

PIONEER WOMAN GIVES UP LIFE'S BATTLE

DEATH OCCURS AT HOME ON GAY STREET, MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 6, 1916.

FUNERAL TO BE THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Enters Upon Rest After Long Years of Usefulness, Is Mourned by Large Family.

Mrs. John Evans passed away at the family residence on Gay street Monday night, March 6, 1916, after an illness resulting from a fall on February 19th. Her illness was not considered serious at first but complications and the weakness of age baffled medical skill and the loving care of her family.

Funeral services will be held at the family home on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. W. A. Mont gomery, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

Elizabeth Jones was born in Cardiganshire, South Wales, November 23, 1834. In July, 1857, she came to America and joined relatives in Wisconsin. On January 2, 1858, she was married to Mr. John Evans, who was also of Cardiganshire, and the young couple founded their home on a Wisconsin farm. Later they decided to join their old neighbors the D. W. Jones family, and in 1863 moved to Iowa.

Their first location was the South Brown farm north of Manchester, but a short time later they bought land in Coffins Grove township, and by untiring industry, effort, and self-denial converted the raw prairie into a fine farm. In working out this financial success Mrs. Evans bore her full share as a true helpmeet; but a greater work was hers, for she made the farmhouse "home" to her large family, and no labor or self-sacrifice was too great for her to make if it would promote the comfort and happiness of husband and children.

Her hospitality made the home attractive to many outside the family circle. Though quiet and retiring in disposition her love and devoted service won her the friendship of all who knew her and made "mother" the ideal of her family.

Mrs. Evans was Unitarian in faith. She was a first cousin to the well-known Unitarian clergyman, Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Her death leaves Mrs. Evans with two children: David, now of White Lake, South Dakota; John, Thomas, Mrs. Ann Lee, William, and Jenkin, all of Coffins Grove; Richard, of Warden, Washington; Mrs. Margaret Glenn, of Independence; Mrs. Harry Sly, of near Manchester, and Mary, who lives with her parents, in the home on Gay street, to which they removed when advancing years made it necessary for them to give up the activities of the farm.

Mrs. Evans is also survived by twenty-four grand-children and four great-grand-children.

The sympathy will be especially tendered to her aged husband, heretofore her who has been his devoted companion and helpmeet for fifty eight years.

BANKS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE.

On Friday afternoon, following the meeting of the representatives of the various banks of the county to discuss the seed corn situation, the bankers met to take the initial steps toward forming a bankers' association of the county. Officers were elected as follows: F. B. Williamson of Hopkinton, was named president; H. C. Seeds of Manchester, secretary, and Don. A. Preussner, of this city, treasurer. A. R. LeRoy of this city, and J. J. Dolphin of Ryan, were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws.

The object of this association is to promote a more cordial feeling among the various bankers of the county, and in this way be in position to promote to better advantage the general welfare of the banks and their respective patrons. When the committee on by-laws has completed its work the organization will then be perfected, and certain definite lines of work outlined.

P. G. HOLDEN ON SEED CORN.

The Dubuque Commercial club has secured Prof. P. G. Holden of New Jersey, to deliver an address on the Seed Corn problem, at Germania Hall in Dubuque on Monday, March 13th, at 8:00 o'clock on Tuesday, March 14th. Speaking will commence at each meeting promptly at 9:00 a. m. Prof. Holden is director of the extension department of the International Harvester company, and comes to Iowa under the auspices of the county, and in this way be in position to promote to better advantage the general welfare of the banks and their respective patrons.

FREE TRIP TO IOWA STATE FAIR

The annual essay contest is under way in this county to determine a representative to the State Fair Boys' Encampment. Each county in the state conducts this contest. The winner in each case is given a trip to the greatest state fair in the Union free of all expense. The subject for the essays is "How Good Roads Will Benefit the Iowa Farmer." The essays must consist of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand words and must be placed on file with the County Superintendent before April 15. Competition will be limited to boys of good

CHARACTER BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 20 YEARS INCLUSIVE, CANDIDATES MUST

On farms, attendance at city schools will not be considered a handicap. It is determined that the essays are to be read to the executive committee of the Iowa State Fair. These essays will be examined to determine the winner over all for state winner.

Boys, you can well afford to make a try for this splendid prize. Each county representative is given the time of his life. As soon as he arrives on the grounds he is taken in charge by a director who looks after his welfare, protects him from injury and harm, and sees that he is in on everything of interest.

COMING MUSICAL ATTRACTION.

The Grinnell College Glee Club, composed of twenty students of Grinnell College, will give a concert in Manchester on April 4, under the local auspices of Company H of the National Guard. This concert will be given in the course of a two weeks tour of the state which the club will make during the spring vacation of the college.

This spring tour of the state is the second trip which the Grinnell Club has made this year, the other being an extended concert tour of over 6000 miles, taking the club to the Pacific Coast. They were gone from Grinnell over five weeks, starting the tour with a concert at Hampton on Dec. 17, and closing at Grand Junction, Colorado, on Jan. 20. They appeared in many of the larger cities on the coast, including Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Portland. This trip is one of the longest ever undertaken by a similar organization from an Iowa institution, and is only equalled in length by a tour made by the same club in 1909 when they covered much the same territory.

