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FARMERS OPTIMISTIC

BELIEVE BUMPER GRAIN CROP WILL BE HARVESTED NEXT FALL.

RAIN NOT NEEDED AS YET BUT WILL BE SOON

Ground Declared to Be in Splendid Condition—Webster County Farmer Says Small Grains Escaped Material Damage in Freeze—Other Iowa News.

Fort Dodge, April 29.—"The prospects for a bumper grain crop were never better," said a Webster county farmer, in the city Wednesday afternoon on business. "I have heard some discouraging reports but they do not come from the man who is in the field all the time, figuratively speaking. Some of these rumors would make one believe that the small grain crops were in danger because of the apparent dryness, but that is just plain talk. The ground never was in better condition for small grains and vegetables. We farmers could ask for nothing better, provided we have a little rain soon. Rain has been needed badly, but the snow fall of last week and the week before helped us out nicely and was really more beneficial to the crops than a good coating of fertilizer. The weather can't hold off much longer. I think everything is getting ready for a good rain right now. That, of course, would be almost welcome, but so far as damage from dryness and from the freezing temperatures is concerned, the small grain crops are far from being ruined. They are further along than usual, and everything is doing as well as can be expected, and even better."

Vegetable Crop is Safe.
The same view is taken by the agriculturist in speaking of the small grain crops may be held in regard to the vegetable crop. The frost and freezing temperatures, without a doubt, wrought some damage, but not the irreparable kind. Vegetable gardens that had been frozen in the mild weather of the early spring, in many cases weathered through the two cold spells. The more tender things succumbed to the frost, but they were immediately replaced and with good weather from now on there is little doubt but that the season in most things will be just as early as usual.

While most of the vegetables will be in the market in as liberal abundance as usual and just as early, the frost shortened the season of some of the earlier things.
Potatoes in Abundance.
"Well, we will have plenty of potatoes anyway," is a remark that is heard quite frequently now. The potato crop is indeed promising and the frosts failed to injure it in any way. The potatoes, frozen to the ground last week and the week before, in most cases weathered through the two cold spells. The more tender things succumbed to the frost, but they were immediately replaced and with good weather from now on there is little doubt but that the season in most things will be just as early as usual.

Farmers Are Optimistic
Notwithstanding the wholesale destruction of the fruit crop, which, in Iowa, it is believed was exaggerated in the reports circulated, the farmer is optimistic. The fruit crop is partly ruined and many a gardener lost considerable during the cold and frosty weather, but the farmer thus far has escaped. The ground is in splendid condition and up to this point the dryness has not stopped the growth of oats.
Rain is bound to come soon. It can not hold off much longer and by the time the crops are in a condition where it is needed, rain will fall—at least this is the scheme of things which the optimistic farmer has arranged.

A TELEPHONE TOWN.

Spencer Has Probably Greatest Service in State, Size Considered.
Special to Times-Republican.
Spencer, April 29.—B. C. Way, of the Western Electric Telephone Company, was in town the other day. He says Spencer is some of a telephone town. There are about 750 local phones and 1,100 rural. He said that Mason City, a town of perhaps 14,000, would not reach over 1,800, city and farmer lines included. Mr. Way also stated that Spencer has the largest exchange of any town of its size in the state and in fact larger than most towns a great deal larger.
There have been two systems in Spencer and at last a consolidation has been reached. The new officers are M. E. Griffin, president; Charles Mc-

Allister, vice president; D. J. Meligan, secretary, and B. C. Way, treasurer. These and E. G. Morgan, Jr., constitute the board of directors.

SMALLPOX AT IDA GROVE.

County Recorder Has Disease and All Court House Officials Exposed.
Special to Times-Republican.
Ida Grove, April 29.—County Recorder Richard Varner is down with smallpox. Mr. Varner was called to Lako City the first of the month and it is supposed he contracted the disease there. He was vaccinated a number of years ago, so the disease appeared in a rather modified form and before it was recognized he had exposed everyone in the court house. General vaccination is now in progress and it is proposed to prevent further development of the disease.

Logan High School Graduates.
Special to Times-Republican.
Logan, April 29.—Commencement exercises of the Logan high school will take place in the assembly room Friday evening, June 3. Rev. John A. Marquis, president of Coe College, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, May 29.

