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HOUGH FLEW HIGH, FARMERS PAY BILL

Des Moines Stock Yards Man Fails for Nearly \$100,000 With Small Assets

BOUGHT AUTOS AND FINE DOGS

Nothing Was to Good for Man Doing Business on the Farmers' Capital—Hough Goes into Bankruptcy and the Farmers Hold the Sack—Some of His Extravagances.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, July 6.—Scores of farmers over the state of Iowa have been caught in the failure of Louis R. Hough, owner of the Des Moines stock yards, who filed a petition in bankruptcy today.

His liabilities are \$92,465 and his assets only \$27,381.33.

Nearly the entire amount is due the unsuspecting individual who shipped his hogs to Des Moines by the car load with the expectation of receiving 1 cent per pound more than the market quotation.

But the only thing he will receive will be a notice from the federal authorities that the man to whom he shipped his hogs is a bankrupt. And he may get a notice later on that only ten cents on the dollar can be paid, as that is what is estimated at the present time.

Word has already reached Des Moines from nearly a half dozen breeders that they depend on their sales to Hough for all their profits this year,

and that they already fear the bankruptcy cover themselves.

One shipper alone was struck for \$15,000 and many others have been hit for amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, mostly the latter figure. The Rock Island railroad has a bill for \$4,000 freight, the Des Moines Union a bill for \$1,000 and the employees of Hough for their salary for the past week. None will receive but a small portion of their claims.

The cause of Hough's failure to a certain extent came to light in the items of his personal assets which he lists in his bankruptcy papers filed today. He spent \$3,000 for automobiles, \$40 for two bull dogs, \$15 for two fox terriers, \$500 for a piano and \$5 for a cub wolf.

He says he has in the neighborhood of \$7,000 cash in the Century Savings bank. The exact amount is not known as the full account has not been audited as yet.

It is also understood that Hough's entire indebtedness has not been listed as yet owing to the condition of his books, but will be made known later on.

In the investigation of these it was disclosed that the commission man had used the working capital but conducted his business on a scheme of buying a car load of hogs from one farmer, taking in another before he had sold the first car, selling it and then making a payment on the first car load. By this method he kept up a continuous transaction with a small working capital, but when demands for money became urgent he went down with a crash, thus catching many of the unsuspecting farmers.

IOWAN KILLED IN KANSAS.

Reynold Donnan Well Known in Dependence.

Independence, July 6.—A telegram from Emporia, Kas., stating that Reynold Donnan, a young man of this city, had been killed by being struck by an engine, was received here. He was an industrious, capable young man, about 23 years of age, the only son of the late W. W. Donnan, formerly cashier of the First National bank of this city, and a grandson of Hon. W. G. Donnan, formerly member of congress, and now president of the bank. Mr. Donnan went to the scene of the accident to accompany the remains home. Deceased was the support of his mother and sister, who survive him.

VALUABLE PAPERS STOLEN FROM DEPOT

Humboldt Traveling Man Loses Documents Worth Between \$5,000 and \$6,000

POLICE FOLLOWING CLUES

Suit Case Containing Valuables Taken From Depot in Fort Dodge—Reward Offered for Return—Papers Mean Certain Loss to Owner While Thief Can Not Benefit.

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Fort Dodge, July 6.—A suit case belonging to a traveling man named James Myers and residing at Humboldt was stolen from the Illinois Central depot by unknown parties and in spite of the fact that the local police have followed every possible clue and a reward of \$50 has been offered for the return of the missing article by the owner, the same has not been recovered.

Mr. Myers, who makes his home at Humboldt is in the employ of a liquor house at Indianapolis, Ind., and has been in their employ for the past twenty-eight years. Being a man of some means he had not made a settlement with the firm for the past three years, altho he kept a careful itemized account of all moneys due him. Having a desire to retire from the road he came to Fort Dodge with the intention of going to Indianapolis for the purpose of settling up his affairs. He was accompanied by his wife and on their arrival here it was discovered that he had failed to bring with him his mileage books. Sending his wife to Des Moines he returned to Humboldt and secured the necessary papers and arrived here in the morning on his way to Des Moines.

