PEAT BED CORN YIELD

WRIGHT COUNTY EXPERIMENTS SHOW WHAT CAN BE DONE ON ALKALI SOIL.

WORK DESCRIBED IN CROP ADVISOR'S REPORT

Peat Beds, Treated With Manure and Potash, the Latter to Overcome Poisonous Effects of Alkali, Produce Good Crops—Seed in Some Instances Is Sown in Deep Peat.

Eagle Grove, Dec. 24.—That peat and alkali soil will produce a good corn crop has been proved by experiments conducted during the past summer in Wright county by County Crop Advisor L. O. Wise. The successes of the experiment is shown in the report of Mr. Wise, which follow:

"The peat and alkali soil experimental work carried on in Wright county the past summer was very satisfactory in results.

"On the peat field of H. A. Crabtree, Vernon township, five plots of one third acre each we measured off. Plot number one got no treatment and yielded 29.9 bushels of very soft immature corn. Plot number two had treatment of 119 pounds acid phosphate and yielded 49.52 bushels of 90 per cent sound corn. Plot number three had a treatment of 119 pounds acid phosphate and 35 pounds muriate of potash. This plot yielded 53.4 bushels of very good corn, about like plot number two. Plot number four had a treatment of 67 pounds of potash and yielded 56.86 bushels of corn. Plot number five a treatment of 133 pounds of potash, but was drowned out and no results could be taken.

"A similar experiment was run on T. Y. McCormick's field in Troy township. The same sized plots were used and the same treatment given. Plot number one yelded 34.3 bushels of very soft immature corn, not worth over 15 cents per bushel for feed. While plot number two yielded 48 bushels of good corn, running about 80 per cent of solid. Plot number three yielded 53.43 bushels of eighty per cent sound corn. Plot number four was partly drowned out, but yielded forty bushels of fairly good corn.

Seed Sown in Deep Peat.

"The Crabtree experiment was conducted on deep peet that has been drained and farmed for four years, while the McCormick peat bed was raw peat, having been drained and plowed in the fall of 1913.

"From the yield and observations made I am inclined to believe that **potash is what our peat soils in Wright county need most.** With a treatment of two hundred pounds per acre the treatment can be made for about $4.50 per acre. The results of one years treatment ought to extend over at least two years cropping and possibly three years.

A number of alkali tests were made on the east side of the county. The big rain in June drowned out the most of these and very indefinite results were obtained, but in Boone township on K. T. Engs farm a four field experiment was run comparing stable manure and potash.

Potash Counteracts Poisonous Effects.

"Plot number one had 25 loads of manure per acre and yielded 57.83 bushels of good corn per acre. Plot number two had twelve loads of manure and 200 pounds of potash, yielded 60.34 bushels per acre; while plot number three had two 200 pounds of potash and yielded 54.2 bushels of corn. Plot number four had four hundred pounds of potash and yielded 51 bushels per acre.

"A check plot was not run due to the fact that last year this alkali spot did not produce corn, nor did weeds grow on it. From this we find that manure has great value in overcoming alkali; also the potash has great value connected with counteracting the poisonous effect of alkali on corn.

"Where only small areas of alkali are to be handled fresh stable manure is about equal to potash and manure, and worth as much or more than potash alone, but where large tracks of alkali are to be handled and manure scarce, or needed on thin land, potash can be used profitably.

"The alkali and peat plots are going to be watched for another year or two to ascertain definitely how long the applications will influence the production of corn."

STOCK WORTH $75,000 KILLED.

Value of Animals Slaughtered by Cause of Recent Epidemic.

Des Moines, Dec. 24. — Values of stock killed in Iowa owing to the foot and mouth disease in cattle and hogs now total $75,000, according to Dr. I. B. Paxton, federal expert in charge of the work in this state. The federal government will pay $37,500 of this amount and the state of Iowa must pay the remainder.