The graduates are: Lloyd Roberts, Marguerite Berkley, Ardo Joy, Lillian Snyder, Mary Jackson, Ethel Hill, Herbert Carson, Ruth Weston, Arthur Bence, Ethel Jones, Luff Payne, Florence Jackson, Ray McBride, Vida Norman, Maurice Kennedy, Ina Fry, Charles Norman and Hazel Topping.

Sues For Loss of Eye.
Waterloo, April 29.—Lee Hastings wants \$3,000 from B. T. Steuben, proprietor of the Crown Bottling Works, for the loss of an eye which was put out while he was handling bottles of pop and carbonated water. He also wants \$268.10 additional, which he claims he expended for medical attendance and in purchasing a glass eye to replace the other.

Business Suspends For Meeting.
Special to Times-Republican.
Sheldon, April 29.—Every business house in Sheldon was closed all Thursday afternoon, on account of the "Mid-week Sabbath" meeting, conducted by Evangelist Milford Hall Lyon, who is holding a series of protracted meetings at this place.

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Northern Iowa Items

Allison.
Rev. W. U. Parks has announced his acceptance of the call recently extended to him to remain as pastor of the local Congregational church for another year.

Laurens.
A. J. Shaull, of Laurens, has sued DeWitt & Brown, real estate agents, for \$10,000 damages on account of the trade he made with them. In his petition, Mr. Shaull states that the value of the goods were grossly misrepresented.

Waverly.
State Game Warden George Lincoln bought forty English pheasant eggs from "Dick" Stephenson, for which he paid 25 cents each. The eggs were sent to Clarence Wise of Cedar Falls, who has charge of one of the state hatcheries.

Storm Lake.
During a recent strong wind storm the fire alarm bell of this city was blown over, falling upon the Central House, demolishing the bell frame and also parts of the Central house. A temporary bell has been put up, but it is proposed to have a whistle put upon the electric light plant.

Spencer.
J. V. Potter, a Peterson hotel man, was before Justice Steele on an information sworn out by Deputies Brees and Hall, charging him with selling game birds. Mr. Potter admitted of having served three wild ducks to patrons of his hotel one day last month, and was fined ten dollars for each bird and assessed the costs of the case.

Pomeroy.
Henry Baister, a gentleman who lived near Pomeroy and Palmer, for a good many years, accidentally lost his life about ten days ago, near Vilas, S. D., to which place he moved last fall. Mr. Baister was going home from town when he got off the road and drove into a big slough. He got out of the wagon and tried to unhitch the horses when one of them kicked or struck him and he fell unconscious, drowning in two feet of water.

Waterloo.
Policeman McSweeney arrested Eugene Oakley on the West Side on a charge of disturbing and frightening the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. William Circus a few days ago while driving along a country road north of the city. It was reported that he had kidnapped the little girl while she was walking along the road with her little brother going to school. After investigation by the police these reports were found to have been greatly exaggerated and instead of having a closed carriage it was found that he was driving through the country in a common light spring wagon. Oakley lives seven miles from Waterloo.

M. E. WOMEN TO MEET

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO HOLD SESSIONS IN HAMPTON.

MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT TO CONVENE NEXT WEEK

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4, to be Devoted to Business and Discussion of Missionary Questions—District Comprises Large Territory in North Central Iowa—Program.

Special to Times-Republican.
Hampton, April 29.—The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church of the Marshalltown district, composed of counties of north central Iowa, is to be held at Hampton next Tuesday and Wednesday. The following is the program:
Tuesday Afternoon.
1:45 devotions—Mrs. Dudley, of Indianola.
Enrollment. Appointment of committees.
What We Hope to Accomplish by Our Coming Together—Mrs. Wonsler, of Tama, president of the society.
The Auxiliary—How to Secure Practical Results—Mrs. C. L. Nye, of Toledo.
Times of Blessing in South China—Miss Carrie M. Bartlett, of Fochow, China.
Presentation of literature by district corresponding secretary. Social hour.
Address by Rev. W. S. Rankin, of Hampton.
Address by Mrs. Dudley, branch secretary of the home department, Indianola.

Wednesday.
9:00 a. m.—Praise service—Mrs. F. R. W. of Tama.
Business session. Reports and election of officers.
Solo by Mrs. W. S. Rankin, of Mason City.
Our Birthday Missionary—Mrs. An-

derston, of Ackley.
Worker's Hour—Discussion led by Mrs. Davis, of Waterloo.
Consecration Service—Mrs. Van Ness, of Mason City.
Praise Service—Mrs. VanAvery, of Eldora.
General Executive—Mrs. Dudley, Indianola.
Children's Work—Mrs. O. F. Farrer, of Mason City.

