavement. The automobile rolled her for a distance of about twenty feet, according to the testimony of several witnesses, although one stated that he did not think the car struck her at all.

### Died at 7:41 O'clock.

Whether or not the wheels of the automobile ran over her body was denied by one witness and affirmed by another who stated that to him it appeared as if the right front wheel of the car ran over her head. When the automobile stopped Howard Evans, 20, 201 North First street, who had been standing on the corner in front of Younker's, ran into the street and pulled the woman from underneath the automobile. He then lifted her into the rear of the machine and supported her while Mr. Moseley drove to the Graham hospital. Evans carried her to a room on the second floor, Dr. F. B. Dorsey and Dr. F. B. Dorsey, Jr., arrived within a few minutes. They gave their time of arrival as 7:35. Miss Brerton died at 7:41, according to the testimony of the two physicians given at the coroner's inquest this morning.

Evidently, before the accident occurred, Miss Brerton had stopped on the corner at Fifth and Main street to wait for a car while the car still was over a block away. She probably had not noticed the approaching automobile until it was within a short distance of her. When the automobile swerved out from the curb it headed directly toward her. Either she became confused or she did not have time to step to one side to allow it to pass her for she started running backwards away from the car which was traveling faster than she.

The coroner's inquest was held at 10 o'clock this morning. However, as

one or two of the witnesses were not present it was necessary to present a part of the testimony to the jury this afternoon, the meeting being held at 1:30. The jurymen were Ed. Heller, John McGee, and George Salzer.

The witnesses who testified this morning were James Brerton, a brother of the deceased, Howard Evans, Patrick Tigus, Jr., Charles G. Smith, witnesses, and Dr. F. B. Dorsey and Dr. F. B. Dorsey, Jr. James Brerton was the first to testify before the jury. He stated that he did not witness the accident, but was placed upon the stand for the purpose of identifying Miss Brerton. According to his testimony he was unable to recognize the dead woman when he saw her at the hospital because of her bruised and swollen face. He stated also that none of the members of the family were able to identify her from her face when she was removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Moeller, 1308 Times, where Miss Brerton had made her home. The identification of the body was made by the personal effects.

### Evans Saw Her Fall.

Howard Evans, who witnessed the accident, and the young man who drew Miss Brerton out from under the car, was the next witness. He testified that he was standing in front of Wilkinson's drug store when the accident occurred. He stated that the automobile was being driven in the direction of Fourth street and that it was near the curb when it reached the corner. He said that he could not tell the speed at which the car was being driven, but said he knew the car was going slowly. Evans said he first was warned of the impending accident when he saw a lady coming up the street who appeared to be frightened and who finally screamed. He then turned around in time to see the machine driven by Moseley run into Miss Brerton, just as he was applying the brakes to the car. He stated that he believed the automobile did not knock her over but that she became frightened, and either slipped or stumbled, falling to the pavement in front of the automobile. He said that he rushed into the street as soon as the car stopped and pulled Miss Brerton from under the car, lifted her into the car and held her until they reached the hospital. He then carried her to a room on the second floor at the hospital and remained there until the coroner arrived. He returned down town with Mr. Moseley in the automobile, he stated.

Patrick Tigus, Jr., 41, testified that he was standing on the corner of Fifth and Main streets when the accident happened, some time between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. He said he was standing on the corner in front of McGrath's drug store. The first warning of the accident he had, he stated, was when he heard a woman scream, "Look out." He looked across the street in time to see Miss Brerton standing near the car track, about eight feet in front of the automobile. He said he thought it was Miss Brerton who screamed. Tigus stated that he did not think the driver of the automobile tried to stop at the time and that he had either lost his head or become excited. He said the automobile was traveling at a rate of speed of from six to eight miles per hour. He said that when the automobile struck Miss Brerton it knocked her down and rolled her for a distance of about twenty feet in the direction the car was going.

