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DES MOINES, IOWA

"Bird-woman" is the very newest word.

Don't take your vacation too seriously.

What is so rare as an actress without a divorce?

More persons are drowned any day than are killed in airships.

The summer girl is now queen, with Don Cupid as her prime minister.

Some men feel flattered when a strange dog wags his tail at them.

Babies are scarce in Pasadena, but the town is strong on grandparents.

A farmer with a good potato crop would have no trouble in trading it for an automobile.

Motor boats now make thirty-five miles an hour. The speed craze thus rules land, sky and water.

It is such a nuisance to be a French playwright, compelled to write all of one's masterpieces between duels.

In Colorado, where potatoes have become legal tender, one can take one's change in Saratoga chips.

What should be done with the offensive person who says: "Well, how does it feel after your vacation?"

Life's little annoyances include persons who persist in walking on the wrong side of a crowded sidewalk.

In Waterbury, Conn., a man paid a stiff fine rather than wash himself in jail. It was no night of the bath for him.

In the interests of navigation it may become necessary to put fenders on the rocks that line the Pacific coast.

Articles in an esteemed contemporary on "Modern Aeroplanes" should be followed by others on ancient aeroplanes.

A Minneapolis girl had the courts change her name from Olsen to Smith. Nevertheless Olsen is a good Ole name.

Dr. Wiley is probing into the mysteries of the restaurant mince pie. That man isn't afraid to tackle anything.

There is one thing in favor of the woman. Thus far nobody has been able to invent "something just as good."

Unless that flock of comets can guarantee something more exciting than cyanogen gas it may as well keep on going.

The Aero Club of America has adopted a rule barring flights over cities. There are few haystacks in the cities.

Aeroplane engines of the revolving type consume vast quantities of castor oil, doubtless for that colicky noise they make.

Our millionaire poloists are applauded for defending the international cup, but nobody sees fit to say a few kind words about the ponies which really won.

A New York woman claims to have solved a household problem by importing a Filipino girl as a servant. It will be all right if she keeps Moros out of the kitchen.

A Tennessee man has absolutely forgotten his identity. The fact that he is not called upon to give testimony in any investigation makes his case especially remarkable.

Women residing in or traveling through New Jersey are forbidden to decorate their hats with any portions of birds, but they may use the milliners' bills if they so choose.

A man in Connecticut dropped dead from joy. Yet joy kills even fewer than lightning strikes, and everybody has a thousand or more chances to one of escaping the latter misfortune.

Dr. Franzard says the steak and chicken we leave in restaurants goes to waste. The doctor does not know of the kitchen refinements which caterers learned from his own Paris.

It is possible to see one of the comets with a field glass, but the average timorous person will not begin making his will before the celestial visitor becomes visible to the naked eye.

Society women have taken to diving in a submarine boat, one advantage of that method being that they do not get their hair wet.

Persia's ex-shah paid a steamship \$35,000 to take him back to that country. Some men go to a lot of expense and bother in hunting trouble.

One of the turbines of the battleship North Dakota has been "stuck" for five weeks. It is best to have these incidents develop in times of peace.

"Why do women outlive men?" asks the Medical Record. One of the reasons is that women do not try to jump on moving trains.

If some persons had spent the sum now raising potatoes instead of sunbathing they would soon be ready to move into more expensive flats.

Passengers on the great ships of the ocean can now get weather reports from everywhere and all the news of the world by wireless. Why, then, go to sea at all?

INTERURBAN DEPOT

Cars Will Enter Rock Island Station After November 1

COME IN OVER SHORT LINE

New Line is Being Built From the Interurban Tracks Near Kelley To Connect With St. Paul and Des Moines.

Des Moines.—After November the interurban cars of the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern Railroad company will come into Des Moines over the St. Paul and Des Moines tracks to the Rock Island depot. Cars for Boone, Ames, Rockwell City, Fort Dodge and intervening points will leave and arrive at the Rock Island station.

