

DEATH SADDENS NUMEROUS HOMES

MRS. C. E. SAGER PASSES AWAY AT HER HOME ON WEST UNION STREET.

LITTLE ALICE KINNE IS SUMMONED

Mrs. I. H. Muckler Dies at Her Home On Prospect Street Monday, Jan. 24th.

Attie Noble Sager, the beloved wife of Chancy E. Sager, passed away at her home on West Union street on Monday, January 24th, 1916, after an illness of many weeks. For many years Mrs. Sager has been a sufferer from asthma, but by reason of her unusually rugged constitution she was able to withstand the disease, until other complications developed.

Funeral services will be held at the family home on Union street on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be in charge of Rev. W. J. Suckow, pastor of the Congregational church. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Attie M. Acers was born in Herkimer County, New York, September 19th, 1848, and when she was two years old her parents removed to Delaware county and located at what is now North Manchester. Here she grew to young womanhood. On September 19th, 1868, in Manchester, she was united in marriage with James L. Noble. To this union there were born three children: Mrs. W. C. Blake, deceased; Adnel Noble, of Prairie township, and Edith, who died in infancy. Mr. Noble passed away in Manchester November 11, 1879.

On December 22, 1881, she was united in marriage with Mr. C. E. Sager, with whom she has lived happily for many years.

She is survived by her husband, C. E. Sager, one son, Adnel Noble, of Prairie township, one sister, Mrs. Luther Sly, and one brother, Bert Acers, and three grand children, Miss May Noble and Misses Marian and Zella Blake of this city.

Mrs. Sager was a member of the Congregational church, and the Eastern Star and Lady Macabees. She took a keen interest in the activities which promoted the best in the social life of this community. In lodge circles she was honored and in her death the societies suffer a great loss. She was a kind neighbor, and a true friend, and many were the kindly acts she performed for those she loved.

In her death, Mr. Sager suffers the loss of a true companion, and the other members of her family part with a kind mother and sister; and in this great sorrow that has come to them the sympathy of many friends is extended.

KINNE HOME BEHEAVED.

Allice Loraine, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kinne, died at the home of her parents in this city Sunday, January 23, 1916, following a brief illness due to inflammatory rheumatism and heart disease. Funeral services were held at the family home, Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

Alice was born in Manchester on August 3, 1909. She was an unusually active and bright child, and was a favorite among her little playmates in the kindergarten and in the neighborhood of the family home. The sorrow that has come to the parents because of the death of their beloved little daughter, can be understood only by those who have been called upon to pass through a similar affliction. The grief-stricken parents, and all those who were attached to little Alice by family ties, have the heartfelt sympathy of every one in this great sorrow.

A lovely bud, so soft and fair,
Call'd hence by early doom;
Just sent to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom.
—Leigh Richmond.

MRS. I. H. MUCKLER.

Mrs. I. H. Muckler passed away at her home on Prospect street in this city on January 24th, 1916, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. C. K. Hudson, and burial was made in Oakland cemetery.

Elizabeth Dutton was born in Sarahville, Ohio, December 25th, 1847. When she was a child her parents removed to the state of Illinois, where the family resided for a number of years. In 1858 the family came to Delaware County, and settled in the vicinity of the Bay Settlement, south of Manchester, where she grew to young womanhood, and where on December 25th, 1872, she was united in marriage with I. H. Muckler. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Muckler gave up farm life and came to Manchester, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Muckler is survived by her husband, one daughter and five sons. The children are: Mrs. W. Lock, of New Hartford, Iowa; C. E. Muckler, of Taocma, Washington; Arthur M. Muckler, of Temwick, North Dakota; Earl and Floyd Muckler, of Wasta,

South Dakota; and Harry Muckler of Ryan. Mrs. Muckler is also survived by three brothers, Frank and Charles Dutton, of California, and Homer Dutton of Manchester, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Barker of Wendell, Minnesota; and Mrs. Arthur, of Palsade, Colorado. Besides the relatives named Mrs. Muckler leaves to mourn her death a large number of other relatives.

