

BAKER ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

Pastor of First Christian Church, At Evening Services, Tells People He Will go to Marshalltown.

BOARD TAKES ACTION

Although Regretting to See Him Go, Official Body Feels That It Must Accept the Resignation.

The Rev. William M. Baker, pastor of the First Christian church, announced last night at his evening service that he had resigned and would leave the first of the year for Marshalltown to become the pastor of the Central Church of Christ. Rev. Baker presented his resignation at a special meeting of his board in the afternoon. The board reluctantly accepted the resignation, but realizing that a broader field was opening for their pastor, they felt that they could not keep him here. Rev. Baker will terminate his work here on December 31.

The local Christian church called Rev. Baker a little over a year ago. During the twelve months and a little more that he has been here, Rev. Baker has brought much to his congregation. He is an organizer of much ability, and his work of organization in the church has been distinctly felt. Rev. Baker has proved an exceptionally able pastor and leader in church work, and it is with the greatest regret that the local people see him go.

The church to which he has been called at Marshalltown is one of the greatest churches of this denomination in Iowa. It has a very large membership and Rev. Baker will go into a broader field, carrying with it greater responsibility and greater rewards.

The Keokuk board has drafted a resolution which will be presented to the Marshalltown church.

The Marshalltown view.

Following is the Marshalltown Times' story of Rev. Baker's call:

Rev. W. M. Baker, pastor of the First Church of Christ of Keokuk, has been extended a call by Central church, of this city, to succeed Rev. C. H. Morris, who resigned November 21. Although formal acceptance, by

A Sure Sign

R. H. Ballard, Ad club speaker, who shows electricity's part in up-building of Los Angeles, delivering an address made the following truthful statement:

"Newspaper advertising, however, always interests me. I have had occasion to give a number of towns the 'once over' to see if they looked like good places for electric investments. The first thing to do is to look at the newspapers and see how much advertising they carry. If there is little advertising the merchants have little faith, and when business men have little faith in their city I have none."

wire, is not expected until Sunday, the church feels certain that Rev. Baker will accept.

C. H. Van Law and Dr. G. W. Graham, of the committee named by the church at the time Mr. Morris resigned, went to Keokuk to interview Mr. Baker, and were very favorably impressed with him. In turn Mr. Baker and his wife visited this city Thursday, and appeared pleased with the outlook of the local field of labor. Rev. Baker did not care, however, to announce his acceptance definitely until he could return to Keokuk and formally place his resignation before his church on Sunday.

Has Good Record. The committee from the church found that Mr. Baker had a good record as a pastor, having served but four charges in eighteen years. Two of them were Glasgow, Ky., and Poplar Bluffs, Mo. He came to the Keokuk church only a year ago.

Mr. Baker is forty-four years old, and is a graduate of Transylvania university, Lexington, Ky., where he took both his liberal arts and theology. He has no children.

Rev. Mr. Baker is desirous of making the change early in the new year, probably around the first, and this is also the wish of Rev. Mr. Morris, who is anxious to begin his work at Denver as early in the new year as possible.

Work Near at Hand.

Yankton Herald: Before trying to patch up differences in Europe, Henry Ford had better tackle a sizable job on this side of the water to get his hand in. Why doesn't he persuade Roosevelt and Taft to stop digging trenches in each other's territory, and cajole Champ Clark to turn the other cheek to W. J. Bryan? What's the use of wasting so much time and money on foreign missions when the home mission field is so overrun with cockleburrs and pigeon grass that the crop looks like what happened in Flanders.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents a week.

BRIDGE REPORT MADE FOR 1915

Number of Boats for Which Draw Span Was Turned This Season is 1,228, According to Records.

MORE DATA ON OLD SPAN

Total Number of Times It Has Turned is 70,640, and Cricket Was the First to go Through.

The annual report of boats and barges passing through the Keokuk and Hamilton bridge, which has been compiled by E. S. Cushman, engineer, shows that 1,228 boats passed through the draw of the bridge this season. Of this number the government fleet sent 282 boats up and 281 down. Second to the government boats were the packet boats and their trips numbered 294 in each direction. There were a number of barges recorded, also, the majority of these being government barges.

