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STEAMBOAT ROCK LOSES LEADING INDUSTRY BY MORNING FIRE.

FLOURING MILL AND GRAIN BURNED AT 4 A. M.

Eight Thousand Bushels of Wheat, Car Load of Flour and Other Contents Totally Destroyed—Loss \$20,000, With Insurance of \$11,000—May Not Be Rebuilt.

Special to Times-Republican. Steamboat Rock, Nov. 2.—This town lost its leading industry this morning, when fire totally destroyed the Steamboat Rock flouring mill, including a warehouse containing a large quantity of grain and manufactured product. The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock, and had gained such headway that the small chemical apparatus owned by the town, and the only means of fighting fires, was inadequate, and the mill and machinery are a mass of ruins.

Due to Spontaneous Combustion. One report says that an exploding lamp started the fire, but the owners are of the opinion that spontaneous combustion was the cause. The warehouse contained 8,000 bushels of wheat and a car load of flour, and nothing was saved from the mill.

The mill property and contents represented an investment of \$20,000, and insurance of about \$11,000 was carried by the owners.

An Old Landmark. The Steamboat Rock mill was a landmark in this section of Iowa, having been erected many years ago. It was in later years equipped with modern machinery, and has conducted a prosperous business, surviving when the waning of the flour industry in this section of the state resulted in the closing of many other mills.

For a number of years the mill has been owned and operated by J. V. Bass & Co. Mr. Bass was in active charge, and associated with him were Daniel and Harry Turner.

May Not Be Rebuilt. The owners have not yet decided whether they will rebuild. Some doubt is expressed as to whether the structure will be replaced and the business continued. The mill owned one of the best water power rights on the Upper Iowa river, and as the dam was not materially damaged by the fire, the power may be utilized in some manner.

WOMAN DANGEROUSLY HURT.

Mrs. W. H. Bullock, of Jasper County, Victim of Bad Runaway. Newton, Nov. 2.—Mrs. W. H. Bullock, who resides near Pleasant View church in Buena Vista township, was the victim of a very serious accident yesterday while at work in the cornfield and now lies in a precarious condition at her home.

In company with her husband she had gone into a cornfield to help in gathering the corn, and the wagon which they were using was drawn by a team of mules. The animals took fright at something and started to run, and Mrs. Bullock was knocked to the chest, inflicting internal injuries, and one of her arms was broken. She is suffering intense pain and it is not yet known just how badly she is injured.

CHILD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Jack-o'-Lantern Sets Fire to Bed of Mason City Miss. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Nov. 2.—Having a happy Halloween with her Jack-o'-lantern, and going to bed with the tall, low candle near her head, Miss Vera Laird came very nearly ending her life. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Laird, were awakened at 11 o'clock by the smell of burning clothing. Immediately arising, the father went to Vera's room to find the bed clothing burning and she sound asleep. The ribbon that tied her hair was blazing and her hair was scorched when her father grabbed her from the bed and hastened to the hall. After putting out the fire about his daughter he re-entered the room and smothered the flames. Five minutes later the life of Vera would have been taken and the burning of the home followed.

FORTUNE TELLER ARRESTED.

Woman Who Secured \$4,200 From Guiltless Couple in Custody. Des Moines, Nov. 2.—Indicted by the Polk county grand jury on a charge of embezzlement, together with Elias and Maude Brewer, her brother-in-law and sister, Tillie Butler, a gypsy, was arrested in Louisville, Ky., by Sheriff Ben Ness, of this city.

The trio stand accused by the grand jury of having relieved John Huser and his wife of the sum of \$4,200, which they secured with the understanding that they were to sleep on it for one night and thus effect a cure for Huser, who they declared was threatened with insanity, and effectually rid all traces of Bright's disease and consumption from the systems of the elder Huser boys.

Since the Brewers and Tillie are alleged to have perpetrated the swindle upon the Husers they have separated. It was only by a clever bit of sleuthing

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that Mr. Ness succeeded in locating Tillie in Louisville. She declares that Brewer and his wife are somewhere on the Pacific coast. Mr. Ness is expected to return from Louisville some time today with the Butler woman.

The story of the manner in which the party of gypsies are said to have induced the Husers to part with their hard-earned savings is almost incredible and is said to be one of the boldest attempts to defraud that ever came to the attention of the local police department or the county sleuths.

DEATH OF W. D. JOHNSON.

Wealthy Boone Citizen and Capitalist Passes Away. Special to Times-Republican. Boone, Nov. 2.—William D. Johnson is dead. For many weeks he has hovered between life and death at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ira Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was one of the wealthiest of Boone's citizens. At one time he owned a ranch in Texas containing 30,000 acres of fine land. He at one time owned the ranch which is now the famous 101 ranch of circus fame. He invested some of his money in Boone county coal properties and the W. D. Johnson coal company of this city was his. He was financially interested in the Boone National Bank, the Boone Brick, Tile and Clay works, the W. D. Johnson Coal Company and other business interests.

