

MAXWELL NAMED BOARD'S CHAIRMAN

Keokuk Man Becomes Head of Supervisors When Choice is Made at Meeting Held Yesterday.

DE ROSEAR SWORN IN

New Member of Board Takes His Seat—Hart, Korschgen and Wright All Re-appointed.

Glenn Maxwell of Keokuk is the new chairman of the Lee county board of supervisors. The board yesterday re-appointed R. H. Hart superintendent of the county home, and Fred Korschgen, superintendent of the poor at Keokuk. Dr. R. M. Lapsley of Keokuk and Dr. Y. T. Doering of Ft. Madison were appointed physicians to examine blind persons applying for pensions under the new law which became effective January 1. C. A. Wright continues as janitor in the court house.

Peter Scheffer, member of the board for six years, retired yesterday and John De Rosear took his place. Mr. Scheffer served two years as chairman of the board of supervisors. Concerning the appointments, the Fort Madison Democrat says:

In session here today, the new Lee county board of supervisors perfected its organization by electing the lower district member, Glenn Maxwell, chairman, to succeed I. N. Hostler of Fort Madison, who returns to the unofficial membership after a year's proficient and praiseworthy handling of the executive position. Mr. Maxwell, the new head, was appointed last August to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Supervisor Young of Keokuk. The chairmanship usually follows a succession of the oldest member and John De Rosear's accession to the place held by Peter Scheffer left Mr. Maxwell the senior member.

De Rosear Takes Place.

Mr. De Rosear, the incoming member who was sworn in at the session and entered upon his first official duties, comes from Harrison township and promises to become an important factor in the county management. He formerly resided in the river townships of the lower district where he held township offices, this being his first appearance in a county position.

Appointments made:

Superintendent of county home—R. H. Hart. Matron, county home—Mrs. R. H. Hart. Superintendent poor, Fort Madison—Geo. Rollett. Superintendent poor, Keokuk—Fred Korschgen. Janitor court house, Fort Madison—Henry Berens. Janitor court house, Keokuk—Chas. A. Wright. Bridge superintendent—E. N. Jack. Mr. Scheffer, the retiring member of the board, leaves the organization after six years of painstaking and impartial work in behalf of his constituents, two years of which he capably served as the board's chairman. A native of the county and a successful farmer, he has taken active and leading interest in all matters pertaining to the rural districts, all of which work reflects no mean credit to his handling.

HUERTA'S CONDITION IS CRITICAL TODAY

Underwent Second Operation and is Said to Have Some Chance of Recovery.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 4.—Ex-Dictator Huerta of Mexico was still in a critical condition today, following a second operation. Encouraged by his release from surveillance on his own recognizance, the old general was said, however, to have a slight chance of recovery. He expressed child-like faith that the United States government would never send him to prison for planning to invade Mexico, a neutrality violation being presented to the San Antonio grand jury.

Registration of Villa confiscated property in Mexico continued today as peace seemed to be restored under Carranza rule. General Villa, about

If Too Fat Get More Fresh Air

Be Moderate in Your Diet and Reduce Your Weight with Oil of Kerein.

Lack of fresh air weakens the oxygen-carrying power of the blood, the liver becomes sluggish, fat accumulates and the action of many of the vital organs are hindered thereby. The heart action becomes weak, work is an effort and the beauty of the figure is destroyed.

Fat put on by indoor life is unhealthy and if nature is not assisted in throwing it off by increasing the oxygen-carrying power of the blood, a serious case of obesity may result.

When you feel that you are getting too stout take the matter in hand at once. Don't wait until your figure has become a joke and your health ruined through carrying around a burden of unsightly and unhealthy fat.

Spend as much time as you possibly can in the open air; breathe deeply, and get from any druggist a box of oil of kerein capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night.

Weigh yourself every few days and keep up the treatment until you are down to normal. Oil of kerein is absolutely harmless, is pleasant to take, helps the digestion and is designed to increase the oxygen-carrying power of the blood.

Even a few days' treatment should show a noticeable reduction in weight. There is nothing better.

whom the usual wild rumors were circulated, was last reported escaping to New Mexico with a handful of faithful followers.

MEET DIFFICULTIES IN RAISING BOAT

River Has Risen and Diver Cannot Get into Hull With His Suit On.

Quincy Whig: The government steamer "Naucvo" which sunk at its winter moorings in the bay last week is not to be raised as easily as anticipated. Since the boat went down, the river has come up. The water raised a foot within a day after the Naucvo sunk and has been steadily rising since, until today it was over the main deck. The diver who arrived a couple of days ago, has plugged the intakes in the hull from the outside, and 325 yards of canvas five feet wide has been stretched around the hull, and nailed to the frame work of the guards. The diver cannot get into the hull with his suit on, so it is impossible to plug up the holes from the inside as is often done when steamboats with wooden hulls are floated. When the steel hull was made, the opening in the main deck was made large enough for only an ordinary man, not encumbered by a diving suit or unnecessary clothing and equipment.

