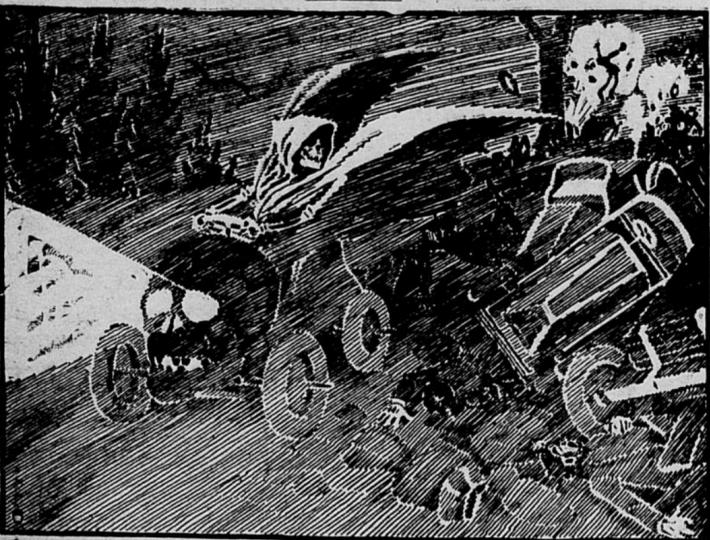


DEATH WINS.



THE GREAT PARIS-MAIDRIB AUTOMOBILE RACE RESULTED IN A HALF A DOZEN FATALITIES AND MANY INJURIES.

RACING IN automobiles has now become practically synonymous with suicide and murder. Some of the victims of the accidents which happened during the furious run from Versailles to Bordeaux, France, were seated in the competing vehicles, and some were innocent bystanders. Seven or eight persons were killed, three of them being burned to death under overturned machines. That the mortality was so small is wonderful. The owners and drivers who reached their destination without mishap were really as culpable as those who ran down and fatally injured spectators. They knew what they were about, a matter of luck to stay any one must be regarded more as a matter of luck than skill. The winner of the race traveled 345 miles at a mean speed of 40.4 miles an hour, and his average outside the city and village limits is said to have been sixty-two miles. Few fatal accidents have already occurred in the last two or three years from fast running ought to have warned the participants in the Paris-Madrid race of the danger attending their venture. It is

FISHING. Loafing with a hook and line. Where the waters swirl about. Whipping up the stream—it's fine. When the speckled trout begin. Working up the sparkling shallows. Where the sun the water halo— Laughing when the fish begin rolling, tumbling, falling in; Loafing with a hook and line— Ain't it fine!

Leaving all our care behind. Leaving all the daily toil— Going out to feel the wind. And to hear the shallows boil. Going where the sun is gleaming. Nature with her joy is gleaming. Whipping up and down the stream. In a piscatorial dream; Loafing with a hook and line— Ain't it fine!

Loafing with a hook and line. Where the waters whirl about. Whipping up the stream—it's fine. When the speckled trout are out. Working up the sparkling shallows. Where the sun the water halo— Laughing when the fish begin rolling, tumbling, falling in; Loafing with a hook and line— Ain't it fine!

A Happy Mistake

IS it not possible, my dear Lettice, to find some occupation that will employ your time more usefully and perhaps with less annoyance to other people? "What would you do, auntie?" she asked, her curly brown head a little on one side, as though it were considering a weighty subject, "what would you do, do you think, if you were to receive two offers by the same post, and you didn't like one any better than the other the people who sent them, I mean?" "I cannot—if you refer to proposals of marriage—I cannot at all imagine such a contingency," replied Miss Yvonne stily, stooping over her knitting to pick up a dropped stitch. "Surely," Lettice continued, "Miss Yvonne, do not intend to tell me that you know of any person of your acquaintance who has compromised herself so far?" "Well, no, I can't say I do," answered Miss Lettice, which was very true, in one way, for she certainly did not mean to tell her aunt anything of the kind. "Then I think, my dear Lettice, that you might occupy yourself more profitably than in making these idle suppositions," said Miss Yvonne. "Yes, auntie, you're right, as usual. I see if I can't find something better to do," and Lettice gladly seized the opportunity of escape from a conversation that had seemed in danger of becoming too personal. She ran lightly upstairs to her own room, and after closing the door, drew from her pocket two envelopes and settled herself in a chair to read their contents, not for the first time. "Very odd they should both have written, and chosen exactly the same time," she said to herself softly. For quite a long time Lettice sat with the letters before her, considering, for she was in a serious difficulty. "I like Humphrey Ford best, but he's so grave and so quiet, and somehow—it's too ridiculous—but sometimes he seems almost afraid of me! His voice quite trembled once or twice when he spoke to me the other day. A man can't be up to much if he's afraid of a girl! No, it must be Will Heywood; he is a dear boy, so enter and full of fun, and ready to get into everything; we are sure to get on well together. And yet—I'm half sorry." She gave a quick little sigh; then rose, drew together her writing materials, and began to write. Only a brief message on each dainty sheet; it was sometimes a long time before she wrote. On one she wrote: "Come this evening at 7," and addressed the envelope to W. Heywood, Esq., and on the other, in hasty, uncertain characters: "Forgive me, oh, do please forgive me, but I cannot." Footsteps mounted the stairs toward her room; she thrust both notes into the envelopes and hid them hastily.

