

SHERIFF HENNESSEY, VICTIM OF ASSAULT

SLASHED WITH KNIFE WHILE PLACING JOHN MERTZ UNDER ARREST.

ASSAILANT HAD TRIED SUICIDE

Second Time Within Six Weeks That Mertz Has Resisted and Injured Officers of the Law.

While being placed under arrest by Sheriff Hennessey Monday morning, John Mertz drew a long butcher knife and struck savagely at the officer, severely cutting his hand and narrowly missing wounding him in the chest. Sheriff Hennessey's shirt was also cut in two places. He fired two shots at Mertz before Mertz gave himself up, one missing him and the other passing through his arm.

About six weeks ago Mertz was found guilty of assault and battery on charges preferred by his wife and served a ten day term in the county jail.

Since then they have been separated and Mrs. Mertz has instituted divorce proceedings. On Sunday last Mertz went to his wife's house and tried to persuade her to live with him again. This she refused to do and early Monday morning he again went to her house and threatened to take his life. He made a cut on his neck and went out to the barn and lay down on an old mattress where he remained for about two hours when his presence in the barn was discovered by Mrs. Bottcher, who had gone to get some kindling. The sheriff was immediately notified and after fighting and resisting arrest for over an hour he was placed under arrest and taken to jail. The doctor who dressed his wound says it is not a serious one.

At the time of his assault upon his wife Mertz resisted arrest and seriously injured deputy sheriff Pebody by striking him on the knee, inflicting injuries on Mr. Pentony from which he has not yet recovered. Sheriff Hennessey narrowly escaped a more serious result. Such open defiance of the authority of the officer and the law has stirred the people of this city to the highest indignation and the public generally feels that the law should deal with these outrages upon the dignity and safety of this community with a stern hand.

BRILLIANT FORMAL OPENING.

One of the most brilliant gatherings of the kind ever held in the city was witnessed Sunday in the formal opening of the new "Tourney" Cafeteria. It is one of the most beautiful restaurants in Iowa. Nearly three hundred guests partook of the delicacies of the menu. The beauties of the interior, the waving roses, an elegant cruet, with the neatly clad waitresses scurrying here and there with the delicious viands gave it the appearance of some large metropolitan place d'armes. The attendance so exceeded the expectation that at the close several of the courses were exhausted. The service was excellent. The guests that kept filling the resort from twelve to three were presented carnations as favors.

SMITH-EVANS WEDDING.

Miss Hazel Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith and Mr. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Evans of this city, will be united in marriage today, Wednesday, August 14, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents north of Manchester. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. F. Moore, pastor of the Congregational church. The young couple are planning to make their home on south Tama street and they have the well wishes of their many friends.

HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Chris Jordison, a farmer living in Coffins Grove township, was seriously injured in a runaway last Tuesday afternoon.

Both of his shoulders were broken and his collar bone was fractured. A speeding auto frightened the team, which became unmanageable and Mr. Jordison was thrown from the wagon in attempting to stop them.

SAND CREEK SOCIAL.

There will be a social at the home of R. T. Kennon on Thursday, August 15th, afternoon and evening. Supper will be served beginning at 5 o'clock, until all are served; ice cream and cake in the evening. All are cordially invited.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS.

The Democrat is reliably informed that in this week's issue of the Independence Bulletin Journal, Attorney R. M. Leach of that city will announce himself as a candidate for Congress on the bull moose ticket. Mr. Leach was a candidate against Mr. Pickett during the Republican primary campaign last spring but withdrew his name before election day. It is said that Attorney John A. Hemmingway of Hampton also contemplates running as an independent candidate for Congress. With either one or both of these gentlemen running independently for Congress there can be but one result and that is the election of Maurice Connelly of Dubuque, the democratic candidate to the office.

RAKEMAN KILLED IN ILLINOIS.

Frank Bickert Struck By Illinois Central Passenger Train.

Another tragedy that spells the loss of human life in the railroad business occurred early Wednesday morning at Masonville when Frank Bickert, a brakeman on the first section of train No. 55, was struck by the passenger No. 2. The exact details of the accident are unknown, but it is supposed that he misjudged the speed of the approaching train and stepped too close. He was thrown but a short distance, showing that the train must have struck him a glancing blow. The first section of No. 55 had left Manchester about 1:30 a. m. and was on No. 2 by the time he was struck. Bickert was killed at a moment before his death and had left his wife and three children behind him. The train backed down to Manchester and the body was taken to an undertaking parlor and a coroner's inquest held.