Farmers of Johnson county have called a meeting to be held at Iowa City Dec. 29 for he purpose of oganizing to ask the legislature to reimburse them for loss of fat stock during the period of quarantine for the foot and mouth disease. They claim that hog cholera took off hundreds of hogs which would have been marketed had there been no restrictions on shipments. Others want pay for carrying hogs overs. The additional cost of feeding was heavy, they assert. The request for an appropriation will be made soon after the legislature opens, the farmers say.

STATE TO PROVIDE FUNDS.

Expected Money Necessary For Preparing Rail Rates Case Forthcoming.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—It is expected that whatever money may be absolutely necessary for preparing the case involving western rail rates will be forthcoming from state funds.

The governor and members of the executive council have been at all times much interested in the proper settlement of the rate matters in controversy and other matters involving the railroads. The governor signed the bill giving the railroad commission $40,000 for expenses in handling just such cases. The bills have been audited and paid. But the funds are now practically exhausted.

Last year a question arose as to whether or not the state should provide for attorneys or experts to look after the interests of the people in the matter of fixing physical valuation of railroads for the entire United States, which is now under way. There did not seem to be any provision of law for payment of any person in connection with a matter so remote and it was not done. Later the retrenchment and reform committee of the last legislature was asked to appropriate for expenses in connection with rate case involving railroads east of Chicago, but it did not do so.

But now the matter of rates affecting Iowa and Iowa interests directly is at issue; and it is said that the members of the state executive council are disposed to see that funds are provided, that the interests of Iowa people may be looked after in proper manner. It may be necessary for some active work to be done in preparation for this before the legislature can act and if so the funds may be made available at once.

MAIL POUCHES STOLEN.

Sacks Taken at Mason City May Have Contained Registered Mail.

Mason City, Dec. 24.—Two pouches of mail were stolen from the trucks at the M. & St. L. depot yesterday morning, at about 1:45. They were transfer pounches, known as the transfer from No. 8 on the Milwaukee, which arrives at Mason City at 7:15 to No. 6 south on the M. & St. L., and the transfer pouches from No. 9 on the M. & St. L., which arrives at 8:45 to No. 6 also on the M. & St. L. These pouches were taken into the ticket office, and the night operator, George Ligham, remembers distinctly of having put them on the truck ten minutes before No. 6 arrived, which was nearly an hour late, this morning, with all the other pouches and mail sacks on the truck, and placed them all on the platform for the incoming train.

These pouches are scheduled to carry registered mail, but whether there was any in the pouches last night has not as yet been ascertained. The postmaster notified the Inspector and inspector-in-chief of the robbery, and the officials of that department, as well as local officials, are investigating the disappearance of the pouches. These sacks were not handled by the local postoffice at all, being transfers, but the members of the force are inclined to think that some one who was pretty well posted on the dispatching of mails at the M. & St. L. is the party who abstracted the pouches. A search was made of the yards this morning but nothing learned.

BABE LEFT ON PORCH.

Month or Six Weeks Old Infant Abandoned at Davenport.

Davenport, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Katherine McCormack, 117 West Fourteenth street, while sitting in a chair reading about 8 o'clock, heard footsteps on her front porch, but thought it might be someone going upstairs. A minute later she heard the wail of a little baby and went to the window to see if anyone were outside. Seeing no one she thought it was her little grandson, who lives with its parents upstairs.

The cries continued and she went to her front door. Inside the vestibule door was a basket and from underneath the coverings sounds of baby discomfiture issued. She grabbed up the basket and hurried inside with it and removing the coverings found a little baby girl, plump, hearty and healthy, but evidently much peeved at being left out doors.

There was no trace of the people, who had left it there. The child was clad in warm but coarse clothing and covered with coarse blankets.

In the basket was a note asking her "for the love of God to keep and cherish the little infant, and raise it in the fear and love of God" not "to give it away or put it in a home where it would not have the comforts of life." The note, written in a hand, which it was evident the owner had tried to disguise, was pitiful in its supplication, but left no hint as to the identity of the writer.