The canvas is stretched around the boat so as to cover the leak or leaks wherever they may be. The action of the water running into the hull will suck the canvas to the holes and hold it there. Then by pumping the water out of the hold, the boat can be floated and once more afloat, the men can get into the hold to make the necessary repairs. It is possible more canvas will be needed because of the river having risen so high. Clatt Adams furnished the canvas now around the boat, which was all in one piece, 325 feet long. Unless there is unexpected delay or trouble not now anticipated, the pumps may be started tomorrow morning. Captain Mills who is in charge of the job, has a crew of men at work, but progress has been slow because of the high water and ice.

Vote by Miners.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—The complete vote cast for the various candidates who aspired to the four principal offices in the Illinois miners' union at the election held December 14, 1915, was announced by Frank Farrington, state president, today.

The vote follows: For international board member, J. M. Zimmerman, 32,082; Adolph Gerner, 25,913. For president, Frank Farrington, 50,195. For vice president, Frank Hefferly, 34,107; W. C. Argust, 22,655. For secretary-treasurer, Duncan McDonald, 31,951; Walter Neabit, 26,135. President Farrington announced that W. C. Argust, defeated candidate for vice president, has accepted a position as assistant superintendent at the Nokomis mine of the Peabody Coal company.

Here's a Puzzle! Mason City Times: How can that charming song, "How Dry I Am," be set to music after the first of the year with no bars for the notes?

SEBA S. ARMITAGE DIED YESTERDAY

Former Resident Passed Away at Five O'clock Last Night, Relatives Here Are Notified.

MACHINIST BY TRADE

He Worked for Many Years in Buckeye Foundry—Decedent Was Brother of Mrs. L. A. Cox.

Word was received in Keokuk last night of the death at Davenport of Seba S. Armitage. Mr. Armitage was a brother of Mrs. L. A. Cox, and formerly resided in Keokuk. He was an uncle of Sam V. Cox, to whom notice of death was sent. The body will be brought back here for burial, probably on Thursday.

Decedent was a machinist at the old Buckeye foundry during the time that he lived in Keokuk. He left here several times, but the family made this their home until a number of years ago when they moved to Davenport.

Mr. Armitage passed away yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He is survived by his widow and one son, John F. Armitage. His wife was formerly Miss Frances Stoddard, and they were married in Keokuk.

Funeral arrangements will be made later but it is planned to bring the body here for burial. The exact time will be announced as soon as the arrangements are made at Davenport.

OCEAN TOO SMALL FOR TWO SHIPS

One of Them Sent to the Bottom When They Collided Near Rock of Gibraltar.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 4.—The British liner Geelong has been sunk in collision with the steamer Bonvillian, also flying the British flag. Dispatches received here today said that all persons on board the Geelong have been saved, but did not report the damage to the Bonvillian. The Geelong is owned by the Peninsular and Oriental company, the same firm that owned the Persia, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean. She displaced 7,951 tons, being only slightly smaller than the Persia.

The Geelong's route lay from London to Cape Town and according to one report she was sunk off Gibraltar. The first dispatch merely reporting that the liner was sunk, led to the belief that she was a new submarine victim. The Bonvillian displaces 2,866 tons. She is owned by the Douglas Hills Steamship company of London.

New Mistress of White House.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The new mistress of the white house took personal charge today.

President Wilson smiled when he handed his bride from the automobile and walked with her into the executive mansion. There were broad grins upon the faces of the doormen and profound bows as Mrs. Wilson passed through the entrance.

Throughout the mansion activity increased. From one end of the big house to the other the word passed quickly that the new mistress had arrived and hustle and bustle followed.

The first work that confronts Mrs. Wilson is that of arranging scores of wedding presents.

The president and Mrs. Wilson enjoyed their first breakfast together in the white house, shortly after which the president left his bride and went over to the executive offices.

Mr. Ford's Courage.

Philadelphia North American: Anyway, no one can call Ford a quitter. There is no question about the courage of a man who has nerve enough to come home to face the "I told you so" chorus.

JOTTINGS FROM THE SAGE OF SEVEN PINES

Jasper Blines Discourses About Nature and Other Matters in His Usually Instructive Manner.

Near Blackwell, Oklahoma, a gas well was lately developed at a depth of 1,710 feet which sends up sixty-five to seventy million feet of gas per day, and the roar of the escaping gas can be heard to a distance of ten miles. This excels Colonel Bryan for noise. The colonel of the Platte and Salt River valley will be compelled to resign again.

