

## VOSS BUYS BIG SIOUX CITY FARM

C. L. VOSS OF DENISON, NEGOTIATING  
FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY CAPTAIN  
BARLOW, OF ENGLAND.

SUM NAMED ABOUT \$130,000

Site of English Manor House, Where Capt. Barlow Tried to Introduce Foreign Methods of Agriculture, to be Cut up into Farms.

Sioux City Journal: Most Sioux Cityans have known more or less of the Barlow ranch, located ten miles east of Sioux City, in Woodbury and Floyd townships. Its sale by Capt. A. K. Barlow, of Essex, Eng., to C. L. Voss, of Denison, Ia., for a consideration of about \$130,000 is just being completed. Negotiations had been going on for several weeks through the real estate firms of Lewis Bros. & McFaul, representing Capt. Barlow, and E. E. Selmer, representing Mr. Voss.

The tract sold to Mr. Voss comprises 1,758 acres, being the balance of the 3,000-acre ranch Capt. Barlow purchased through John Peirce in 1880. It was raw prairie land when Capt. Barlow came into possession of it, and the consideration was about \$25,000. In the last twenty years 1,250 acres have been sold in small tracts of eighty and 160 acres, and altogether the prices at which the various sales have realized totals close to the \$200,000 mark.

### To be Sold in Tracts.

Mr. Voss, the new owner, intends to cut the ranch up into small tracts and dispose of them in the same manner as was done with the 1,000-acre McNamara farm on the Perry creek road and later the Percy Marsh farm of 1,000 acres. It means several more families are to be added to the county's population, while the land itself will receive better cultivation and consequently better yield of products.

In 1878 a few Englishmen came direct to Sioux City from Great Britain. They were men of means and more or less experienced in agriculture under British methods. Capt. Bayley and Birmingham, both of whom, with Capt. Barlow, had won titles in the British army, were among the number. Others from Great Britain followed in the seven succeeding years, until in 1880 the English colony in Woodbury and Plymouth counties numbered about 250.

### Was to be Duke-Lord.

Bayley and Birmingham were captivated with their new surroundings and were responsible for the arrival in 1880 of Capt. Barlow and family. It has been the purpose of Capt. Barlow, before he left England, to establish here an English estate on the system prevailing at home, with himself as the duke-lord of the manor.

On the large purchase made through John Peirce he built ten tenement houses, and at the same time Barlow hall, a thirty-room solid brick structure with slate roof, was constructed. In the ten years the landlord lived there many of the best people of Sioux City, as well as acquaintances from abroad, were entertained. The large house, with its spacious dance hall, was seldom without invited guests, and the host and hostess were tireless in their efforts at making every guest feel the cordial welcome. It was the genuine English hospitality and captivated the lucky visitors.

### Caught up in Disgrace.

Capt. Barlow began his English system of tenantry as soon as he was established at Barlow ranch. The tenants, retainers and servants were subjected to the rigid rules of landlord supervision prevailing in England and it did not work. The young Englishmen, whom he secured from abroad, were speedily Americanized and could not be held to farm labor. The captain finally tried American tenants, but even they did not take kindly to the English way of managing a ranch, and after ten years of an earnest effort to introduce British landlordism in the United States, he gave up in disgust and returned to his old home at Essex, where he now lives and where he is officially known as the acquire of his village.

Soon after the captain located at Barlow hall a sensation was created by the theft of the family silver plate and furs. It was estimated at the time the loss figured \$50,000, and the best detectives in the country worked on the case for

some time, but without success. Twenty years later the present tenant, Mr. Brunck, had occasion to repair the flooring of the barn, where he uncovered the lost articles between the rafters. The valuable furs had been completely destroyed by rats and moths, but the silver plate was carefully packed by Thorpe & Hoberg, jewelers, and shipped to Capt. Barlow's home in England.

### Successful Investment.

While Capt. Barlow lived here he made many successful investments in Sioux City property. He purchased the two lots at Fourth and Jackson streets on which is located the Toy Bank building, paying for the same \$5,000. Years later he sold the lots for \$95,000. For a small consideration he purchased a number of lots in Felt's and Central Sioux City additions and cleaned up \$85,000 when the Milwaukee railroad purchased them for roundhouse and trackage purposes. On the quarter block just east of the Rutland hotel he made a profit of \$65,000. While the captain made a failure with his British system of landlordism, his experience with American realty investments was exceedingly gratifying.

