

BIG FIRE LOSS IN DECEMBER

Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed in Fourteen Fires Responded to.

RECORD OF THE YEAR

Gate City Seed Company's Loss Leads All With That of Country Club Coming Second.

The fire at the Gate City Seed company made the fire loss for December the greatest of any month of 1915. The total loss for the month was about \$28,000. The fire department had fourteen runs in the month of December, but of this number nine were attended by no loss. The biggest loss was that of the Gate City Seed company. The next was that sustained by Perry Dean when one of his houses on McKinley avenue burned with a loss of \$950. The next largest fire loss was \$150.

- Dec. 4—816 Carroll street, gasoline stove explosion, no damage.
- Dec. 5—Sixth street and Orleans avenue, false alarm.
- Dec. 8—2324 McKinley avenue, dwelling owned by Perry Dean burned to ground; loss, \$950.
- Dec. 9—404 Orleans avenue, porch on E. Ross Baker's house burned, with loss of \$104.
- Dec. 19—810 Blondeau street, fire in cellar of A. E. Linquist's dwelling from overheated furnace; loss, \$100.
- Dec. 20—Bonfire in rear of 520 Main street, no damage.
- Dec. 24—Iowa and Pleasant avenues, fire in Mr. Carter's home, no damage.
- Dec. 27—913 Timea street, overheated furnace in home of H. T. Flood, no damage.
- Dec. 28—119 South Third street, Gate City Seed company's plant; loss, \$28,700.
- Dec. 29—513 Blondeau street, fire, no damage.
- Dec. 29—1902 Main street, overheated stove in home of Albert Swanson; loss, \$150.
- Dec. 29—417 Main street, fire in Price Bros' wallpaper store, no damage.
- Dec. 29—119 South Third street, Gate City Seed company, smouldering fire, no damage.
- Dec. 30—119 South Third street, smouldering fire, no damage.

CHANGE ROUTE OF INTERURBAN LINE

Knight Road Not to Go Through Mexico, Shelbina Democrat Reports.

W. H. Knight, promoter of the Keokuk-Jefferson City Interurban, and Thomas Petterson, an engineer, were in Shelbina, Mo., last week getting contracts for the right of way, according to the Shelbina Democrat, which goes on to say:

They said the surveyors were then in the neighborhood of Centralia, the survey having been diverted from Mexico and Fulton to Centralia and Columbia. The latter places are as close to a direct line from Shelbina to Jefferson City as the former two.

Asked why the change, they said that Mexico did not want the road unless Mr. Knight would contract to take over the existing electric line to Santa Fe. Mr. Knight said he could not do this, so changed to the Centralia-Columbia route, which would suit people up this way as well as the Mexico-Fulton route. Messrs. Knight and Petterson had succeeded in getting contracts for the right of way from practically every land owner between Shelbina and

Plum Pudding

No Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner is complete without it. When one is filled to repletion with roast turkey and the other good things that go with it, any ordinary dessert fails to tempt, but one will always save a little room for Plum Pudding. Bring it on the table in the loaf with a sprig of holly for garnishment.

K C Christmas Plum Pudding

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

1/2 pound beef suet; 1 cup flour; 1/2 pound raisins (stoned); 1/2 pound currants; 3 ounces citron, cut fine; 1 cup sugar; 1/2 cup molasses; 1/2 cup lemon juice; 1/2 cup K C Baking Powder; 1/2 teaspoonful each, ground cloves and cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoonful each, mace and nutmeg; 2 eggs; 1 cup sweet milk.



Sift together, three times, the flour, baking powder, spices and salt. Chop fine the suet, mixing it with the cup of flour; add the fruit, sugar, lemon rind, and the four mixture together. Mix this thoroughly, then stir in the eggs beaten very light and mixed with the milk. The mixture should be quite stiff. Steam six hours in a buttered, two-quart mold. Serve with hard or liquid sauce. Chopped figs or dates and nuts may be used in place of the fruit mentioned.