THE STATE OF IOWA.

OCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Railroad Laborer Craved by Cigarettes—Allegation Against Dead Boy Is Disproved—Court Decision in Liquor Case—Valuable Pearl Found.

Frank Miller, one of the Illinois Central graders and a victim of the cigarette habit, woke up the other morning in a crazy man and attempted to commit murder. He had arrived from Chicago in company with a number of other laborers and was living in the camp in the western part of Webster City. Another member of the gang, Ralph Robinson, a native of Iowa, was sleeping in the tent and started to enter the tent when Miller, who was sleeping near the end of the tent, grabbed a heavy club and shouted: "Come on here, or I'll brain you!" With this he launched the other man continued on his way, when he received a crushing blow on the head from the club in the hands of Miller. Officers were sent for and they arrested the assailant and placed him in the city jail. Robinson will recover.

A Penitential Yarn Disproved. A wild story, originating with irresponsible parties, to the effect that the young man named Burnett, who committed suicide recently at West Liberty, and who it was alleged made a confession to the effect that he had refused to make public his father's responsibility for the death of Arthur Meade has been run to earth and entirely disproved. Officers went to the Burnett home and there interviewed the father, but there is no reason whatever to connect the dead young man with the murder.

Writ of Error Allowed. Justice Brewer, presiding judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court, allowed a writ of error in the case of the American Express Company vs. the State of Iowa. The case grows out of the seizure for destruction of a company of automobiles held by the State Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court held the express company responsible for violation of law even though its representatives were ignorant of the contents of the packages containing the liquor.

Pearl Worth \$3,000 Found. A pearl weighing forty and one-half grains was the find of Bert Roby, a shell digger in the Mississippi near Muscatine, through the hole, has just been recovered from the Mississippi. The pearl is worth \$3,000. It is the largest find known to have been made in these waters.

Two Bridges Gone. Three spans of the big steel bridge at Kellons have been washed out by the Des Moines River. The bridge was comparatively new and better than any other in the city of Des Moines. The town is flooded.

State News in Brief. Wellman will celebrate the glorious Fourth in Ottumwa.

Davenport police made 197 arrests in May. Thirty-four deaths were reported in Burlington during May.

A great show of Iowa apples will be a conspicuous part of the exhibit to be held at the State Fair at Des Moines.

Charles Ferguson, a farmer who lived near Panora, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Chester claims the oldest woman in the State is the widow of Mrs. Noonan, who is 107 years old.

An ordinance has been passed at Muscatine directing all telephone wires to be placed underground.

J. T. Coleman of Philadelphia has been called to become abstract director of the Waterloo Y. M. C. A.

The army planned for Council Bluffs will cost about \$25,000 and will be in the neighborhood of 5,000 people.

Illinois Central has reported that Ford Dodge struck for an increase in wages, but later returned to work pending arbitration.

A project has been started for the building of an electric line from Mt. Ayr to Hatfield, Mo., a distance of eight miles.

The State Marshals' local convention at Grinnell voted to divide the State into five districts for work along prohibition lines.

Olaf Johnson, a laborer on the new bridge at Des Moines, fell from that structure into the swollen stream and was drowned.

Joseph Ferguson, a 14-year-old boy at Mt. Sterling, was killed by a stroke of lightning. He sought shelter under a tree during a storm.

A number of button workers at Davenport struck because a few of their co-workers had been discharged, as they claim, without cause.

About 7,000 pounds or upwards of \$1,000 worth of butter is shipped from Grand Central market during the spring and summer seasons.

A number of Waterloo doctors have paid \$25 for worthless certificates making them members of the staff of the hospital at Waterloo.

Washington is to have a hospital. Charles H. Keck has donated the \$10,000 residence of his lately deceased father as a home for such an institution.

George Freck of Davenport drove a live horse to death and after paying for the animal, was arrested at the instance of the humane society and heavily fined.

The following have been appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Iowa Good Roads Association: E. H. Hart, Council Bluffs; F. G. Harper of Burlington, J. S. Morgan of Dubuque, and J. G. Berryhill of Des Moines.

Burlington wants a garbage crematory.

