

# RALPH WELLS DIES FROM BURNS

**Terrible Burns Received Friday Afternoon by Four Year Old Boy, Proves Fatal Last Evening.**

## BUCKET OF HOT WATER

**Lad Accidentally Fell Into it While Mother Was in Another Room—Death Much Regretted.**

Ralph Wells, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wells, of 521 South Fifteenth street, died Saturday night at 9 o'clock, as a result of burns received Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when he accidentally fell into a bucket of scalding hot water in the kitchen at the home. The accident was a particularly distressing one and has come as a great blow to the stricken parents and also to the neighbors of the family who knew and loved this bright little boy. Mrs. Wells was preparing to scrub the kitchen floor and had drawn a bucket of hot water. She had left the room but a moment when she was

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called back by the cries of pain from her son, and rushed to the kitchen to find him bent double in the bucket. Mrs. Wells did not even know that her son was in the house before the accident occurred. Early Friday afternoon he had gone over to visit his grandmother, but returned unexpectedly. Coming into the kitchen, it is thought he stumbled accidentally into the bucket and was unable to get out. When he was taken from the boiling water he was scalded from the chest to the knees. Dr. Frank M. Fuller was called and everything possible was done to save his young life, but all efforts were in vain and the lad passed away last evening at 9 o'clock after suffering intense pain. Ralph was born at Iowa City on February 16, 1912, and would have been four years old on his next birthday. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wells, survive, with one brother, Frederick, aged one year. Mr. Wells is a button cutter at the Hawkeye company. The boy was bright and intelligent and was a favorite in the neighborhood. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

# The Warsaw Gate City

Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 12, 1915.

The Warsaw Eagles elected officers for 1916, on Wednesday evening. Warren Caine was re-elected worthy president, and Dr. D. W. Loomis was elected physician.

Will C. Marsh has returned from an extended trip east. Geo. J. Risto occupied the pulpit of the German Methodist church last Sunday morning and the pastor, Rev. K. F. Krughoff preached in Canton, Mo. In the evening the Epworth league of the two M. E. churches enjoyed an interesting program at the German M. E. church.

R. H. Bowen of Hamilton, one of that city's hustlers, was a welcome visitor among his Warsaw friends Friday.

Miss Cora Crawford has returned from a three months trip to California, during which she visited the Panama-San Francisco exposition and the San Diego exposition, and also Los Angeles where she visited relatives and many friends. She spent a most enjoyable and profitable time.

On Tuesday two "smart jacks," not too young to have some sense, one from Hannibal and the other from Quincy, filled up on booze somewhere and perambulated Main street, visiting saloons, trying to show Warsaw greenies how it is done. When refused drinks, they became threatening and soon found their way into the clutches of our iron gripped marshal who gave them temporary quarters in the Hotel De Bennett where they had ample opportunity to rest and reflect on their idiocy. Judge Young fined them \$3.00 and costs each, amounting to \$4.90 which after some difficulty they were able to secure through their lodge membership. As they departed they pleaded, "don't put our names in the papers."

Mrs. John H. Finlay has gone to Chicago to spend the winter months with her sister Mrs. Frank Connor. Friends from neighboring cities say that Warsaw never did a more sensible thing, nor one that will be of greater benefit, than taking down the old wooden awnings and installing a white way on Main street.

The ferry Warsaw is in winter quarters at the bank south of Albers' mill and Capt. Redeforth is making some repairs on it.

Wm. Bell who has been in the employ of the Cedar Valley Hydraulic Co., of Charles City, Iowa, is home for a visit until after the Christmas holidays.

James M. Connor of Denver, Colo., was a recent visitor to Warsaw relatives.

Henry Grant and J. F. Battels left Tuesday for Monticello, Arkansas, near which they both have landed interests.

Geo. W. Battley of Wythe township who is farming the old J. R. Williams farm, has raised a large crop of corn from seed raised in the bottoms below Warsaw and it is of superior quality, the ears are well filled some of them even covered to the very tip with sound grain. Some of this corn may compete for prizes in the January corn show when the Farmers' Institute is held here.

The luncheon Tuesday evening given at the Hotel Iowa at Keokuk by Mrs. S. H. Johnston and Mrs. T. G. French to the Tri-City Matrons

club, was attended by Mrs. Ed Kotting of Warsaw.