Negotiations for the new arrangement have been closed with the Rock Island officials by the receivers for the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern. Under the new system, the interurban cars on the line will not use the Des Moines city railway tracks to enter Des Moines.

Work has commenced already. A line is being built from the interurban tracks near Kelley to connect with the St. Paul and Des Moines, a mile north of Des Moines. At the intersection to the Rock Island depot the Short Line will be electrified to accommodate the interurban service.

Will Improve City Park.

Manchester.—Senator R. W. Tirrill of this city, who recently donated \$30,000 Riverside park to the city, has engaged the services of a landscape gardener from Germany to beautify the park. In addition to donating the park, Senator and Mrs. Tirrill also provided a permanent improvement fund of about \$50,000.

Charged With Bootlegging.

Des Moines.—Fred Madden, a wealthy farmer living near State Center, was arrested by Deputy Marshal Bidwell on a charge of bootlegging. Madden was given a preliminary hearing in the federal court. He pleaded not guilty and was released on bond to await the action of the federal grand jury.

Camp Routine Instituted.

Ottumwa.—Regular camp routine was instituted at the camp of the Fifty-fourth regiment, I. N. G. Battalion drills were the feature of the program, the three battalions of the regiment being in command of Majors Ball, Hollowell and Haines, during the maneuvers.

May Be Stabbed Fatally.

Ottumwa.—Jack Donahue is in the hospital here, lying near death from a deep gash in his right groin said to have been inflicted with a pocket knife in the hands of Charles Hix, who attacked him during a dispute over a dollar. Donahue is expected to die.

Gas Plant in Action.

Newton.—The city began charging people for their gas after having granted free gas since the plant was opened. No charge was made because there was a great deal of air in the pipes and the council did not want to charge consumers for pure air.

Muscatine Factory Closes.

Muscatine.—Following disorders which have threatened to become more violent, the management of the McKee & Bliven plant, where non-union workers were employed, have announced that the plant would be closed for an indefinite time.

Old Settlers' Day.

Logan.—Ten thousand persons attended the Old Settlers' day celebration at Magnolia. W. B. Credson was the speaker of the day. Over two hundred and fifty automobiles were on the grounds.

To Lay Cornerstone.

Cedar Rapids.—Knights of Pythias and grand lodge officers of Iowa were here to assist in the laying of the cornerstone of the new Knights of Pythias home. An elaborate program was presented.

500 Cars of Melons Shipped.

Muscatine.—Already 500 cars of watermelons have been shipped from here and vicinity to the markets of the east, and the crop this year is larger than ever and of splendid quality.

New Buena Vista President.

Storm Lake.—The Rev. James P. Lind, the new president of Buena Vista college, has arrived in Storm Lake to take up his labors. The coming year promises to be a good one.

Ask Pay for Damages.

Charles City.—M. C. Bird filed suit against the Hart-Parr Gasoline Traction Engine company for damages for alleged injuries which he claims crippled him for life received in December, 1909.

Postal Inspector Injured.

Iowa City.—Dr. C. E. Stewart, postoffice inspector, was seriously injured when an automobile turned turtle near Williamsburg. He now is at his home in North Liberty near Iowa City.

Another Booster Idea.

Iowa Falls.—On September 4, every resident of the city will send out scores of postcards advertising the city to their friends all over the world. The cards in sets of ten advertising the city are now on sale.

Pioneer Drops Dead.

Cedar Rapids.—Francis Ritchie, 63 years old, a pioneer of this vicinity, dropped dead after eating a hearty lunch. He came from Ireland in 1879, arriving in Cedar Rapids in 1880.

Historic Gun in Well.

Des Moines.—Anyone want a job lifting an old brass cannon weighing some few hundred pounds out of an abandoned mill well at Carlisle, Ia.? The well is twenty feet deep. The cannon was fired in celebration of Lincoln's first election. Later it was dumped into the well during a war time dispute. W. P. Keeney of Carlisle and E. E. Chapman of Eugene, Ore., formerly of Carlisle, reported the whereabouts of the cannon to Supt. B. F. Osborn of the Iowa State Pioneers' association.