There are everyday and holiday recipes in "The Cook's Book," 90 of them, all by Mrs. Hill, all practical, all certain to succeed. Send us a certificate from a 25-cent tin of K C Baking Powder and we will send you "The Cook's Book" free. Jacques Mig. Co., Chicago.

Shelbyville, contracting to pay the price per acre asked by the owners which runs from \$100 to \$160 per acre. The amount of land to be taken varied from three to six or seven acres, according to the size of the farm crossed.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JUDGE BLAKE

Last Rites Were Read This Afternoon Over the Body of Deceased Attorney at Burlington.

The last sad rites were read over the remains of the late W. E. Blake this afternoon at Burlington when a large circle of friends gathered at the First Presbyterian church to join with the family in paying their final respects to the deceased. The funeral cortege left the late residence, corner Fifth and High streets, at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to the church, where services were conducted by the Rev. Archibald Cardie at 2:30 p. m. The quartette of the First Presbyterian church sang.

Members of the bar from all over the state were in attendance at the funeral and the local attorneys closed their offices during the services. The flags on the Y. M. C. A. building and the Y. W. C. A. were hung at half-staff as tokens of respect to the memory of Mr. Blake, who was an active worker toward the good of each of these institutions. The following men who were prominently associated with the deceased during his life, acted as honorary pallbearers: Judge James D. Smyth, A. M. Antrobus, J. B. Coulter, J. L. Walte, Thomas Hedge and W. E. Perkins, Alex. Moll, Frank Schramm, J. J. Seerley, W. H. Debenham and C. W. Kellogg. The active pall bearers were in attendance at the residence, while the honorary pallbearers gathered at the church and preceded the remains to the chancel. Interment was in Aspen Grove cemetery.

ANOTHER DAMAGE SUIT IS FILED

Power Company is Made Defendant in Action Which Involves Green Bay Property.

Although it had been common belief that the last damage suit against the Mississippi River Power Co., for overflowed land had been presented, one more such case was filed in the district court here today, says the Ft. Madison Democrat. The case is that of Eleanor C. Ward and others and refers to the Ireland property, fifteen

acres, in Green Bay township. The bill for damages is itemized as follows: For the land, at \$100 per acre, \$1,500; for the timber thereon, \$800; for the use of the land thus far, figured at a rental of \$6 per acre, \$270; total, \$2,570.

The plaintiffs are Eleanor C. Ward, J. N. McCannan, E. W. McCannan, Laura Allison and Fannie Wilberth, as heirs of Charlotte Ireland, and R. J. Hopkirk as administrator of the estate; Sara K. Wright, Mary Ireland, Ethel Leffer, Landy Ireland, David Ireland, Chas. Ireland, Albert Ireland, John F. Ireland, Elizabeth McCready, Chas. H. Ireland, Henderson P. Ireland, Melissa Wright and Jeremiah Ireland as heirs of Adam Ireland and Charles H. Ireland as administrator of his estate. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Herminghausen & Herminghausen, J. M. C. Jamniko, E. G. Weber and J. E. Fralley.

PLANS TO CURB CERTAIN AGENTS

Insurance Commissioner of Iowa Says Boycotting of Companies Filing Low Rates, Prohibited.

Emory H. English, insurance commissioner of Iowa, believes that there is a conspiracy among agents handling automobile fire insurance to eliminate competition in rates offered under the new insurance law, and to regulate rates through the means of a boycotting of companies filing low rates. The commissioner says boycotting will subject those so engaged to the drastic penalties provided in the law.

Mr. English has given out a written statement bearing on the subject matter, which is as follows:

"In an effort to discourage the reduction of rates, and notwithstanding the Blanchard law, prohibiting any agreements between insurance companies, is still in force, some of the agents of the above companies are said to be not quoting the lower rates filed, but are placing the business in the conference companies at the higher rate and withholding the business from the lower rate companies. "Recent filings with the state insurance department of auto fire insurance rates indicate the intention of a number of stock companies to make rates down to the level of cost to members of mutual associations. "A large number of the stock companies are said to be members of what is known as the western conference, and such companies have contented themselves with filing the bureau rates. "Some other companies among them being the Springfield Fire & Marine, Niagara, Standard, Boston, Old Colony, Scottish Union and National, and Equity Mutual Fire Insurance associations of Iowa have filed lower rates. "If there is concerted action upon the part of agents to eliminate the competition afforded under the law, and thereby regulate rates through means of a boycotting of companies filing low rates, the action is a plain violation of the law and will subject those so engaged in the drastic penalties provided in the law.