Mrs. M. Nagel who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is improving, and Miss Lind of Keokuk, the trained nurse, has returned home.

One who claims to know, says within three months there will not be a screen or curtain up in Warsaw's seven saloons, and patrons can buy their drinks just like they do their dry goods and groceries.

Miss Nora Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banks of Warsaw, was united in marriage in Quincy to Mr. Frank Graham of Hamilton, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. E. J. Moser and children and Mrs. C. W. Willis and daughter Jane, all of St. Louis, returned home today. Mrs. Willis is much improved in health by her visit here. Both ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wallace.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schildman, Mrs. D. W. Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berlin went to Quincy and return in the Schildman car.

If Keokuk's hard and steady drinkers and habitual booze fighters think they can come down here for their drinking orgies after January 1st, they will find they are very much mistaken and had better get the idea out of their heads right now. Warsaw feels the effect of drink every day, though our city is quiet and law abiding—thanks to our saloon keepers, to Marshal Bennett, and Judge Young—and feels she can live without any undesirable importations. Some of our citizens make dire predictions as to conditions next year and that Warsaw will need a large force of police to keep order, especially at night. Just forget it; we only need one policeman and he is Marshal Bennett.

On Daugherty's hall, Hamilton, Sunday, Dec. 12, there will be a public men's meeting. Warsaw men cordially invited.

Institute of Public Men's Meetings. The institute of public men's meetings will gladly assist, as far as possible, in spreading the men's movement to other places. As far as his time will permit, Rev. E. U. Jagdstein is willing to address men's meetings, Y. P. S., or classes on the general subject, "Juvenile Courts, Probation and Co-operation of the Church for the Saving of the Young," which he discussed at the United Men's league of Quincy, at the Y. P. convention at Rock Island and other places. On request, he will also discuss special topics of the above subject. "Psychology of the Delinquent Youths," "The Different Causes of Delinquency," "Requirements and Duties of Probation Officers." Probation is chiefly concerned with first offenders. The United States district courts alone try over 13,000 cases annually. About 80 percent of these are cases of first offenders. This shows the vital importance of the use of the probation system for the reclaiming of the faltering youths of our nation. Through the blessed work of probation officers, thousands of juvenile first offenders have been spared from commitment to prison, and have developed into law-abiding, useful mem-

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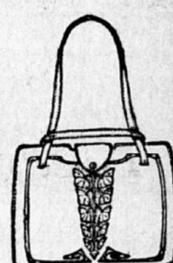
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bers of society, in many cases with the co-operation of the senior department of the Y. P. S., and other agencies of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, last Sunday.

We hear on every hand this expression: "Now we have the white way secured, the wooden awnings will soon be out of the way and Main street will shine as she never did before. The next thing we want, and we want it bad, is the trolley uptown." It will be a convenience that will confer benefit on Keokuk as well as Warsaw, and will make the latter more like a city, and best of all, not to be selfish, it will put big money into the coffers of the Keokuk Electric railway. It is not for us to urge the route it shall climb the hill, though many have their preference. Only bring it up here and we will be happy and the company's receipts will be double in a short time, especially if an early car is run carrying Warsaw people to their work in Keokuk by 6:45 a. m. We all remember the crowds we used to have from Keokuk and Hamilton in the summer, at 3 p. m. and 4:45 p. m., crowds on business or pleasure bent. Several routes have been surveyed, and it is affirmed that all show less than a three per cent gain. Let us have the trolley up town, at least by spring and "the people will rise up" and call Superintendent Ingie blessed. The 1916 promises to be a busy year in every way, especially in the tri-cities, and Warsaw will have more visitors than she has had for many years. Besides she expects to provide homes for some of the employees of Keokuk's big factories.

Mrs. Fred Nelson and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Allen at St. Mary's, Mo.

The sleet Friday and Saturday morning made the footing of pedestrians insecure, but so far there have been no accidents.

Ellis Daugherty, formerly of Warsaw, purchased a new Buick, six cylinder car just before Thanksgiving. He talks some of moving back to Nauvoo from La Harpe, where he is engaged in the butcher business.

The Farmers National Bank has instituted a new saving scheme which is most excellent and should commend itself to every one, especially

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