

# CONDITIONS NOT BAD AT HOSPITAL

### BOARD OF CONTROL CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION OF MOUNT PLEASANT INSTITUTION.

### SOME OF CHARGES PARTIALLY SUSTAINED

### Board Finds That Some of the Sanitary Conditions Should Be Improved—Two Attendants Guilty of Cruelty to Patients Discharged Before Complaint Was Filed.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Oct. 6.—The state board of control today issued a report on its investigation into the charges preferred recently against the management of the Mount Pleasant state hospital. The board finds that many of the charges preferred were not sustained by the evidence, and others of the charges partially sustained. The board's statement follows:

"A complaint having been filed with the board of control by Dr. Amelia Dickinson, a former interne employed at the Mount Pleasant state hospital, charging the management of the hospital with neglect and abuse of patients and not using proper sanitary methods in the treatment and care of the insane as said institution, the three members of the board of control made a thorough investigation of the charges Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and took the testimony of thirty-nine witnesses, some of them being patients in the institution, some ex-patients, attendants, physicians and superintendent and one outside physician.

"The board of control is compelled by law to visit each of the insane hospitals once each month. In making these visits we are required to visit all parts of the institution and it is our common practice to give each patient an opportunity to talk with the board member alone. Under the present system it would not be possible for any serious abuses to be kept up for any length of time in the Iowa state insane hospitals. In addition to the visits made to these institutions monthly by the members of the board of control, we are authorized to employ and have employed a woman inspector whose special duty is to visit each of the women's wards of the hospital and make a special examination of the dietary and the food served and report to the board. This woman inspector usually spends one week at each of the institutions on her visits.

### Food and Clothing Good.

"There is no complaint of the food supplied the Mount Pleasant institution nor of the clothing furnished the inmates, all agreeing that the institution patients are well supplied with good, wholesome food and reasonable clothing and that they have proper medical attention by an experienced corps of physicians.

"The general complaint as filed by Dr. Dickinson charges that the management of the institution has not used proper sanitary methods and care in regard to sterilizing and cleansing of stomach tubes and douche points; that patients have not sufficient supply of towels and tooth brushes; that enough towels are not allowed per day to the patients; that in the hydrotherapeutic (or continuous bath) department the suspended hammock is not changed after each patient; that in some instances a cleanly patient was compelled to occupy a room with an untidy

patient; that in one instance a patient was used roughly and pulled by the hair by an attendant; that in some instances patients were compelled to work when they were unable to do so; that good judgment was not used in using the tube required in enforcing the ordinary treatment of the violently insane and will not eat food by the ordinary method and that general sanitary methods were not used in caring for the patients, especially in some of the women's wards.

### Sanitary Methods Not Adequate.

"The board, after a complete investigation, finds that as to the charges preferred in the complaint of Dr. Dickinson, many of them were not sustained by the evidence, others of the charges partially sustained, but on the whole the evidence would show that there was some lack of attendance and some of the treatment of the patients in some of the women's wards. Two of the attendants who were charged with abuse of patients were relieved of duty some time ago by the superintendent.

"The superintendent is the executive head of the hospital. He has a great many outside duties, including the management of the farm of 987 acres, but we think he should visit the different wards of the institution oftener and pay more attention to interviewing each of the patients and have so recommended to him. We also recommend that the woman physician of the Mount Pleasant state hospital be relieved of her position.

"After this complete investigation the board finds that on the whole the patients of the Mount Pleasant state hospital are well treated, well supplied with good nourishing food, properly clothed and not overworked, and the institution kept scrupulously clean. In employing hundreds of attendants and nurses, no matter how careful the executive officer may be, some objectionable and ignorant persons will be engaged at these institutions, but it is a standing rule at each of our state hospitals that if an attendant strikes a patient, no matter what the provocation, he or she is summarily discharged. At one of our state hospitals no mechanical restraining of any kind is used on any of the patients, and over 80 per cent of the attendants and all of the wards are young women.

"The people of Iowa can rest assured that on the whole these unfortunate brothers and sisters of ours who are mentally ill are receiving careful attention and kindly treatment at the state hospitals.

"This statement is signed by W. J. Dixon, chairman of the board of control of state institutions.

### FATALLY HURT BY BULL.

### Owen Simonds, of Near Rialston, Is Gored by Maddened Animal.

Special to Times-Republican.

Rialston, Oct. 6.—Mr. Owen Simonds, a prominent farmer of this vicinity, is lying at his home fatally injured as a result of being attacked by a bull on his place. Mr. Simonds was taken unaware and was fearfully gored. The ribs on one side were nearly all broken and one was driven thru his lungs. He was also dangerously injured in other ways.