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Becomes Youngest Judge in Ohio Tomorrow

[By United Press.] CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—Pierre A. White, aged 26, will become the youngest judge in Ohio tomorrow. He was appointed a municipal judge by Governor Willis. White looks even younger than 26. White was born in Sandusky, O., Easter Sunday, 1889.

Picking the Stars

Carroll Herald: We believe that the strongest men in the office of governor were Grimes, Kirwood, Larrabee, Gear, Shaw and Cummins.

Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., Dec. 31.

We have looked into the paving question more and find that it doesn't cost so much that it would hurt any one, and just think what an improvement it would be. Every improvement helps the town, and we are in for anything that helps build up Hamilton. Let's look as good or better than any of our neighbors. It sounds good to have a stranger say you are sure up to date in your town. I don't think there is a single person in Hamilton but what wants to see Hamilton grow to be a great manufacturing city. We have had some very hard knocks, but we must pass them by; no city has every grown to any size that hasn't had these backsets. With business prospects good, and many people looking our way, let's take a new start and all pull together, and you will see something doing the coming year. We believe in union there is strength. The cash grocery, the prize for the finest display of Hawaiian pineapples in Hamilton from November 10 to December 1. The prize was a good sized check and speaks well for Mr. Sweet's idea of making the display. Eugene White spent Christmas with friends in Decatur. While there he called on F. D. Wilson and reports that Frank has a fine position there. Miss Pearl White has a bad case of lagrippe and is confined to her home. Our doctors are all the busiest men in town; it is one call after another for the doctor. The lagrippe seems to have caught almost every family in Hamilton with some member being taken down with lagrippe. In some families three and four are down at one time, but the doctors are holding their own in the fight with this dreaded disease. We have an industry in Hamilton that but few of our people know the immense volume of business they are doing. The Padant and sons have foundation factory. They are now sending out wagon load after wagon load of magazines and advertising matter to all parts of the world. Just think what that means for Hamilton. The Padants are sure putting Hamilton on the map not only in the United States but in the entire world. They are not contenting out this literature but are shipping their products to all parts

POP CORN CROP IS IOWA LEADER

Hawkeye State Has Another Claim to Glory in Bumper Crop of This New Member of the Maize Family.

ODEBOLT MAN, GROWER

18,000,000 Pounds Could be Seen There This Fall Waiting for Proper Time to Put on Market.

How many Keokukians who patronize the pop corn man and confess to a fondness for the pop corn ball or for the freshly popped article ever knew that Iowa leads in this respect as in so many others? Ivanhoe Whitted writes in Greater Iowa as follows:

It was at Odebolt that I discovered the man who puts the pop into pop corn. His name is August H. W. Reuber. At the time of the writer's visit less than three weeks ago, there were approximately 18,000,000 pounds of pop corn in Odebolt waiting for the general market to take on a little brighter tone. Shelling was begun at the end of the first week of the month, to make room for the new crop and the old crop started on its way into the channels of trade.

They talk pop corn in pounds instead of bushels and the reader can reduce it to the latter unit of measure if he so desires in order to get a better understanding of it. Fifty-six pounds to the bushel, although a full bushel by measure of shelled pop corn will weight 60 or 61 pounds. The annual output of our magic circle of 30 miles circumference runs about 30,000,000 pounds. The price slips up and down the scale from 2 to 4 cents a pound, seldom climbing above the latter figure and, up to the present time, never going below the first named numeral. The market is sluggish, just now, for various reasons, and the price offered to growers is 2 cents, direct from the field, while the highest price ever paid in the locality was 7 1/2 cents, when the old gentleman previously referred to, together with one of his 200-acre crops, got struck by financial lightning and retired with a competence.

Is Remunerative Crop.