After he had arrived he deposited his grip in the ladies' waiting room at the Illinois Central depot and came up town for the purpose of getting shaved. On his return he discovered his grip was missing and a careful search failed to locate the missing article. Later he called the matter to the attention of the police department, officers have been working on the case the greater part of the day and the owner has offered a reward of \$50 for the return of his property the missing article has not been located.

The suit case contained, besides wearing apparel, a number of valuable papers, and while the same are of little value, the value of the whole is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,000 on the same from the fact that without the same it will be impossible for him to make a settlement with the firm for a period of three years. He also reports that among the papers was a note for \$100.

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Mason City, July 6.—The paving prospect for Mason City during the year 1903 was glimmering at the special session of the city council, who tried to pass the necessary resolutions by the narrow margin of one vote. There were a number of objections filed, from residents on Fourth, Superior and Drummond streets, which divided the council, two members voting with the obstructionists on every proposition, which defeated the whole move, the paving enthusiasts lacking the necessary three-fourths to pass the resolutions.

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Davenport, July 6.—A \$25,000 damage suit in which the claim is made that a husband's affection for his wife was estranged by the interference of her husband's parents, has been filed in the district court. Lena Knegge is the plaintiff and Knegge and Annie Knegge, the defendants, have made accusations against her character that have alienated her husband's affection for her and have finally resulted in a separation.

CLEAR LAKE SPLITS ON SUNDAY CONCERTS

Agreement for Combined Concerts and Church Services in Open Air Called Off

CHURCHES CLAIM RIGHTS

Insist They Have Privilege of Holding Meetings Undisturbed by Music—Union Concert and Services Prevailing for Two Years Come to End and Citizens Are Greatly Agitated.

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Clear Lake, July 6.—The ministers and church people of this city are at last ready to start a movement against the Sunday evening band concerts at the Lake Shore park, which have for two years interfered with the Sunday evening services of the churches. The town is about evenly divided into two factions. One wants the Sunday evening band concert abolished, and the other does not. The battle promises to be a sharp affair. The whole trouble came to a head Sunday evening, and since that time the town has been agog over the matter.

The ministers state that the Sunday church services in Clear Lake between the hours of 6:30 and 9 have been an established custom for over forty years. The Sunday evening band concert was new two years ago. The band concert proved an injury to the church work. Certain citizens urged the churches to unite with the band in union services at the Lake Shore park, and such was done. The arrangement was made and the union

services were held with the band at the close of last season.

This year a happy adjustment for a co-operative service was again made and all preparations were made for the carrying out of the meetings in the park. Last Saturday afternoon, the day before the first meeting scheduled, the churches were notified that the arrangement was called off. A hastily called meeting of the Commercial club sought to quell the trouble they saw in the results of this last move and the churches were offered the hours either before or after 8 o'clock. They chose the latter hour and held a meeting in the park.

Now many citizens say that the churches forced themselves into the park, displacing the band, but such is not the case, the churches going to the park on request and sacrificing their interests in a large measure to preserve a tolerable peace. The churches did not wish to hold any part of the park and do not care for the band to play the scores of their music. The ministers claim that they have a legal right to conduct their Sunday evening services unmolested, and uninjured by the noise of a band or any other disturbing agent, and they assert that they will insist upon this right. The town is greatly excited over the controversy and its probable outcome.

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CHURCH BUILDING AT CLINTON.

Two More New Edifices to Be Erected This Coming Year.

Clinton, July 6.—The cornerstone of the new St. Boniface church was laid Sunday afternoon on North Seventh street, Lyons. The church will be erected by the German Catholics of the north side, and will cost about \$50,000. It will be a fine, large, Gothic, modern edifice.

The people of St. Paul's congregation, (English Lutheran) will erect another modern church at the corner of Third street and Eighth avenue during the coming year. These two new edifices will make a total of about ten new churches for Clinton in the past five or six years.

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Death of John E. Ahrens.

