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### RENEWS OFFER OF FARM FOR SCHOOL

E. B. HOWARD, OF AMES, MAKES PROPOSITION TO STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

STATE MUST FOUND NEW NORMAL SCHOOL ON SITE

Farm Lies in Bangor Township, Fourteen Miles Northwest of This City—Proposition Being Looked Upon With Favor—Normal Training and Trades School For Poor Youths.

A 400-acre farm in this county, free to the state of Iowa provided it will build and maintain an agricultural normal training and trades school on the land, is the proposition that has been renewed to the state board of education by Edwin B. Howard, of Ames, a former well-known resident of this county, now of Ames. Mr. Howard values the land at \$150 per acre, and demands that the state, if it accepts the proposition, make an investment in buildings of at least the value of the land, or \$60,000.

Mr. Howard's proposition is made with a desire to help poor youths of the state who may not be able to secure an education otherwise. All that he would require is that the pupils enrolled in the new school should have gone at least through the eighth grade of a graded school.

Mr. Howard appeared before the board of education Wednesday, and upon making the proposition verbally was asked to put it in writing. A life offer was made to the board two years ago, and was accepted, but later was refused owing to technicality in the law. It is said that this obstruction has now been removed, and that the board is free to accept the farm and establish the school, provided the legislature approves the plan.

If the board does accept Mr. Howard's offer it is likely that much in excess of \$50,000 will be spent in improving the property.

**Land Lies Along River.**  
The Howard farm borders on the Iowa river, and is near Mormon Ridge. Some of it is tillable, and some of it is rough and contains a large amount of valuable timber.

Mr. Howard suggested to the board Wednesday that a part of the farm be used for seed producing purposes, and that it be divided among the students for them to produce seeds under competent instruction. He would have experimental agriculture taught on the farm, and eventually would make out of the school not only an agricultural experimental station, but a normal training school and one that would offer training in the trades.

"I have made what I have by hard work and saving," said Mr. Howard in discussing his plan. "I have been able to forego many pleasures because I have wanted to do something for the poor boys and girls who want an education as I did when I was a boy and are not able to get it because their parents can not afford to send them beyond the eighth grade or the country school. If I can only see them offered the advantages of such a school I shall be happy."

#### ENJOY TRIP THRU ITALY.

Travel Department Secures Rev. R. C. Westenberg for Stereopticon Lecture.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon at Red Men's hall, with a good attendance. The program, which was very enjoyable, was in charge of the club's travel department, of which Mrs. Will Wallace is chairman.

The program opened with a pleasing piano duet, "Italy," from Moszkowski's suite, "Foreign Parts," by Mrs. W. H. Barwell and Miss Ella Zug, who responded to an encore with a Kevin number, "Valse Caprice." Mrs. J. C. Hogan, with Mrs. J. W. Lloyd as accompanist, gave two pleasing violin numbers, "Obertass" and Schumann's "Traumerl."

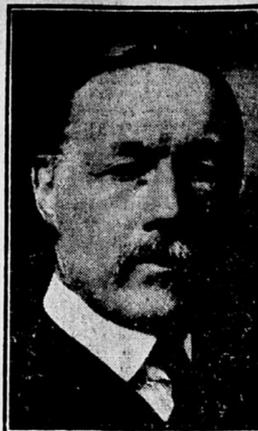
The afternoon's lecture, "A Rambles Thru Italy With a Camera," was given by Rev. R. C. Westenberg, of the Presbyterian church, who illustrated it with many beautiful stereopticon views. Dr. Westenberg was at a disadvantage, as the man upon whom he had depended to operate his machine had been called out of town, which left the lecturer to do that in addition to giving his address. It proved very entertaining and instructive, however.

Dr. Westenberg said that we greatly misjudge the Italian in judging him by the "Dago" familiar to America, as most of the emigrants come from the extreme southern part of Italy, Sicily, and are not typical Italians at all. Among the views shown were those of the kingdom of Monaco, where the famous Monte Carlo is located; the harbor of Genoa, the speaker's first stop; Naples, the largest city in Italy, with incidental views showing how macaroni and spaghetti are made; several fine views of the ascent of Vesuvius, a trip which he made; the ruins of Pompeii, and results of interesting excavations; Rome, in connection with which he related various legends; Pisa, Milan, Florence, and Venice, including views of the most famous cathedrals and other places of note in all of these cities. Dr. Westenberg gave good descriptions of all of these places, also pleasing personal reminiscences of the places he has visited.