"But for the assistance of his dog Mr. Simonds would have been killed at once. The dog attacked the bull and his barking attracted a neighbor's dog when the two succeeded in driving the bull away. Members of the family attracted to the scene carried the injured man to the house. Surgeons give no hope of his recovery.

### County School Head Stricken.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, Oct. 6.—County Superintendent of Schools George H. Mullin was stricken with apoplexy last night and is unconscious today. Recovery is doubtful.

"The total production of explosives in the United States, exclusive of exports, was 235,126 short tons in 1914, and 259,098 short tons in 1913.

"There is one grocery store to every 300 inhabitants of this country.

# POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

### BURGLARS BLOW UNCLE SAM'S STRONG BOX AT WILLIAMS, HAMILTON COUNTY.

### ABOUT \$100 IN CASH AND STAMPS SECURED

### Safe Wrecked and Contents Scattered Promiscuously About Building—Two Strangers Seen Loitering About Town Suspected of Crime—Robbery Not Discovered Until Morning.

Special to Times-Republican.

Williams, Oct. 6.—The postoffice at this place was robbed some time during the night. The safe was wrecked and about \$100 in cash and stamps was secured.

Entrance to the building was gained by sawing a hole in the rear door. The safe was dynamited, the door being blown off and the contents of the strong box being scattered promiscuously about the room. The building was not materially damaged.

Citizens were awakened by the noise of the explosion, but did not make a thorough investigation, and the robbery was not discovered until morning. Two strangers seen loitering about town the past two days are believed to have been the robbers. They have disappeared.

### Hampton News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican.

Hampton, Oct. 6.—Rev. E. E. Evans, now pastor of a Baptist church at Cambridge, Ill., and who a few years ago held the pastorate of the Baptist church here, is here for a visit of a few days. Rev. Mr. Evans conducted services at the Baptist church Sunday morning, and on invitation of his intimate friend, Rev. Mr. Thomson, of the Congregational church, he preached in that pulpit in the evening to the pleased congregation, the Baptist service being discontinued for the evening. Since leaving here Rev. Evans has been called upon to lose by death his wife, one son and one daughter.

The funeral services of Mrs. A. M. Smith, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Parks, Sunday, were held at the Parks home on South Bridge street Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. Dewitt Clinton, her pastor, and the burial was in the Hampton cemetery. Mrs. Parks was one of the pioneers of this county, and was about 70 years of age. Her husband, A. M. Smith, died several years ago. She has been a helpless invalid for many years, and besides the daughter, leaves one son, Frank D. Smith, of Latimer.

While the country districts thruout the county are establishing their drainage projects, it may be that one may be constructed within the corporation limits of Hampton. It is said that the members of the family who live on the west part of town, to start probably in the vicinity of Holden's addition and run north thru the low ground between Thompson and Taylor streets, and discharge into Squaw creek.

The first birth recorded at the new Lutheran hospital was a daughter that came to make happy the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers.

Homer Webb has returned from his recent visit to Montevideo, Minn.

The independent school district of Bradford is planning for a new \$16,000 school building to be erected in that town.

Some preliminary survey work has been done toward the establishment of a new main sewer running down the eighth street to connect with the main

sewer one block north of the pumping station. If this extension is made it will make an outlet to accommodate a portion of town that now has no sewerage, but is rapidly filling up with wood residences.

West Park township is to vote on the question of whether or not the township shall organize a consolidated district and erect a new school building. The date is Oct. 11.

The family of E. W. Bailey, who reside on Wilson street, has suffered greatly of late from a malady that has been diagnosed as rheumatism, caused by tonsillitis. All were sick early in July about the same time. Mrs. Bailey is still quite ill, and Mr. Bailey has only partially recovered. The son Walter and daughter, Miss Irene, have almost recovered.

G. E. Menzie is carrying his right arm in a sling, the result of a Ford kick-back received while cranking the cranky critter. He is taking an enforced vacation.

In order to accommodate patrons from the east, attractions at the Windsor theater are announced to begin at 8 o'clock this season. This will permit visitors to come up from Hansell and Dumont and return on the train at 10:27. "The Bohemian Girl" will be the attraction Oct. 7.

Work is progressing in good shape on the high tension transmission line that is being constructed toward Hampton from the east. It is hoped that Hansell and Geneva can be supplied from this line before winter, and also a connection made to the lines here. Power for this line is supplied from water systems near Charles City and Latimer. It is likely that when the work is completed, all the electricity used here will be generated at the plants named or some other distant point.

### Will to Speak in Waukon.

Waukon, Oct. 6.—E. B. Gibbs, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Waukon Commercial Club has returned from St. Paul, where he se-

### Worth Their Weight in Gold.

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### She Knew.