The deceased was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1892 but had made his home in Jessup for the last fifteen years. He had been in the employ of the railroad for about seven months. He was a member of the Catholic church. He is survived by a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickert of Jessup and six brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held in Jessup Saturday.

DELAWARE COUNTY MAN HONORED.

E. C. Perkins of Delhi was appointed last week by Governor Carroll as one of the thirty delegates to represent Iowa in the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress that is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 27-30. Mr. Perkins is one of the oldest attorneys in the county and a man that has been very prominent in public life. This will be one of the largest assemblages of his kind ever held in the United States and it is a mark of special recognition to be chosen as a delegate.

METHODIST PICNIC.

The Methodist Sunday school held a picnic last Wednesday afternoon in Hutchinson's pasture and it was very well attended, there being over one hundred and fifty present. The feature of the day was the ball game between the teams chosen by the Revs. Billingsley and Black. The aggregation of the former won by a score of 10-3.

WILL REMOVE TO FLORIDA.

W. E. Graham, one of Manchester's best citizens has sold his farm north of the city and his town property and will remove to Florida with his family, Mrs. Graham, daughter, Miss Isabel and Mrs. Sabin, mother of Mrs. Graham. Their many friends regret to learn of their departure for a new home in the southland.

OVERLAND IN AUTO.

Mr. and Mrs. Ason Covill, who arrived last Saturday from Winnebago, Minnesota, in their automobile and were guests at the home of relatives in the city, returned home last Friday. The entire trip was over four hundred miles.

Mrs. Georgia Smith, who has been visiting at the Robt. Graham home, returned to her home in Wayne, Illinois, yesterday.

DAIRY DAY AT DELHI.

Thursday was a big day at Delhi and the one time county seat, all revived and rejuvenated was the scene of a large gathering. The rainy weather spoiled the crowd to some extent yet several hundred gathered at the Dairy picnic which is a new and unique feature in this section of the country, as well as one of great educational value.

The forenoon feature was the ball game between Monticello and Delhi, the victory going to the former. The music of the day was furnished by the Hopkinson band, who never let the intermittent showers interfere with their program.

The afternoon's program was opened by the Delhi quartette who did themselves credit in a couple of excellent selections. At this feature in the entertainment Jupiter Pluvius opened up with renewed pressure and a hasty retreat was made to the Methodist church. After the invocation by Rev. W. S. Skinner, Miss Jessie Burton of Delhi, who is a member of the Grinnell College Glee Club sang a beautiful selection.

E. C. Perkins, president of the day introduced E. B. Porter, secretary of the Silver Spring Creamery Company of Delhi, who told of the immense business done by their cooperative enterprise. C. H. Heuck was next introduced. He is secretary of the Heuck Co., commission merchants who handle the Silver Spring butter and he paid a nice compliment to the creamery and H. B. Bancroft the able buttermaker.

E. S. Estel, state dairy expert, gave a short talk on the raising and feeding of dairy cattle which was not only an interesting but an instructive and valuable talk for those interested in the dairy business. J. J. Ross, the assistant state dairy commissioner, was next speaker and the point of his talk was the possibility of Iowa as a great dairying state.

The cattle were judged by Mr. Estel. A Holstein cow belonging to Dan Schmittler took first prize and a Jersey of Harvey Dunham's second. Of the bulls in competition, the one belonging to Reed & Platt of Hopkinton took first; to Dan Schmittler, second, and to Joe Paris, third. In the afternoon in a ball game between Ryan and Delhi, Delhi won.

Such days as this, where the educational is combined with the pleasure element, are becoming very popular over the country and Delhi is to be complimented on the excellent showing made.

STRAWBERRY POINT MAN DIES IN CHICAGO.

John F. Davis was born May 31, 1848 in Lozer county near Scranton, Pennsylvania. At the age of 9 years he moved with his parents to DeKalb county, Illinois, where he resided until the year of 1865 when he moved to Iowa settling first in Delaware county and then Clayton county near Strawberry Point and in 1900 he moved to that place where he resided until his death which occurred suddenly at the Hotel Warner at Chicago, Illinois, August 8, 1912. Mr. Davis had been in failing health for several months and has gone to that city for medical treatment. He was to leave for home much improved in health but was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was united in marriage with Miss Eva Richardson March 3, 1875. No children were born to this union. Besides his widow he leaves to mourn his loss Joe Davis of Manchester, B. B. Davis of Strawberry Point, R. H. Davis, Glasgow, Montana, Mrs. Libbie Griste, Belle Plaine, Kansas, Mrs. Margaret Lathrop, Elliott, Iowa.