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Pine Tree in Front of Central Building at Ames Brilliantly Decorated.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ames, Dec. 24.—Each night during the Christmas week, the students and faculty at Iowa State College have enjoyed the first public out-of-doors Christmas tree on the college campus. With a bright arc light at the top, and with a myriad of colored electric lights thru its branches, the beautiful pine standing directly in front of central building has brought a Christmas message to all. Sunday evening nearly a thousands students and faculty gathered in the fall snow to hear the men's and women's glee clubs sing Christmas hymns and carols around the college Christmas tree.

INJURED IN GASOLENE ENGINE.

Sexton Farmer Whirled About by Fly Wheel and May Die.

Special to Times-Republican.

Algona, Dec. 24—W. E. Hutchison, who lives north of Sexton, had a very narrow escape from death last Monday. He was assisting in corn shelling at the Louis Stumbo place, and was working about the gasolene engine, when his clothing caught in the fly wheel of the machine. Before it could be stopped he was whirled around several times and very badly injured about the head. He has several bad scalp wounds and his recovery at this writing is somewhat doubtful.

CUTS EMPLOYERS' THROAT.

Italian Attempts Murder When Wages Are Not Forthcoming.

Special to Times-Republican.

Dolliver, Dec. 24—Because he could not pay his employe his full wage Friday night the foreman of a special gang of Italians stationed here, was gashed from ear to ear. His assailant fled, leaving the injured man in his bunk alone until morning when he was discovered by Mr. Cramer. Altho suffering severe shock, it is believed the injured man will live. He was removed to Ringsted.

Algona's Municipal Christmas Tree.

Special to Times-Republican.

Algona, Dec. 24—Algona has one of the finest municipal Christmas trees to be found anywhere. All plans for the program which will be held on the court house square on Christmas night, have been completed. The tree has been handsomely decorated with several hundred colored lights, and a beautiful star has been placed at the top which will be lighted with 6,000 candle power. All the church bells in the city will be rung from 6:55 till 7 o'clock in the evening, after which time the program will be carried out, including music by 100 voices.

CRIPPLE SINCE YOUTH, HANSELL MAN MAKES GOOD IN ALL WAYS.

Special to Times-Republican.

Hampton, Dec. 24.—Suppose you had been hopelessly crippled in early childhood and never afterward able to walk, could you have filled au seful place in the world, acquired some of the conveniences of life and been a useful citizen? All will acknowledge it to be a difficult undertaking and many will deem it impossible. Hansell has a man, however, who has accomplished it.

W. H. Anway was born in Ohio in 1840. When 5 years of age he sustained an injury to his spine that left him a hopeless cripple for life and unable to walk or to have the least use of his legs. Notwithstanding this fearful handicap he learned the blacksmithing trade and followed it up to a few years ago.

He came to Hansell in the early years of the history of that village, established himself in a shop, and by dint of much hard work, industry and honesty, came to fill a necessary place in the affairs of that community. And what a handicap it was for a blacksmith—to have absolutely no use of his limbs—mere wilted remnants of bone and muscle.

And yet this man did his work and did it well. He asserts that he has made wagon wheels, has helped to shoe horses, fitted horse shoes, to say nothing of the blacksmith work in general that he has done for many years. Starting first with a small shop, he added to it from time to time, more room was supplied to make space for a small stock of hardware, a commodious residence was built contiguous to the store, and later the store was enlarged and a hall fitted up in the second story of the building.

Later when he was obliged to give up active work at his trade, the room that had been his shop became a storage for heavy hardware, oils, etc., that had been added to his stock. During all these years, his only means of getting about his store was by his hands, or on a wheel chair, and a sort of tram that ran on tracks behind his counters and across the store to his shop, or into the residence, all of which he made with his own hands. Mr. and Mrs. Anway are the parents of four children, two of whom are living.

During the past summer he has complained of inability to use his arms as before, and of a growing weakness in them. Always perforce overworked as they have been, possibly he will be obliged to give up all work in connection with the store. Thru all his life, however, he has made the best of his opportunities, has taken a cheerful view of things, and has made good in spite of fearful odds.