### Sad Death at Boyer.

On Sunday morning occurred the sad death of Mrs. Peter Wulf at Boyer, Iowa. Mrs. Wulf complained of not feeling well on Sunday the week before, and in a few days she came down with the measles, but from all indications she was getting along nicely, until Saturday night when she grew rapidly worse. A doctor was summoned and all that loving hands could possibly do was done for her, but all to no avail, for at twelve-thirty o'clock Sunday morning her spirit took its flight to the Better World. She was a noble woman, her first thoughts always being for her husband and children. She was kind hearted, friendly to all, and always ready and willing to do her part.

Emily A. Darling was born in Crawford county, December 28, 1857, being the third child of Albro Darling and wife, and died April 3, 1910, aged 54 years, 3 months and 6 days.

On February 20, 1894, she was married to Peter J. Wulf. To this union were born five children, the oldest dying in infancy. Those left to mourn the mother's loss are Nellie, Minnie, Elmer and James. She also leaves father, mother, five brothers, Robert of Deolit, Harry, Ed, Tom and Earl at home, and five sisters, Mrs. Saul Loudon of Castana, Mrs. Andrew Swantz of Boyer, Mrs. Chas. Dean of Herring, Mrs. Julius Schram of Early and Myrtle at home. A short service was held at the house on Tuesday morning and funeral services at the Presbyterian church in Vail, in charge of Rev. Hostettler. The remains were laid to rest in the Vail cemetery. The floral tribute was beautiful.

The Review extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

### College Notes.

Mr. Osterlund of Vail called at the college last Tuesday in the interests of his son.

Mr. Merton Thomas of Dow City called on his sister last Thursday and took supper at the dormitory. Our teacher of oratory, Miss Brackney, gave some readings last Thursday evening at the reception given by the Odd Fellows.

On Friday last Mr. Webb of Cherokee, a cousin of Mrs. Van Ness, called at the college. He was on his way to Carroll to relieve an agent of the American Express Co. for a bad mistake the Carroll man made in transmitting a large package of money.

Mrs. and Miss Kleespie spent Saturday, April 2nd, in Omaha.

Mr. Earl Chase will be out of school for a week. He was called to take his brother from Buck Grove to the hospital in Rochester, Minn. Miss Marion Hays was called to her home in Manning on account of the serious illness of an aunt. She left on Monday afternoon, the 4th, but hopes to be back in a week.

This week the students will enjoy the pleasures of examination, as this is the regular week of examinations in all departments.

We are in receipt of a letter today from J. B. Bill of Woonsocket, S. D., who formerly resided at Buck Grove telling us of the marriage of his son, J. W. Bill, to Miss Clara Fisher of Wessington Springs, S. D., on March 29th.

Mrs. G. B. Smith left this morning for a few days' visit with friends in Omaha.

## WATER PROBLEM IS SOLVED

PLAN ADOPTED BY LAST COUNCIL MOST  
FEASIBLE ONE YET PRESENTED INEX-  
HAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF WATER.

### A GROUP OF FOUR WELLS

Two of Them Practically Completed at Twenty-  
Seven Feet. An Electric Pump Will  
be Used.

Mayor Rollins' administration is entitled to the credit of solving the water problem for Denison. For several years it has been recognized by the city authorities that provision should be made for increasing the water supply to meet the demands for private use and for protection against fire. During this time many plans have been suggested, but none seemed feasible until the present plan, adopted by the last council, was decided upon. This plan involved the sinking of a group of four wells, about one block east of the wells now in use. It was contended that enough water would be secured to supply the demands for years to come. Accordingly, a contract was let and the result so far proves the wisdom of the plan. Up to this time two wells, each six and one-half feet in diameter, have been dug, one of them twenty-seven feet in depth and the other about twenty-three feet. It probably will not be necessary to go any deeper, for the supply of water at the present depth is practically inexhaustible, and greater than was even anticipated. The water apparently comes from all directions and so rapidly as to fill the wells for a number of feet in an incredibly short time. It is estimated that the supply in each well is not less than one hundred gallons per minute, and a remarkable thing is that pumping the water from one well scarcely reduces the depth of water in the other. There is no doubt that when the four wells are completed the supply will be such as to answer all purposes for many years to come. The water is pumped by means of electricity and carried through pipes to the main leading to the stand pipe. Denison is peculiarly fortunate in having the best kind of water, furnished at a minimum cost, while other cities are paying out millions of dollars for their water supply. Los Angeles has bonded the city for twenty millions of dollars to bring water a distance of more than one hundred miles. Other cities are paying similar amounts and not securing as good a quality of water as Denison will have when the wells are completed at practically a nominal cost. We predict the present council will hurry the improvement to a speedy completion.