The following is the report compiled by Mr. Cushman from the bridge records:

Packets—	Boats.	Barges.
	Up.	Down.
Keokuk	120	120
Helen Blair	3	3
Dubuque	24	24
Saint Paul	9	9
Black Hawk	86	86
Quincy	10	10
Bell of Calhoun	1	1
Morning Star	1	1
	254	254
Excursion—		
G. W. Hill	24	24
W. W.	17	17
Sidney	14	14
	55	55
Government—		
Emily	135	86
David Tipton	5	1
Ellen	129	237
Keokuk		
(dredge)	2	1
Acorn	1	1
Ajax (dredge)	1	1
Coal Bluff	2	2
Warrio	1	1
Summers		
U. S. N.	3	3
Comanche	1	1
Minneapolis	1	1
Le Clair	1	4
Denison	2	1
Lucia	1	1
Goldenrod	1	2
	282	281
Miscellaneous—		
Mary K	7	9
Oronoco	1	2
Dixie	1	1
Chas. B.	1	1
Pearce	1	1
Belle Vernon	1	1
Jewel	1	1
Gardie		
Eastman	2	2
Eclipse	1	1
Vernie Mac	1	1
City of		
Parkersburg	1	5
J. M.	1	1
Karekona	1	1
Wanderer II	1	1
Kallitan	1	1
City of		
Beardstown	2	2
Chaparron	1	1
	22	25
	613	615
	874	852

Draw Turns 70,640 Times.

The draw of the Keokuk and Hamilton bridge which has been swinging open for forty-four years, has turned 70,640 times in its career, according to the report which was compiled from the yearly records. The lowest number of boats which passed through in one year was 889 in the year 1910. The highest number was in 1884 when 2,513 boats were recorded as passing through the bridge.

First Boat Was Cricket.

The Cricket, belonging to Patterson Brothers, was the first boat to pass through the draw. The Cricket passed through in June, 1871. John Eastline, who was on the Cricket at the time, read in yesterday's Gate City that there was no record of the first boat, and he immediately supplied the information.

Two Games with Keokuk.

The Burlington high school's basketball schedule has just been made public. Keokuk leads off the list on January 1 with a game in Burlington and has a return date on February 19.

To Fight Tonight.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Fatsy Klein and Young Fitzsimmons, lightweights, and Young Fitzsimmons, lightweights, will be the best entertainers in New York's fight cards slated for tonight. Jack Dillon, the Hooster "man killer" will take on Porky Flynn tomorrow night.

Value of Baseball.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: No encouraging news has come from Keokuk yet, and it is assumed that baseball is dead there, although it is to be hoped that such is not the case. The business men and fans of Keokuk must realize what an advertisement the national game is for the city, and how hard it may be to get back into the league should they once forfeit their franchise.

Bitter.

Chicago Evening Post: Bulgaria fears a dose of the Serbian medicine.



Experiments with Baking Powder are Costly

Millions of housewives know this is the truth—they realize the cost of a single bake-day failure. That's why they stick to Calumet.

Be on the safe side—avoid disappointments—use Calumet next bake-day—be sure of uniform results—learn why Calumet is the most economical to buy and to use. It's pure in the can—pure in the baking. Order now!

Received Highest Awards
New Gold Medal
The City is Proud
Can.

Be Safe—Use



SEVENTEEN TEAMS BREAK RECORD

All Entered in Annual Six Day Race at Madison Square Garden, Bunched at 190 Miles.

FOUR THOUSAND FANS

Large Number Present at Garden at Midnight for Start of Big Event—Sprints in First Hours.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Seventeen teams, the entire field in the annual six day bike race at Madison Square Garden had broken the track record for eight hours when at eight o'clock this morning they were bunched at 190 miles, two laps, with Reggie McNamara, the Australian, slightly in the lead. The former record, 189 miles and nine laps, was made in 1914 by Lawson and Drobach.