WEDDED SIXTY YEARS.

Residents of Fort Dodge Celebrate Unusual Anniversary.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 24—The signal distinction of celebrating their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary has been given to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Trusty at their hame, 920 Third avenue north.

Yesterday afternoon and evening a number of their old friends and relatives called on this favored couple informally.

Mrs. Trusty says: "We can't complain, tho neither of us is in the best of health." Mr. Trusty is suffering from heart trouble and Mrs. Trusty is getting a little feeble.

Their seven children are scattered over the country and were unable to come. Their grandchildren are many as are their great grandchildren, and even great, great grandchildren.

Their children are Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Keithsburg, Ill.; Mrs. C. Flannigan, Henrietta, Tex.; William P. Trusty, Waterloo; Robert Trusty, Artesian, S. D.; Mrs. A. E. Wilkins, New port, Ore; Mrs. Fred Weeks, Eagle Grove, and Charles Trusty living north of the city. A son, John, was killed several years ago in a railroad wreck.

SAC CITY GIRL WEDS.

Mary Jeannetta Webb Becomes Bride of Hiram E. Wilson, of Early.

Special to Times-Republican.

Sac City, Dec. 24.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Webb, six miles north of Sac City, took place at 7 o'clock last evening the marriage of Miss Mary Jennetta Webb to Mr. Hiram E. Wilson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, of Early. The ceremony was witnessed by a company of about 100 relatives and friends of the young people, and was performed by Rev. J. Irving Brown, of Sac City. The bride is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Webb and is a favorite among the young people of her community. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will be at home after March 1 on a farm owned by Mr. Webb and adjoining the one on which he resides.

GARWIN VOTES FRANCHISE.

But One Vote Cast Against Electric Plant Project.

Special to Times-Republican.

Garwin, Dec. 24—There was a special election of the voters held Dec. 22, to decide whether or not a franchise would be granted to the Garwin Electric Company. Out of 91 votes cast 90 were in favor of and 1 against.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Helen Coutts passed her 94th birthday yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Lincoln, near Westfield five miles southwest of this city. She is in good general health for one of that age. Many congratulations came to her from relatives and friends. She is the mother of ex-Mayor R. G. Coutts, of this city.

Mrs. Alice Wheeler, 1025 First Avenue, was taken to the city hospital yesterday morning for the removal of fibroid tumor and rallied nicely from the operation, with good prospect of quick recovery.

Miss Hazel Ritter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ritter, 918 Hamilton avenue, was operated upon in the city hospital here on Monday night because of an abscess in the side. She has not been doing well since and peritonitis is feared. The report last night gave very little ground for hope of recovery.

Superintendent Eugene Henely, Principal Charles Bell and Coach Guy Nichols united in giving the high school football team a fine evening and banquet at the Henely home. Speech making and business, rounded out with sociability, followed the eating. The principal business was the election as captain of the next year's team of Samuel Tucker, the effective fullback of the past season.

Manager George Lewis, of the Grinnell Motor Car Company, announces that the company must have more room and that a new building will be started as soon as weather and ground conditions are right in the spring. The building is to be seventy-five feet by 150 and will front on Main street, being situated on the west side of the street and four doors north of the Colonial theater. R. R. Sparks, of Oskaloosa, has the contract for putting up the building. It will be a brick with plenty of glass on the front and side. It is planned to have it ready for occupancy by March 1.

Beulah Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, held election on Tuesday evening with the following result: Worthy matron, Mrs. D. H. Snook, re-elected; worthy patron, J. G. Shifflett, re-elected; Mrs. E. M. Whiting, associate matron; Miss Elsie Case, secetary; Mrs. G. L. Brown, treasurer; Miss Myrtle Clark, conductress; Mrs. Lillian Guinn, assistant conductress. Installation of officers is to take place on the first meeting night in January.