Mrs. Muckler's death brings a great sorrow to many of the older residents of the southern part of the county, who knew her so well for her many good qualities of heart and mind. To the grief-stricken husband, and the children the sympathy of many friends is extended.

MRS. W. R. FOSTER.

Miss May Foster received a message on Tuesday noon announcing the sad intelligence of the sudden death of Mrs. W. R. Foster, which occurred on Tuesday morning, January 25th, at Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Foster is the wife of W. R. Foster, of Williams, Iowa. She went to Spokane, Washington, in December, and had been spending the time with relatives. Soon after arriving at Spokane she was taken ill with heart trouble, but rallied from the ailment, and a few days ago her husband went to the northwest to accompany his wife to their home at Williams. She leaves to mourn her death her husband and two sons, Harold and Marcus Foster, the latter of whom is spending the winter with his grandmother and aunt in Manchester and attending High school. Mrs. Foster and her daughter, Miss Foster, and Marcus Foster will leave Friday morning for Williams, where the funeral services will be held on Sunday. Following the services the remains will be taken to Warren, Illinois, for burial. Manchester friends of the Foster family extend sympathy.

MRS. LEWIS A. PRATT.

Mrs. Lewis A. Pratt passed away from the home of her son Charles, at Castleton, North Dakota, Tuesday evening, January 18th, 1916, at the age of 68 years, 9 months and 22 days.

The news of Mrs. Pratt's death came as a shock to the entire community, for only ten days before she had left her home to spend the remainder of the winter with her son and family in Dakota, with the hope that a change would bring renewed strength and health, but on Sunday she was stricken with pneumonia, passing away the following Tuesday, as stated above.

The remains arrived in this city Thursday evening and the funeral services were held at the United Brethren church on Saturday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Miss Hinds. Interment was made at Oakland cemetery.

Lucyanna Dunken was born at Vanwert, Ohio, March 26, 1847. Her mother died when she was but five years old, and she with her father came to Indiana and then Iowa, settling near Clear Lake when but nine years of age.

Later they moved to a farm near Edgewood. When 17 years old, she was united in marriage to Thomas Hempstead. By this union she had one son. In 1871 she married Lewis A. Pratt, two sons being born to them.

Early in life Mrs. Pratt united with the German Evangelical church though she had not been privileged to attend its services for years. She was a devoted and honored member of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city.

For the past twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Pratt had made their home in Manchester. She was a faithful wife, devoted mother, kind neighbor and friend and will be sincerely missed by those who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Lewis A. Pratt, three sons, Albert T. Hempstead, and Joseph M. Pratt of Manchester, and Charles H. Pratt of Castleton, North Dakota; two sisters, Mrs. Roening of Manchester, and Mrs. Brown of Texas.

That these friends have the sympathy of many friends and neighbors was fully attested by the large concourse who attended the funeral and the floral offerings. x. x.

TEACHERS ATTEND STUDY CENTER.

The first study center was held in the High school assembly room on Saturday of last week and was attended by nearly one hundred of the teachers of the county. The work of the day was in charge of Prof. Macky Campbell and Miss Effie Schuneman of Cedar Falls. The session proved helpful to all of the teachers who attended.

CARD OF THANKS

To the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness of our beloved wife, mother and sister, and to all who have expressed their interest and sympathy, in the great sorrow that has come to us, we want to extend our hearty thanks.

C. E. SAGER,
ADNEL NOBLE,
MRS. L. SLY & FAMILY.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Elmer J. Reed, and Ada M. Cramer.
Ray F. Zirtzman, and Velva E. Coleson.
John H. Naber, and Grace Bockenstedt.
Homer Phenicie, and Elven M. Hazelrigg.

MRS. A. S. BLAIR IS RELEASED BY DEATH

DEATH SUMMONS BELOVED WIFE OF JUDGE BLAIR, AFTER FOUR YEARS OF ILLNESS.

