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CARRIERS STARTED.

Free Delivery Now an Established Fact in Denison.

PEOPLE ARE MUCH PLEASED.

Friday Was a Strenuous Day For Post-office Force But New System is Now Working Smoothly.

The free city delivery system is now an established fact in Denison. Friday the 15th was the first day and it was a strenuous one for the entire postoffice force and it was also a test of the patience and good nature of the people.

Friday is the heaviest mail day of the week and the morning train brought a wagon load of mail for the new carriers. Besides this they had all the mail that had been left in the boxes the night before but which was then subject to delivery. Heiden, who has the hardest run, the entire south half of the city, had about two hundred pounds of mail to deliver and it was sometime late in the afternoon when he completed his first round. Aebischer, whose run is also a long one finished a little earlier but not in time to make a second trip. Lafferty, who has the business section and a part of the residence district made two trips.

All day Friday the balance of the force was at work however systematizing the work. On Saturday Lafferty made his three trips according to schedule, Aebischer was but a trifle behind and Heiden was able to finish his second trip by a little bicycle work after supper. On Monday all carriers made their trips according to schedule. It is possible that the routes will have to be changed somewhat but it is now thought that the carriers will be able to make their trips according to schedule and that the system will grow more popular every day. Throughout the residence portions of the city nearly every home has the mail delivered, but the business district is still somewhat skeptical and many prefer to go to the office for their mail, at least until July first when the box rents are due.

The postmaster has arranged that mail belonging to renters of lock boxes shall be placed in their boxes on Sunday even though they use the free delivery at the home and at the office on week days. On Sundays one can help himself to his mail at any hour that he chooses. This is well-nigh perfect service and while it makes more work for the office force and is not contemplated by the department, it is given to Denison people for their convenience.

It will necessarily be some days before the system is in perfect order and the people are asked to be patient and to assist the carriers in correcting of mistakes.

Every house should have a mail box. The carriers trips are long and they should not be delayed by being forced to rap and wait for the door to be opened.

The best and safest kind of a box is a slit in the front door so that the mail can be left inside the house.

Do not talk to the carriers. They have too far to walk and too much to do to stop to chat with people. They will hate to be rude and to give short answers so do your part by leaving them alone.

The carriers don't sell stamps, envelopes, postals or any postal supplies. Their sole business is to deliver mail. They will take a letter to mail for you if it is all ready stamped, sealed and addressed, but they are not to wait even a part of a minute. They simply cannot do it and get around on time. The best way is to put your letters in the regular collection boxes.

The postoffice is now provided with special stamped envelopes for free delivery patrons. These envelopes have two blank lines, one for the name and another for the street number. People should provide themselves with these envelopes. Stamp books which are sold in 25, 49 and 97 cent sizes are also very handy. The stamps are put up in book form with oiled paper leaves to prevent them from getting stuck together.

On week days the carriers will make collections as they make their regular rounds, but on Sundays only one collection will be made and that between five and six o'clock in the afternoon. All mail so collected will leave Denison the same evening.

Carriers do not sell money orders.

Carriers do not Register letters except in the business district.

Carriers are not expected to collect parcels for mailing.

People living in Denison, but out-

side the free delivery will be given the benefit of the rural delivery service wherever this can be done without lengthening the carriers route. Such patrons must provide regulation RURAL BOXES, not city boxes, and they must be set up on posts so that carriers can deliver the mail without leaving their wagons. This service will be excellent as the carriers will drive directly to the city delivery before taking any deliveries and patrons will be served earlier than their neighbors living inside. They will however have but the one delivery a day.

All patrons not renters of lock boxes can get their mail on Sunday from 10 to 11 a. m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. by calling at the carriers windows.

After July 1st the office will be rearranged and each carrier will have a delivery window for Sunday use. This arrangement will probably last until the new postoffice is erected.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

Attention Called to Selecting of Delegates to County Convention.

There is one part of the primary election law that so far has been apparently overlooked and it may prove to be a very important part at times, that is the election of delegates to the county convention, which must be held on the third Saturday following the primary election, that is, this year it will be held June 20, at 11 a. m.