A surprise party and a general good time took place on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neely, when a party of friends stole a march on this worthy couple while they were away from home and took possession and helped them, after their return home, to celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. The crowd would have been considerably larger if it had not been that the O. E. S. election was on that evening and many friends were compelled to be there.

The Congregational church will be tonight the scene of Christmas festivities with song and speech and a play entitled "Once on a Christmas Time." At the Methodist church there will be prayer and song and a canata "The Real Santa Claus." The Baptist people will celebrate with a canata "The Rose of Bethlehem." At the Friends church there will be prayer and song and recitations and treats for the children. The Christian church will have music by the orchestra, duet, chorus, and class singing, with recitations. At the United Presbyterian church the songs, recitations, and canata, "The Charmed Garden," will be complemented by the twenty-third psalm given in pantomime, and an Indian club drill to violin accompaniment. At No. 7 Grinnell township, Sunday school pupils have foregone candy for themselves and agreed to send the cost of the usual supply of candles to help the starving in Belgium.

Commander Waldo Evans, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for some time has, with his wife, gone east where he has been ordered to report at the naval war college in Rhode Island for a year of training.

Allison News Items.

Special to Times-Republican.

Allison Dec. 24—The county officers banquet was held at Hotel Allison and was a pronounced success. County Superintendent Beardman acted as toastmaster and addresses were made by County Attorney Burling and County Attorney-elect Shepard. Vocal music was rendered by Miss Gail Owen and County Engineer Cave, and instrumental music by members of Supervisor Waugh's family. About fifty were present to enjoy the exercises and to partake of the excellent four-course dinner prepared by Landlord Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moralee are the happy parents of a baby daughter.

Miss Carrie Hunter, who is teaching in the public schools of Sioux City, arrived home Saturday to spend the holiday vacation.

The death of Mrs. G. E. Martin occurred last Sunday night at the family home after a lingering illness, death resulting from cancer of the stomach. Altho not unexpected the death of this well known and respected woman caused much sadness in this community, where she had lived for so many years. Mrs. Martin and her husband were among the very first residents of Allison, the present family home being the first permanent dwelling erected in the town. During all of these years her home has been in Allison, where her friends were numbered by her acquaintances. Her genial nature and qualities of friendship made her an ever welcome visitor in the homes of her friends and acquaintances. She is survived by her husband, George E. Martin; three daughters, Mrs. C. D. Brace, of Pisgah; Mrs. C. A. Hammel, of Clarksville; Miss Mabel Martin, at home, and one son, A. T. Martin, of Allison.

Suit gainst Seeley Settled.

Mount Pleasant, Dec. 24—Some months ago Miss M. Belle Masden sued ex-Senator W. B. Seeley on account of alleged injuries from an automobile accident. The case has been settled out of court. The defendant paid his costs and the sum of $1 and the plaintiff paid her own witnesses and costs. The plaintiff then dismissed her action. There have been reports published stating that Mr. Seeley paid the plaintiff a considerable sum of money, but this is not true. The case was dismissed exactly on the basis of the published account. Ex-Senator Seeley paid $1 and paid his own witnesses and the plaintiff paid her witnesses.

Montour News Briefs.

Special to Times-Republican.

Montour, Dec. 24—Lucy Stevens is spending her Christmas vacation at home.

Ralph Avery is at home from his school duties in Chicago for the holidays.

Edna Prine will spend her vacation at the home of her uncle, C. J. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Johnson are visiting at the O. P. Millard home. Mr. Johnson is a brother of Mrs. Millard.

Dolliver News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican.

Dolliver, Dec. 24—While hunting on Sunday W. S. Peters was accidentally shot in the face, three shot lodging in the flesh.

Mrs. Anna H. Bowen, of Le Grand, spent several days last week as the guest of Mrs. FG. A. Maxfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Clark are parents of a baby daughter.

Miss Anna Hager was called to her home at Estherville by the illness and death of her sister, Mrs. A. R. Espeset.

Mr. L. P. Stillman is ill of grip.

Wesley News Items.

Special to Times-Republican.