The rich, inexhaustible black soil, of Sac and Ida counties will produce up to 60 bushels to the acre under scientific handling and when conditions for crop growing are ideal, but 30 to 35 bushels are considered about the average yield. It is a remunerative crop for the man who makes a study of it. Mostly everybody in the locality grows pop corn, more or less, in connection with other crops. It is a money making business, to begin with, and the idea of distributing one's eggs in various baskets to guard against accident is a practical one. An occasional farmer owns 100 acres or more to pop corn, preferring to put the eggs all in one basket and then take good care of it. One needs to study this industry of

the world. Does it pay to advertise? The above business has been built up entirely by advertising. Now if it pays to advertise a business, why won't it pay to advertise our town? Let's look into that matter.

Alf C. Larson of Keokuk was a business caller yesterday.

V. Larson of Peoria was looking up the cracker business in Hamilton yesterday.

Chas. E. Nathan, the contractor that is moving the old machinery from the power for Chicago this morning, and the work will start up again after January 15.

R. R. Simson of Quincy was a business caller yesterday.

Steve Ends of Peoria was a business caller yesterday.

Roy Frederick is reported this morning as being very low.

WHAT TO DO FOR ITCHING SKINS

Eosema, ringworm and other itching, burning skin eruptions are so easily made worse by improper treatment that one has to be very careful. There is one remedy, however, that you need not hesitate to use, even on a baby's tender skin—that is, the resinol treatment. Resinol is the prescription of a Baltimore doctor, put up in the form of resinol ointment and resinol soap. This proved so remarkably successful that thousands of other physicians have been prescribing it constantly for 20 years. Resinol stops itching instantly, and almost always heals the eruption quickly and at little cost. Resinol ointment and resinol soap can be bought at any drugstore.

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Every Nickel. Six hundred thousand dollars is a tidy sum to dump into any community each year. It probably would not stagger a Rockefeller or a Carnegie to any appreciable extent, although we have been reliably informed they watch a nickel as sharply as anybody else, but to the rest of us it is no mean sum. But that is only the beginning. We are accustomed to look on the pop corn merchant with good natured tolerance if not with contempt, but he is one of the wheels of a mighty machine in the world of business. A nickel business is not to be despised if the nickel is kept in action, as it most certainly is in the pop corn trade. Popping the corn adds 20 times to its bulk. Six hundred thousand bushels would make a pretty big pile. Multiply it by popping and the heap would total 12,000,000 bushels, which at the rate of a quart to the bag as ordinarily sold on the street corners, would mean 384,000,000 bags and at a nickel each, the prevailing figure the country over, totals the magnificent sum of \$3,200,000, which safely represents the amount of business done in this line growing out of the annual output of pop corn from Sac and Ida counties. Of course, the entire crop is not retailed at a "nickel a sack fresh buttered and salted;" much of it goes into fancy confections of one sort and another, but that only adds to the volume of business in the aggregate.

Election Fraud Prosecutor Resigns.

[By United Press.] INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Frank C. Dalley's resignation as U. S. district attorney became effective today and he retired to become a member of a local law firm. Dalley prosecuted the Terre Haute election corruption conspiracy cases, sending Mayor Donny M. Roberts, Judge E. H. Redman and many others to prison. Dalley was a possible candidate for governor for the anti-Taggart democrats. L. Ert Slack, whom Vice President Marshall beat for the gubernatorial nomination in 1908 was appointed to fill the Dalley vacancy.

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Villa's last ditch talk never deceived anybody.

Filiver Meets Limousine.

[By United Press.] NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The filiver met the giant limousine on common ground today when the national automobile show began at Grand Central Palace with eighty-seven makes of cars on exhibition. The smallest one—lung—a much improved vehicle—affecting some of the upholstery and springs of the bigger cars, shone in its place beside the \$15,000 perambulating palace.

Notable in the exhibit was the prominence given the "poor man's car." The smaller machines, automobile men said, are becoming more and more popular, enabling families of moderate means to enjoy motoring

who heretofore found the car prohibitive. The rise in machine, however, has not the popularity of the more makes, according to

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