The lecture was especially appreciated by the members of the travel department, whose study was upon Italy three years ago.

Mrs. S. M. Braden, of Norfolk, Neb., was the only guest present from out of town.

**Would Rent Tractor.**  
The supervisors have received an offer from the Western Grocer Mills that the company will lease the county its tractor engine for road work during the summer. The county can secure the tractor for \$20 a day, which includes the services of an engineer to operate it, and the fuel, but the contractor must deliver the fuel to the engine and board the engineer. The supervisors will probably not take any action on the offer at this meeting. The



EDWIN B. HOWARD, Former Resident of County, Who Has Offered Big Farm to State.

grocer company believes that the supervisors could try out a tractor in this way and thus determine whether or not it would pay the county to own one.

#### PREPARE TO LET CONTRACT.

Supervisors Expect to Award Bridge Work in March.

Supervisors D. C. Maytag and W. A. Nichols are planning to let the annual contract for concrete bridges some time probably during March. They expect to visit and inspect several of the large bridges of the county later this month, and at that time determine what bridges are to be included in the contract. It is their intention to be prepared by the time the March meeting is held to advertise for bids for the 1912 contract. At the present of the March meeting, they will advertise for bids for lumber and cement for the year.

#### LIGHTING CONTRACT LET.

Buchanan-Boughton Company Awarded Contract for Wiring Court House.

The board of supervisors awarded the contract for wiring and installing electric lights in the court house to the Buchanan-Boughton Company for \$540. There were three bidders, the company that got the contract being the lowest. The work to be done is to complete the wiring of the building, a work that was started last year, and furnish the material and lights for all the offices, rooms and corridors that are not already lighted with electricity. The work is to be completed by April 1.

#### Glilan News.

J. L. Wylie and J. Harry Searr went to Chicago Saturday night to attend the automobile show.

Mack Stanley, wife and baby son, Marion, arrived home Tuesday morning after a week's visit with relatives at New Sharon and Taintor.

Mrs. G. L. Donim, of Des Moines came Wednesday night to help care for her mother, Mrs. T. J. Williams, who has been sick for some time.

Mrs. W. C. Shultz went to Marshalltown to visit friends, and from there goes to Pharr, Tex., to join her husband.

#### Principal P. C. Lapham, of the public school, spent Saturday at Oskaloosa.

Friday afternoon the Woman's Club had a sample day, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Hunter. Each member took with her a sample of her favorite receipts. Enough was taken to serve a very fine supper, and some excellent cooking was exhibited.

Mrs. Oscar McGrew has been confined to her home for a week with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but is now much improved.

James Novak, who has been a shoemaker for several years in Gilman, is planning to move to a farm in Wisconsin in the spring.

The concert given by the Penn College Glee Club here Saturday night, was a success both musically and financially. The Epworth League will make clear about \$23. Mr. Abrams and Mr. Whittaker remained over Sunday and sang at the churches. The former at the M. E., and the latter at the Congregational.

Friends here have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth Fagan to Chamillious Moore, of Rockwell City, on Jan. 29. Miss Fagan is a daughter of Lee Fagan of that place, and is well known here.

Mr. J. E. Phillips left for Los Angeles Thursday morning to look at the country with a view of settling there.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mack, who have been visiting their relatives, the Charles Hulm and Lewis Simcox families, for a week, returned to their home at Concord Tuesday.

Mr. F. W. Akers was a business visitor at Hampton Tuesday.

John Crandon and wife left with their household goods Tuesday for Waterloo, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ward will live on the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Crandon.

Ray Bender, son of Joseph Bender, who has been suffering with blood poisoning in his face for two weeks, is much improved.

Oscar Ward, of Chicago, spent several days last week here, the guest of his relatives, the J. A. Ward family.