Wesley, Dec. 24—Mr. Walter Cowans died yesterday morning after an illness of a few days. Mr. Cowan was 53 years of age and had lived in Wesley about fifteen years. He conducted a livery barn and garage and also the hotel here.

Walter and George Hall have arrived from Dayton, Tex., to spend the holidays at the home of their mother.

British brewers in 1913 produced 27,078,760 barrels of beer, in 3,846 licened public and 4,820 private breweries.

A NEW FEATURE IN THE CARE OF THE INSANE

[By J. H. McConlogue, Chairman Iowa Board of Control.]

Perhaps in no other department of human endeavor is reform as slow and hard to make as it is in the care of the dependent. It seems to be hard for us to break away from the long established customs and ways of caring for those who become wards of the state.

I feel justified, from the research that I have been able to make, in saying that this generation is doing more for the unfortunate members of society in the way of breaking away from the antiquated and stereotype manner of handling those who by nature, by heredity, by accident, or by their own dereliction, have been in a sense cast off by society and turned over to the care of that larger and more concise unit denominated and known as the state.

This generation is taking up the care of the inebriate, the care by industrial and educational methods of the derelicts, and last the care of the long neglected epileptic. This generation will also be attributed the honor of having first taken a stand in remedial efforts mentally and physically, of the insane.

While examining the psychopathic hospital at Chicago, I was impressed with the plan adopted for the treatment of the insane and what was being accomplished for them thru the psychopathic hospital. As we all know, such a hospital largely directs its efforts to the mental treatment of the patient. To this hospital those who are discovered to be deranged and brought there, undergo a treatment before they are assigned to a hospital for the insane. Here the skilled dietitian, the skilled surgeon, the skilled all-round physician, the skilled alienist, the skilled man in nervous diseases, has an opportunity of treating the patients after they come there, and their physical as well as mental defects are considered and remedied by treatment and by the art of surgery. This takes place, as stated above, before the patient is assigned to any hospital for the insane.

Many Cures Effected.

After going thru the treatment and after his status has been determined, and to aid further in his improvement which can be done at the hospital for the insane, the county court passes on the question of his sanity and he is then sent to the institution where he belongs.

I was surprised to learn that between 30 and 40 per cent of those who come to the psychopathic hospital who were mentally disturbed, were returned to their friends and to their homes after receiving treatment, without being assigned to any hospital for the insane. Sometimes the patient is depressed by trouble and worry, some times by overexertion and over-work, sometimes physical ailments and defects which can be remedied, and after receiving the treatment which they can give in the psychopathic hospital, they are returned, and their case, known to themselves, can in the future be treated and a recurrence of their trouble prevented by themselves.

In this state it is entirely different. When a person from any cause shows a mental disturbance, he is brought before the county commission for insane and sent to the hospital for the insane, which hospital in this state is not equipped to offer the remedial assistance that can be offered in a psychopathic hospital where that is the only thing to be thought of.

The thought came to me, and yet it is not, I understand, a new idea, for the superintendents of the hospitals in this state have advanced the same idea before, of having advantageously located a modern, up-to-date psychopathic hospital where those who become mentally disturbed or afflicted might be taken and treated just as the patients who first go to the psychopathic hospital in Chicago above referred to. A corps of able physicians, surgeons and alienists could work out great good to society if they first had charge of these patients who are now sent to the hospital for the insane, and in this way I believe might enlighten the people generally to such an extent that many of the causes that are back of mental disturbances might be avoided.

Iowa's Opportunity.

Iowa can afford to take the lead in this matter and I believe that it will when the matter is fully discussed and presented to the people in a way that it can be fully understood.

I do not wish to appear as advocating or taking a part in the establishing of such a hospital, but having spent some time as a servant of the state in looking over the great institutions that are being constructed in other states, I feel that it is no more than right that the people should know something about the conclusions that I have reached as a servant of the people in investigating these institutions. This is why I thought it a part of wisdom and a part of my duty to enlighten the people of Iowa thru the public press so that it can be taken up by those who are far more familiar with the need and wants of this class of our citizens than I am, and possibly something may be wrought out that will be of great good to the unfortunate people who become afflicted mentally, which is sometimes traceable to physical defects as well as heredity and errors on their own part.