The method of selecting names for the delegates to the county convention is not outlined other than the voting for them by writing or pasting the names in the proper blank spaces left for that purpose on the primary ballot. There is a very peculiar condition confronting the voter on this delegate matter, when he votes the primary there may be a lot of printed posters with names on them suggested by those who have some selfish end to gain or the voter must select for himself and write those names. If there is no concert of action among the voters of the precinct, there may be as many delegates selected as there are voters of the party ticket and therefore no choice, or if the choice be made the plurality may be so small that it represents nothing or worse.

The best way for the parties to do is to hold party caucuses in each precinct at which a list of delegates may be selected and those selected can have their names printed on posters. This matter should be attended to at once.

HE WAS CLEARED.

Ex-Sheriff John Dettman Found Not Guilty.

In the case of John Dettman, tried at the April term of the circuit court of Gregory county S. D., the defendant was charged with murder for the killing of George M. Taylor at Fairfax, January 8, 1908. The trial of the interesting case lasted five and a half days. The plea of Dettman in the trial of the case was self defense. The jury, after remaining out for four hours, returned a verdict of not guilty and Dettman was discharged. The shooting was a result of a dispute resulting from a gambling business in which the deceased and defendant Dettman were jointly interested at the time of the homicide. The defendant was formerly sheriff of this county, and was prominent in democratic circles here and at Sibley, Ia. The friends and relatives of Mr. Dettman will be glad he is clear of the charge of murder.

ANOTHER DEATH.

The Husband of Mrs. Sarah Menagh Chesney Dead

Father H. H. Menagh and son George, and his daughter, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Randall were called to DeWitt, Neb., by the death of Mr. J. P. Chesney. He was the husband of Sarah Menagh and had been an invalid for two years. He died on Thursday, May 14 and was buried on Sunday, May 17, at DeWitt, Neb. He was married in January 1900 and leaves his wife and a boy aged six years. During the years of her husband's sickness the wife had maintained the family by attending to his real estate and insurance affairs, and she may remain at DeWitt and continue in business there. Mrs. Chesney is well remembered in Denison, for she was one of the sweetest and fairest of the girls who grew to womanhood here. She has shown a brave spirit in her trials which still further endears her to her friends.

Gasoline Stoves cleaned and repaired. J. G. Wygant.

\$10,000 FOR DENISON

Congress Appropriates Sum to Buy Postoffice Site.

JUDGE CONNER IS LOYAL

Remembers Denison Friends When Great Appropriation Bill is Passed

Denison was electrified this week to learn that through the efforts of Hon. J. P. Conner Denison has been included among the growing towns in which Uncle Sam would erect a substantial postoffice building of his own. The first word was that \$7500 had been appropriated. This was the bill as it passed the house. In the Senate the amount was increased to \$10,000.

This means that the site will be purchased during the next year and that in all probability the next Congress, especially if Judge Conner is still a member of that body—will appropriate all the way from \$40,000 to \$100,000 for a fine Federal building. It is eminently fitting that Denison, a growing city whose existence is assured as long as the republic shall stand, a city which gave to the Nation its greatest Secretary of the Treasury since the days of Hamilton, should have this fine permanent public building. Judge Conner has at a single stroke, of his own volition, and without the aid of any other Denison man, done more for our city, its beauty, its permanency, its standing among cities, than any other Denison man has ever done.

We are glad that the republicans of Denison rallied to his support 410 strong in the formation of the Conner Club, before this appropriation was known. It shows that while Denison people appreciate the great thing Judge Conner has done for them they were his loyal friends and supporters regardless of public building appropriations. The building when it is erected will stand for generations as a monument not only to the greatness of our Nation, but to the strength of the affection of Denison's loyal son—James Perry Conner. The least that we can do is to give him a unanimous endorsement at the polls.

Real Estate Rising. The news of the appropriation has caused a boom in the Denison real estate market, and all the wise ones are busy locating the new building. The government builds only first-class buildings. We understand that the new building must be at least fifty feet from any other building and the site must be 150 by 150.