Re-establish Still College.

Des Moines.—A campaign to raise \$50,000 for the purpose of assuring the re-establishment of Still College of Osteopathy is being considered. The preliminary work for the campaign probably will be started within a short time. The institution of a campaign for money to place the institution on its feet comes as an indirect result of the activity of the student body of the college, who were moved to action by the announcement that the institution would be closed.

President Will Visit Iowa.

Des Moines.—A telegram from W. B. Hillis, private secretary to President Taft, to Governor Carroll announces the Iowa itinerary of the president. The tentative schedule is: Council Bluffs, Sept. 28, 8:10 A. M.; leave 7:30 A. M.; arrive Fort Dodge, 11:05; leave 11:30; arrive Waterloo, 1:55 P. M.; leave 8:15 P. M. for Des Moines; leave Des Moines next morning for Ottumwa, last stop in Iowa.

Prisoner Identified as Convict.

Anamosa.—Charles Smith, who, with the aid of A. D. Mecum, a half-brother, effected a sensational escape from Guard William A. Hamaker, of the Anamosa penitentiary several weeks ago, faces a charge of murder at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He and his half-brother killed a Winnipeg constable there several days ago while trying to avoid arrest and both are held on the murder charge.

Dr. Stuntz May Be Bishop.

Des Moines.—Dr. Homer C. Stuntz first assistant corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, and who is a member of the Upper Iowa conference and has held pastorates in different Iowa cities, is prominently mentioned for a bishopric in the Methodist church at the general conference in Minneapolis in May, 1912.

Scalds to Death in Tub.

Waterloo.—Edward A. Morgan, aged 40, was found dead in a bath tub. While taking a bath he was seized with an attack of vertigo and the water heater, left uncontrolled, raised the temperature of the water until the flesh was cooked so badly that it dropped from his bones.

Building Old Peoples' Home.

Cedar Falls.—Ground has been broken for the Western Old Peoples' home on the site of the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer. It will be of brick and stone. By the payment of from \$300 to \$500 anyone of advanced age can live there the rest of their lives.

Trouble Over Drainage Canal.

Webster City.—Barney Thompson, a farmer, woke up the other morning to find a big drainage ditch being dug across his farm. He roared at the supervisors who were managing it and it developed that his property was not included in the legal publication for taxation.

Two Iowans Injured.

Cedar Rapids.—Among those injured when the grandstand at the Elgin race course collapsed was R. C. Tombs of Marion, superintendent of city waterworks. Mrs. Carver, who also was hurt, is wife of H. V. Carver of Marion, a brakeman for the Milwaukee road.

Stafford Will Case Settled.

Atlantic.—It is reported that the famous Stafford will case has been settled. It is said Mrs. P. T. Stafford, who contested the will of her husband, the late P. T. Stafford, as guardian of her three children, has been given \$20,000 for her minor children.

Old Settlers Dedicate Monument.

Webster City.—The monument of Mrs. Henry Lot will be dedicated here September 10. She died in 1849 following the raiding of her home by Indians who killed her children. The old settlers will have charge of the services.

Will Build Interurban.

Iowa City.—The Davenport Railroad company announces the contract to build an interurban between Iowa City and Davenport, has been let, contingent on the getting of the right of way. The work of excavating has begun.

Lights for Prairie City.

Colfax.—The Colfax Electric Light company has been granted a franchise to maintain a cable for the purpose of transmitting an electric current to Prairie City from the Colfax plant, and will furnish illumination for that city.

Nineteenth Iowa Infantry.

Ft. Madison.—The program for the reunion of the Nineteenth Iowa infantry association, to be held in this city September 27th, 28th and 29th, has been announced.

Picnic at Oskaloosa.

Marshalltown.—A special train, bearing 1,200 people from this city, largely employees of the Iowa Central and their families, went to Oskaloosa, where the annual picnic of the Iowa Central employees was held.