### Smith Saw It All.

Charles G. Smith, 321 South Second street, testified that he was standing on the corner of Fifth and Main streets in front of Younker's when the accident happened. He stated he had been watching Miss Brerton for a couple of minutes before the accident and said he wondered why she was standing in the street waiting for the car when it was still over a block away. He said that he started to cross the street in front of the automobile just as it was about to reach the corner. He said when he saw the automobile he stepped back on the sidewalk so that Miss Brerton would not be in danger, as the automobile was near the curbing at the time. Just as the automobile reached the intersection he said it turned sharply to the left toward the tracks. Then he heard someone cry, "On my God, look out." He did not know who uttered the cry. Then he saw Miss Brerton half turn, facing the oncoming automobile. As it was about to reach her, she started running backwards with her face toward the car. He said he thought she had the car. Smith said he thought she must have stepped on her skirts or slipped on the wet pavement for she fell under the car just as it reached her. He said the car rolled her for a distance of about twenty-five feet before coming to a stop. He said he thought the right front wheel of the automobile ran over her head.

The testimony of the two doctors was the same. They stated that they had been called to the Graham hospital and arrived there at 7:35. They found there a white woman, age about 60 years, with gray hair. She was unconscious when they arrived, and had Cheyne stokes breathing, which

immediately precedes death. She died at 7:41, they said. An examination of her injuries revealed a swelling over her right eye the size of a large hickory nut, blood was running from her nose, mouth, and right ear. The right malor bone was broken, the right superior maxilla, and the nose also were broken. There were no other injuries noted except bruises on the face and head. They stated that in their opinion these injuries resulted in her death.

### Testimony Taken This Afternoon.

The coroner's jury met again this afternoon at 1:30 and heard the testimony of several other witnesses. M. R. Angell was placed on the stand. He stated, however, that he knew nothing about the accident except what he had heard.

Hugh Beard, 25, stated that he was a witness to the accident. He was in front of Younker's store when he was attracted by Miss Brerton calling: "Look out, look out." He said that when the car struck Miss Brerton it knocked her backwards and then seemed to strike her again, rolling her over. He said she seemed to turn a complete summersault under the fender. In other details his testimony was practically the same as that of other witnesses.

Ed Hartrick, 20, 1722 Carroll, testified that he was standing on the corner in front of McGrath's drug store when the accident happened. He said Miss Brerton was under the car when he first saw her. He said he did not know whether or not the driver of the car sounded his alarm. Like other witnesses, he stated that Mr. Moseley's car was going very slow just before the accident happened.

Dan Cantion, 23, of St. Louis, a traveling salesman, stated that he witnessed the accident. He was standing in front of Younker's store when he saw the car coming down the street toward the river. He said he was about to step into the street when he heard Mr. Moseley sound his alarm, and he stepped back on the sidewalk. He said he saw Mr. Moseley turn his car toward the tracks to avoid hitting a man who had started to cross the street. As the car approached Miss Brerton, she evidently became excited and started backing up, he said. His other testimony was practically the same as that given by other witnesses.

### Was Born in New York.

Miss Bridget Ellen Brerton was born in New York state sixty years ago. She was brought to this city by her parents at an early age and had resided here ever since that time. She was the daughter of Richard Brerton. She had been a member of the Catholic church since infancy and belonged to all the societies connected with the church. She resided at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Moeller, 308 Times street. She left a brother, James Brerton, and three sisters, Anna, Brerton, Mrs. Joseph Moeller, and Mrs. Joseph Welsh, together with a number of nieces and nephews. Her father and mother had been dead for a number of years.

The body was removed to the residence of Mrs. Moeller from the hospital. The funeral service will be held from the St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

### Frank Must Hang.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The supreme court today refused to grant a review of the case of Leo M. Frank, the Atlanta factory foreman, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan. As a result of this decision, the only hope of saving Frank's life now lies in an appeal to the governor of Georgia for a pardon.

### FRANK VANDEGRIFT CALLS KEOKUK BEST

The sweetest place on earth to you is the place where you were "fotch up," was the way Frank L. Vandegrift, Kansas City newspaper man, and a former resident of Keokuk, expressed himself this morning. Mr. Vandegrift was in Keokuk over Sunday, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Collier. Keokuk, he said, was the sweetest place on earth to him, for it was here that he had been "fotch up" as he colloquially expressed it. When he said this, Mr. Vandegrift was standing on Seventh street beside the entrance to the city hall. He pointed over towards the corner. "We used to go to school there," he said, "and after school we used to go down over these bluffs to skate on the canal, if it were winter time, and to swim in those same waters, if it were summer. That was before you had the lake down there that you have now. When you get as old as I am, and it's not too old either, you will come back to the place where you played and ran in your early days, and you will find it the sweetest place in the world."