He was an honest upright citizen a good neighbor always ready with a helping hand. To know him was to love him. The funeral was in charge of Rev. Bailey of the Baptist church of Strawberry Point and interment in Strawberry Point cemetery.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

On Friday afternoon Miss Gertrude Pierce entertained a dozen of her friends in honor of her twelfth birthday. Refreshments were served and a light theatrical party at the Lyric in the evening. Those present were Misses Agnes Bradley, Virginia Carr, Adelaide Johnson, Dorothy Hockaday, Juliette McIntosh, Helen Pierce, Laura Dorman, Doris Finch, Gertrude Arnold, Lillian Haas, May Brownell and Elsie De Sotol.

Eight friends of Miss Flossie Wagner gathered at her home Saturday afternoon in honor of her thirteenth birthday. The affair was a complete surprise on the little hostess, who received many nice presents in honor of the event. Mrs. Wagner served refreshments and the young people had a delightful time. The following were present: Gertrude Long, Agnes Wilson, Velva Colson, Dorothy Kling, Hazel Hoyt and Juliette McIntosh.

SUFFERING WITH INFECTED HAND.

James Bishop, former clerk of the courts, is suffering with an infected hand that is causing him considerable trouble. About two weeks ago while doing a little job of manual labor he blistered a portion of his hand. It was not considered serious until a few days after when the hand commenced to swell. A physician was consulted and the hand was dressed but despite these efforts the injury is causing him considerable trouble.

THE LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE ARE DOING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

REVIEW AND FORECAST OF EVENTS

Items of a Personal and General Nature Picked Up About Town.

—Miss Nelle Sullivan was a Dubuque visitor Saturday.

—Mrs. Minnie Copeland was a Cedar Rapids visitor Saturday.

—Mrs. Clarence Lester was a Cedar Rapids visitor Saturday.

—H. C. Smith was a Waterloo visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

—Miss Marie Thompson of Ryan visited friends in the city Friday.

—Miss Grace Wilson left Saturday for a brief visit in Independence.

—Mrs. Rae Dunham of Dubuque visited relatives in the city Friday.

—Mrs. Charles Kulow left Wednesday for Dubuque to visit Mrs. Chas. Maurer.

—Mrs. H. L. Rann and sons, Herbert and Lucien, were Dubuque visitors Friday.

—The Baptist missionary society will meet with Mrs. William Clark on August 17th.

—Gerald Cooley of Cedar Rapids visited at the home of his parents between trains Friday.

—Everett Burt of Marion came on Saturday for a brief visit at the Frank Cramer home.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Colman of Independence visited over Sunday at the Louis Hintz home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Burton Clark and Mrs. Sherman Harris were Cedar Rapids visitors Thursday.

—Miss Lethe Yeager left Wednesday for a visit with her cousin, Miss Emma Farley in Dubuque.

—Miss Merle Michaels went to Waterloo Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Daniels.

—Miss Flossie Wagner, who has been visiting relatives in Cedar Rapids, returned home Friday.

—Mrs. B. B. Baxter of Rochelle, Illinois, who has been visiting Mrs. H. Hyde returned home Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elias Finch and daughter Edith left Wednesday for a short visit with relatives in Chicago.

—Miss Cora Hanna of Des Moines arrived Friday for a visit with her sister, Miss Sadie Hanna of this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edmunds of California arrived Saturday for a brief visit at the home of W. C. Blake.

—Mrs. H. M. Barr of Edgewood who had been visiting Mrs. John Seelye, left Saturday for a visit in Walker.

—F. W. Andrews of Monroe, Ia., who has been visiting at the E. K. Stanbery home returned home on Thursday.

—Misses Etta and Nettie Cooper, who had been visiting for the past two weeks in Albion, returned home Friday.

—Miss Gertrude Hines, who has been visiting at the J. J. Goen home, returned to her home in Dyersville Saturday.