Memorial University Closes.

Mason City.—Memorial university, costing \$100,000 with 150 students and opened fifteen years ago is to be closed and the building sold. It was managed by the Sons of Veterans and the G. A. R.

FOOLHARDINESS



400 FLEE FLAMES

FIRE IN CHICAGO OFFICE BUILDING IMPERILS LIVES OF SCORES.

COOL HEADS PREVENT PANIC

Elevator Operators Stick to Post Until Last Person Leaves Burning Structure — Police Rescue Telephone Operator Overcome by Smoke.

Chicago.—Fire starting in a storeroom of the Chicago and Alton Railway company in the Patton building, Harrison street and Fifth avenue, imperiled the lives of 400 men, women and girls employed on the eighth and ninth floors.

Only a few were injured slightly, cool-headed men and women preventing a stampede that might have resulted in great loss of life. With scores of frightened women clinging to the fire escapes men in the street gave warning that there was no great danger and prevented several from jumping.

A. B. Greig proved the hero of the elevators. He was the operator of one and he never left his post until the last person was out of the building. When he brought down the final "load" he had to be carried from his car, but quickly revived in the open air. The three other elevator men also did heroic work, all sticking to their cars till the last.

The loss is estimated at \$25,000, not including priceless records of the Chicago & Alton railroad.

TO CUT OUT MIDDLEMAN

Fifty Farmers Gather in New York to Start Co-Operative Marketing.

New York.—A delegation of fifty farmers from various parts of Pennsylvania and New York state are in this city to start a plan for co-operative marketing of their products. They claim to represent more than 50,000 farmers, who will hereafter sell their produce direct to the city retailer without intervention of the middleman. The scheme, they say, will mean a reduction to the ultimate consumer of at least 40 per cent from present prices.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN MEXICO

Man Returning From Sonora Says Crop Failure Causes Disorders.

Douglas, Ariz.—Disorders have occurred in the Sonora district in Sonora as the result of a food shortage due to crop failures, according to R. L. Cosgrove, who arrived from Montezuma. Failure of crops planted and many persons to plant crops because they were engaged in the revolution, Mr. Cosgrove says, has caused almost a famine condition and great suffering among the people.

FAIR VISITORS IN WRECK

Hocking Valley Coach Overtaken as It Enters Columbus, O.

Columbus, O.—Hocking Valley train No. 30, Toledo to Columbus, narrowly escaped a serious wreck when one of the coaches, loaded with visitors to the state fair, left the rails and overturned just after the train had crossed a bridge near Olentangy park, on the outskirts of Columbus. Many of the passengers received minor bruises and cuts.

Iron Mine's Shops Burn.

Duluth, Minn.—Fire destroyed the machine shops of the Hawkins mine, belonging to the International Harvester company at Nashwauk, Minn., on the Mesaba iron range. The damage was \$50,000.

Canada Seizes U. S. Schooner.

Ottawa, Ont.—The gasoline schooner Sarah of Seattle was taken into New Westminster Harbor in charge of a Canadian fishery protective cruiser while fishing, it is alleged, within the three-mile limit.

Kentuckian Kills Two.

Pineville, Ky.—In a revolver battle near here Calvin Miracle shot and killed Matthew Jones and immediately after killed Mrs. William Gibson. Miracle killed Mrs. Gibson to prevent her testifying against him, it is thought.

Fire Wipes Out Town.

Elmhurst, Wis.—Fire practically destroyed this town, the loss being estimated at \$200,000. A sawmill, \$100,000 worth of lumber, six stores and 14 residences were destroyed.

26 KILLED IN PANIC

FUSE BLOWS OUT AT MOVING PICTURE SHOW.

Dead and Dying Piled in Single Stairway in Frantic Rush to Escape.

Canonsburg, Pa.—Twenty-six persons were killed and sixty injured in a panic which followed the explosion of a moving picture film in the Grand opera house in this city. Of the dead thirteen were children under fifteen years of age and seven were women.