Wearin' for You.  
Just a wearin' for you—  
All the time a feelin' blue,  
Wishin' for you, wonderin' when  
You'll be comin' home again.  
Restless, don't know what to do  
Just a wearin' for you.  
Comes the wind with soft caress  
Like the rustlin' of your dress;  
Blossoms fallin' to the ground  
Softly, like your footsteps sound;  
Violets like your eyes so blue,  
Just a wearin' for you.  
Mornin' comes, the birds awake;  
Used to sing so for your sake;  
But there's sadness in the notes  
That come trillin' from their throats,  
Seem to feel your absence too,  
Just a wearin' for you.  
All the time a feelin' blue,  
Wishin' for you, wonderin' when  
You'll be comin' home again.  
Restless, don't know what to do,  
Just a wearin' for you.  
—Frank L. Stanton.

### Invitations for Reception and Dance.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Arthur Gray, Mrs. David Jameson Ayres, Miss Mary Margaret Ayres have issued invitations for a dancing party to be given in the ball room of the Elk's club house, on Wednesday evening, December 23. A reception will be held from eight to half past nine o'clock, when dancing will begin.

### C. W. B. M. Auxiliary.

The local auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. will be entertained tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. F. Smith, who will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. W. M. Baker, Mrs. J. P. Peterson, Mrs. S. H. Ayres, and Mrs. Lawrence R. Bane. An interesting program will be given and a large attendance of the members is hoped for.

### Special Work for Miss Hebenicht.

The friends of Miss Hebenicht, and they are legion in Keokuk, will be interested to know that she has been asked by the officers at the New York office of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. to give them a month of time, or longer if she can, to do some special work for them in Baltimore, Md., in the interest of their visiting nurse work in that city. She will enter Columbia University in the beginning of the second semester and will perhaps be able to give the work in Baltimore only a month of time. The high standard of Miss Hebenicht's work and the splendid association she has established here has made her known far beyond the confines of this city and it is with the greatest regret on the part of every one that she will sever her relations with the local association the latter part of December.

### Ladies' Society Meetings.

Among the church societies meeting today, the St. John's Guild met in the parish house, the Chapel Fund society met with Miss Gertrude Ellsworth, Mrs. B. F. Jones entertained the Quid Libet society and the Woman's Alliance met with Mrs. G. W. Heller.

### Bazaars Will End This Week.

This week will bring to an end the annual Christmas bazaars in Keokuk. Notwithstanding the cry of "hard times," the bazaars have been up to the standard in the number of booths and articles on sale and the patronage has been as liberal as in former years.

### Daughters of the King.

The Daughters of the King will meet tomorrow evening at St. John's church.

### Keokuk Girl Weds.

Miss Elizabeth Butler Bell, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Rice H. Bell of this city, and Harry Barton Windsor of Indianapolis, were married December 1, at Indianapolis by the Rev. Clarence Eddy, pastor of the College street Baptist church. After January 1 they will be at home at 727 North Pennsylvania avenue, Indianapolis. Mrs. Windsor left Keokuk several years ago and has been in Indianapolis where she has been employed. She was a popular young woman here, and has many friends who will be interested to learn of her marriage. Mr. Windsor is a prominent business man of Indianapolis.

### Eastern Star Election.

At the meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star held Thursday evening in the lodge rooms at the Masonic temple, the following officers were elected for the year: Worthy matron—Miss Alice Tolmie. Worthy patron—J. L. Hawkes. Associate matron—Miss Carrie Hanson. Conductress—Miss Josephine Krichel. Associate conductress—Miss Alice Vermillion. Treasurer—Mrs. A. D. Thomas.

### Police on Guard.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 7.—When the Eau Claire high school opened this morning, police were on guard to prevent repetition of previous outbreaks of boy students, who resented Superintendent D. M. Jacks telling Miss Florence Blood to go home and tie up her hair. Attendance today was limited.

# Ayres & Chapman

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## Deservedly Popular Waldemar Watch Chains

Men welcome the return to favor of the deservedly Waldemar watch chain. It is the most talked of man's present shown this year and it is just as good taste for use with business clothes as on full dress occasions.

The Ayres & Chapman's stocks present exclusive ideas in Waldemar chains, not for sale in other stores and the prices are less than you are asked to pay for the ordinary kind.

