

DECREASE IN DEATHS

RECORD SHOWS RESULT OF RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF IOWA HEALTH LAWS.

COMPARISON MADE FOR PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS

Engineer Higgins Confers With Council of Alexandria In Regard to Pressure Tank Installation—Custodial Building at Knoxville to Be Constructed—To Cost \$25,000.

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Des Moines, July 28. — Results of thorough and systematic enforcement of the health laws of the state may be seen in the records of deaths for the four years under the present administration of health laws. The comparison by fiscal years, that is, years ending June 30 of each year. On this basis the following is found to be the fact:

Total number of deaths in 1911 in Iowa, 23,414; in 1912, 20,859; in 1913, 21,837; in 1914, 20,092. This is not quite complete as it does not include June last.

The figures show a net decrease in 1912 over 1911 of 1,575, then an increase the next year; but in the four-year period there was a net decrease in the number of deaths from all causes of 1,542. In the four years there were reported 55,132 deaths.

In the matter of preventable diseases there was reported in the same four-year period according to the figures in the office of Dr. Sumner, the secretary and executive officer, 17,523 deaths. The net decrease per annum in the preventable diseases was 1,213.

In the matter of accidents the figures for the four years show an aggregate of 1,123 first year, 1,054 second year, 1,073 third year, and 1,070 fourth year—or a decrease per annum in death from accidents of sixty-six.

The conference held yesterday by Engineer Higgins, of the state board of health, and with representatives of Alexandria, and with representatives of the firm which has a contract for a pressure tank system of water works at Alexandria, was very satisfactory and probably resulted in a better understanding of the situation than before.

The state board of health has not as yet approved the system of water supply proposed. Whether it will do so will depend on results of investigation to be made. All parties concerned are desirous of having the matter disposed of rightly. The state officials desire that all towns shall put in water systems wherever possible and the best they can afford. The fact that the insurance inspection bureau gives towns with the pressure tank system a low rating was taken to mean that they are not as yet recognized as standard.

The new "custodial building" at the state institution at Knoxville will be constructed. The state board had to advertise for bids a third time and effect some revision in the plans before getting a bid low enough so that, under the law, the contract could be let for the construction. The limit fixed was \$25,000 for the building. The contractor agrees to do it for this price provided the state will make a small discount on the brick and other material which is being produced at the institution, and in this way the building can be secured without further delay.

The per capita cost of support of the inmates of the various state institutions last year was \$136.92 for the entire year. While the price of living is up and nothing done to reduce the same, the state of Iowa continues to save on its wards on a very low scale of prices. This is largely due to the investment made in farms at the institutions and the great economy which is being practiced in all lines. This fact is shown because at the institutions that have the finest farms the cost per capita is lowest.

The aggregate net cost of the support of the inmates in the year was \$1,722,352.07. The number of inmates was 9,228 on an average.

NEW HIGHWAY ROUTE PROPOSED

Loop of Lincoln Highway Thru Tri-Cities is Advocated.

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Iowa City, July 28.—A new loop of the Lincoln Highway is proposed by Iowa City automobile enthusiasts, now engaged in a veritable whirlwind campaign of good roads making in Johnson county and vicinity.

It is proposed to give travelers the benefits of a fine trip to Davenport, Rock Island and Moline, with the allurement of the arsenal, and the other objects of interest in the tri-cities; and to Iowa City, with the university of Iowa and other attractions; over the River-to-River road—every mile a true road—and thus to make the loop most desirable. Likewise, travel over the Rock River valley route, and the Red Ball route is certain to please.

The idea is to make the route of the loop touch Sterling and Cedar Rapids, as termini, with the tri-cities and Iowa City as the big intermediate cities.

The distances are set down, as follows: Sterling to Davenport, 53 miles; Davenport to Iowa City, 58 miles; Iowa City to Cedar Rapids, 25.4 miles; total, 137.4 miles.

This is eleven miles greater than a loop suggested, to run from Sterling to Cedar Rapids, via Clinton, but it obviates a run from Mount Vernon to Marion and back, and gives the advantages of the fine river-to-river highway, and the sights and scenes above recorded.

HEROES' GRAVE UNMARKED

Sons of Revolution Seeking Records of Dead Pioneers.

Des Moines, July 28.—Five pioneer graves on Iowa soil await adequate marking if it can be established that the occupants served in the revolutionary war. Since the elections by the Iowa Sons of the American Revolution a bronze tablet to the memory of five veterans who were laid to rest in Iowa, three other graves of veterans were discovered, and the society will

take measures to honor them in a similar way.