—Henry and Louis Kaep of Dubuque, who had been visiting their cousin, Merle Hamblin, returned home Saturday.

—Mrs. D. H. Malven and son Donald, who have been visiting in Newton at the R. D. Davis home, arrived home Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. Plitz and children of Dubuque, who have been visiting at the P. F. Madden home, returned home Saturday.

—Mrs. B. W. Pearson and children who have been visiting friends in the city, left Saturday morning for their home in Dixon, Illinois.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. Zimmerman and daughter, who had been visiting at the George Acers home, returned to Omaha Wednesday morning.

—William Hartwick and daughter of Winona, Minnesota, who have been visiting T. H. Hatch and family, returned to their home Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Adams go to Chicago next week to attend the annual meeting of American Florists society of which Mr. Adams is a member.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Chapman of Independence and Mrs. H. D. Kline of Waco, Texas, visited between trains Friday with their brother, Louis Hintz.

—A. Svenson of Dundee has rented the Army for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of fair week. For these dances he has secured the celebrated Kelly Brothers' orchestra of Osage for whom he pays the sum of \$200.00. Midnight suppers will be served at "The Tierney" each night.

—Mrs. Sherman Harris entertained a party of friends Wednesday evening in honor of her visiting guest, Miss Gail Colman of Anamosa. Those present were Misses Marie Storey, Florence Lindsay, Nell Armstrong, Lou Porteous, Hazel Barr and Clara Wolcott, Mesdames Percy Strickland, Harold Dunham and Burton Clark.

—The members of the Catholic parish at Delhi have announced their willingness to help in the improvements of the Catholic property at Manchester and Friday there will be "hauling beer" in which twenty loads of sand will be brought from the town of Delhi. The ladies of the Manchester church will serve them dinners upon their arrival.

—A very pleasant evening was enjoyed Wednesday by the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters at an informal dancing party held in the K. P. hall. About twenty couples were present and music was furnished by W. C. Blake.

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—W. E. Bowen was a Dubuque visitor yesterday.

—L. Matthews sr. was a Cedar Rapids visitor Monday.

—Miss Rooney was a visitor in South Garrywood Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Seeley of Waverly are visiting in the city.

—Mrs. F. H. Munson and Mrs. H. W. Sabin were Dubuque visitors today.

—Mrs. D. Broers and son George were Earlville visitors the last of the week.

—Mrs. A. S. Hart arrived Saturday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Allen.

—Mrs. E. G. Dittmer and daughter left Monday for a week's visit in Chicago.

—Misses Agnes and Loraine Bradley went to Waterloo today for a few days visit.

—Mrs. J. W. Scott and Mrs. Thos. Wilson went to Cedar Rapids Wednesday on a shopping trip.

—Miss Ruth Morrissy of Dubuque arrived Wednesday for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

—Miss C. A. Woods left Wednesday for Walnut, Iowa, where she will spend her vacation of a few weeks.

—The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will meet in the church basement Friday afternoon at 2:30.

—Miss Margaret Adams left Wednesday for Cedar Rapids where she will visit with relatives for about two weeks.

—The North Manchester Sunday School will hold a picnic Thursday in Hutchinson's pasture. Everybody is invited.

—Mrs. M. F. LeRoy and daughter, Miss Dora, will entertain a company of friends at luncheon Wednesday afternoon noon.

—G. W. Barnes, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to his home in North City, Illinois, on Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells, of Chicago, who had been visiting relatives in the city, returned home Monday morning.

—A. C. Phillip left the first of the week for Chicago, where he will spend a few days in buying goods for the holiday trade.

—Frank Assmus, who has been spending his vacation in Independence and Dubuque, arrived home on Wednesday morning.

—R. D. Graham left today for Twin Falls, Idaho, where he will meet Mrs. Graham and Miss Margaret and accompany them home.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Parker of Waterloo, who have been visiting at the A. F. Reeves home in this city, returned home Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis of Sioux City arrived Wednesday for a visit with Miss Rebecca Irwin and other relatives in the city.

—The next meeting of the City Charity Circle will be held Thursday, August 22, at the home of Mrs. H. V. Williams, on Prospect street.

—H. W. Oliver and daughter VIII and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oliver of Independence were over Sunday visitors at the home of T. T. Oliver.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nick Malven left Monday for Independence concluding an enjoyable two weeks visit with relatives and friends here. They will return to their home in St. Paul the latter part of this week.

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