The Grinnell Glee Club is under the direction of Prof. D. E. Peck, of the Grinnell School of Music. Their program includes music by the whole chorus, solos, vocal and instrumental, and quartette numbers.

BUY THIRTEENTH STORE.

Gildner Brothers have added another store to their chain, the new addition being a store at Ogdan, Iowa, making thirteen stores in the Gildner chain store system. J. B. Niles, who has been associated with the firm for about twelve years, and has been the manager of the Gildner store at Anamosa during the past few years, is in charge of the Ogdan store.

Starting out with one store at Nora Springs, Iowa, only a few years ago, Gildner Brothers have extended their chain of stores over the central part of the state until now it numbers thirteen. This remarkable growth has been due to the careful business methods which have been pursued, and in supplying their patrons with high-grade merchandise, at prices consistent with the quality of the goods.

BRIDGE LETTING AROUSES INTEREST.

The supervisors of Delaware county met in regular monthly session to consider bridge and road matters and give bids for the construction of bridges and culverts to be erected in the various townships of the county during the coming summer. Gus Barnard of this city was the low bidder on four of the larger structures, his bid on the four being \$8,140.91. Sheppard was the successful bidder on four structures, his bid being \$2,788.50.

R. Hackbart landed the contract for three structures, at a total of \$1,839.

S. T. Holdren was awarded the contract for two bridges at \$1,543.20. Numerous bidders from outside the county were present at the letting and a number of close bids were registered.

A UNIQUE INVENTION.

Otto Haug is some inventor. If you don't believe this statement just step into his machine shop and ask him to show you the unique boring device which he manufactured, and which will put the cylinders of an automobile or Ford in absolutely first class condition. With this machine Mr. Haug can true up cylinders without "tearing down" the entire machine. This bit of news will prove of interest to anyone who has or has had engine trouble.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.

The good people of Delhi invite all of their friends to St. Patrick's day celebration which is to be held in the G. A. R. Hall on the evening of March 17th. Music, entertainment, addresses and a banquet will all contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion.

\$190 PER ACRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Koelker sold their 160 acre farm in Colony township to Mr. Herman Westhoff, the deal being consummated recently. This farm, which is one of the best in the county, brought the handsome price of \$190 per acre.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

Mrs. Nellie Scott entertains the North Manchester Ladies Aid society on Thursday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Nate Trenchar, who has been ill, is improving, a fact her friends are pleased to learn.

Mrs. C. V. Burrington is ill with a severe attack of the grip. Mrs. Julia Evans is home again after a three weeks' absence, assisting in the care of the sick in the Huey home.

COUNTY IS SHORT ON SEED CORN

BANKERS OF COUNTY DISCUSS SEED CORN SITUATION AND FORM ORGANIZATION.

AMFS EXPERT TO MAKE TESTS

Farmers Urged to Take Great Care in Procuring Seed for 1916 Crop of Corn.

Bankers of Delaware county held a meeting in the court house last Friday to discuss the seed corn situation of the county. Representatives from all of the banks of the county were present. County Superintendent P. P. Walker, who had some correspondence with the officials of the Agricultural college at Ames stated the object of the meeting, and after some discussion of the situation a Seed Corn association was formed. According to the opinions expressed by the men who represented every section of the county good home grown seed corn is about as scarce as hen's teeth. In some instances farmers had hoped to be able to get seed from cribs of 1914 corn, but after testing found that the corn was of poor germinating quality.

It was the opinion of most of the bankers that the practically all of the seed corn will have to be procured from outside of the county.

Among the bankers and bank representatives present at the meeting were M. Lillis, Masonville; J. J. Dolphin, Ryan; Wm. C. Cawey, H. C. Seeds, Burton Clark, W. H. Norris, F. B. Wilson, A. R. LeRoy, E. H. Hoyt, Manchester; Ed Blisgrove and D. F. Laxson, Earlville; W. S. Johnson, J. A. Johnson and F. E. Williamson, Hopkinton; J. L. Gilbert and E. C. Henser, Dundee; W. B. Robinson and C. A. Swindell, Robinson; and G. D. Thompson, Lamont.

An organization was perfected with the following as officers: President, Supt. P. P. Walker; secretary, F. B. Wilson; treasurer, H. C. Seeds. Following the election of the officers the representative farmer from each township was named as the chairman of a township committee from each township. These farmers from the various townships constitute the county committee. The county committee and the officers of the association constitutes the executive committee, under whose direction the organization will work.

The financial end of the project was provided for by assessing each bank in the county \$10, and the four banks of Manchester \$20 each.

Work of Committee. To district the township and locate all men who need seed corn and the quality needed.

To locate all cribs of old corn and quality. Get samples to test, and price per bushel.

Arrange meeting for seed corn agent in central part of township and get the people out. See that each person in the township is spoken to or phoned to concerning the meeting.

Get each teacher in the township to announce the meeting to their pupils and get them to take the word home to their parents.

Convey the seed corn agent throughout the township to the various cribs of old corn and assist in getting samples of corn for testing purposes. A price should be secured upon the seed corn at the time the samples are collected.

