

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BOOSTS VALUATIONS

COUNTY AUDITOR RECEIVES LIST OF VALUATIONS FIXED BY STATE COUNCIL.

SHEEP ARE BOOSTED 33 PER CENT

Cattle in Feeding Boosted 32 Per Cent. Mules Over 1 Year Old Boosted Fifty Per Cent.

County Auditor Merien J. Klaus received from the Executive Council of Iowa the valuations placed on live stock as it pertains to Delaware county. In many instances the boost is very small, while on a number of items the increase will amount to a considerable sum. The Executive Council made changes in every item of live stock except that of stallions, which were placed at \$546.96 by the assessors of Delaware County. These changes will mean that all of the assessors' books, twenty-seven of them in Delaware county, will all have to be refigured by the auditor and his deputy, a task which will keep them busy for some time.

Below we give a list of the live stock, with the valuations as fixed by the assessors of the county and so certified to the state, together with the per cent of increase made by the Executive Council:

1. Colts one year old, \$44.40; increased 14 per cent.
2. Colts two years old, \$71.91; increased 5 per cent.
3. Horses three years old, \$55.25; increased 13 per cent.
4. Stallions, \$546.96; no increase.
5. Mules over one year, \$83.92; increased 50 per cent.
6. Cattle in feeding, \$53.08; increased 32 per cent.
7. Heifers one year old, \$24.27; increased 16 per cent.
8. Heifers two years old, \$32.20; increased 12 per cent.
9. Cows, \$40.07; increased 13 per cent.
10. Steers, one year old, \$32; increased 13 per cent.
11. Steers two years old, \$45.68; increased 6 per cent.
12. Steers three years old, \$50.12; increased 20 per cent.
13. Bulls, \$48.48; increased 32 per cent.
14. Swine over six months, \$13.34; increased 6 per cent.
15. Sheep over six months, \$7.58; increased 33 per cent.
16. Goats, \$4.00; increased 50 per cent.

There were no changes made in the valuations of farm land and town lots, for the reason that no assessments were made of the same this year. It is intimated that a boost is due on land and town lots in 1919. This, however, is simply a report.

WHAT'S WRONG IN DUBUQUE COUNTY?

History, of an unsavory kind, is being made in Dubuque county these days, if reports published in the Telegraph-Herald are reliable. Some time ago serious charges of neglecting their duty were preferred against several of the officers in the county building at Dubuque, by the attorney general's office, and last Sunday the Telegraph-Herald contained a lengthy article setting out the horrible conditions existing at the county poor farm and home. If only one-half of what the ladies' committee from Dubuque found at the county home is true, that would be serious enough and would be cause for immediate action. It appears that after the ladies reported the conditions at the poor house and farm a committee of business men from Dubuque went to the farm and home and found the same conditions. Tuesday evening's Telegraph-Herald contained an account of the resignation of Superintendent Tim Hanley, and goes on to say that his visit to the court house was not attended by a brass band or cortege of sympathetic mourners. Three members of the Board of Supervisors visited the institution and their explanation to the committee of business men and women was that they "didn't know" such conditions existed.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB SECRETARIES.

The secretarial bureau of the Greater Iowa Association will conduct a summer school or conference at Clear Lake, Iowa, beginning August 12th, and continuing until August 17th. Headquarters for those attending the sessions will be at the Lake Shore Hotel, and the conference sessions will be held in the K. P. hall. Many of the prominent commercial club secretaries of the state, and men prominent in national affairs will be on the program. On this program we note the name of F. P. Walker, secretary of the Commercial Club of Clinton, Iowa. Mr. Walker is to have charge of a round table for the discussion of topics of the day. Mr. Walker was for several years superintendent of schools of this county, and took an active part in patriotic work of every kind. He served the county chapter of the Red Cross in the capacity of chairman until he accepted the position of secretary of the Commercial club of Marshalltown.

THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR.

Noted Speakers on Various Subjects. Complete Change of Program.

An innovation this year at the Delaware County Fair which will be held Sept. 3, 4, 5, and 6, is that there will be speakers practically every day of the fair. The Society is not at present prepared to announce the names of all the speakers, but can do so within a few days. Negotiations are now being made to secure two of the most noted speakers in the country for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Maj. Sanford and Dr. Powell to Speak Friday Afternoon.