A \$30,000 hotel will be built at Caldwell. A \$40,000 tile plant is to be erected at Gowrie. Marshalltown postoffice clerks are now uniformed. Lafe Young will deliver the Fourth of July oration at Ottumwa.

Frank Jordan of Camanche found a \$2,000 pearl in the Mississippi. Keokuk retail merchants have formed an organization to help their trade.

St. Mark's Episcopal parish at Waterloo to be revived and a pastor secured. Burial of the body of James O'Neill at Council Bluffs.

Next year's convention of the Iowa Episcopal diocese will be held in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Scoy of Belle Plaine celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

A new edifice to cost \$30,000 will take the place of the present St. Columbkil's Church at Dubuque.

John Noonan, an aged resident of Leona, was seriously injured by the explosion of a gasoline lamp.

Michael Majers, a farmer, was struck by a Great Western train at Graf station and instantly killed.

Matt Williams, a Jackson County farmer, was drowned while attempting to ford a swollen stream.

Burlington street car conductors have received orders to eject from their cars persons who spit on the floors.

The commencement exercises of the University of Iowa will be held in a tent capable of seating nearly 3,000 people.

Mrs. Bauman, the grass widow accused of stealing \$125 church money, was found guilty by a jury at Keokuk.

Work has begun on the grading for the Illinois and Iowa interurban line, to be built between Davenport and Clinton.

The railroad laborer killed in the railroad yards at Davenport has been identified as Con Mallan of East St. Louis.

William Frosh went to sleep on a railroad track in the Des Moines yards and was run over and killed. He was intoxicated.

Three thugs attempted to hold up Frank Farrell at Council Bluffs, but were so badly whipped they were glad to beat a retreat.

William Hale, a farmer living near Leona, was struck by lightning. He suffered from convulsions for some time, but will recover.

The body of Abe Langford, who was drowned at Davenport Jan. 27 by falling through the pier, has just been recovered from the Mississippi.

E. P. Dickerson, the Clinton traveling man who shot himself several days ago with suicidal intent, is dead as a result of his injuries.

A number of cases of glanders have been discovered among horses in the neighborhood of Ackley. The affected animals have been killed.

According to the figures just completed by the County Clerk, there were 501 births, 210 marriages and 110 deaths in Sioux County during 1902.

The State board of control will ask the executive board for \$15,000 to temporarily repair the building damaged by the recent storm at Glenwood.

A number of free delivery routes in Buena Vista county may be abandoned because the patrons have failed to live up to their promise of better roads.

Major J. A. Hall, son of Congressman Hall, has been promoted in the United States army service and now ranks as lieutenant colonel, with the salary and perquisites.

Walter Schoonover of Des Moines was shot in the abdomen by a friend named Lohre. He will probably recover. The bullet was flying and was carelessly handling the gun.

The Toledo schools closed without any graduates, owing to the fact that the school board last year added one year to the high school course, making it four years instead of three.

Lightning tore a hole in the roof of the Uieca clothing store at Des Moines. The upper story was flooded by a heavy rain, and the stock of goods was damaged to the extent of \$1,500.

At Atlantic, the Nishnabotna river is the highest it has been for twenty years and thousands of dollars' worth of damage has been done.

The Atlantic Canning Company alone estimates its loss at \$100,000, nearly 125 acres of their growing pea crop having been ruined by the flood.

At Des Moines, the damage suit of Carpenter vs. the Rock Island Railroad ended in the District Court in a verdict directed for the defense on the ground that the railroad had not entered the tracks at his own risk and that he knew of the danger. The case was for \$25,000 damages by Margaret Carpenter, a widow, against the railroad. The case was killed on the Rock Island tracks at DeSoto last December.

POLITICS OF THE DAY

Attaining in the Wrong Direction.

The American Society of Equity of Indianapolis has issued a bulletin to the farmers of the United States, demanding an increase in the price of wheat, arguing that the minimum price of wheat should be \$1 a bushel and urging the farmers of the United States not to sell for less than \$1. The society was organized a year ago with that city as national headquarters to maintain higher prices for farm products by co-operation of the farmers of the country and this is the first formal demand for the increase in prices. The bulletin supplies that because of the low visible supply of wheat and the high cost of production owing to high prices for most other commodities, that \$1 at Chicago is only an equitable price for wheat. It says: "Farmers, keep this matter in mind, keep dollar wheat at Chicago, before you, and you will get it as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. We implore you, don't be fooled."

It may be hereby, but we would like to suggest to the Equity Society that there is another and an easier and more certain way for the farmers to accomplish the result aimed at, and it does not involve the risk, and almost certain failure, of attempting to imitate the manufacturing trusts.

The farmers have never succeeded, and probably never will succeed, in forming a trust which will enable them to force up the price of any important product 40 per cent. Not only

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