Four thousand "faithful" were massed in the Garden when the riders rode onto the track at midnight for the start of the six day grind, but at that time there were large blocks of vacant seats. The usual "permanent guests" who stick around until the finish, living on "dog dogs" and sleeping in their benches, were on hand, however, and their cheers became a roar as Sheriff-elect Smith demonstrated a shiny new pistol with the starting shot.

Grenada, the Australian, made the pass on the first mile and Oscar Egg, the Swiss rider, followed with a spurt which placed him in front for the next fifteen minutes. Alternate sprints by various riders continued throughout the first hours.

At 10 o'clock the seventeen teams were tied. At that hour they had covered 233 miles, three laps.

When Itching Stops

There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching torture instantly and that cleanses and soothes the skin.

Ask any druggist for a 25c bottle of Zemo and apply it as directed. Soon you will find that pimples, black heads, eczema, ringworm and similar skin troubles will disappear.

A little Zemo, the penetrating, satisfying liquid, is all that is needed, for it banishes all skin eruptions and makes the skin soft, smooth and healthy.

Zemo, Cleveland.

JOHN FERGUSON DIED EARLY TODAY

Civil War Veteran and Former Minister Answers Last Call After a Long Residence in Keokuk.

LIVED HERE 27 YEARS

Received Thirteen Wounds and Lost an Arm in War—Former Superintendent of National Cemetery.

John S. Ferguson, a veteran of the civil war, a Methodist minister for fourteen years and former superintendent of the Keokuk National and Jefferson City, Mo., national cemeteries, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clara M. F. Oldham, 1902 Carroll street, at 1:05 o'clock this morning. Mr. Ferguson had been one of Keokuk's most prominent and highly respected citizens for a period of twenty-seven years and in his death his friends see the passing of a man who has accomplished much in his long life of service, first for his country and then for his God. Mr. Ferguson has had an eventful life, at one time on the fields of war and later in the pulpit of peace. During the civil conflict the decedent lost his right arm and also received thirteen wounds, but this did not daunt or discourage him. He rose above his loss and lived to be one of the most highly loved and respected pastors in the Iowa Methodist conference. In his later life he preached at Farmington, West Point, Vernon, Winchester, Richlands and a number of other Iowa cities.

National Cemetery Head.

After fourteen years service in the ministry, his health failed and he was made an elder. Uncle Sam also rewarded him for his faithful service in the army by making him superintendent of the national cemetery at Jefferson City, Mo., from which post he was later transferred to Keokuk to take up the same position here. He had been retired from this post for some years.

The decedent was born October 15, 1830, in Weaver county, Pa. He came to Iowa in the fall of 1848 and first resided in Marshall county on a farm. He was wedded to Jerusha H. Odell in Muscatine county on March 2, 1854.

When the civil war broke out he enlisted on August 9, 1862, in Company F, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, as a private, but was later promoted to first sergeant.

He served in all of the war engagements with his regiment until April 8, 1864. At the battle of Sabine Cross roads in Louisiana, he lost his right arm at the elbow and received thirteen wounds besides from a shrapnel shell. He was taken prisoner on this field by the confederates and held for ninety-five days at Mansfield when paroled and brought to Keokuk to a hospital, from which he was later discharged when his wounds healed.

Entered Ministry.

He then entered the M. E. ministry and served until his health failed him. Mr. Ferguson's wife died on March 25, 1904, at the age of sixty-eight years.

For the past eighteen years Mr. Ferguson had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Oldham. Death was largely the result of old age, the decedent being in his eighty-sixth year. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the Odd Fellows.

The following children survive: George S. Ferguson, Elmer J. Ferguson, Charles H. Ferguson and Mrs. Oldham, of Keokuk, and Thomas D. Ferguson of Galesburg, Ill.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon from Mrs. Oldham's home and will be conducted by Rev. F. C. Edwards of Trinity church.



