

STORMS FLAYS BOARD

RETIRING PRESIDENT OF AMES COLLEGE FIRES PARTING SHOT AT EDUCATIONAL BODY.

ASSUMED EXECUTIVE POWERS, IGNORED THE PRESIDENT

Storms for First Time Makes Public Reasons for Parting With State School—Declares Efficiency of College Would Be Impaired by Methods Adopted by Board and Committee.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—President A. B. Storms, of Iowa State College at Ames, upon his retirement from that position to take up work in the ministry, wrote a letter to members of the state board of education in which he spoke plainly of some matters about which the public has known very little, and showed why it was that he has severed his connection with the college. He discloses several things, among the following:

That the present educational board never consulted him on any matter relating to the college.

That heads of departments under the president were advised to ignore the president and transact business direct with the finance committee.

That the board laid out the plan of having all business brought to the board by the finance committee.

That the president was not able to have a meeting with the faculty committee of the board.

That under the present administration members of the faculty and instruction staff are employed and dismissed without the knowledge of the president of the college.

That the teaching force under Dr. Storms has been greatly strengthened, the college standard raised and the operation of the legislature has been secured thru frank presentation of the college needs.

The letter of President Storms in which he presents to the board of education a few matters which he believes should have their attention for the good of the college, follows:

"Upon retirement from the presidency of Iowa State College, after seven years' service in that position, I owe it to myself and to the interests that have been in my charge, to make a brief statement to your body.

"For twenty-five years I have been a close observer of higher educational work and especially in institutions under state support and control. I have been a college trustee and a college executive and have had good opportunity to judge concerning educational policies that have approved themselves as sound and what constitutes efficiency of administration.

"Ignored by Board.

"So far as my observation has gone it has been considered essential that the college executive should have opportunity for full and frank understanding at all times with the governing board. I am now closing the fourteenth month of my term of administration under the present administrative board. As you are, of course, fully aware, I have had no opportunity to meet the board in conference upon college interests. This fact scarcely needs commentary and I shall not undertake to make any. When I had supposed and hoped opportunity was to be given me to meet the board, and strenuously urged upon its president that at least the faculty committee of the board meet at the college with myself and the finance committee in preliminary consideration of the annual budget, I was informed that it was the policy of the board that the finance committee should bring to the board whatever required board action, and that this method was considered 'almost ideal.' If the aim is to isolate the president of the college from the board and to belittle his executive function I think the method 'almost ideal.'

"I do not intend in these observations to cast unfavorable reflections upon the finance committee or to discuss the merit of that committee, further than to note that they are employees of the board and that whatever goes thru the committee to the board, of necessity, reaches the board second hand, unless the finance committee itself is to be considered as the executive representative of the college.

Board Assumes Functions.

"Assuming that the finance committee is composed of men thoroughly experienced in college administration and sufficiently acquainted with the personnel and conditions of the college to represent their interests adequately to the board, yet this representation has heretofore and uniformly elsewhere does, belong to the college executive.

The dismissal and election of members of the instruction staff without the knowledge of the executive has seemed to be remarkable.

"The finance committee has with perfect frankness in my presence asked heads of departments and instructors and employees to confer directly with the committee about any and all interests. That the embarrassment resulting has not been more serious than it has, is due to the good discipline established, the personal good will prevailing, and to the fact that heretofore it has been customary to consider the president as the executive head of the institution.

No Opportunity for Defense.

"I have in particular assumed without animosity that when matters were before the board affecting the credit of the president of the college as an executive, and especially if reaching back to acts or policies preceding the time when the present board came into power, opportunity would be given me for defense and explanation. In this I seem to have been mistaken.

While it is not easy to leave the college with whose interests I have been so closely connected for seven years and whose growth I have watched with the greatest solicitude and gratification, and most of all difficult to leave a faculty whose loyalty and spirit of co-operation will always be a grateful memory, I am yet exceedingly glad to be relieved from a situation which has become intolerable to my self respect.

Better Work Possible.

"It would be absurd to assume or claim that all has been accomplished that would have been desirable or that

has been attempted but I believe the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts may not fear comparison with any other similar institution in the country in its development. Its standards have been raised and the scientific character of its work established with thoroughness. The college and the stations at Ames command the respect of the world. Its equipment, especially in buildings, has been greatly increased, and its annual support brought to a point more nearly adequate for a growing technical and scientific institution.

"While all due credit should be given to the legislature for generous appropriations it is of course well understood that legislatures are not usually anxious to increase appropriations. Such increased support has been secured by more conscientious and persistent advocacy before the legislative committees. We have always dealt frankly with the legislature, not exaggerating the needs of the college as has commonly been asserted, but presenting them as they actually were. In all these campaigns in the interest of the college, while the faculty and executive have frequently been outspoken before legislative committees, back of them without whose approval and critical examinations nothing has been attempted.