The township committee shall keep a record of all available seed and if enough seed is not found in the township, the township committee shall locate a supply in other townships or nearby counties and report price and test to their township and assist in buying if necessary.

If the township has more seed than it needs the township committee will report to the County Committee and the County Committee will publish and distribute this information throughout the county.

In order that this work of locating, testing and distributing seed corn can be carried on successfully, a man known as a seed corn agent will be employed. The Agricultural Extension Department of the Iowa State College will pay his salary for a period of not to exceed three or four weeks, and the county organization will pay all railroad fare and hotel bills and furnish prompt and free conveyance, either by auto or team, through the various townships.

One meeting arranged by the township committee shall be held in each county in the afternoon or evening.

At the meeting the information secured through the efforts of the township committee and the seed corn agent will be presented. Methods of testing corn will be thoroughly discussed and arrangements made to locate sufficient seed for the township.

It will be the particular business of the seed corn agent to get as many people as possible to test each ear of corn which they expect to plant.

Instructions shall also be issued as to how the seed corn should be handled on the farms from now on until planting time.

County Superintendents, school superintendents and rural teachers will be urged to conduct tests of seed corn in the schools. Rural school children will be urged to select one farmer (preferably their father) for a partner and for whom they will test seed corn.

In case any county desires to retain the seed corn agent for a longer time than that stipulated in the agreement, the Agricultural Extension Department will endeavor to so arrange, provided the county will pay both his salary and expenses.

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DEATH OF W. HOLLIS BROWNELL

Mrs. Hazel Evans Dies at Council Bluffs, Following Long Illness.

Mrs. Frank Sedgwick passed away at the home of her mother, in this city, on Monday, March 6, 1916, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, and interment made in the cemetery near Delaware. Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, conducted the services.

Minnie Koehn was born near Berlin, German, July 20, 1836, and came to America with her parents, when she was a young girl. Her parents located at Delaware, where she grew up young womanhood. She was united in marriage with Frank Sedgwick in Dubuque, on September 1, 1896. Immediately after their marriage they took up their residence at Yankton, South Dakota, where they resided for several years. In 1912 they came to Iowa, and located at Independence, where they resided for several years. In August, 1915, she and her family came to Manchester, which has been her home since.

She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her husband, and four little children—Ruth, A., Francis W., Alice M., and Alta E., and her mother, Mrs. Emil Koehn; and four sisters, Mrs. Cecil Sensor, of Independence; Martha, Anna and Ella Koehn, and two brothers, Gustaf and Ernest Koehn, all of Manchester.

The death of Mrs. Sedgwick brings a great sorrow to a family where she was so much needed. Her passing at this time has robbed four little children of all that is dear to their hearts—the loving ministrations which only the mother can bestow. She was a devoted wife and mother, whose place can never be filled like she could fill it.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to those who are mourning her death.

WM. HOLLIS BROWNELL.

After an illness of several months Wm. H. Brownell passed away at his home in South Madison street on March 1st, 1916. Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock, and interment made in Oakland cemetery. Rev. Mr. Montgomery, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

Mr. Brownell was born in Wheeler, Steuben county, New York, on August 12, 1842. When a mere child he accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brownell, to this place, then a mere hamlet. Mr. Brownell grew to manhood here, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he pursued for many years.

On January 1, 1868, Mr. Brownell was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Smith of Delhi, and for four years resided in that place. With the exception of those four years, Manchester had been his home.

Deceased is survived by his widow, two uncles, Silas W. and Nate Trenchar, of this city, one nephew, Chas. T. Brownell, of Blue Rapids, Kansas, and a granddaughter, whose home is in Fresno, California. A son, Nelson, died at the age of 28 years.

For the past two years Mr. Brownell suffered a gradual decline in health. During the years of his decline of fair dealing with his fellowly of her strength to minister to his needs and comfort. Mr. Brownell was a likable man, and when he did a piece of work his best efforts went into it. He believed in the principle of fair dealing with his fellow men, and his word could always be relied upon. In his death his devoted wife suffers the loss of kind husband, and his neighbors part with a kind and true friend.

MRS. HAZEL EVANS.

Cal Martin received the sad intelligence Sunday evening that his niece, Mrs. Hazel Evans, daughter of Mrs. George Nelson, had passed away at her home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, following an extended illness with tuberculosis. Mrs. Nelson, as stated last week, is critically ill in a hospital at Council Bluffs, suffering from pneumonia. Mr. Martin left Sunday night for Council Bluffs, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Evans, which was held Tuesday afternoon. Manchester friends of Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Martin sympathize with them in this great sorrow that has come to them, and also hope that before long Mrs. Nelson will be restored to health and strength.

JOINS ALLIED ARMIES.

Charles Gicmo, who formerly resided in Manchester, but who has been living in Hampton for several years, has answered the call of his native country and has returned to Italy to join the ranks, in defense of his people. We understand that Mr. Gicmo left several weeks ago, and is at this time nearing his native country. While he resided in Manchester he was employed as cobbler in P. F. Madden's shoe repair department.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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