On Friday afternoon September 6th, there will be two splendid addresses by Major L. Gordon Sanford of the British army and Dr. Lyman P. Powell, President of Hobart College. Major Sanford took part in practically all the main battles on the western front during 1915, 1916 and 1917. He was wounded at the battle of the Somme and also again at Ypres in November, 1917. He was still in the hospital in April 1918, when he was chosen by the British government as one of the officers to come to America to help in the Liberty Loan, Red Cross and W. S. S. drives. He has been twice mentioned by Sir Douglas Haig in dispatches and was decorated with the military cross by King George of England. Before the war Major Sanford was a big game hunter and was hunting in East Africa at the time Col. Theodore Roosevelt was there. Major Sanford has a thrilling story to tell.

Dr. Powell has just returned from Europe, where he has been promoting the cause of educational reciprocity with our allies. He saw everything from the bombardment of hospitals to the destruction of French cities. He speaks on the topic "Win the War for Permanent Peace."

Band Music Every Day. Tuesday the Edgewood band will play and on Thursday and Friday the combined Oak Grove and Colesburg bands. Arrangements are being made for another band for Wednesday.

Big Night Shows.

The night shows are a feature of the Delaware County Fair, but this year they are larger and better than ever with new shows and features every night. Besides the free acts seven each night, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights there will be the tremendous motion picture spectacle and lecture entitled "America's Awakening", one of the biggest things in this line shown here. On Thursday and Friday nights a mammoth display of fireworks will be shown each night. Also on Thursday night there will be a stock parade. The Society has purchased big searchlights so that the track will be brilliantly illuminated and this stock parade and display will show the finest representation of choice live stock ever shown in Manchester. The parade will also be held Wednesday afternoon in front of the amphitheatre.

Children's Day Tuesday.

There will be special features for the children on Tuesday afternoon. The boys of the county will have an opportunity to compete in running races, high jumps, bicycle races, tugs of war, etc. These events will be in three classes, some for boys 5 to 10 years old, others for boys 10 to 15 years of age and others for boys 15 to 20 years old. Suitable prizes will be offered and detailed announcements will be made later.

Daily Races.

Each day of the fair there will be running races, team races, pony races, mule races, etc., open to the people of Delaware County and anyone in the county desiring to enter these events can secure full particulars from the secretary E. W. Williams.

State Soil Exhibit.

Arrangements have been made for an exhibit of soils, fertilizers and demonstrations of same by the State Agricultural College at Ames. This exhibit will be accompanied by a soil specialist who will be at the service of the farmers of Delaware County and will be willing to confer with them relative to soils, fertilizers, etc. Farmers are invited to bring samples of soils to the fair and this specialist will conduct acidity tests free of charge.

The work on the new stock pavilion is being rapidly pushed and will soon be ready for occupancy. This is one of the biggest improvements ever made on the Fair Grounds. It is as good as can be found in the state and stockmen who have seen the plans of the building are enthusiastic over it. The ground is being graded and filled back to the amphitheatre so as to do away with the sand which has been a great inconvenience. A sprinkler will be continually on the job during the fair this year and the track and driveways kept wet down so as to do away with the dust annoyance.

WOLCOTT-ROGERS.

Miss Alice Wolcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wolcott, of this city, and Mr. Francis Rogers of Clear Lake, Iowa, were united in marriage at the Montrose Hotel, in Cedar Rapids last Thursday at noon. Rev. R. C. Keagy of Lyons, Iowa, performed the ceremony. The bride is a charming and talented young woman, and has a host of friends in Manchester. Mr. Rogers is one of the prominent young business men of Clear Lake, being the proprietor of a flourishing clothing business. He is a nephew of Mrs. R. A. Denton, and is well known here by reason of his numerous visits in times past. Manchester friends extend hearty good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

—Thousand Dollar Days at Dyersville today and tomorrow.

SENATOR KENYON TO SPEAK AT DELHI

DISTINGUISHED MAN FROM IOWA TO GIVE ADDRESS AT DAIRY DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY.