CAME TO MANCHESTER IN YEAR 1858

Funeral Services Held Friday Forenoon. Interment Made in Oakland Cemetery.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. A. S. Blair were held at the home on Friday forenoon, at 10:30, the services being in charge of Rev. W. J. Suckow, pastor of the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Suckow was assisted by Rev. J. Frank Moore, formerly pastor of the Manchester church, and a close friend of Judge and Mrs. Blair. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

As briefly stated in The Democrat last week Mrs. Blair passed away Wednesday afternoon, following an illness which extended over four years. During the years of her sickness Mrs. Blair was tenderly cared for by her devoted husband, and children, who spared no efforts to minister to her comfort during the long period of sickness. During much of the time Mrs. Blair suffered intensely, and when the final summons did come it came as a merciful release from hopeless suffering.

Laura Bloomer was born in Huron county, Ohio, August 20, 1836, and spent all of her girlhood days in that section of her native state. She was united in marriage with Mr. Blair at Lexington, Ohio, on May 5th, 1856. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blair came to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, where the former established himself as an attorney. They resided at Prairie du Chien for nearly two years. In October 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Blair came to Manchester which place has been their home since.

Mrs. Blair is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Dunham; two sons, Charles L. Blair, of New York City, and Fred B. Blair, of this city. She is also survived by two brothers and three sisters living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and one sister residing in the state of Ohio.

For many years Mrs. Blair took a keen interest in the work of the Congregational church, of which she was a member, and in the social life of this city. Mrs. Blair possessed those qualities of mind and heart which have left their impress upon all those who knew her. During four long years she bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude.

A life permeated with kindness and love has been closed by the merciful hand of death, to blossom in richer fullness and beauty in the life beyond the grave. The memory of a life well spent will linger long in the hearts of those who were attached to Mrs. Blair by the ties of natural affection.

The Bar Association of Delaware County, of which Judge Blair is president, adopted the following resolutions, as a tribute to the memory of his beloved wife:

Whereas, Laura Blair, wife of the Honored President of our Bar Association, mother of one member and of the wife of another member and of our fraternal brothers, has left earthly scenes for the spirit life, and whereas, in the comradeship of the members of our Association we would each lighten the sorrows of our brothers in the mutuality of our sympathies, therefore, be it

Resolved, That to our bereaved members we express, on this occasion, our high appreciation of the conspicuous virtues and nobility of life of this wife and mother, the memory of which may be treasured as a sacred and glorious heritage to her family circle.

Resolved, That her Christian faith and patience, which sustained her so remarkably through grievous afflictions, is worthy of special mention and commendation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our association, that a copy thereof, duly attested by the Secretary, be given each of our bereaved members, and that all members of our Association attend the funeral services in a body.

E. B. STILES,
E. M. CARR,
CALVIN YORAN,
Committee.

Attest: M. J. YORAN,
Secretary.

CELEBRATED HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY.

Mr. P. S. French last Sunday celebrated his eightieth birthday. During the last few days he has received numerous letters and cards congratulating him upon having reached this advanced age, and the fact that he is able to be about his work, and enjoy mingling with his old time friends and neighbors. Mr. French is one of the pioneer men of Manchester, and has been one of The Democrat's readers for over forty years. We hope that he may be able to enjoy many more birthday celebrations.

A BIG FARM SALE.

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CRAMER-REED MARRIAGE.

At noon, on January 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cramer, south of Manchester, occurred the marriage of Miss Ada Cramer and Mr. Elmer Reed, the Rev. C. K. Hudson, performing the ceremony in the presence of a company of relatives and friends. The marriage of

these young people calls for the heartiest well wishes from their friends.

The bride has been one of the successful teachers of the county, and is a young woman of many lovable traits of character. Mr. Reed is the buttermaker at the Farmers Co-operative creamery in this city. He is a buttermaker of unusual ability. He has won numerous first prizes at dairy conventions, and has been one of the most efficient men in the employ of the local company.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed have gone to housekeeping in apartments over the creamery, where they are at home to their friends. The Democrat extends hearty congratulations to these estimable young people.