### Waldemars for Men

Plain or fancy links in solid platinum, 15 inch—	Plain or fancy links in solid gold—	In quarter gold, a variety of 100 patterns, very reasonably priced at—
\$20.00, \$25.00 to \$40.00	\$5.00, \$8.50, \$10.00 to \$25	\$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00

## CITY NEWS.

many students starting high school work in the Chipewa Falls high school.

### Marriage Licenses for November

brought \$27 into the county's coffers so the tabulated report of Clerk Hart for the month shows. From probate business there was \$38.25. Forty-nine dollars represented district court fees and three dollars from mechanic's liens.

—Now don't be misled. Our line of electric reading lamps in both fancy art glass and silk shades are the newest and latest designs on the market at the lowest price in town—King Plumbing Co.

—Mason's. Special meeting of Eagle Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M. 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 8, 1914. Work on third degree. Hardin Lodge and visiting brethren fraternally invited. Refreshments. By order of the W. M. S. H. Johnston, Sec'y.

—According to Sacramento dispatches, David Fontaine, janitor in a church there, who is charged with the killing of a little girl, served a term in the prison at Fort Madison.

—The remains of Noah Scott, the colored man, whose death was noted in The Gate City Sunday, as occurring at Peoria, will arrive in Keokuk at 9 o'clock tonight.

### CRIMINAL CASE IS SET FOR TOMORROW

Seitz Trial is Scheduled to Begin—Moander vs. Pfaffe is Dismissed.

The case of Moander vs. Pfaffe which was set for this afternoon was dismissed without prejudice, owing to the inability of the plaintiff to have one of his witnesses here. The case was continued from last week, owing to the absence of the witness. When the witness could not be found in time for trial today it was necessary to dismiss.

A criminal case is set for tomorrow afternoon. This is the case of the state of Iowa vs. Irwin Seitz. The jury was excused today until tomorrow afternoon, when it is expected to bring Seitz to trial.

A motion for more specific statement in the case of Arthur vs. the DuPont Powder company was filed by attorneys for the company today.

### Fighting for Seat.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—Declaring that if necessary he will carry his fight for a seat in congress to the house, J. McCann Davis, of Springfield today filed with the state canvassing board a contest of the election of W. Elza Williams of Pittsfield, as congressman at large. Davis asks a recount of the entire vote of Cook county, claiming that numerous errors deprived him of a majority of 3,546 and gave Williams a majority of 1,736. He claims that in the tenth Chicago ward alone 400 votes which were cast for him were given to Williams. The canvassing board will give Davis a hearing tomorrow.

### Dutch Loan Wheat.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 7.—Despite scarcity of food stuffs in Holland, the Dutch government today recognized the more pressing needs of Belgium and loans of the American relief commission here ten thousand tons of wheat.

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

BRERTON—The funeral of Miss Bridget Ellen Brerton will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's church.

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Tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday

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## Want Column

LOST.

LOST—Wednesday evening, spotted pointer pup about five months old. Notify Dr. Sherlock. Reward.

LOST—Fountain pen in front of Sixth street fire station. Return to this office. Reward.

STRAYED.

STRAYED—2 1/2 year old red heifer with horns. Please notify Jess Nelson, route 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR estimates on plastering and repair work, call Red-1301. Stanley Johnson, 717 North Thirteenth street.

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in short term, mailed free. Write Moler College, St. Louis, Mo.

LADIES—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach hairdressing in few weeks, mailed free. Write Moler college, 810 N. 6th street, St. Louis.

LADIES—\$1 dozen making aprons at home. We pay you. Send stamped reply envelope for particulars. Globe Supply Co., Hornell, N. Y.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Williams of Fort Stockton, Texas are visiting in the city at the home of Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strickler.

Miss Thistle Davis of Des Moines is the guest of Mrs. F. M. Fuller and other relatives in the city.

Mrs. M. A. Tracy has returned from a visit of several weeks with friends in Pleasant Plain and other points in Iowa.

Mrs. Cordella Calloway leaves tomorrow morning for an extended visit in Chicago, Peoria and other points. She expects to be gone about three weeks.

WANTED.

WANTED—Work taking care of furnace or janitor work, experienced. Address "B," this office.

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FOUND—Man's glove for right hand. Owner can secure same at Gate City office. Pay for notice.