Operator John McCullough had just thrown the title of the next series of pictures on the screen, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," when the film exploded and his asbestos cabinet was filled with flame.

Some one yelled "Fire!" and the 1,500 people in the audience turned in their seats, saw the smoke and made a frantic rush for the one door way leading to the narrow eight-foot stairway, with 50 steps leading up from a vestibule. Here they piled down on 200 people crowded into the passage, awaiting the end of the performance to take the places of those who had seen the show.

Immediately the narrow stairway was packed and jammed ten feet high with the dead and dying, the shrieking injured and the screaming un hurt.

BEATTIE CONFESSED, SAYS KIN

Accused Virginian's Cousin Paul Gives Damaging Evidence Against Defendant at Trial.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.—Paul Beattie, cousin of the man now on trial for his life in connection with the murder of his young wife, made his effort to send Harry Clay Beattie, Jr., to the electric chair.

Without the least hesitation Paul Beattie declared that Harry Beattie had himself said that he killed the bride of a year. This testimony created a sensation not equalled since the murder of Mrs. Beattie.

The prosecution sprung another surprise when it introduced as a witness, without warning, Mrs. R. V. Owen, mother of the slain girl.

In a taxicab, the arrival of which was timed to coincide with the moment Sheriff Gill exhibited in the courtroom the clothing worn by Beattie on the night of the murder, Mrs. Owen appeared and took the witness stand.

Prosecutor Wendenberg questioned Mrs. Owen as to her knowledge of the domestic life of the Beatties and brought out a point intended as relevant to the alleged motive for the murder, namely that Beattie's physical condition, due to dissipation, had caused much unhappiness to his wife.

The witness said that on the night of the murder she had cautioned Mrs. Beattie not to go out alone with her husband.

TO TALK ON CONSERVATION

Taft Will Be Only Speaker Evening of September 25 at Kansas City Congress.

Kansas City, Mo.—President Taft will be the only speaker on the program of the national conservation congress at Convention hall here the night of September 25. The congress convenes for its first session of the morning of that day, and the officials decided to set aside the entire time at the evening session for the president, who will speak on the general subject of "Conservation."

Roosevelt Baby Named.

San Francisco.—The daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will, it is reported, be christened Grace Green Roosevelt, after her grandmother. Many presents are arriving for the baby from all parts of the country.

Bridge Collapses; 15 Killed.

Geneva, Switzerland.—Fifteen men were dashed to death and 20 others injured when a railroad bridge over a deep gorge collapsed near here. It is feared that most of the injured will die.

German Bankers Are Arrested.

Berlin, Germany.—Paul Kwiet and Martin Gans, the heads of the firm of Kwiet & Gans, a private banking house here, were arrested charged, it is alleged by the police officials, with embezzling \$500,000 of the bank's deposits.

Human Chain Snaps; Man Dies.

Tucson, Ariz.—The breaking of a human chain formed in an attempt to rescue Henry D. Hidy of Belle Plaine, Ia., from drowning in the Santa Cruz river, cost Hidy his life.

BELGIUM IN WAR MOVE

MILITARY PRECAUTIONS CAUSE GREAT EXCITEMENT AMONG PEOPLE.

Garrisons Are Strengthened to Preserve Line if France and Germany Fight.

Liege, Belgium.—An intense sensation has been created among the Belgian people, especially near the boundaries of France and Germany, by the military precautions which are being put into effect by the Belgian government.

A secret military council was held at the villa of Lieut. Gen. Hellebaut, the minister of war, at which the commanders of all the frontier defenses were present. The conference was called to consider measures to preserve the neutrality of the country in case of war between France and Germany.

Great military activity has been in evidence during the past two years. Large supplies of shells for the frontier forts and rifle ammunition have been sent forward, and additional batteries of artillery and rapid-fire guns have been shipped to re-enforce the posts on all roads leading to the German frontier.

Specific instructions, it is understood, have been sent to the commanders of troops concerning the blowing up of bridges and the destruction of railways should war break out.