### Supreme Court Rulings.

A report comes from Des Moines that the Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of Judge Church in the case of Hattie A. Poitevin vs Frank Binnall et al, a case tried here some two or three years ago and which involved the title of two hundred acres of land which Mr. Binnall, the father of Mrs. Poitevin, had deeded to her.

Frank Binnall, who was a tenant upon the farm, refused to surrender possession to Mrs. Poitevin and claimed that he was entitled to the farm under what he claimed was an arrangement made with his father when he was a minor living at home with his parents.

The case was referred to O. W. Wheeler to hear the evidence and report his findings of facts and conclusions of law.

Mr. Wheeler, after hearing the evidence, decided the case in favor of Mrs. Poitevin, and his decision was approved by the District Court and a decree rendered in favor of Mrs. Poitevin.

The Maple Valley Firemen's Association met at Battle Creek on Wednesday last for the purpose of selecting a place for holding the 1910 tournament, and after a spirited contest Lake City was selected as the 1910 meeting place. Editorrotch-kiss says the citizens of Lake City will "make good" and with good weather the town will make a red spot with a dent in it the size of Haley's comet.

Philip Baker left on Saturday evening for Chicago, where he will visit his sister, Florence, who is attending school in Chicago.

## THE OLD ADJOURNS THE NEW CONVENES

DENISON CITY COUNCIL WINDS UP YEAR'S  
BUSINESS AND ADJOURNS, NEW COUN-  
CIL SWORN IN.

### EX-MAYOR ROLLINS GETS CANED

Mayor Laub Takes Oath of Office in Presence  
of Both Councils and His Aged Father.  
Old Officers Re-Appointed.

The retiring city officials held a meeting Monday morning at which time the city business for the past year was cleaned up, the retiring officers paid their salaries and the new mayor and council sworn in. The affairs of the city are thus turned over to the new administration and they are now in possession and meeting as a board of review. Financially, for the first time in years, the old council retires with the city finances on the right side of the ledger—the treasurer's report showing that there is no overdraft, none of the different funds being overdrawn. The old members of the council and the retiring mayor are to be congratulated upon this fact. Two years ago the overdraft was \$2600 and three years ago it was practically \$3600. In most instances the city is in better condition than it has been for years, the sidewalks, crossings, streets and alleys are all in fairly good shape, the sanitary condition is equal to most towns of Denison's size, and the moral tone of the city good. While the old council may not have been able to please all and may have done some work that was unnecessary and left undone some that was necessary, it is generally conceded that the council had the best interests of the city at heart at all times, and did what its judgment was thought best for all concerned. The administration of Mayor Rollins has been as good as the city ever had, he has devoted much time and gave the city affairs a great deal of thought and turns the office of Mayor over to his successor with the assurance of having done his duty as best he knew.

Just before the old council adjourned a surprise was perpetrated upon the retiring mayor when Chas. Bullock came into the room and on behalf of old appointive officers and a few most intimate friends presented Mayor Rollins with a fine gold-headed cane. There were a goodly number of spectators present, and in presenting the cane Mr. Bullock said:

"It gives me much pleasure to meet with you on this occasion, for I know you are here for a laudable purpose. We are here to do honor to our retiring mayor who has served the city faithfully and well and with credit to himself and friends.

My mind carries me back many years ago when a freckled face country boy reared near the pure and rippling waters of the East River made his appearance in Denison, standing on the street corners a close

observer of passing events. Little did the casual observer know of the metal that was within him. But as he advanced in years and became a citizen of our town his neighbors soon began to see his ability and learn his worth. As a result they elected him to the highest and most honorable office in the gift of the people of Denison, that of Mayor. Now that he has served the people well and his term of office having expired a few of his appreciative friends and those officers who have served under him have assembled here to congratulate him on the past and bid him adieu but not farewell. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again" for we expect in the future still better things in store for him.