I know that the superintendents of our state institutions for the insane and mental defectives realize the necessity of having a psychopathic department where the mental status of the inmate may be ascertained more satisfactorily and more accurately than under the present system.

SHELL FIRE'S AWFUL EFFECT.

Soldiers Stricken Deaf, Dumb and Blind by Shock of Big Guns.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14—The extraordinary effects of shell fire upon those who are forced to undergo it, are being discussed at length in the British medical journals.

An English surgeon now attached to a Paris hospital reports the cases of four men who show absolutely no trace of bodily wounds, but who are now under his care. Two of them were struck deaf and dumb by shell explosions; neither of them has anything wrong with his organs of speech or hearing, but is suffering simply from shock. A third cannot see; caused by a nervous shock. There is nothing the matter with his eyes and complete recovery is promised after a period of quiet and rest. The fourth man's experience left his mind blank.

Field surgeons contribute accounts of the manner in which death comes from shell fire. In some cases men are found stiff in death in life-like attitudes, so that the stiffness characteristic of a corpse must have come on at the very moment of death, whereas under ordinary circumstances a man dies first and slowly stiffens afterwards. Some of the field surgeons have attributed this to the action of a poisonous gas given off by the new explosive, "turpenite." One of the pathologists at Guy's hospital, however, contradicts that theory.

CRIMES LESSEN DURING WAR.

Early Closing of English Saloons Has Moral Effect.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.]

London, Dec. 12.—Early closing of the saloons has caused an enormous decrease in crimes of violence and disorder, according to Judge Robert Wallace, chairman of the London Sessions courts.

"Figures I have obtained," he said in addressing the December grand jury, "are so remarkable that they ought to be known. For instance the September grand jury had before it seventeen cases of aggravated assault and battery. The 11 o'clock closing order was introduced, with the result that in October the number fell to five. Then the closing hour was altered to 10 o'clock and in November the cases fell to two while today, for the first time in the history of the country, we have not a single case of this character to deal with."

FRENCH WANT ALSACE.

War Cry of Troops at Front Demand For Former Province.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.]

Geneva, Nov. 12.—"We want Alsace" is the war cry of the French along the right of the long battle line. They are eager to advance and during the last few days between Verdun and Belfor' there have been serious encounters.

Sometimes the battles are fought i snow storms. At Seppois in Alsace the soldiers simply fired in the direction of the noise, not being able to see a hundred yards on account of the storm.

The regiments on both sides which have been supplied with skis for the winter, are making good use of them. The French Chasseurs Alpine use them with great facility, having climbed in peace times the Swiss and French Alps, mounting several times to the summit of Mont Blanc in whole regiments. Recently at Bresel in Alsace a company of French troops swept thru a forest on skis and cut off the retreat of a company of German scouts whom they made prisoners.

The French have been bombarding Seppois, Bresel and Larystsen (in Alsace) for the last two days with their famous seventy-five guns. A large number of German landwehr soldiers and civilians are at work at Waldhigoten constructing the double railway line from Leopoldshoehe and St. Louis. The French artillery with its base at Belfort has now moved up to within five miles of Altkirch. French infantry and artillery now command the heights above Guebwiller which will soon become untenable by the German garrison.

The Swiss paper Journal Du Jura reports from Belfort that a "large number" of heavy creusot guns have recently arrived at Verdun, making the fortress more secure from attacks. The French army descending from the Schlucht on Stossweier and Munster captured Gebwenheim near Cernay, where 8,000 Germans are holding the place. This maneuver and success open a direct communication with Belfort instead of passing by the Ballon d'Alsace. In these engagements several thousand soldiers on both sides have been killed and wounded. The fighting, tho on a small scale, has been terrible. All these troops are being held in leash from Verdun to Belfort, awaiting orders from General Joffre.