INTERESTING PROGRAM PLANNED

Dyersville Band Will Furnish Music. Parade at 10 O'clock. Premiums Offered.

United States Senator William S. Kenyon will deliver the principal address on the occasion of the seventh annual Dairy Day at Delhi on Wednesday, August 14th. Senator Kenyon recently visited the war area in France and Belgium, and has been prevailed upon to speak on this occasion. No man in public life is better equipped to bring a message on a subject so near to the hearts of the people of Delaware county.

The arrangement of the program for the annual Dairy Day develops largely upon the officers of Silver Spring creamery and the business men of Delhi, and they have spared no efforts to arrange a program of unusual interest.

The days' activities will open with a street parade at 10 o'clock, led by the Dyersville band. Premiums for floats are awarded in the following sums: First, \$5.00; second, \$3.00; third, \$2.00.

A merry-go-round will be in operation all day, to entertain the children and young folks.

Following is the day's program:

Forenoon.

Parade at 10 a. m., headed by Dyersville band.

At 10:30, R. T. Lee, County Agent of Buchanan county, will judge the dairy cattle and discuss dairy business in farm times.

At the same hour Miss Hastings at the Ladies' Booth will discuss new rulings of the Food Administration and the use of substitutes.

Afternoon.

The program will be continued in the park at 1:30.

Music by Dyersville band.

Invocation by Rev. E. E. Prescott.

Music by Chorus Choir.

Address by Senator Kenyon.

Music by Chorus Choir.

L. G. Foster, Field Agent of the U. S. Bureau of Markets, will discuss "Standardization of Products of the Farm, and the Business End of Dairying."

Music by the band.

Remarks on Farm Topics by our County Agent, J. F. Krall.

Dairy Cattle Exhibit.

Premiums will be paid on dairy cattle over two years of age and under two years of age on bulls, cows and heifers, as follows:

Holsteins—first, \$3; second, \$2.

Guernseys—first, \$3; second, \$2.

Ayrshires—first, \$3; second, \$2.

Jerseys—first, \$3; second, \$2.

Short Horns—first, \$3; second, \$2.

I. C. Miller, A. O. Billings and Geo. Pulver, committee on cattle.

Picnic Dinner in Park.

Bring your baskets and join the crowd. Cold butter milk will be served free by Silver Spring Creamery Co.

Dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society at the M. E. church.

BUY THIRD BAKERY.

McKeag Brothers and Bert Johnson, who has been employed as baker for the firm here, have purchased a bakery at Manly, Iowa, and Mr. Johnson left Tuesday evening to take charge of the plant. This makes the third bakery which the McKeag Brothers own. Some time ago they purchased one at Northwood, Iowa, which is managed and operated by Chas. McKeag.

Mr. McKeag tells us that they are now using new wheat flour, made from this year's southern wheat. They are using 75 per cent wheat flour and 25 per cent substitutes, as required by the food regulations.

DUBUQUE SCOUTS TO CAMP NEAR QUAKER MILL.

Chief Scout Master Gunn of Dubuque was in Manchester Saturday afternoon and Sunday accompanied by Secretary Phenice and President Gildner of the Manchester Commercial club, inspected a number of places suitable for camping. He had been to a number of other towns looking for a camping site. He located a place north of the Quaker Mill and expressed himself very enthusiastically over it as an ideal location. He will bring about one hundred Boys Scouts out from Dubuque to camp here about August 17th. They plan to be here two weeks.

AT THE PLAZA.

Thursday, Mary Pickford, in "The Little Princess", Friday, Jane and Katherine Lee in "American Buds", Saturday, Fatty Arbuckle in "Moonshine", "House of Hate", "19 and 'Pathe News", Sunday, Mary Miles Minter, in "The Ghost of Rosy Taylor". A story laid in a charming village and the tenement district of New York. Monday, Theda Bara in "A Fool There Was". Tuesday, Mabel Normand, in "Joan of Plattsburg". A present day war story. Wednesday, George M. Cohan in "Seven Keys to Baldpate". Thursday, Elsie Ferguson in "Barbary Sheep". Coming August 25 and 26, Special feature, "Over There."