Some people think it should be on the corner east of the Baptist church. The Tabor lots on Main street, the Watje corner, the Carey corner are all discussed. A Broadway site is from Jacobsen's Bakery up to and including the Green Bay Lumber Co. The Opera house corner, the Laub's barn corner, the Merchants' hotel corner are spoken of by many. One of the best but most expensive suggestions was the purchase of the entire block from Huettman Bros. to McCarthy's.

It is a free for all and people are as interested as in solving the 14-15 puzzle.

We understand that sealed bids will be considered and the final selection will be made by special officers sent here by the Government. Wherever the location it will be one of the finest things that ever happened for Denison, and to Judge Conner, and to Judge Conner alone belongs all the credit.

Hurrah for Denison.
Hurrah for Judge Conner.
Hurrah for the Conner Club.

Mrs. W. R. Kirkup and Miss Beatrice Kirkup were "at home" on Saturday afternoon to a large number of friends as a compliment to their house guest, Miss Wingert. The house was decorated with a profusion of pink and white carnations and pink roses. Very nice light refreshments were served. A game of books was played the guest of honor, Miss Wingert receiving the prize. Mrs. Chamberlin assisted the hostess in making the afternoon a very delightful one.

Many bids are in on the Bed room suit at Salomons. Look at the suit in the show window.

The Nye Schneider elevator at Schleswig was struck by lightning on last Saturday night and destroyed.

Mr. J. H. Jones and Miss Bertha McAndrews were married to-day at the Catholic church in Vail. We shall speak more at length of the ceremony next week. Mr. Jones has a house near the Catholic church in Denison fitted up for his bride.

THE BIG BOND SALE

Treasurer Evers Offers County Bond on Open Bids.

CRAWFORD CO. STATE BANK

Makes Highest Bid, Beating The Big Chicago Buyers.

The office of the county treasurer was the scene on last Thursday of some lively bidding when the treasurer put up fifty thousand dollars worth of bond at auction. It did not need the persuasive eloquence of Auctioneer Smith or the veteran Jess McAhren to make the bidding brisk and interesting. The citizens of Crawford county will be proud to learn that one of the Denison banks stayed in the game to the end, out bidding banks from Chicago and elsewhere with millions of capital. Mr. George Neave of the Crawford County State Bank was not much in evidence at the beginning but came in on the home stretch and gained the full bond issue of \$50,000 for his bank, bidding thirteen hundred dollars premium.

There were seven Chicago firms represented; one from Davenport; one from Minneapolis; one from Cleveland; and the Bank of Denison by Mr. Kuehnle, the W. A. McHenry bank by Mr. Sears McHenry and the Crawford County State bank by Mr. Neave. The interest was intense as the treasurer said he was ready for bids. There was a sealed bid of \$1,005 from the Chicago firm of A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago. Some dropped out when so high a pace was set. The buyers began making moderate rise in their bids and when they got up to \$1170.00 it was the first bid of the Crawford County bank. It again bid \$1180 and did not bid again until the price was up to \$1272. The Chicago firm of DeWitt, Tremble & Co., went fifty cents more and Neave said \$1273. The Chicago bank came back with \$1275 and Neave raised that bid \$1276. Chicago said fifty cents more and Neave came back with even 77. DeWitt Tremble Co. gave up and a new Chicago firm of N. W. Halsey & Co. bid \$1277.50, but old Crawford went fifty cents better yet. Halsey Co. said \$1278.50 while other bidders stood back, distanced, and the tension became intense. Now the Crawford County State Bank to cinch the thing, bid \$1300 premium. There was a lull and a chance given for further bids but none came and the fifty thousand dollars worth of county bonds were declared sold to George Neave representing the Crawford county State Bank. We give here a list of the highest bids of certain firms. One went as low as \$533.00.