The teaching force has been very greatly strengthened. It has been the aim and ambition of every instructor in which I have had the most loyal support and co-operation of deans and trustees, to secure thoroughly competent instructors. Numbers of students has been for the time much less a matter of concern than quality of work done by those who are enrolled. While the enrollment has shown gratifying and nearly uniform increase from year to year, we have been well aware that a great temporary increase in attendance might readily be secured by cheapening the quality of work done and by lowering the entrance requirements instead of raising them.

Position Was Unsought.

"I came to this position at the call of the state, thru unanimous vote of the board of trustees. The position was unsought by me, but accepted in good faith as an honor and a high responsibility. Entering upon my work here with no obligations to any persons or party I have found it possible and altogether desirable to remain untrammelled. It has not been any part of my ambition to build a personal constituency within or without the college, but to serve solely the interests of higher education in the state.

"I close my administration, notwithstanding the unfavorable estimate put upon it by some of the board, with a high degree of satisfaction. I would not wish to have anything essential 'expunged from the record.' It is written where all can read and I leave it without misgiving to the judgment of those who are thoroughly acquainted with it."

SOLDIERS' REUNION.

Three Regiments to Meet at Montezuma Oct. 12 and 13.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montezuma, I. Sept. 15.—Wiener post, No. 127, Department of Iowa, G. A. R., has invited the following regimental organizations to hold a joint reunion at this place on October 12 and 13, 1910: Tenth Iowa Infantry, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, Fortieth Iowa Infantry and all the old soldiers that went into the army from or near this place.

The officers of these organizations have accepted the invitation and will do all they can to get out a good attendance.

Our town sent one company each in these regiments: Co. F, Tenth Iowa; Co. C, Twenty-eighth Iowa, and Co. E, Fortieth Iowa. The Tenth Iowa went to the army in August, 1861, and the Twenty-eighth Iowa and Fortieth Iowa went to the army in August, 1862.

Our people are planning to give them a royal good time and free entertainment as was done at the former joint reunion, which was located on the Grand Central branch of the Iowa Central railway and the Muscatine branch of the Rock Island. When you see this notice, sit right down and write the secretary as to your coming and give him the names and postoffice of other comrades who know.

The G. A. R. Post of this place has charge, which alone means success.

SEWER IMPROVEMENT.

The City Council of Belle Plaine Determined on a New Sewer Outlet.

Special to the Times-Republican.

Belle Plaine, Sept. 15.—The city council has ordered Engineer Hart of Clinton to come here and make surveys for sewer outlet for sanitary sewer system. The surveys, plans and specifications for the sanitary sewer system have already been made and completed. The council proposes to have the plans for the sanitary sewer outlet made, and to secure the necessary land for the outlet, and probably let the contracts this fall and get the work of constructing the outlet before winter sets in.

EAT WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT.

If Your Child Swallowed a Copper Penny Would You Give It Nitric Acid to Digest It?

If you have indigestion, you require no medicine to digest your food but a remedy to put your stomach into condition so that it can do the work for which it was given you.

Milner's Dyspepsia Cure contains no medicine to digest your food, nor does it restrict your diet, but it cures indigestion by conditioning your stomach to perform its functions. For sale by

B. A. MORGAN
IN MARSHALLTOWN.

VICTIM OF ROBBERS

WEBSTER CITY MAN SLUGGED AND ROBBED AT MANKATO, MINN.

SKULL FRACTURED WITH CLUB, BULLET WOUND IN HIP

Joe Wheeler, Food Vendor, Victim of Highwaymen While Enroute to Attend Races—Wife Summoned to His Bedside—Other Iowa News of Interest.

Webster City, Sept. 15.—Shot, slugged and left lying in an unconscious condition, Joe Wheeler of this city was found near the city of Mankato, Minn., where he had gone with his hamburger outfit to attend the races.

His body was found lying underneath a railroad trestle at the edge of town, and the surrounding circumstances lead the police to believe that robbery was the motive that caused the crime. Following the finding of Mr. Wheeler's unconscious form, a tramp suspect was taken into custody and is still held for an investigation pending "Joe's" recovery.

Joe left this city some days ago to follow a racing circuit which includes northern Iowa and part of Minnesota and sell hamburger sandwiches. He has been pursuing this business recently with some success and it is probable that he was assaulted by the unknown party thru mercenary motives. Mrs. Wheeler left for Mankato at once.

The telegram stated that "Joe" was lying in a hospital in Mankato in an unconscious condition. An operation for the removal of a blood clot from his brain was performed. His skull had been fractured by a blow from a club and a bullet wound in his hip showed where he had been shot.