Boone, July 6.—John E. Ahrens, one of the most prominent men of the city, owning 500 acres in Harrison township, died suddenly after a few days' illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

GIRL'S NECK BROKEN IN FALL FROM HORSE

Eleven Year Old Katie Thede, of Gladbrook, Instantly Killed

WENT TO PASTURE FOR COWS

In Some Manner Fell or Was Thrown From Horse She Was Riding—She Ailigned on Her Head and Death Resulted From Broken Neck—Train Hits Wagon at Ames.

Special to Times-Republican.

Gladbrook, July 6.—This community was shocked by a fatal accident that befell Katie Thede, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thede, who reside on a farm south of town. The girl mounted a horse and went to the pasture to drive the cows to the barn, preparatory to the evening milking. In some manner she fell from the horse or was thrown, alighting on her head. Her neck was broken by the fall and she was dead when found. The family is well known here, and their many friends are extending sympathy. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, and were largely attended.

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Spirit Lake for Outing.

Galt, July 6.—Messrs. E. F. Blistrick, J. J. Axen, William Gavin, Jr., Misses Daisy and Ruby Gavin, Laura Axen, and Mrs. S. C. Milnes and children all left for Spirit Lake, Friday, for a few days' outing. Messrs. S. C. Milnes and J. R. Coult, left for that place a couple of days later.

Interesting News Items From Half An Hundred Iowa Towns Briefly Told

Scandia. Lewis Ross who lives north of Scandia was badly hurt by a horse still he received no broken bones.

Clarion. While in Chicago Mayor Mickelson purchased the necessary pipe for proposed extension of the water mains. As soon as it arrives work will be commenced. Home laborers will be employed on the job as far as possible.

A burglar entered Chris Rasmussen's store by breaking a glass of a rear window and secured \$175. Thirteen dollars of the amount was in a check, which was found the next morning north of the Milwaukee road. There is no clue to the thief.

Lipton. D. R. Smith was the victim of a painful accident which resulted in a broken shoulder. He was standing on a ladder picking cherries when it fell with him. His shoulder was placed in a plaster cast, and it is believed that his complete recovery will be only a matter of a few weeks.

Grinnell. The latest reports from the outlying districts indicate that corn is growing at the rate of a foot a day. It is already said to be dangerous to walk thru the fields for fear of getting lost. The patches of corn bid fair to develop into impenetrable jungles before the summer is much farther advanced.

Emmetsburg. The dam at the outlet of the lake is in bad shape and lets out an immense amount of water. The outlet of it has flooded the county all the way to Cylinder creek. The work of putting in a new dam has been commenced and it is hoped that it will soon be completed. The work is being done under the supervision of C. J. Seymour.

Glidden. Mrs. Albert Carlson was quite badly burned about her breast and arms. The fire in the cook stove had gone out and Mrs. Carlson poured in some kerosene and applied a match to start it. Considerable gas had collected before the match was applied and the flames burst out of the stove when it was ignited and caught her clothing, inflating some painful burns before they could be extinguished. The injury is serious for the reason that so much surface was burned.

Council Bluffs. Father Patrick Smyth, priest of St. Xavier's Catholic church of this city, died at Mercy hospital after a long illness, death being due to a complication of diseases which culminated in a stroke of paralysis about a year ago. The deceased was 58 years old and had been in charge of the parish here since 1890. He always took a lively interest in public affairs and at one time was a member of the board of directors of the public library. On two different occasions his name was prominently mentioned for bishop when the advisability of placing a bishop here was talked.

Muscatine. Applications for temporary and permanent injunctions, restraining four Muscatine druggists from selling intoxicating liquors were filed in the district court, and the hearing for the temporary application will doubtlessly come up within a short time. The titles to the four actions are: P. J. Barry against Henry Geiss; James S. McKee against Henry C. Thiesen, and the Elliott Drug Company; Z. W. Hutchinson against Laura Henderson and the Henderson Drug Company, and W. L. Roach against J. Theodore Kuechmann and Fred T. Nester as administrator of the estate of the late Theodore Krebs.