KING PETER, AGED 70, WELL AGAIN, LEADS HIS SERVIAN TROOPS

King Peter of Servia, who was 70 years old on June 29 last, led the Servian forces in person in the recent battle which resulted in victory for the Servians. King Peter received his military education at St. Cyr, the French military academy, and is regarded as one of the best strategists in Europe. He was not able to be at the front at the start of the war because of illness. With his appearance at the head of his army Austrian repulses have been reported.

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One Turnip Feeds 480.

The "loaves and fishes" miracle of biblical fame had almost a parallel at the soup kitchen in St. Louis when enough soup to feed 480 destitute men was made from a single turnip, says the St. Louis Republic.

There was nothing "ordinary" about the turnip, which weighed half an ounce more than ten pounds and measured 29¾ inches in circumference, according to the affidavit of G. B. Boyd, who avers he pulled it from the soil of the Railroads Unimproved Land Association at Fruit City, Reynolds county, Mo., and sent it to The Republic.

The "giant of the garden" was dissected by the chef at the soup kitchen and cooked in a monster kettle. A small quantity of beans, some seasoning and lots of water were all that was required to complete the "miracle."

Robert E. Lee and Albert von Hoffmann of the Soup Kitchen Association, are willing to make affidavit that 480 plates of soup were made from the turnip.

A total of 2,885 men were given their fill of bread and soup in the old Four Courts building Monday, add the Republic. The institution, with the sanction of municipal authorities, began operations a week ago.

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ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the district court of Iowa in and for Marshall county. January term, A. D. 1915.

J. D. Plumb, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. Ball and Martha E. Ball, his wife; A. J. Ball and Angie Ball his wife; A. H. Nucomb, A. H. Newcomb, Samuel W. Evans, S. W. Evans, Henry Munger, H. Munger, B. O. Ball and Margaret, his wife; Hannah E. McKeel, widow; Mrs. Achsia E. Puffer, widow; and Achsie E. Puffer, and any and all unknown heirs or descendants of each and all of said defendants, whether sane or insane, or minors, and all persons under legal disability, also their spouses and surviving spouses and all unknown claimants to any right, title or interest in and to lot No. 6 of subdivision of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter section 27, township 84, nroth range 18, Marshall county, Iowa.

To the above named defendants and the unknown claimants of the above described land:

You are hereby notified that there is now filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of Iowa in and for Marshall county the verified petition of J. D. Plumb, claiming of you that he is the owner in fee simple of lot six (6) sub-division of the northeast quarter (N. E. ¼) of the southeast quarter (S. E. ¼) of section No. twenty-seven (27), township No. eighty-four (84) north, range No. eighteen (18), west 5th P. M., Marshall county, Iowa; that he became such owner by purchase from Fred H. Spry and wife, Edna Spry, Berthel F. Spry and wife Elsie G. Spry and Mrs. Achsia E. Puffer, widow, the then owners of said land; that he is informed that you and each of you have or make some claim to the said property or a portion thereof, but he avers that said claim is junior and inferior to the plaintiff's title and ownership.

That the names and residences of the unknown claimants above referred to, are unknown to the plaintiff and that he has sought diligently to learn the same.

The plaintiff asks as a relief that his title to said land be quieted and confirmed in him by decree of said court; that the apparent defects in said title, if any such there be, be corrected by said decree, and that you, said defendants and unknown claimants, and each of you, be barred from at any time making any claim adverse to the plaintiff's title in and to said real property or any part of it. Reference is made to the original petition now on file. No personal judgment is asked against any defendant.

Now unless you appear and make defense thereto at or before noon of the second day of the next January term of said court to be begun and held at Marshalltown, Iowa, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, your default will be entered and a decree rendered thereon as prayed for in said petition.

Dated this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1914.

J. D. PLUMB,
Plaintiff.
By W. H. Hammond and Holt & Tankersley, his Attorneys.

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