Hotel Change at Jewell.

Special to Times-Republican. Jewell, Nov. 2.—The Dutton House, which has been conducted by the Seidenstucker Bros. for the past fifty years, has been leased to a traveling man, M. E. Johnson, who has been representing Ben T. Hoshing, of Chicago, who has resided in Jewell for the past year. He takes possession the first of next week. Mr. Seidenstucker will move into a new house which is about completed, and give his meat market and farms his attention.

Light Plant at West Bend.

Special to Times-Republican. West Bend, Nov. 2.—The town council has granted a Chicago firm a franchise to install an acetylene gas lighting plant. The plant will be owned and operated by the Chicago company. It is the intention to have it in operation before the ground freezes solid.

Dubuque Physician Freed by Court.

Dubuque, Nov. 2.—The case of the doctor of Iowa, against Dr. Hamilton, a Dubuque practitioner, indicted for alleged illegal practice, ended when a verdict of not guilty was returned. The woman who was the prosecuting witness resides in northern Iowa. The case was on trial for a week past.

Most Wonderful Healing. After suffering many years with a sore, Amos King, Port Byron, N. Y., was cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. See McBride & Will Drug Co.

Southern Iowa Items

Council Bluffs.

Charles Wheeler, aged 60 years, a well known colored man of this city, died of heart failure Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock as he was passing the Goodrich hotel on Lower Broadway.

Newton.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. August Henning, who reside in the west part of town, suffered a fracture of the left collar bone while at play. He was at the yard of Mrs. Callison and accidentally fell from the swing, striking on his shoulder in such a manner as to snap the bone.

Iowa City.

A message from Brooklyn, Iowa, announces the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, a pioneer Iowan, aged 91. She had lived here 56 years, and had been a member of the Methodist church in Iowa 75 years. Eight sons and two daughters survive.

Davenport.

The condition of J. S. Reynolds, of Clinton, who was injured in an automobile accident near Davenport Saturday night, is still critical, and it is feared that he is injured internally. He was coming to Davenport in his machine when the car skidded, overturned and threw him out.

Newton.

The venerable M. S. Drake, who makes his home with his daughter here, Mrs. M. E. Williams, suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday morning, which, for a time, was thought to be quite serious, but his physicians state that he will recover entirely. Judging from his present condition.

Red Oak.

Jacob Silkett, a resident of Red Oak for the past thirty-five years was found dead in his home in the west part of the city Sunday evening. He had been dead about twelve hours. He lived by himself. He has a son and a daughter living out west. Deceased was 75 years old.

Killduff.

Roy Dennis was kicked by a horse and badly injured at Killduff Saturday while at work near town. In getting off the wagon, Mr. Dennis slipped and fell, and the horses became frightened. They plunged ahead kicking, and Mr. Dennis, who was lying prostrate on the ground, was struck, being badly injured. His condition is not, however, considered serious.

Oskaloosa.

The members of the Gordon Association Players, a repertoire company owned by Jack Gordon, are stranded in Oskaloosa. The seven members of the company came to Oskaloosa last week, and opened a five nights' engagement. On account of poor patronage they only played three nights and were unable to pay their board bill at the Downing hotel. Papers were served on them Saturday.

Oskaloosa.

C. H. Clarke, who has been making his home at Albia for the past several weeks, was arrested in Oskaloosa Saturday and returned to Albia. Clarke is charged with larceny of 450 pounds of brass and copper wire from the Consolidation Coal Company of Buxton. The contents were shipped from Hamilton to J. Shrago, an Oskaloosa junk dealer, in whose possession it was found.

Muscataine.

Experiments made at the Hintermeister farm, south of the city, have proved that peanuts can be grown profitably on Muscataine Island. The announcement that another delicacy has been found to grow well in local soil will be well received here. Last year Mat Houdek gave Mr. Hintermeister some Balle of Whitehall peanuts to

MANY TO HEAR TEDDY

SPECIAL TRAINS TO BE RUN TO DES MOINES NEXT FRIDAY.

ROOSEVELT'S TRAIN TO CARRY PEOPLE FROM THREE TOWNS

Iowa City, Marengo and Grinnell Enthusiasts to Be Favored—Auditorium Meeting, Which Will Be Public, to Be Marked by Scramble for Seats — Dinner at 6:30 by Business Men.

Des Moines, Nov. 2.—Indications are that the auditorium will not come near furnishing room enough for people anxious to hear Theodore Roosevelt in his political address in Des Moines Friday night, following his address to the state teachers at the coliseum the same night.

The Polk county republican central committee has been notified from numerous surrounding counties that delegations will be on hand, many coming in special trains. Colonel Roosevelt's special train bringing him from Davenport, will be turned into a sort of an excursion. His train will stop at Iowa City, Marengo and Grinnell to take on passengers. Harold J. Howland, one of the editors of The Outlook, will accompany Colonel Roosevelt.