Ringed. Harvey Melton, of Seneca township, was accidentally kicked on his right leg by one of his horses, but very fortunately he did not receive any serious injury.

Clarion. E. N. Littlefield, of Wall Lake township, is laid up with a badly injured foot. He was engaged in cutting posts when the ax he was using slipped and nearly severed the foot bone leading to the big toe of his right foot.

Ottumwa. Mrs. Elmer Elliott had a close call from death while endeavoring to clean a hat with chloroform. She was using the drug in a closed room and was overcome with the fumes. She fell unconscious and was barely found in time to save her life by other members of the family.

Burt. Rev. Thos. A. Stamp has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Fonda, Ia. At a congregational meeting held June 14 every vote of the informal ballot was for Mr. Stamp. A motion then made to make informal ballot formal prevailed. There were ten other candidates. Mr. Stamp has closed his work here.

Swaledale. A large barn on the M. Nelson farm near this place was partially wrecked and seven horses knocked to the ground, one of which was killed and another injured by a lightning bolt which struck the cupola and followed the track of the hay fork to the end where it descended. The barn was set on fire but by quick work of the neighbors was prevented from being consumed.

Cambridge. It took the doctor nearly half a day to pick the pieces of broken glass out of the bodies of two young men named Kirk and Jones, blown there by a home made cannon. The cannon was made out of a pop bottle. The improvised fuse worked too rapidly, and the boys were unable to make their get-away before the explosion took place. The boys were 20 and 17 years of age, and became impatient for the Fourth to arrive.

Oskaloosa. During June the Iowa district of United Mine Workers paid twenty-seven death claims. This is the largest number ever paid in one month, and the increase is due to the fact that when a miner's wife dies now he is paid the same as the wife would be in event of miner's death. Ten of the twenty-seven were women. In connection with this announcement there is being mailed from the headquarters in St. Paul circulars to all miners affiliated with the union calling for a referendum vote on the proposition to pension crippled, aged and disabled miners.

Maxwell. Maxwell will have a new \$14,000 school building by the time for school to take up in the fall of 1903. At the recent special election bonds were voted for that amount. It was carried by a large majority. The board will at once proceed to dispose of the bonds and get everything in readiness to push the work as soon as school closes next spring. The plans that the architect drew last fall will be followed and it will give a handsome structure of eight school rooms above the basement, besides recitation rooms, teachers' rooms, halls and closets, and there will be a very large basement, so finished as to be available if necessary. This will give Maxwell as good a building as any town of its size in the state.

Hubbard. Herman Hilker has a curiosity in the shape of a four-legged chicken. It is apparently as strong and healthy as his legs in walking or running.

Madrid. O. H. Huyck, who for some time has been one of the Milwaukee operators in a bunch in the neighborhood of Hale, Ia., and given charge of the station there. The new position carries with it increased responsibilities and an additional salary.

Dubuque. Charles H. Bradley, chairman of the McGreggor relief committee which was appointed by Mayor Schunk, wired Mayor Walter of McGreggor, empowering him to draw on him for the sum of \$500. Mr. Bradley, after consulting with other members of the committee, decided that what was most needed at McGreggor was money with which to work done and make needed repairs immediately.

Cedar Rapids. Acting upon instructions from the council, Councilmen Sherman and Koffer reported upon the investigations they had made with reference to stretching a safety cable across the Cedar river a short distance above the dam, for the protection of boating parties. It has been found that the same can be built at a comparatively small cost, and it was decided to take up the work at once. The city will do the work under the direction of Civil Engineer Smith.

Waterloo. A west side business man found himself in a peculiar predicament when he was arrested for having moved two of his children from the home to an isolated place in Westfield addition. The children had been taken sick with smallpox and owing to the fact that his business place was in an adjoining building, upon the advice of a physician he had them moved from the rooms occupied by them to a vacant house which he had secured in Westfield addition. The law states that no person affected with a contagious disease can be moved without the consent of the board of health.