—State Fair opens August 21st and closes August 30th.

REV. JOHN MALLOY TO WATERLOO

Rev. Father John Malloy, pastor of the Catholic church of Ryan for ten years, has been transferred to the parish of Sacred Heart church at Waterloo, and begins his work there Sunday, August 11th, 1918.

INTERESTING PROGRAM PLANNED

Dyersville Band Will Furnish Music. Parade at 10 O'clock. Premiums Offered.

During the years of Rev. Father Malloy's pastorate at Ryan the church has prospered and has grown to one of the strongest country parishes in the state. In 1910 the church began the erection of the handsome edifice and later also erected a commodious parochial school building, the two involving an expenditure of about \$65,000. This property is free from indebtedness and stands as a monument to the untiring efforts of Rev. Father Malloy and the generous-hearted people of the Ryan church.

Father Malloy was more than parish priest to the community of Ryan. He took an unusual interest and active part in every movement that was aimed at the betterment of the community, and since the nation has entered the world war he was constantly in demand as a patriotic speaker. He was heard on numerous patriotic meetings in Manchester, and other parts of the county, and was a potent factor in making it possible for Delaware county to go "over the top" in the sale of Liberty Bonds. Under his able leadership his church has been foremost in every good work. Its members subscribed for more than \$10,000 in Liberty Bonds at one service, and were quick to respond to the call of duty.

Delaware county sustains a distinct loss in Father Malloy's removal to Waterloo, and Sacred Heart parish at Waterloo has secured a leader who ranks among the ablest men of the church.

Rev. Father Malloy will be succeeded at Ryan by Rev. M. S. Murphy of Castle Grove, who begins his work in his new field next Sunday.

Rousing Farewell.

An elaborate program of speeches and music had been prepared by the members of the church which was given from a platform erected on the church lawn, where upwards of 1500 people had assembled. The platform was artistically decorated with the national colors, and the church service flag. Rev. John O'Donnell of Monti was president as toastmaster. Addresses were given during the evening by the following men:

Rev. Father John Malloy as a Priest, by Very Rev. Wm. Donahue, of Independence; Father Malloy, as a Patriot, by A. M. Cloud of Manchester; Father Malloy, as a Neighbor, by Rev. Eugene Melchert, pastor of the Lutheran church of Ryan; Father Malloy, as a Citizen, by Rev. Edward O'Donnell; and an address by John T. Lannigan, editor of the Monticello Times.

At the conclusion of the program P. H. Drummy, on behalf of the church, presented Rev. Father Malloy with a purse of \$1300, as a token of esteem and affection.

Musical numbers were given by the choir of the church, which were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the large crowd which had gathered there to bid farewell to Rev. Father Malloy.

HEAT IS EXCESSIVE.

Last Sunday was the hottest day in forty years at Des Moines, Keokuk and one or two other points in Iowa. At Des Moines the thermometer registered 110.2 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On Monday the heat wave seemed to have traveled northward, and struck this part of the state. Corn on light soil suffered severely from the hot wind which prevailed on Monday.

Some idea can be formed as to the heat when we were informed by Mayor Munson that the city used 40 tanks of water to sprinkle the paved streets in the business section of the city. The tank on the sprinkling wagon holds 600 gallons. The pavement was heated to such a degree that the water evaporated almost as fast as it struck the pavement.

Don't think that we are kicking about the weather. We need just such heat to make corn. An occasional shower will do wonders for the corn now.

BIG CONTRACT TO BE LET NEXT MONDAY.

Several bids have already been filed with the auditor for Federal Aid Project No. 4, which includes the improvement of the Hawkeye from Manchester to Dyersville. The date for the letting of the contract is fixed at one o'clock Monday, August 12th. Some of the biggest contractors are now figuring on the work, and when the time approaches for the opening of the bids considerable rivalry may be indulged in. It is estimated that the improvement will involve the expenditure of approximately \$77,000.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT FISH HATCHERY.

Frank H. Hare of Cape Vincent, New York, has been appointed by the government as superintendent of the Fish Hatchery at Spring Branch, to succeed G. G. Ainsworth, who recently resigned that position on account of ill health, and who has gone to Colorado.