The program of entertainment for Mr. Roosevelt has been altered somewhat. When he arrives at 4:20 o'clock he will be met by the auto party which will take him touring over the city. During this tour he will speak to the school children at the Drake University stadium if the weather is good, and if he does not he will address them at the Central Christian church. Then comes the dinner given by business men at the Grand Club at 6:30 o'clock. Following this he goes to the coliseum, then to the auditorium.

The auditorium meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Joseph Meyer, county chairman, will act that time in introducing Senator C. C. Dowell, the chairman of the meeting, and he will present in turn Governor Carroll, Judge S. F. Prouty, Lafayette Young, Senator Cummins and Harvey Pinkham, each man speaking twenty minutes. The Colonel Roosevelt will speak for not more than ten minutes should be expected, but it is believed to be certain that he will talk longer. There will be no reserved seats. All the boxes have been set aside for

prominent citizens, state officers and editors, and the stage will be 300 vice presidents, representing every section of the county.

BENTON COUNTY COURT.

Several Important Criminal Cases Set For Trial. Special to Times-Republican.

Vinton, Nov. 2.—The November term of the district court which sets here in the latter part of the month will have several interesting criminal cases before it which were continued over from the September term. The principal one will be the trial of J. P. Donnelly, a prominent stock buyer of Van Horn who has been indicted for the murder of Charles Andrews, an employe of one of the grain buyers in that town. The deadly injury was dealt Andrews while in a quarrel with Donnelly in the Milwaukee depot at that place. There is considerable interest displayed in the outcome of the case owing to the prominence of the indicted man and considerable doubt is expressed as to whether or not he will be found guilty.

Another case of great interest to the farmers is the State of Iowa vs. E. D. Roberts, a seed corn specialist from Red Oak, who it is alleged sold seed corn thru misrepresentation and it was upon the information that he had sold to nearby farmers that he was indicted. Henry Loomans, who is held on the charge of breaking and entering a store at Mt. Auburn and who after his arrest broke jail with his partner in crime and was again arrested and brought back from Detroit without his friend is also facing being sent over the road.

BUY NEW CHURCH SITE.

Muscataine Methodists Abandon Tabernacle Location for \$100,000 Edifice. Muscataine, Nov. 2.—The building committee of the First Methodist church yesterday selected a new site for the \$100,000 church which is shortly to be erected, abandoning the old site of the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle on Eighth and Iowa avenues. The committee purchased a tract of land on the site of the former Fourth street and running 140 on Iowa avenue, the price of \$22,000 being paid for the new location.

Some time ago the committee purchased the old "Billy" Sunday tabernacle site, but a considerable portion of the church membership objected to the site owing to the fact that it was not centrally located and was seven blocks from the street car line. The old edifice has been torn down and the new First National Bank was erected on the old site before the congregation finally selected a location which was suitable to all. The contract for the new church will not be let for a month more and work will commence in the spring. The new structure is to cost \$100,000.

MISS BAY WINS HER SUIT.

Damages of \$25,000 Given in South Dakota Breach of Promise Case. Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 2.—A federal court jury in the case of Miss Ella R. Bay, of Menominee, Mich., against James S. Sanborn, a banker of Pukwana, S. D., returned a verdict yesterday awarding the plaintiff damages of \$25,000 for breach of promise.

The jury on the first ballot cast three votes for the full \$75,000 demanded by the plaintiff. The judgment is the greatest ever returned in South Dakota in a case of this kind. The customary stay of proceedings for a period of sixty days was taken by the defendant.

Toledo News.

Special to Times-Republican. Toledo, Nov. 2.—Mrs. L. F. Walden and daughter Lillian returned home after spending the summer with Mrs. Walden's father, W. H. Trussell, at Moravia.

Mrs. S. J. Hana left Saturday for Iowa Falls, where she will visit her son.

Mrs. Stanley Brace and son, of Eagle Grove, are visiting at the Mrs. G. N. Norton home.

Claude Modlin and family have moved to Belle Plaine, where Mr. Modlin is engaged in the undertaking business with Mr. Grossman.

Mrs. Patti DeBell, of Leeds, England, who has visited for the past two weeks at the C. W. Conant home, left Saturday morning for Seattle, where she will spend the winter.

Conrad News Briefs.

Special to Times-Republican. Conrad, Nov. 2.—Mr. Gosson, candidate for attorney general, addressed the people at this place last night, but owing to several Halloween parties that were being held, he was compelled to talk to a small audience. Claude Porter, candidate for governor, will address the people of this place tonight.

The ladies of the Culture Club entertained their husbands at their annual Halloween party, held at the homes of Mrs. E. J. Trumbull and Miss Bertha Steelsmith.

One would hardly recognize the town yesterday morning the way things were changed, during the night. No one's wagon or buggy was at home, but instead someone else's was there, and it took the most of the forenoon to get things back to where they belonged.

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