The society is still in doubt as to the records of five men who are said to have served in the war, and if the claims can be established, they will be honored by three veterans and already discovered since the erection of the tablet last April. The names of the alleged but not proved revolutionary heroes are: Martin Linn, Tip-ton; Lamb, Kilbourn; William Depew, Winterwood cemetery, Camp township, Boone county; William Woody, Exhousa, near Ottumwa, and Adam Ream, near Lowell, Henry county.

If the revolutionary service can be shown to be a probability their names will be given place on the tablet. It is said, but the committee representing the society is anxious that surviving relatives or citizens of the localities in which the men are buried, assist them in shedding light on the matter.

The committee in charge of the erection of the second tablet is composed of President H. W. Groat, Vice President F. W. Craig and Secretary E. D. Hadley.

CITY SUBJECT TO LIABILITY.

First Case Under New Law Comes Up at Davenport.

Davenport, July 29. In the prostration of the city of Davenport, Tuesday morning, Davenport faces the possibility of paying out \$3,000 in liability insurance. The city is carrying its own insurance under the new liability law which went into effect July 1.

In this case, a fire which proved fatal to the city will be compelled to pay to his heirs \$3,000. During the first fifteen days that Clarence is sick he gets up to \$100 for medical, hospital and surgical attention but during this period of incapacity receives no compensation from the city's employer.

After the first fifteen days he will receive one-half of his weekly wages during the time of his incapacity. Clarence is 40 years of age and lives at 3519 Jackson street.

The city employs approximately 300 men this year around and in case of accident to any of these men will be compelled to pay liability insurance on the same general principles as in Clarence's case.

News of Trar.

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Trar, July 28. — Emil Strohhahn writes from Hawarden, Canada, that he has \$50 acre of wheat that could scarcely look better. It is about two weeks in advance of the season.

Mrs. Bertie Fletcher has begun her new residence on a lot next her father's residence east of the park.

The new Amity church in Grant is engaged and work is progressing rapidly. It is to be one of the finest rural churches in Tama county. It is not very large, 46x54, but is good looking. The inside finish will be red oak; the seats circular. There will be a nursery and the pastor's study on the main floor. The seating capacity will be about 200. The Amity people figure that by using some of the old lumber it can be finished for \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Pratt are enjoying a reunion of their children. Three daughters are here, Mrs. A. Peckins, of Milwaukee; Mrs. J. A. Coats, of Sterling, Ill.; and Mrs. D. L. Van Densen, of Elsie, Mich.

The first brick in Trar's paving was laid Tuesday by Mayor Woolley, just south of the railroad track on Walnut street. The work has since been steadily progressing southward. The concrete base is in on Main street. The work has been considerably delayed at times because material did not arrive on time.

Mrs. R. G. McIntyre, of Des Moines, is here for a fortnight's stay with her sister, Mrs. A. Loop. Her husband was an attorney here in early days.

Alex Watson, a young man employed by Thomas Hayes, and a son of Joe Kivado, miraculously escaped a serious accident the other evening. Young Watson, on a motorcycle, met Kivado in a car. They passed each other so closely that the clothes of the cyclist was torn and the fender of the car was damaged, but fortunately that was the extent of the damage.

The Mumm farm, south of Reinbeck, of sixty acres sold last week for an even \$400 per acre. Tom Copey, of Reinbeck, was the purchaser. Three years ago this farm was purchased for \$215 per acre by L. H. McGrew. The Dysart auction sale brought soaring prices. A 40-acre farm was divided and sold as follows: 150, with buildings, \$22,500; 50, with no buildings, \$20,150; 50, with no buildings, \$200. This is the top notch for unimproved Tama county land. One hundred twenty acres sold at \$191 per acre. This land has all been rented for a generation or more.

Allison News Items.

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Allison, July 29.—Miss Grace Dreher, county recorder, and Miss Eva Weires, stenographer for the Craig-Ray Abstract Company, are enjoying a two weeks' outing at Clear Lake.

Thrashing machines and crews commenced operations in this neighborhood last week.

Since the use of automobiles has become so general and long distances can be traveled in so short a time, many of the young men and boys of Allison make frequent trips to the Shell Rock and the West Fork, and enjoy the pastime of swimming in the waters of those streams.

Some of our citizens have been enjoying camp life at Camp Comfort on the Shell Rock river.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Polkers have moved into their fine new home in the west part of town.

R. Burbridge and his crew of mechanics have commenced work on the erection of the new school building at Bristol.

Miss Elsie Carter went to Monroe, Wis., last Friday to attend the funeral of a cousin who was accidentally killed.

H. F. Wild and W. C. Shepard made a business trip to Marshalltown one day last week, going by automobile. Mrs. Shepard and son accompanied them as far as Conrad, and visited relatives there until their return.