JOHN W. GATES FUND GIVER

Will Leave Nephew \$10,000 for School Expenses With \$250,000 as Graduation Prize.

Aurora, Ill.—The late John W. Gates left an estate worth about \$34,000,000, according to relatives living at St. Charles, Ill., who have just returned from New York.

By the will approximately \$1,000,000 was distributed among about thirty distant relatives and friends. The bulk of the estate is divided equally between Charles Gates, the son, and the widow. They are made executor and executrix of the estate, the main sum of which is reported to be held in trust for ten years.

Henry Baker, twenty years old, of St. Charles, a nephew, will get \$250,000 if he graduates from college. He is left \$10,000 with which to defray the expenses of his schooling. He intends to enter Harvard "prep" this fall.

"Henry is a bright boy," Mr. Gates once said of his favorite nephew. "He takes an interest in football as well as his studies and that is the right kind of a boy. I want the boy to get a good education."

C. J. Baker, father of Henry, who married a sister of Mr. Gates' widow, will receive \$25,000 and a farm near St. Charles, which is valued at \$50,000. Mrs. Baker is remembered with \$25,000. Mrs. Lucerne Angell, a blind sister-in-law of Mr. Gates, is left \$100,000, while her daughter, Dolores, ten years old, will receive \$100,000. This amount is left in trust.

TWO DIE IN ELGIN RACE

Driver Buck and Mechanic Jacobs Loses Their Lives in Auto Contest.

Elgin, Ill.—Tragedy raced with the record-breaking speed demons here and overtook one of the cars in which two men were careening around the road course. Just before the winner of the National trophy flashed across the finish line, one of the automobiles of the Pope-Hartford type, jumped into the air and turned a somersault. The mechanic, Samuel Jacobs, was killed instantly and the driver, David Buck, suffered injuries that resulted in his death a short time later.

The trophy was won by Len Zengel in a National car, who ran at an average speed of 66.45 miles an hour, four miles an hour faster than the record of 1910.

DISHONESTY IN ARMY POSTS

Major-General Grant Recommends That They Be Managed by Civilians.

Washington.—The revelation of irregularities in some of the post exchanges in the department of the east during the fiscal year, which ended recently, has caused Maj.-Gen. Frederick D. Grant to recommend to the war department that post exchanges be placed in the hands of civilians.

Bad management and dishonesty has been disastrous to two post exchanges, he says, causing the loss of funds and the trial of one officer and several enlisted men. He attributes the trouble primarily to the fact that the army officers, occupied with military duties, are unable to give the exchanges the proper attention.

Woman Is Young Till Thirty-Five.

Cambridge, Mass.—The mooted question of when a woman ceases to be "young" has been settled by the directors of the Cambridge Young Women's Christian association. The directors voted that no woman is young after she has passed the age of thirty-five years.

Congressman Smith Dying.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Congressman Sylvester Smith of the Eighth district is dying in a sanitarium at Monrovia of consumption.

Kaiser Has Narrow Escape.

Berlin.—The kaiser narrowly escaped injury in a collision between two trains, which occurred on the track adjoining that on which his special was standing. The accident occurred at Luebeck, Germany.

Lawson After 80,000-Acre Ranch.

Greeley, Colo.—Thomas W. Lawson, Boston financier, is negotiating for 80,000 acres of land 45 miles north-east of Greeley. He intends to raise fancy cattle and horses for exhibition and racing purposes.

YOUTH SAVES SHIP

WIRELESS OPERATOR ON LINER LEXINGTON PROVES HIMSELF A HERO.

PUTS OWN LIFE IN PERIL

Sixteen-Year-Old Jack Scheetz Climbs into Rigging and Bands Call of Distress When Station on Steamer is Wrecked.

Charleston, S. C.—The 12 passengers and crew of 44 of the steamer Lexington declare they owe their lives to the courage and bravery of Jack Scheetz, the sixteen-year-old wireless operator.

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