#### Haverhill Happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kopert, who have been here visiting Mr. Kopert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kopert, went the first of the week to Tama, where they will visit Mrs. Kopert's mother, Mrs. Inholt. The Koperts will stop on their way home at Parkersburg and Wesley.

Cyril and Miss Mary Rohret, of Iowa City, are here visiting with the Mathew Edell family.

Glen Kopert is taking a vacation, after which he goes back firing on the Milwaukee.

Mrs. Clara Edell went to St. Thomas hospital Monday to be prepared for a surgical operation.

Jacob Hoefler, of Williams, is here visiting relatives and old-time friends.

### LISCOMB CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

REV. W. P. CLARK, OF ELDORA, ACCEPTS CALL FROM CHURCH OF CHRIST.

EXPECTS TO BEGIN WORK WITHIN NEXT SIXTY DAYS

Rev. Mr. Clark Will Succeed Rev. T. F. Paris, Who Was Called Recently to Pastorate of Cedar Rapids Church—Clark Has Had Successful Pastorate at Eldora.

The Church of Christ of Liscomb has extended a call to Rev. W. P. Clark, of Eldora, to become its pastor to succeed Rev. T. F. Paris, who resigned recently to accept the pastorate of the Second church at Cedar Rapids. Rev. Mr. Clark has accepted the call, and will begin his work just as soon as he can close his work at Eldora.

Rev. Mr. Clark expects to be able to take charge of his work at Liscomb in about sixty days, and will come to his new field sooner providing he is able to close up his affairs with his present church.

Rev. Mr. Clark is said to have been very successful in his work at Eldora, where he has been for the past two years. The church is said to have grown under his management, and is now in a prosperous condition.

#### ENGINEERS WANT JOBS.

Supervisors Have Four Applications For New County Office.

The supervisors have received already four applications for the office of county engineer from engineers, most of whom are young men, who are seeking the place that the supervisors will probably create some time during the spring. The supervisors have had personal interviews with two of the applicants. The board will probably not make an appointment before the March meeting, and perhaps not until later.

#### MARRIED.

Bennett-Herold.

J. E. Bennett and Miss Pearl V. Herold, both of this city, were married at the office of Mayor Jones by Justice of the Peace S. E. Peek Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. The groom is a molder employed by the A. E. Short-hill Company.

#### News of Rhodes.

Mrs. Harry Buck, of Minnesota, has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Titus and son Glenn left Monday evening for a pleasure and sightseeing trip to California. A few of the most interesting stops will be made on the way going and coming, but the principal stay will be in Pasadena at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. C. C. Caswell.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Blink entertained about twenty of the young people at their home Friday evening in honor of their son Joseph's 19th birthday anniversary. The affair was planned as a surprise on Joseph, who was taken completely unawares. Games were much enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Master James Wallace, who had the misfortune to break his leg on New Year's day, has recovered so as to be able to be in school on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blink, Mrs. Emma Harmon and daughter Nora, and Frank Haddock were all Marshalltown visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Marshall and children are staying at the home of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Blink.

Miss Edith Wallace has been very sick of pneumonia, and although there is no great change in her condition, and she is still very weak, it is thought she is gaining a little.

The ladies' aid of the Methodist Episcopal church spent Thursday with Mrs. F. D. Curtright.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, who are here on a visit from Forest City, spent Wednesday with relatives in Collins.

Misses Lila and Vesta Good and Mr. Arthur Crawford spent Sunday at the Maynard Good home, near Collins.

#### Ferguson Items.

Mrs. Sarah Alexander is confined to her home with illness.

Miss Packer was an over-Sunday visitor at her home at Marshalltown.

Mrs. Oliver Finders returned home after several weeks' visit with her parents in Arkansas.

Mrs. George Doud and son, of Marshalltown, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keven.

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Feb. 11.—W. E. Brown, 6½ miles north of Marshalltown.

Feb. 12.—J. L. Knight, 6 miles west and 1 mile north of Marshalltown.

Feb. 14.—Will Anderson, 2½ miles northeast of Albion.

Feb. 17.—Otto Thoms, 3 miles west of Gladbrook.