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge George W. Dunham made the following docket on Saturday and Monday:

Criminal.
State of Iowa vs. Will Coleman, Patrick McNanny and Glen McNanny. The defendant Will Coleman appeared in open court, and stated that he was indicted in his right name, and waived time of arraignment and formal arraignment and also waived time to plead. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery and is fined twenty-five dollars and costs. By consent of the county attorney the cases against Patrick and Glen McNanny were dismissed.

Probate.
Estate of Luther Tripp. Will and codicil admitted to probate. Lucinda Tripp appointed executor, without bond.

Estate of James Coleman. Will admitted to probate on testimony of W. B. Robinson, Nora Coleman appointed executrix, without bond. Trustee of Theodore Carter. Hearing on report of distribution set for February 5, 1916.

Estate of Seth Brown. Hearing set for January 29, 1916.

Estate of W. J. Joslin. Hearing on application to mortgage real estate, set for February 5, 1916.

Estate of Mary A. Rea. Administrator to sell personal property at private sale at not less than appraised value.

Estate of Aaron B. Dickey. Bess Dickey appointed administrator. Bond fixed at \$4,000.

Estate of Aaron B. Dickey. Administrator authorized to sell personal property at private or public sale at not less than appraised value.

Estate of William Robinson. Hearing set for Saturday, January 29, 1916. Guardianship of Norville Sheppard. Florence E. Sheppard appointed guardian of property and person. Bond \$1,000.

JEWELL-SINCOCK WEDDING.

A wedding of much interest to the people of Forestville and the vicinity occurred last week at the Methodist parsonage at Lamont, Iowa. At that time Miss Agnes Adaline Jewell, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jewell, of Richland township, in this county, became the wife of Samuel Henry Sincock of Scales Mound, Illinois. The young people were accompanied by Mr. Albert Jewell, the bride's brother, but were unattended during the ceremony. At the hour of noon they stood and repeated the vows which united them for life, the service being read by the Rev. S. C. Brenhall, the pastor of the Methodist church. The bride was daintily attired in a gown of white crepe du chien with white messaline trimmings and the groom wore a suit of blue serge. After a short visit at the home of Mrs. Daniel Adams in Lamont the couple took the train for Scales Mound, Illinois, where they will make their home on a farm three miles northwest of the city. The bride has lived near Forestville for some years and has a large circle of friends. She is an accomplished housekeeper and has been the organist of the church in Forestville where she will be greatly missed. The groom is a farmer and highly esteemed where he lives and is worthy of the bride he has won. The best wishes of both communities for their happiness are extended to them. X. X.

A STREAK OF ILL LUCK.

The family of L. E. Pride of this city seems 'o be in for a series of misfortunes lately. Last August one of the sons was obliged to submit to an operation for appendicitis, and not long after that experience another of the children sustained a severe fracture of the bones in his arm, and on Friday evening Roland, one of the twin sons fell while engaged in athletic sports at the Scout headquarters and broke both bones in his forearm. The fracture is a severe one, and will lay the boy up for several weeks.

BEYOND THE KLONDYKE.

The Staff of the 1916 M. H. S. "Vanparner" have arranged for Mr. Frank Caldwell to give his illustrated lecture "Beyond the Klondyke, or Two Thousand Miles Along the Yukon," at the High School Auditorium, Thursday evening, January 27th. Mr. Caldwell, who recently moved to Manchester from the Delta of the Rio Grande, is not only a traveler, but a well known Chautauqua lecturer. He is also the author of "Wolf, the Storm Leader," published by Dodd, Mead & Co. of New York, and said to be one of the best of Alaskan dog stories. Mr. Caldwell, under the management of the Mutual Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, has appeared in many of the leading Chautauquas and Lecture Courses and his lecture, "Beyond the Klondyke," has been pronounced, wherever given, as not only intensely interesting and entertaining, but highly educational. The pictures to be used were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell during their long journey through southeastern Alaska, over the White Pass, following the Yukon river from White Horse Rapids to its mouth in Behring Sea, two thousand miles below; with various side trips into the mining regions of the Klondyke country and Seward Peninsula. Mr. Caldwell donates his services, so that the receipts will be all profits to the Annual fund, to be used in publishing the 1916 Annual. It is to be hoped that a large

1916 INSTITUTE IS GRAND SUCCESS

LARGE CROWDS ATTENDED EACH SESSION. EXCELLENT AD- DRESSES WERE GIVEN.