Occasionally I read some little popular criticisms on the condition of the Des Moines valley railroad, and I think of the law-making politicians of Iowa who for thirty years or longer have taken special delight in passing enactments for the reducing of passenger and freight rates on the railroads of the state. From five cents the rate went to three cent, and then to two, for passengers. Many roads of the second class have had a struggle to exist, and could not improve their systems as the public demanded. The observer has in view some three roads in his official district which have been unable to progress but little, on account of small patronage and inadequate revenues from tariffs. Critics should range their fault finding on the cheap politicians of their state legislatures, and not on the struggling railroads.

Now it is mid-winter time, with the usual admittance of conditions which are unpleasant and serious to many forms of life. There are several classes which deserve notice and attention, but just here we will talk of birds, especially those which remain with us in these cold latitudes all the year. Now, you members of the Audubon society, and you who are kind, are extending some little acts of good will to aid the blessed birds to have food and some protection from the weather and other enemies? The town of Keokuk has in its population quite a number of real friends of the birds, and I suspect that these lovers of the good and true and beautiful are all doing their duty in aiding the Cardinal Grosbeaks and Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers and Nuthatches and other orders of birds to have supplies and protection in severe storms and cold. There's Mrs. Diver and Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Dr. Lapsley, and the Mitchell girls, well, I presume they are active in the good mission of kindness and aid to the useful and happy little winged beings. As for the writer at Seven Pines, he has several lunch counters out for the convenience of the bird tribes, and many visitors come each day in quest of dainties. Then, pines and cedars afford excellent protection to the winter guests of these classes. The pines especially are decorative and represent immortality.

Human life appears to run in periods of crazes which extend through a series of years. Just at present the craze is war, among the great nations, and the craze, or malady, is contagious and is spreading. Other great powers will become infected and will go forth and add their powder to the great cloud of sulphur and gas. Quite likely the United States and China, and Japan will bring out their bugles and sing their national songs of strife, and all join in the world wide struggle for office and power and commerce. Perhaps we may soon read of the Eskimos coming down from the arctic circle, eating whale blubber and seal steaks, and crying out that they are here to join the Anglo-French allies. Burning powder is the great attraction these days, and swords and spears and tomahawks should be placed in easy reach for an emergency. The dove of peace is compelled to live in great seclusion for years to come. And even this fine bird may develop traits of character belonging to flesh eating birds.

I am just recently honored in receiving some fine publications of a very useful and instructive nature, in the line of progressive geology. One of the professional papers, number 95, is entitled: "Erosion Intervals in the Eocene of the Mississippi Embayment," issued by the United States geological survey. This publication depicts most of its space to maps and reports of investigations of the invasion of sea waters which reached as far up the valley of the Mississippi, as Cairo, Illinois. It is thought by



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Writers in New York agricultural experiment station bulletin 361, give history of varieties of apples which have been cultivated all over the eastern states for long ages. The Baldwin variety, it is said, has been cultivated since 1740, and is the most widely planted apple in the United States. Varieties known to be over two hundred years old, include Fall Pippin, Green Newton, Holland Winter, Winter Pearmain, and Yellow Bellflower. Thirty and forty years ago the Bellflower was one of the chief apples of this latitude, and in honor let it be said that for a well balanced apple for general uses, the Bellflower was prime. Delicate flavor, a fine cooker and delicious in every way used. And the regret is that the Bellflower is seldom seen any more. And its vacancy remains unfilled. One other memory of boyhood days brings to view that majestic, luscious example of fine eating, namely, the Fall Pippin. What a benediction to a healthy appetite was the queenly Pippin.

The good year of 1916 advances to the front lawn, the parlor and the lit-

ery temple, and many interesting events will transpire this year. Perhaps the great war will go on and become greater, but as Ben Franklin in his Poor Richard almanac issued in 1734, said, "Any way, our national debt will not be paid, this year."

Done Right. Utica, S. D. Times: Sioux City showed up in whirlwind fashion. The Good Fellows gave \$3,010.10 to the fund for a Christmas celebration for the poor. That is one thing that Sioux City does right—the Good Fellow movement.

OHIO WOMAN'S WISH For Tired, Weak, Nervous Women Bellefontaine, Ohio—"I wish every tired, weak, nervous woman could have Vinol. For I never spent any money in my life that did me so much good as that I spent for Vinol. I was weak, tired, worn out and nervous, and Vinol made me strong, well and vigorous after everything else had failed to help me, and I can now do my housework with pleasure."—MRS. J. F. LAMPORN.

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Monkey Shines. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Sleep like an ape and grow fat and wealthy. That was the slogan today of converts to the Jungle Sleep cult, headed by Matt Roeder. Here's how it's done: Sit up in a chair with body stiffly erect, and the head supported by both hands. Begin snoring. Roeder