Frank J. Reiger, who has been connected with the local hatchery for some years, has been offered the superintendency of two hatcheries. He is now considering the offers made, but has not decided on a location.

HANDSOME EDIFICE IS BEING ERECTED

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES MARK LAYING OF CORNER STONE OF NEW BUILDING.

N. H. HYDE LAYS THE STONE

Judge Geo. W. Dunham and Hon. W. H. Norris Give Able and Inspiring Addresses.

Impressive ceremonies marked the laying of the corner stone for the handsome new edifice which the First Congregational Society of Manchester is erecting. The impressive services were held last Thursday afternoon and were attended by a large number of those interested in the work of the church.

The services opened with the devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Suckow. Mrs. M. J. Moran and Mr. Cal Martin followed this part of the service with a duet. Following this number Judge Geo. W. Dunham gave a very inspiring and able address. Judge Dunham spoke from the standpoint of a member of the church, and in the course of his address referred to the great sacrifices made by the founders of the church, and the work which the society has been privileged to do in this community in the past sixty years. We are very glad to be able to give Judge Dunham's able address in full, in connection with our account of the exercises.

Hon. W. H. Norris, who spoke from the standpoint of the non-member, gave a very able address and stated in a clear and concise way the views held by many non-members. Mr. Norris stated that while this may not be a favorable time to undertake the task of building a church edifice, yet he believed that nine out of every ten persons would agree that a church building was of sufficient importance to any community to warrant the undertaking. He said that a man looking for a city or town in which to locate would select the city or town that had good schools and churches, and that every man and woman is under obligations to the churches of the community in which he or she resides. Mr. Norris stated that many non-church members do not affiliate with any church for the reason that they do not wish to subscribe to man-made creeds and rituals. He said that he had known of the work of the First Congregational church for thirty odd years and that that church did not waste very much time in arguing and discussing creeds. We regret very much that Mr. Norris had not prepared a manuscript of his address so that we might have been permitted to give it to our readers in full.

Miss Emma Jaycox rendered a solo number in a very pleasing manner, and Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Suckow gave a duet number. Mr. Suckow also gave a list of papers and documents which had been placed in the copper box now rests inside of the corner stone. Following is the list:

In 1833 the following articles were placed in the box—Copy of the Dubuque Daily Times Journal of August 10th, 1833; Letter by Arabella J. Coffin Bailey; Roster of first officers of Manchester Lodge, A. F. & M. S.; History of organization of church and building of first edifice; Iowa Religious News-Letter; History of church from 1855 to 1883; Copy of Ulster (Ireland) Gazette of 1800, containing an account of the funeral of George Washington; and a copy of the Delaware County Journal of January 7th, 1853.

In 1900 there was added to the contents of the box the following: Coins of money; Copy of the Manchester Democrat of May 30th, 1900; Copy of Delaware County News, February 15th, 1900; Weekly Herald, May 2nd, 1900; Register of officers and members of the church in 1900; Sketch of the church from June, 1874 to May, 1900; Manual of Congregational Church; Advance Almanac of 1900; sermon by Rev. Henry W. Tuttle.

To the above lists were added on August 1st, 1918, the following—List of members of the church; List of officers since 1900; Sketch of church history; President Wilson's War Message of April 2nd, 1917; Program of 50th anniversary of church; Photographs of the members of the first choir of the church; Copy of the Manchester Press of July 25th, 1918; Copy of the Manchester Democrat of July 31st, 1918. After these items were all deposited in the box the cover was sealed on tightly and the box deposited in the corner stone, to reveal the contents to future generations after time and the elements have laid waste the building now being erected.

Deacon N. H. Hyde, on behalf of the officers of the church, performed the ritual of laying the stone. Mr. Hyde first placed the mortar on the wall and then the workmen with their tools lowered the stone to its place.

Significant in connection with the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone is the fact that a number of the older people who witnessed the laying of the first corner stone in 1851, were privileged to be present. Among these were Mrs. Mary Bradford, Mrs. Julia Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tirrell, and Mrs. E. A. Tush.