Miss Mabel Martin went to Wall Lake last Friday for a visit with friends.

A number of Allison people attended the funeral of Mrs. R. Miner, at Greene, on Tuesday.

SAD FATE OF IOWAN

LOST IN MICHIGAN WOODS DURING STORM, SHENANDOAH MAN DIES IN AUTO.

FAMILY GUARDS BODY ALL NIGHT WHILE WOLVES HOWL

Reach Lake Too Late to Cross by Ferry, Iowa Party Attempts to Make Way Thru Forest—Lose Way in Storm, Which is of Great Severity, and Father Dies of Exertion.

Council Bluffs, July 29.—Dying in an automobile at night, lost in a forest, while a terrific storm raged overhead and wolves howled in the woods round about, was the fate of C. S. Palms, of Shenandoah, whose body was brought thru Council Bluffs en route to its final resting place in Shenandoah. He died from heart trouble one night last week in Michigan, where the family had gone on an automobile trip.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Palms and their two daughters, aged 12 and 14 years, from Shenandoah, and their grown son, from St. Paul, Minn. They passed thru Council Bluffs about two weeks ago, stopping here for a brief visit with Rev. E. Matheny, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church of this city, who is an old friend. He was called again to meet the saddened party upon their return with the body of the head of the family.

Spent Night in Woods. They made the trip by auto to visit relatives and friends at the little town of Garden, in the northern peninsula of Michigan, situated on Green bay, off Lake Michigan. All went well with their trip until they reached the point on Green bay at which ordinarily a boat is taken across to Garden, when they found the boats had stopped running for the night.

It was only about eight miles around by land, thru the woods, they were told, and they started off to complete their trip that night. But once in the woods, they found themselves in sand so dense they had to push their car, and in this plight a great storm, one of the heaviest seen in that country for a long time, overtook them.

Palms Dies in Car. Mr. Palms became tired of the constant pushing, and entered the car to rest. When other members of the party looked at him a few moments later, it was discovered he was dead.

By this time the storm had blown down many of the trees, and the grief-stricken party was compelled to sit for hours in their machine, with the wolves howling in the dense woods about them, until it became light enough for the men to go out and search for help. He had to walk five miles to find a house. There horses were secured and the machine towed thru the sand to Garden, where they found their friends.

The body of Mr. Palms was brought back to Shenandoah, where the funeral will be held. He was a prominent worker in the Methodist church.

Belle Plaine Defeats Buxton.

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Belle Plaine, July 29.—In honor of the twentieth anniversary of the big Belle Plaine fire, the hook and ladder company

former farm home. As the grade is quite steep on each side neither party saw the other until they met face to face at the top. The sudden appearance so frightened their driving horse as to cause it to whirl square around, throwing both out. Mr. Holsinger's collar bone was broken and his wife's badly fractured. They were both more or less bruised and shaken up, but are making a good recovery.

W. D. Simpson, local track inspector of the Illinois Central, was struck and killed by the fast mail Sunday, near the end of the long bridge north of Merrill. He was riding on a speeder and apparently thought at first he could clear the bridge and get his car removed from the track. The evidence brought out at the inquest this morning was to the effect that he had stopped the speeder and was trying to get it off the track when the train struck him. The victim of the accident was 50 years of age and had resided here about thirty years. He has one son, section foreman on the Illinois Central, and two daughters living here. His wife died several years ago.

Shoux City national banks in all probabilities will receive \$1,000,000 from the United States treasury department to facilitate crop moving in this territory, according to local bankers today. Announcement was made in Washington, D. C., last night; that approximately \$34,000,000 would be sent from the federal treasury to national banks throughout the country to aid the movement of the crops and promote business generally. Secretary McAdoo said that the government stood ready to increase the amount to any extent necessary to meet the needs of the country. Last year the treasury department recognized the importance of Sioux City as a financial center, and the way in which the banks of this city served smaller banks in this territory, and placed \$500,000 here.

Cedar Rapids. Alleging that he was made a confirmed "dope fiend" because of morphine and other drugs given him to alleviate pain, Henry Hersh has filed suit in Linn county district court against Dr. W. A. York, of Lisbon, for \$11,750 damages. Hersh claims that in September, 1909, he became ill and was treated by the doctor. He claims that the physician began by giving him occasional doses of morphine, but that as the habit grew it required more frequent "treatments" until he was taken to a charge of morphine to \$2.50 per dose. Hersh sets forth in his petition that he suffered excruciating pain and tortures when not under the influence of the drug and that finally he was compelled to enter an institution, to break himself of the craving for mor-

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