Des Moines. One of the ablest attorneys in Leadville to defend him, Frank Shercliffe will face trial for murder in that city on August 20. Shercliffe writes his wife in Highland Park regularly. In the narrow confines of his far away prison cell his chief anxiety is for the welfare of his wife and children. "If you have to part with either of the children, let it be the boy," writes the father. "Never let Ella be taken away from you." The nest little home in Highland Park has been abandoned and the furniture sold, including a fine piano. Altho she has just risen from a sick bed Mrs. Shercliffe has started out to find work.

Cedar Rapids. Fred Edson, one of the well known young men of this city, is at present in St. Luke's hospital, recovering from the effects of an operation. Last fall Mr. Edson was engaged as foreman at the Pyramic post and Pile company in south lower east. One noon as he was lying on the floor after eating his dinner one of the large cement posts fell over on him, inflicting serious internal injuries. He was at that time confined to his bed for several weeks but thought he had entirely recovered. This summer when the warm weather came on he suffered another attack with it and the operation followed. Mr. Edson has not been strong for several years, as the result of three years service in the Philippines and it was thought for a while that he might not recover from the effects of the operation.

Manchester. The largest log in the county, owned by George Martin was sawed by Aaron Mastros one day last week. The log is 144 feet long.

The new Elks' home at Iowa City is an assured fact, as \$15,000 has already been raised by the committee in charge of raising the funds. The new Elks' home will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, and will be used only for lodge purposes. The Iowa City lodge has only been organized six years, but the growth has been phenomenal.

Muscatine. Superintendent Barber of the Anti-Saloon league, received word that the Muscatine saloonkeepers have succeeded in obtaining a petition of consent. This means that Muscatine, which has been dry since January 1, will have thirty or forty saloons in full blast ere long. This is a great blow to the temperance people of the state and means a setback in the temperance campaign. The Muscatine saloon men attempted to circulate a petition last January, but were unsuccessful.

Des Moines. Coming 3,000 miles from Honduras, Central America, to Des Moines, three tiny oppiums traveled all the way in a bunch of bananas. The little creatures are known as the Dorby opposum and are about half the size of a common rat. They exist only in tropical countries. The bananas which the little animals used as their Pullman coach, came to the C. C. Tatt company. They were presented to the State Historical museum by M. H. Beardsley, who is in charge of the Panama department. The little creatures are covered with brown fur, have long pointed noses, long ears and tails.

Madrid. The Milwaukee railroad company is making an annual attempt to exterminate the weeds growing on the track. The weed burner, a curious appearing machine, passed thru Madrid to the west. The machine throws a flame from a ditch one or two feet on each side of the rails burning the weeds to a crisp and effectually putting them out of business. Crude oil is fed to the blaze and the blaze blown from the side of the machine by a blower. Huge fan-shaped wings are in the rear of the blaze protecting it from the breeze. The burner is compelled to move slowly in order to accomplish his task thoroughly and in almost three hours were consumed in making the trip up from the river. The average speed of the machine is but one mile per hour. Tanks of water are carried on a car in the rear of the burner to be used in case of necessity.

Davenport. In addition to his trip to Denver to attend the democratic national convention, Attorney Henry Volmer started on a mission that will necessitate a tour of three or four weeks duration thru the west. He has a number of business matters to take charge of that will mean a trip clear to the Pacific coast; but the one of public interest is his tour of investigation in search of Patrick Goehrs, the Fairfield resident, who disappeared a short time ago, while on a hunting trip and whose whereabouts are unknown. Goehrs started for Oregon leaving some property interests in the Fairfield bank. He has not been heard of since and out west it is supposed that he has been murdered. Mr. Volmer has been empowered by the German consul to institute a search and the experience will be one that will be of decided interest to the attorney. He will visit all of the mines in Nevada seeking information, and will be assisted by a corps of detectives to assist him, if necessary.

Ottumwa. While hoisting a load of hay from the hay wagon to the mow in the barn J. C. Lewis, a farmer residing three miles north of the city, was seriously injured.