A. B. HOLBERT ELECTED PRESIDENT

Supt. F. P. Walker Elected Secretary. Miss Miles and Mrs. Huftalen Elected Officers.

The 1916 Farmers' Institute closed a very successful session last Saturday afternoon, when W. W. Marsh of Waterloo delivered the closing address, to an audience which completely filled the large auditorium of the new Armory. The attendance at the sessions on Thursday and Friday were exceptionally good, considering that the weather was anything but favorable.

With very few exceptions the program as announced in these columns was carried out. The addresses given by the men and women who appeared on the programs proved helpful and entertaining, and were well received by the visitors. The program was well balanced throughout the three days session. Musical numbers were given by Mr. Rae Dunham, Miss Nena Mueller, Louis Holbert, Cruise Amsden, Miss Doolittle, the Lenox College Octette, the Manchester Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Amsden, and readings by Miss Paul of Hopkinton and Miss Frances Clark. Every number was well received and is deserving of special mention if our space permitted.

At the session on Saturday afternoon the usual business in connection with the annual sessions was transacted, when resolutions of appreciation were unanimously adopted and officers for the years 1916-1917 were elected.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

President, A. B. Holbert, of Greeley.
Vice President, Albert Voit, of Earlville.
Secretary, F. P. Walker, Manchester.
Treasurer, J. U. Rector, Oneida.

Ladies Department.
President, Miss Idell Miles, Manchester.
Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Huftalen, Manchester.

The newly elected officers will not let many months pass by before beginning active work on the program for the next institute. The persons who have been chosen as officers are well known to the farmers of Delaware county, and they will put forth their best efforts to arrange a strong program.

Following are the resolutions adopted by the assembly on Saturday afternoon:

Be It Resolved, by the Delaware County Farmers' Institute, for 1916: That we congratulate the officers of the Institute for their eminently successful conduct of the affairs entrusted to them. That we thank all who instructed or entertained us on the six excellent programs, especially thanking the musicians who made each session enjoyable as well as profitable. That we thank Company H, of the Iowa National Guards, Contractor C. K. Reading, and Mr. Joseph Hutchinson for their courtesy in allowing us to use the new Armory for our meetings.

That we thank all who contributed in any way to the success of this Institute, especially the merchants of Manchester.

And be it further resolved, that we believe the Delaware County Farmers' Institute must be preserved and improved from year to year, and that every citizen of the county should give his support and secure his share of the benefit that must come from an earnest examination and discussion of agricultural matters which are of such paramount importance to every citizen of Delaware County.

R. J. DUFFEY,
FRED H. MUNSON,
C. G. YORAN,
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crowd will attend, not only for the pleasure and benefit to be derived from the entertainment, but to help the young people of the Senior class to add something to their Annual fund.

Mr. Caldwell was with Eli Smith, the famous Alaskan mail carrier, during a part of his long drive with his dog team from Nome to Washington, D. C. His story of the mail trails is intensely interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell spent several weeks on the shores of Behring Sea and saw the natives coming in their skin boats directly from Asia. In his lecture, "Beyond the Klondyke," he will tell of many strange customs of these queer far-clad people who live on the barren shores of two continents at the place where Alaska and America almost touch.

Mr. Caldwell has a very complete set of pictures of the Totem poles of Indian Tribes. He has studied them sufficiently to be able to read and interpret many of their queer characters. The reading of a Totem Pole is one of the most interesting features of his lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell had the unique experience of traveling through the wilderness of Alaska with the Russian Bishop of America, Bishop Innocent, of Sitka. His story of the Russian influence in our far away possessions is not only interesting, but somewhat startling to those who have not investigated these things.

WAR RELIEF WORK.

All interested in the war relief work will have an opportunity of helping the refugees in the war stricken countries, by donating money, clothing, shoes, etc.

The committee having this in charge request you to leave your bundles at the rest room (under the First National Bank) next week.