Another feature of interest was the reading of the names of the first choir of the church, their pictures being among the documents deposited in the

box. The names of the first choir were: John E. Hermann, who left Manchester on February 23rd, 1918, to enter the training camp at Camp Dodge, has been with the American Army in France since last May. Since that time he and other boys from Delaware county have seen and studied the habits and customs of the French, and according to his last letter he and others have tasted spring chicken as prepared by the good women of France. Writing to the editor of the Democrat on July 7th, Private Hermann tells of the manner in which he and Roy Hunt of Earlville spent the recent Fourth of July.

"With the American Expeditionary Forces in France, Sunday evening, July 7th, 1918.

"Dear Brother Fred:—

"Just had supper, so will take a few minutes' time to answer your letter of June 10th, which I received on July 1st. You see it only took about twenty days for your letter to reach me. I suppose it takes longer for my letters to reach you. I am feeling fine, and hope you and the rest are well too.

"This has been a nice day, about the warmest we have had. I went to church this forenoon. Of course, you know the church we have over here is a nice shady spot under a bunch of trees. I hardly know what the inside of a church looks like.

"This afternoon Roy Hunt and I went over to a village about two and a half miles from our camp and watched a ball game between teams from two companies. I have been walking much today, so as soon as I finish this letter I think I will 'hit the hay.'

"I suppose there was a real celebration in Manchester on the Fourth, as usual. We were all excused from Camp on the Fourth, and enjoyed the day very much, most of all that roast chicken we had for dinner. The night before the Fourth Roy Hunt, another pal and I went out for a little walk after supper. We came to a house where we saw some real nice spring chickens running around in the yard. We asked the lady of the house if she would sell us one and roast it for our Fourth of July dinner. She said she would and told us to be sure and come as she would have it all ready for us, so Thursday noon when we got there she had it all ready for three hungry soldiers. The three of us soon made away with that spring chicken. This was the first chicken I have had since I have been in the army, and French chicken, at that. Believe me it tasted good. It cost us a nice little sum—ten francs, or almost two dollars in American money, but we didn't care about that part in the least, since there were no firecrackers to spend the money for. So you see that poor chicken had to suffer the consequences. After we had our vast spaces filled up we were in good trim for a five mile walk, which is a short distance for a soldier. Right after dinner we went over to a nearby village about two and a half miles from our camp and witnessed a ball game between Co. A and Co. B and believe me, it surely was a real game. It reminded me of the games I used to see at the old fair grounds in Manchester, only the players wore different suits. They also had foot races, wrestling matches, boxing, and several other stunts, so that most of us who were there enjoyed the afternoon very much. There was a large crowd there, but notwithstanding the crowd and the entertainment provided we could not help but think of home and friends in the States.

"I thought the Ford cars couldn't cross the big pond, but they seem to be running over here just the same as they do in the States.

"Well, there are lots of things I should like to write about, but rules prohibit at present, but I hope that some day I will be able to tell you folks at home many of the interesting things we see and experiences we are having over here. Hope to hear from you soon. The mail from home always looks good to us fellows over here.

"Your brother,

"Private John E. Hermann,

"Co. H, 130th Infantry."

ENLIST AS AUTO MECHANICS.

Lawrence Bockenstedt, of Earlville, Elmer J. King of Delhi, Carl Howick of Manchester, Frank Flint of New Vienna and Francis Cloud of Manchester have enlisted as auto mechanics and will leave Manchester at 6:42 a. m. on August 15th, for Ames where they will receive six weeks' training before entering some cantonment.

Ralph W. Richardson of this city and J. H. Joseph of Hopkinton, left Tuesday afternoon for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., as Delaware county's quota of the August 6th draft. The soldiers went to Waterloo on the afternoon train where they were joined by other boys bound for the same cantonment.

MORE MEN CALLED FOR AUGUST.

The Provost Marshal has issued calls for more men from Iowa, one of these calls being for 8,500 and the last one for 500 men. The quotas by counties had not been announced Tuesday, nor has the date for entrainment of the quota to fill the allotment for the 8,500 draft been received. The men who will be selected to fill the quota for the 500 draft will leave here during the five-day period of August 26th.