COMPANY SETTLES CLAIMS.

Rock Island Pays Rather Than Have Long Litigation.

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Atlantic, Sept. 15.—The Rock Island claim agent today settled ten threatened suits for damages. On July 21 the westbound flyer about midnight killed thirteen head of horses and colts belonging to Frank Crawford, a farmer, near Anita. It was claimed that the horses had escaped from the pasture owing to a defective gate which the railroad company was maintaining. The railroad company claimed that some one passing thru the gate left it open. Lack of proof was probably true in both cases. At any rate a compromise was reached and the company paid Mr. Crawford \$2,500 for his loss.

The company also settled with the heirs of young Lester E. Harris, who was recently killed by his horse running headon into a fast train near Atlantic. It was claimed by the com-

pany, and borne out by the facts as far as obtainable, that the company was not responsible for the young man's death, but a settlement was effected by the payment of \$1,000 to the young man's heirs.

OFFERED A GOOD POSITION.

Guy Bridgens Can Have the Superintendency at Lockwood, Mo.

Special to Times-Republican.

Eldora, Sept. 15.—Guy Bridgens, one of the promising young men of Eldora, candidate for county superintendent of schools at the recent primaries and teacher in the high school at Waterloo, has received a telegram from the school board at Lockwood, Mo., offering him the position of superintendent of schools at a very good salary. Mr. Bridgens believes, however, that he will not accept the position, as he intends to get back to the farm this year. He said had the offer come a month sooner he would probably have accepted it.

NEARLY FATAL ACCIDENTS

Young Sterling McCluskey Severely Burned by Gasoline and Miss Hazel Horn Shot in the Face by a Careless Young Man Handling a Rifle.

Special to Times-Republican.

Glenwood, Sept. 15.—Two near fatal accidents occurred near here in which two youngsters, members of prominent Mills county families, came close to death and escaped, although one of them is not yet out of danger. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gunsolley a party of children were at play in the barn. One of the children lighted a match, the head of which flew off and into a can of gasoline in which a paint brush was being soaked. The can was upset in the excitement and the clothing of Sterling McCluskey, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McCluskey, caught fire. The lad's legs were badly burned before Mr. Gunsolley and son, who were working near, could extinguish the flames.

While playing in the yard at home, Hazel, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McCluskey, caught the bullet. Dr. Agan is of the opinion that the ball is near the base of the brain. The injury is causing the girl's parents much uneasiness.

BURLEY HOTEL SOLD.

Frank Golly, of Zearing, Buys Hotel at Belle Plaine.

Special to the Times-Republican.

Belle Plaine, Sept. 15.—The Burley hotel here has been sold by Mr. G. D. Griffin to Mr. Frank Golly, of Zearing, and the new owner has taken possession. He will reopen the lunch room and dining room, and improvements will be at once made in the hotel. Mr. Griffin came from Chicago, where he will return. He owned the hotel about three months.

Headache

"My father has been a sufferer from sick headache for the last twenty-five years and never found any relief until he began taking your Cascarets. Since he has begun taking Cascarets he has never had the headache. They have entirely cured him. Cascarets do what you recommend them to do. I will give you the privilege of using his name."—E. M. Dickson, 1120 Resiner St., W. Indianapolis, Ind.

TINY BABY HAD DREADFUL ECZEMA

On Hands, Face, Nose and Mouth. Hard Crust Formed and Cracked Open. Blood Ran, Itched Frightfully. Mitts on Hands. No Rest.

Got Cuticura. In 3 Days Relief. In a Week Cured Without a Mark.

"I have a little baby almost a year old. When it was two months old it got eczema on top of both her hands, on her face and inside her nose and mouth. She refused to drink and one of her eyes almost closed up. A hard crust formed and would crack open and the blood ran out. It itched so frightfully that the poor little girl could not rest. We had to keep mitts on her hands to keep her from scratching at her face and her mother was forced to sit in a rocking chair with the baby day and night. We had a very good doctor and he did all that he possibly could to relieve the baby's torture but the results were not what we had looked for.

"We had read of the Cuticura remedies so we went to the drug store and got some Cuticura soap and Cuticura ointment. We used them just as directed and in three days the crust began to come off. In a week there was no more scab and now the baby is cured without a mark, sleeps soundly in her cradle and her parents in their bed, with no more restless nights because of the baby's scratching. Cuticura seems a wonderful remedy for this disease and any one having eczema should not delay in getting it. Henry M. Fozel, R. F. D. 1, Bath, Pa., Dec. 9, 1909.

Cuticura Remedies sold throughout the world. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston. Ask Mailer free, 32-page Cuticura book, containing valuable advice on the Treatment of Skin Troubles.