And now Mr. Rollins with these few introductory remarks I want to say to you, your friends here assembled have delegated me to present to you a token of their love, friendship and respect not only to yourself personally, but for the very able and impartial manner in which you have conducted your office. Therefore I have the honor and pleasure to present to you this beautiful gold-headed cane as a token of kind regards.

I hope you will accept it, not for its intrinsic value, but for the sentiment it represents. And although you may not have much use for it at present, as the years roll by and the footprints of time make it servicable to lean on it for support, may it ever remind you of your friends of today."

Mr. Rollins was taken entirely by surprise and feelingly responded in a few thoughtful words, showing his great appreciation of the token presented him.

### New Officers Sworn In.

With the adjournment of the old city council the new one came in and Mayor Laub having already taken the oath of office, immediately gave the oath to the newly elected council. Those present and taking the oath were A. C. Greene, alderman for First Ward; P. J. Eggers, Second Ward; C. R. French, Third Ward, and J. T. Haugh and Chas. Christensen, aldermen at large.

Alfred Wright was elected clerk, receiving the full vote of the council. The council immediately got down to business and one of its first acts was to pass an ordinance raising the salaries of city marshal from \$55 to \$65 and city water collector from \$55 to \$65 and the street commissioner from \$2.00 per day to \$2.50.

At the meeting Monday evening Mayor Laub made his appointments as follows:

- Marshal, A. C. Weeks.
- Deputy Marshal and Water Collector, M. J. Burke.
- Night Watch, J. B. McClellan.
- Street Commissioner, Geo. Davis.
- City Physician, Dr. W. T. Wright.
- The council elected I. V. Walker for City Solicitor and Dr. W. T. Wright as health officer.
- The standing committees for the year are as follows:  
Streets and Alleys—Haugh, French, Eggers.  
Water and Sewer—Eggers, Greene, Christensen.

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## COURT AGAIN IN SESSION

THE SNELBAKER WILL CASE OCCUPIES  
SOME ATTENTION, QUESTION AS TO  
LEGAL DRAWING OF SAME.

### HASSAN MURDER CASE TO LIGHT

Court Orders Record Corrected. The Case  
Now Before Supreme Court. This Will  
Case Postponed.

The district court is again in session after an adjournment over several days last week. Judge Church returned on Monday afternoon and found the jury awaiting him.

The Thies will case which was set for trial on Monday, was postponed one week on account of the sickness of one of the attorneys for the contestants.

The Snellbaker will case was next in order and on Tuesday morning the trial commenced and was continued over until today. There were but few witnesses called as the contest narrowed down to one question, and that was whether the will was legally executed. The testimony offered by the proponents consisted of the depositions of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McHenry, Traffer Walker and Rachael Nixon, the wife of the proponent. On the part of the contestants, M. E. Jones and Mrs. Woodruff testified. After the testimony was offered a motion was made by the contestant, asking the court to deny the probate of the will because the evidence was not sufficient to show its legal execution. The case was elaborately argued and taken under advisement by the court. The proponent of the will is one Almon Nixon, a resident of Ohio, and in no way related to Miss Snellbaker, the deceased. The bulk of the estate, according to the provisions of the will, goes to Mr. Nixon and his sister, a woman residing in Kansas. The contestant, William Henry Harrison Snellbaker, is the youngest brother of the deceased. He is now a man upwards of sixty years of age, having been a soldier in the Civil War. The deceased was his legal guardian during his boyhood years, and as such had control of a small estate which he owned. The question involved in the contest is largely a legal one, and will probably be so treated by both court and counsel.

The case of the Arion State Bank vs First Congregational church of Arion, Iowa, E. P. Wigg, L. C. Butler, M. B. Nelson and Henry W. Doidge was tried before the Court this afternoon. After the evidence was introduced the Court rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the amount of the note in the neighborhood of \$912.00 costs and attorney's fees.

The case of the State of Iowa vs Joseph and Solomon Hassan came to light again on Tuesday by a motion

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