Crawford County State Bank, Denison, Iowa, \$1300.00.
N. W. Halsey & Co., Chicago, Illinois, \$1278.50.
DeWitt Tremble & Co. Chicago, Illinois, \$1276.50.
Mason, Lewis & Co., Chicago, Illinois, \$1165.00.
E. H. Rollins & Co. Chicago, Illinois, \$1100.00.
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., Davenport, Iowa, \$1015.00.
A. B. Leach & Co. Chicago, Illinois, \$1005.00.

The bonds bear date of June 1, 1908, and are at four and one-half per cent. After eight years \$4000 of bonds will be called in and on the first of each October and June thereafter \$4000 will be paid until all are paid. Considering the premium the bonds will bear interest at four and one-fifth per cent. The bridge warrants taken up drew five per cent so there is a saving to the tax payers. The bridge fund now has about \$13,000 on hand.

This means that the farmers of Crawford County, through their popular agent, the Crawford County State Bank will loan the money to the county. Depositors will have this as added security although this bank needs nothing more to improve its credit among the people.

The most interesting feature is that it is a second Declaration of Independence Denison has issued as a financial center. During the October panic the Denison banks were among the very few that went on with their business as if nothing had happened, and now on account of the mismanagement of the board of supervisors the county needs money, it is a home institution, the Crawford county State Bank that offers the highest premium and thus keeps the bonds at home as an investment for our own people.

"There is rest for the weary" if you have supplied yourself with one of those nice Hammocks at W. A. Johnson, Broadway Pharmacy.

THE REAPER DEATH.

A Brilliant Young Man Taken in the Prime of Life.

THE DEATH OF JOSEPH HIRD

Our Community Much Touched by the Circumstances of the Case.

There has not been the death of a young man in this community for many a year, which has so touched our people as that of Joseph Hird, which occurred on Saturday morning last. Some two years ago the dread consumption fastened on his system, and although he made a heroic struggle to gain the mastery it was of no avail. He arrived home from Denver April 1st and was permitted to be with his loved ones a little over six weeks, before the final summons came. Joseph Hird was born May 28, 1880, at Toft Hill, County of Durham, England. He was the baby when the family crossed the ocean to America in September 1881. They came right to Denison to which place Isaac, one of the sons, had preceded them a little over a year. Bright, cunning,



JOSEPH HIRD.

good natured little Joe, was soon the pet of all the neighbors, the family living at first opposite the residence of the late H. W. Gould, and adjoining the property of Sam'l Luney. He grew up in our schools, making for himself friends by his remarkable intelligence, and lovable manners. He lived in Denison until 1898 when his employment took him away. He took up the construction and repairing of telephone lines, and this gave him an outdoor life. He always laid the beginning of his ailment to a fall which broke two ribs and bruised his lungs. Also his employment made it necessary to be out in all kinds of weather and to walk and wade in mud and water. He never shrank from duty, and did not when strong and active take the best of care of his health.

About a year and a-half ago when he became aware that his lungs might be affected he tried a change of climate, going west and south. He was accompanied by his friend, Greeley E. Barber, son of that most esteemed citizen of Nishnabotny, Rockley Barber. The faithful care and self sacrifice of Greeley to Joe was a signal example of pure friendship, and all knowing of it, feel that Greeley did all that he could to save his loved one.

They went down in New Mexico together, then to Wyoming and Colorado. Joe rallied for a time, relaxed his care for himself and grew worse again. Before coming home he spent five months in a hospital taking special treatment for his trouble. At last the doctors told his relatives that Joe would live just as long at his home in Denison as in Colorado. It was left for him to decide what to do, and he said "I will go home." Although he had been in bed for months the thought that he was going home gave him strength which was surprising to his relatives who accompanied him to Denison. He insisted on walking from the N. W. depot to the pleasant family home of the Hirds three blocks to the east and just south of the track a spot which had been the homestead for over twenty years.