With Mrs. Kleister in South America. What does the "Rally Cry" mean to the Marshalltown district—Mrs. L. B. Appleby, of Geneva.
Mystery box example in February Friend, illustrated by Mrs. Emma Kamberling, of Iowa Falls.
Reports of Committees.
7:30 p. m.—Devotions—Mrs. Davis, of Waterloo.
Solo—Miss Elizabeth Slee, of Hampton.
Address, "How We Are Meeting the Present Crisis in Fochow Conference"—Miss Carrie M. Bartlett, of Fochow, China.
Mrs. C. J. Wonsler, of Tama, is president of the district association; Mrs. Kate VanAvery, of Eldora, and Mrs. H. O. Pratt, of Tama, vice presidents; Mrs. Myrtle VanWie, of Mason City, corresponding secretary, and Miss Margaret Bird of Sheffield, treasurer.

New Church at Nichols.

Nichols, April 29.—The new Methodist Episcopal church at Nichols will be dedicated on May 8. This event will be an important milestone in the history of the church. The new building which is to be dedicated next month is the result of a movement that builded better than those who first began to forward it knew. For a long time the greater part of the congregation had felt that the old church building needed remodeling and also believed that it should be located in a more central part of the town. The initial steps were taken about a year ago, when a building committee was appointed to carry out plans for remodeling the structure and moving it to a more central location.
But the final outcome of these plans is found in the erection of a beautiful new church as near the center of the town as a location could be secured, at a cost of about \$6,000.

Rev. J. R. Hanley, of Centerville, formerly of West Liberty, has been secured to take charge of the dedicatory services.
Interurban Incorporated.
Sioux City, April 29.—Articles of incorporation for the Sioux City & Eastern Interurban railway were filed yesterday afternoon at the court house by W. L. Harding, attorney for the company.

This line is backed by scores of well-to-do farmers in the vicinity of Climbing Hill, who are anxious for an easier way to get to Sioux City. It is proposed that the line shall touch Battle Creek, Climbing Hill and Ida Grove. The remainder of the route has not been laid out.
The company is capitalized at \$100,000 to start with. Its officers have not yet been elected.

Salvationists to Celebrate.
Waterloo, April 29.—The Waterloo corps of the Salvation Army will entertain between thirty and forty officers from various cities in this section of the state on May 7, and May 7 the local branch of the army will move into the new barracks, No. 222 East Fifth street. Officers from the following cities in the state are expected here to assist in the celebration: Mason City, Oelwein, Waverly, Marshalltown, Iowa City, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Maquoketa, Dubuque, Des Moines, Boone and several other places. Brigadier McMullan and his staff of Des Moines, will have charge of the services.

Burial of Judge Balliet.
Des Moines, April 29.—Funeral services of Judge Stephen F. Balliet, who died at his home in Tonopah, Nev., last Sunday, will be held from the First Methodist church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The services will be in charge of the Masons. The active pall bearers will be members of the bar, while the honorary pall bearers will be chosen from the G. A. R. Interment will be made at Glendale cemetery.

Moldy Corn Causes Mischief.
Decorah, April 29.—From all over Winneshiek county come reports of many sick horses, so much so that a general epidemic is feared. Quite a thorough examination has been made and it has been ascertained to nearly a certainty that the trouble is the feeding of moldy corn. Thousands of bushels of corn was gathered soaking wet and it was impossible to keep it from molding.

Silver Wedding Anniversary.
Special to Times-Republican.
Ida Grove, April 29.—William M. Wilcox and wife gave dinner Wednesday and Thursday to a large number of friends in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. A number of out-of-town guests were in attendance.

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Give Your Washerwoman Fels-Naptha, Says Anty Drudge.

Mrs. Gossiper—"Goodness, but Mrs. Veririch must have a lot of work in that big house. I've heard she had four women doing the washing."
Mrs. Cottager—"I have had more than a dozen doing my washing, though only one at a time."
Anty Drudge—"If you bought Fels-Naptha soap, you could keep your washerwoman longer or do the washing yourself. Washing is a small job for any woman if she uses Fels-Naptha in cold or lukewarm water, and lets it take the place of boiling and hard rubbing."

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