Altoona. Buried in the mud of Mud creek near Altoona, the body of Dennis Simpkins, brother-in-law of Representative John H. Kelley, was recovered in a badly decomposed condition. The face of the dead man was almost invisible when discovered by E. L. Ellis, on whose farm the body was dug out and identified.

Council Bluffs. After walking 145 miles, stopping at farm houses, where he enlisted sympathy and aid, L. A. Woodring, who disappeared from Des Moines so mysteriously two weeks ago, has finally reached Omaha. He made himself known after reaching this city, but seemed to have no remembrance of any of his affairs in Des Moines. He still believes in the beautiful senorita from Manila who is to come to America and marry him. Notices were sent to his Des Moines friends from Omaha, but no mention was made of any effort to retrieve him in Omaha, and it is thought that he is on his way to Denver.

Eldora. There is a bolt on the county democratic ticket, and it is up to the county central committee to find a new candidate for superintendent of schools or leave the place on the ticket vacant. The refusal of Guy Bridgens of Eldora, to accept the nomination for the office, which was accorded him by the democratic county convention, a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Bridgens is not certain yet in that he is sufficiently incultured with the democratic virus to warrant his being branded as a democrat, and so declines to stand for the nomination so graciously bestowed by the democrats of the county in convention assembled.

Dubuque. Col. D. E. Lyon of this city was admitted to the bar with ex-President Cleveland in August, 1859, and feels in his death the loss of an old friend in boyhood days. "I got acquainted with Grover Cleveland in Buffalo when he was about 18 years old," said the colonel. "He was the son of a Baptist minister who resided in central New York. Young Cleveland came up to western New York and we met occasionally at Black Rock, a few miles south of Buffalo. Cleveland was obliged to work, but got an education in the Buffalo public schools. Borrowing books from lawyers he read his commentaries at his boarding house, thus laying the foundation for his law training."

Iowa Falls. The supreme court of Iowa may be called upon to determine what is a just and fair price for one-thirtieth part of an acre of ground that the Des Moines Short Line condemned when it built its extension north from this city. The property in question is a part of a twenty acre piece owned by Henry Skow. The railroad company offered Mr. Skow \$100 for the bit of land; but he refused to accept it. A sheriff's jury then took an inquiring and fixed the price at \$130 for the one-thirtieth part of an acre. This decision Mr. Skow refuses to abide by, and has appealed the matter to the district court, the owner stating the supreme court says he must. The price considered by the jury varied from \$15 to \$400.

Monona. Andrew Schuler, well known among the amateur ball players of northeast Iowa, was killed by a mad dog near Plattville and is taking treatment in Chicago. It was not known at the time of his death that he had hydrophobia, but the canine was killed and his brain sent to Chicago for examination and the same proved it had the dreaded disease.

Fort Dodge. Two new fraternity organizations have been formed here this week. Fifteen college graduates of this city have organized a Pan-Hellenic association in which six college fraternities are concerned. The following were elected officers: Dr. C. H. Mulrooney (Beta Theta Pi) president; C. E. Smeizer (Phi Kappa Psi) vice president; Frank Maher (Kappa Sigma) secretary; Kirk Boggs (Sigma Nu) treasurer. Dr. F. M. Drake (Beta Theta Pi) chaplain. Twenty-two German-Americans have formed a lodge of the Sons of Herman, under the direction of State Organizer Carl Meyer of Sioux Falls. A large team from Sioux City exemplified the initiative work.

Des Moines. Not a socialist vote was cast in nineteen counties and but one socialist vote was cast in each of thirteen others, the socialist state ticket came within 200 votes of the prohibition state ticket. Prohibitionists attribute this to the fact that John J. Hamilton was running for governor on the republican ticket and the prohibitionists who also are republicans all voted for him instead of voting the third party ticket. The prohibition party, outside of Polk and Dallas counties, polled a vote of 1,333 in the primary election. In the general election of 1906 they cast 3,875 votes, which was no contest in the primary election. In 1902 they cast 7,238 votes in the state election.