A fine airy room in the L. on the west was arranged for him. He could look from his bed and see the willows, clothing themselves in green, which skirted the Boyer; to the west and catch the rays of the sunset, and to the north, where his quick eye saw the approach of his friends blocks away. His mind was signally alert, he saw everything, heard everything, knew everything in range of his eye and ear. He fully understood that he was dying by inches yet remained cheerful, apparently hopeful, patient in terrible suffering, resigned to what God seemed to have in store for him. Rev. DePree and others spoke to him

of the future, and he was prepared to go, feeling that he could stand on the promise that God had a place prepared for him where there would be no pain and sickness.

The end came on Saturday last at 4:30 in the morning and he passed to his home above, aged 27 years, 11 months and 18 days. He leaves his aged loving father and mother, Robert Hird and wife, and four brothers, and five sisters. The brothers are William who never came over from England, Isaac, and George of Manilla, and John W. of Eagle Grove. The sisters are Mrs. Lizzie A. Thompson of Norfolk, Neb., and Mrs. Mary Wearmouth and Martha and Sara E. of Denison. Mr. John Bayles and his daughter were uncle and cousin of Joe. He also is mourned by his affiance, Miss Grace Roth of Omaha.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon last, and a most fitting sermon was given by Rev. De Pree. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen orders and both had remembered him in the days before his death. Three members of the Woodmen order came from Omaha to act as pall bearers, I. P. De Vol, W. H. Dorance and M. H. Barlow. The other pall bearers were from the K. P. order namely: George Sprecher, W. C. Rollins and James Armstrong.

During his sickness the friends kept most beautiful flowers in the sick room and the floral tributes at the funeral were the choicest to be procured. Conscious to the last, Joe appreciated all the kindnesses done him, and the loving family most heartily thank the many attentive friends. Members of the two orders accompanied the casket to the cemetery where the chaplains read from the burial ritual and Rev. Thureson made a prayer. There was a very large attendance of people from our midst and the following friends from out of town: From Manilla, Messrs F. L. Van Slyke, W. F. Moore, B. W. Smethers, Ed. Dyson, John Calvin, C. M. Krogh, Frank Brown and wife, Ed. Barber and wife, R. C. Saunders and wife, and the Misses Nellie Breckinridge, Sadie Saunders and Lillie Biglow; from Charter Oak, S. A. Jones and wife, Mrs. J. H. Jones and Mrs. Minnie Wood; Mrs. Cora Daniels of Des Moines, Herman Schonfield of Omaha, John Roth of Audubon and Ansel Wheeler and wife of Council Bluffs.

Dear Joe: Your clean life, loving manly ways, faithfulness to friends, patience in suffering, remarkable brightness and intelligence, have not been in vain, but have left an impression upon all with whom you have come in contact. The world is better for your living in it, and heaven seems nearer and more to be desired because you are there. Feeling this the sorrowing ones are comforted and all of us will live the better lives because of knowing you.

AN AGED SAINT CALLED

Mr. Thomas G. Hill Aged Ninety-one Dies on Tuesday.

One of the oldest men in town, Mr. Thomas Hill died at the home of his son, R. L. Hill in this city on Tuesday, May 19. The deceased was born in Clearfield county Pennsylvania, July 12, 1817, where he lived until some years after he was married, Jan. 9, 1839. In time the family moved to West Virginia and in 1851 came west, settling at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They were there until 1879 when Mr. Hill took up a homestead near Alma, Harlan county, Neb. In 1889 Mr. Hill and wife began to make their home with R. L. Hill at Holdridge, Neb., and later came to Denison about 1901. He celebrated with his wife last January the 69th anniversary of their wedding. In March the wife died and now the husband has gone to meet her in Heaven. A quiet funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon on account of the severe illness of Mrs. R. L. Hill. The deceased was an old time Free Methodist, a faithful christian, and a most worthy man.

Mrs. John Woodruff arranged a birthday party for her mother, Mrs. E. H. Wood in honor of her 77th birthday on Friday last. There were eighty-seven ladies present and from the gay talk one might have thought it was a party met to honor the birthday of a little girl. The company were guessing on the sum of the ages of those present. Some would not give their ages and these were estimated. The total then read 1665. There were nice refreshments and the party was a decided success. Bless them—the aged women are the salt of the earth. May they live to be more aged before leaving us.