Cash donations may be left at the banks, or deposited in the boxes left about town for that purpose.

There is untold suffering and starvation in Europe at the present time. Let everyone do something to help this worthy cause.

The cash and things collected will be sent to Dr. Shurtleiff in Paris, for distribution among the refugees.

ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF BAR.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Yoran delightfully entertained the members of the Bar association, at their home on East Union street last Saturday evening at a six o'clock dinner. The affair was planned as a surprise for Mr. Yoran's father, Calvin Yoran, who on that day celebrated his birthday anniversary.

CARD PARTY.

The young ladies of St. Mary's church will entertain at a card party in the Macabee hall Thursday evening, January 27th, 1916. Progressive whist and Five Hundred will be played, starting promptly at eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and bring your friend.

MANCHESTER CHURCHES.

St. Paul's.
Rev. W. J. Suckow will preach at this church next Sunday afternoon, at 3:30. Sunday school at 2:30.

Christian Science.
The subject for the lesson next Sunday is "Spirit." Services each Sunday at 10:30, in the Carnegie library. The public is cordially invited.

Lutheran.
The ladies of the Frauen Verein will meet with Mrs. Jacob Koehler, Friday, 1 p. m. There will be services held by Rev. E. Melcher at the Presbyterian church Jan. 30, 1:30 p. m.

United Brethren.
Regular services on Sunday. Morning worship, 10:30. Sunday school, 11:45. Evening service 7:30. Mid-week service Thursday evening 7:30, at the parsonage. Lesson study, Galatians 3rd chapter.

The Talitha Cumi Club will meet with Hilder Kulberg on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. All the members are urged to be present.

English Lutheran.
At the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m., the regular English Lutheran services will be conducted.

The subject will be, "A Life Well Lived."

A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services and worship with us.

REV. CARL REMBOLD, Pastor.

Presbyterian.

The regular services will be held next Sunday. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11:45. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30, and the meeting of the training class following the prayer meeting.

The theme for the morning service will be, Is Church Going Worth While. The theme for the evening service is Scriptural Multiplicity.

Congregational.
10:30. Morning worship. Theme of sermon, Does the War Prove the Break-down of Christianity?

10:00. Sunday school and Men's class.
3:30. Junior Endeavor.
6:30. Young People's meeting.
7:30. Illustrated Lecture on the Women of the New Testament. Numerous fine stereopticon views will be presented in illustration of the theme.

W. O. W. MEETING.

Members of Jewell camp, W. O. W., are reminded that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 1st. All members are urged to be present.

INSURANCE COMPANY SUES FARMERS

FARMERS ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN POLK COUNTY.

INTEREST CENTERS IN TWO SUITS

Farmers Engage Attorneys to Make Defense, and Ask for a Change of Venue.

A dozen or fifteen farmers in Delaware county have about concluded that a representative of the Federal Mutual Insurance Association of Des Moines, Iowa, has slipped one over on them, plainly speaking; and now these same farmers have made up their minds that they pay the assessments asked by the company when the courts say the company has a legal right to collect the assessments asked. Early last season, a Mr. Rudge, solicitor for the Des Moines company made a tour of the county and wrote a large amount of tornado insurance. At the time that the farmers made application for tornado insurance, the proposition was represented to them in tempting fashion, according to the farmers' statements. They allege that they were told that the annual assessments would not be over \$8.00 on a thousand dollars of insurance. When the notices of assessments came the amounts they assert were four and five times that sum. It is said that a number of the farmers paid their assessments, but the larger part of the men deferred their payments, and the result is that two suits have been filed.

Messrs. M. S. Hoghen and Frank Peterson, of near Ryan, are defendants in suits filed in Justice Edwin J. Frick's court, at Des Moines. These men have employed attorneys who went to Des Moines Monday evening to enter an appearance and ask for a change of venue. In their answer the defendants state that the plaintiff company, its managing officers and its agents and solicitors, and particularly its agent and solicitor, A. L. Rudge, fraudulently conspired and agreed together with intent to defraud the defendants and each person becoming a member of the association, and falsify represent as the inducement to secure the members' signatures to the application