FANCHON FLOUR

Is as good a flour as ever you used. Try a sack next time and see the difference.

If your grocer hasn't it, he'll get it for you.

BUCK-REINER CO.

Wholesale Distributors

DUNCAN-SCHELL

The Store of the Christmas Spirit

Christmas Suggestions

- Electric Lamp in Mosaic Glass
- Gas Portables
- Candlesticks
- Cut Glass Compotes
- Baskets
- Hand Decorated China
- Amphora Vases
- Venetian Glassware
- Liquor Cut Glass Sets
- Dinner Gongs
- Chafing Dishes
- Kewpie China
- Tea Trays
- Decanters
- Silver Tea Sets
- Electroliters
- Chop Sets
- Mantel Clocks

We Invite Charge Accounts

AMUSEMENTS

At The GRAND An all star Paramount feature week. The greatest seven days of quality pictures ever offered in Keokuk.

To-Night { 7-8 and 9:15 } Famous Players offer Captivating and Beautiful MARIE DORO in "THE WHITE PEARL"

A delightful dramatic romance of Oriental Mysteries.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—MATS. 4; NIGHTS, 7, 8, and 9:15. PRICES 5 AND 10 CENTS.

CYRIL MAUDE Star of the N. Y. success, "Grumpy," in Henrik Ibsen's "PEER GYNT"

With Charming Myrtle Stedman and other Morocco stars.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—LASKY'S GREAT "CARMEN" A superb filmation, with special music and the world's best GERALDINE FARRAR

NOTE—Free Souvenir Fan photo every matinee this week.

HIPPODROME

TODAY — MATINEE, 2, 3:15, 4:15 EVENING, 7, 8:15 and 9:00

THE DRAMATIC AND MOTION PICTURE STAR

LENORE ULRICH in THE THRILLING PHOTO DRAMA

"THE BETTER WOMAN"

In five gripping, heart stirring acts of Love, Jealousy, Hatred and Heroism, full of tense situations and with an intensely dramatic climax.

TOMORROW

IRENE FENWICK — The Exquisite Star

In the very entertaining six act drama

"THE SPENDTHRIFT"

HIPPODROME — Popular-Prices, 5 & 10c

N. H. PYLE

—FOR—

INSURANCE

OF ALL KINDS

Phone 1250 402 Blondeau

Passing it Along.

Perry Chief: A Wisconsin physician who has made a life study of mental diseases declares that in all his experience he has never seen an insomniac who is bald headed. It will be interesting to note how many other bald headed newspaper men will print this fact.

A Pleasant Smoke

Nothing finer than a good cigar after a hearty meal and a Grand Leader

can't be beat for a pleasant smoke. Try one next time. Sold at all leading places.

C. W. EWERS

MAKER. 1118 Main Street, Keokuk

Why Suffer With Backache, Kidneys or Rheumatism? "ANURIC!"

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry. Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It.

A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine

urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica, or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce, at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.; send a sample of urine and describe symptoms. You will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Doctor Pierce, during many years of experimentation has discovered a new remedy which is thirty-seven times more powerful than lithia in removing uric acid from the system. If you are suffering from backache or the pains of rheumatism, go to your best druggist and ask for a 50-cent box of "Anuric," put up by Doctor Pierce. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak women and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood have been favorably known for the past forty years and more. They are standard remedies to-day, as well as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels. You can have a sample of any one of these remedies in Tablet form by writing Dr. Pierce.



seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of disease can thus be obtained. If backache, scalding urine or frequent

To the Woman Who Realizes She Needs Help.

You are nervous. You have "crying spells." You are dejected. You don't sleep well. You have backache. You have lost ambition for your work. You are beginning to feel old and look old!

These symptoms, more than likely, are produced by some weakness or derangement.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

(IN TABLET OR LIQUID FORM)

will aid you in regaining youthful health and strength—just as it has been doing for over forty years for women who have been in the same condition of health you now find yourself. It soothes and invigorates. It rebuilds and uplifts.

—Read The Gate City Want column.