Ida Grove. An immense land deal was closed here by which Noah Williams, one of the largest land owners in Iowa, becomes the owner of the famous Humboldt Cattle Company ranch in Nevada, containing 40,000 acres, and one of the largest ranches in the world. Mr. Williams buys the ranch from the James A. Hardin estate of California, with the understanding that the Humboldt Cattle Company shall have until October 30 to round up and sell the 10,000 head of cattle that run the place. In the early 70's the late Senator James A. Hardin, of California, was attracted by this beautiful valley along the Twin river, and he then began buying section after section on each side of the river until he finally made this great ranch of 40,000 acres, which extends up and down the river for many miles. Located partly in Nevada and partly in Oregon, the ranch is at the edge of the Rocky mountains and has an elevation of 3,000 feet. . . . William Gum-mow, of Galva, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Ida county, dropped dead on the streets of Galva while attending a reunion and picnic of old settlers and farmers from that section. Born in Cornwall, England, he came to America in 1870 and a short time later to Ida county, which has since been his home.

Marion. William, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. LaGrange, met with a bad accident as the result of a couple of Shetland ponies which he and some other of his boy companions had hitched to a couple of coopers' running away. WILLIAM became entangled in the harness and coopers and was possibly killed by one of the ponies, with the result

that he received a dislocated hip and a compound fracture of the thigh bone. The ambulance was called and he was at once taken home and received the best of attention at the hands of all the physicians in the city, but he being absent at the time.

It is probable that he will be removed to St. Luke's hospital and an operation performed in order to properly set the broken bones and reduce the dislocation.

Webster City. Mrs. Flora Blazier, professional nurse, who lives upstairs in one of the J. D. Sketchley brick buildings on Seneca street, was discovered by one of the neighbors lying on the floor of her rooms in a helpless condition, where she had fallen from a stroke of paralysis. She had been lying there helpless three days and two nights—with her left side paralyzed and unable to even attract the attention of passers-by to her assistance. Mrs. Blazier is a widow and has four children, one of whom, Miss Clara Blazier, lives at home with her mother. Her daughter, however, left the city Monday morning for Pella, where her brother Earl is attending school, for a week's visit with him.

Cedar Falls. The barn on the place of C. S. Haines, near Horton, was struck by lightning on Saturday evening and burned to the ground. Mr. Haines was milking his cows in the lean-to when the bolt descended. He was momentarily stunned, but without knowing that the barn had been fired, he drove out the cows. Following them into the open air he immediately discovered that the hay in the loft was all ablaze. He at once devoted himself to getting his horses out of the main part of the barn and succeeded in doing so, but had no time to save anything else. The loss included his buggy and harness, some twenty tons of hay and considerable grain, besides other things. The equipment of a barn. His insurance is confined to \$500 on the building, which will not half cover that loss alone. The same stroke of lightning that fired the barn killed a cow in a pasture across the road.

Preston. Congressman Dawson has just received an official report thru the department of state at Washington, in the case of David R. Randleman, a veteran Iowa railroad man, who was thrown into prison in Mexico on account of a railroad collision of his train with a passenger train in which a number of people were killed.

The acting secretary of state, Mr. Adie, transmits to Mr. Dawson a letter from Will E. Davis, the American consular agent at Guadalajara, in response to the efforts of the Second district congressman to secure Mr. Randleman's release. In this report Mr. Davis says that the arrest and imprisonment of D. R. Randleman and another American by the name of C. J. Brock was brought about by a disregard of train orders while in the service of the Mexican Central railroad, causing a disastrous wreck, in which 25 or 30 people were killed and many were injured. The men have recently had their trials and were sentenced by the federal judge to serve two years and eight months in prison. From this decision an appeal has been taken to the supreme court.

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Burglar Scare at Logan.

Logan, July 6.—The citizens of Logan are having a burglar scare at the present time. Several houses have been visited but little has been taken. The burglar cut out a glass panel of a door at one house, and could have reached thru and unlocked the door and entered the house, but for reasons best known to himself he did not do