WILLIAM MAURER.

William Maurer, one of the well-known retired farmers of Manchester, died at his home on East Main street this afternoon. Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of relatives coming from a distance. Owing to the lateness of the hour when we learned of Mr. Maurer's death, it is impossible for us to procure a suitable obituary notice, but will do so next week.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE

ARTHUR W. WEST INJURED IN FRANCE

FIRST MANCHESTER MAN TO BE INCLUDED IN CASUALTY LIST. MANY IOWA MEN LISTED.

A message was received in Manchester Saturday afternoon stating that Arthur W. West of this city, had been wounded in an engagement in France, the degree of the injuries not being given.

Mr. West has been in the service for some years. He was a member of Co. H and was with the company on the border last year. While on the border he was discharged because of dependent relatives and returned to Manchester. Last fall he entered the service again, and was sent to Camp Dodge for training. From Camp Dodge he was sent overseas with the American army and has been in France for some time.

Mr. West has a wife, now at Oelwein, and other relatives in this county. He is the first Manchester man to be included in the list of wounded.

AMERICAN GUNNERS WIPE OUT GERMAN BATTALION.

An Associated Press dispatch of August 6th says that American gunners protecting a location on the Vesle, west of Pismes, wiped out an entire battalion of German infantrymen and machine gunners yesterday. Observers reported that they did not see a single German get away from the leaden hail and, according to last accounts, not even stretcher-bearers approached the scene. The Germans replied so feebly with their fire because of the surprise that there were no American casualties in this particular engagement.

ANOTHER DELAWARE COUNTY MAN INJURED IN FRANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gilbert of Dundee received official notice that their son, Samuel P. Gilbert, who enlisted in Cedar Rapids early in the war, had been injured in an engagement in France. The nature of the injury is not known. Mr. Gilbert was formerly engaged in the automobile business in Dundee, and is well known in the county. He is a brother of J. L. Gilbert, cashier of the Dundee Savings bank.

NO MORE OVERDRAFTS ALLOWED.

Pressure from Federal and State Banking Authorities Compels Them to Quit Practice.

The bankers of Delaware county, under pressure from the banking authorities both State and National have reached an agreement to discontinue the practice of allowing "overdrafts" to be made. For years this has been a source of friction between the local banks and the authorities "higher up" and now it is to be eliminated altogether.

The bankers of the county have issued the following statement on the subject:

"The Comptroller of Currency at Washington, under whose supervision all National Banks are operating, and the Superintendent of Banking at Des Moines, who has charge of all banks in Iowa that are operating under State Banking laws, are endeavoring, not only to discourage the granting of overdrafts, but are compelling various banks under their supervision to discontinue such practice, under penalty of the laws which are very severe in case of such violation.

"The term Overdraft, means banking when a patron on any bank issues a check drawn on that bank when the maker of the check has insufficient or no funds in that bank to pay such check; if the check is paid it results in his account being Overdrawn, or it creates an Overdraft.

"All the banks in Delaware county who have been granting this form of credit, and all others whose names are hereto attached, believe that in deference to our National and State Banking laws, and in justice to ourselves that we should discontinue such practice. This action on our part will cause no inconvenience or injury to our patrons, but will result in mutual benefit to all.

"We assure you of our willingness to meet any legitimate demand on us at all times, and kindly ask all our patrons to co-operate with us in eliminating this objectionable practice, for the reasons herein mentioned, and to promote better business methods as well."

Farmers Savings Bank, Masonville. Farmers State Bank, Earlville. Farmers & Merchants State Savings Bank, Manchester. Dundee Savings Bank, Dundee. Security Savings Bank, Greeley. Ryan State Bank, Ryan. Delhi Savings Bank, Delhi. Delaware County State Bank, Manchester.

Farmers Savings Bank Colesburg. Farmers State Bank Hopkinton. First National State Bank, Manchester. Oneida State Savings Bank, Oneida. State Bank of Earlville, Earlville. Security Trust and Savings Bank, Ryan. Security State Bank, Manchester. Delaware Savings Bank, Delaware. Hopkinton State Bank, Hopkinton.

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