Little Nellie had lived long enough to gain some knowledge of human nature. One day at school her teacher asked her: "Now, Nellie, tell us what a minute-man is." "A minute-man," replied the little girl, without hesitation, "is a man who wants everything done right away."

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### North McGregor.

Ten Greeks who have been working for the Milwaukee company here at the roundhouse and coal chutes, departed Monday for their home country for military service.

### Sioux City.

Dr. Clara Whitmore, for the last four years house physician at St. John's hospital here, departed Monday for Shanghai, China, to enter the Margaret Williams hospital. Dr. Whitmore will have charge of the department of surgery and gynecology.

### Sioux City.

Paddy Fargo, an express horse that drinks beer and eats onions, has been taken to Milwaukee to participate in a parade in connection with the Panama-Pacific exposition. Paddy has drawn an express wagon in Sioux City for many years. He fell from grace when he made a route that called for the delivery of packages to saloons during a morning for several years. Bartenders used to give him beer, and soon afterwards he showed an extreme fondness for onions.

### Cascade.

Cascade has taken steps to stop automobile speeding within its corporate limits. Automobileists are warned that officers have been ordered stationed on the east and west approaches of the city on Sundays, armed with stop watches to time passing automobiles. Those found exceeding the Cascade speed limit will be prosecuted. There have been a number of violations of the regulations and automobileists, both local and from abroad, were warned that they were dangerously near the limit of speed.

### Waterloo.

At the W. M. Powell farm, in East Waterloo township, Saturday afternoon, lightning struck the barn and killed three horses and a cow. The man entered the building and followed the mangle, but did not ignite the building. A daughter of Mr. Powell, who had been feeding the horses, had just left the building. She felt the shock, but was not injured. At the Waterloo farm, nearly adjoining, lightning struck a tree in the yard about the same time. The men in the yard and the women in the house felt the shock.

### Boone.

Lewis Reinking, age 23, was fatally injured Sunday morning at about 9:30. He was walking along the C. & N. W. tracks near the stock yards and coming toward the stock yards. He was on the east bound track but got too close to the west bound track and was struck by the pilot beam of the engine on No. 15. He was taken to the Eleanor Moore hospital where he died about 12:15. The unfortunate man was single and lived at 1824 Fourth street. He was employed as a car repairer by the C. & N. W. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### Nashua.

Harry Crossman, one of the prominent farmers of this vicinity, met with a painful accident. He was assisting O. D. Yettors in filling the silo and was struck and killed by the machine when become clogged and in trying to clean it out he caught the middle finger of the left hand in the gearing, crushing it badly. Frank Smith was passing at the time and he took Mr. Crossman to a doctor's office where the finger was removed below the first joint. Harry Beck, another farmer here, met with a similar accident the day before in a similar manner, but was not hurt so badly, only the tip of the finger being crushed.

### Sioux City.

Vagrants, who heretofore have been sentenced in police court to serve six months in the county jail, may obtain their release after thirty days incarceration by application to the district court, if a ruling of Judge W. G. Sears, made Saturday, is carried out. Judge Sears increased the available space in the county jail by liberating the "vagrants" sent up from police court. None of the men turned loose had served more than a day or two over a month. The nine men were represented by counsel. Don Mullan, assistant county attorney, represented the state at the hearing. No police evidence was introduced.

### Cedar Rapids.

Instead of grinding up hops the Magnus brewery after the first of next January will be grinding hops for the manufacture of dry yeast. Negotiations are under way, it is understood, between the directors of the National Yeast Company, and the owners of the brewery to convert the beer factory into a yeast factory when the Clarkson law goes into effect which makes all of Iowa dry. The yeast company is now quartered in the building which is simply large enough for all purposes, but the fact that the brewery ma-

chinery is especially adapted for making dry yeast is one of the main reasons why the deal is pending. Since the war in Europe there has been a lively demand for dry yeast because the commissary departments of the big armies claim the dry product keeps better than the compressed or wet variety. The Magnus brewery is one of the oldest landmarks in this vicinity. It was being operated as a beer manufacturing plant when the late Christian Magnus came here in 1859.

### Fort Dodge.

F. G. Warden who recently purchased the lease of the Waukonas hotel for \$100,000, closed a deal Saturday afternoon for the purchase of the Martin hotel lease at Sioux City for \$200,000. The Martin is one of the largest hotels in the state and replaced the old Mondamin three years ago. Mr. Warden now has five large hotels in Iowa. In addition to those at Fort Dodge and Sioux City, he owns the Chamberlain and Kirkwood at Des Moines, Lafayette Inn at Clinton, and one building at Ottumwa. Other hotels in Mr. Warden's string are Delaware, Muncie, Ind.; Willard, at Louisville, Lima, Ohio; Warden, at Newark, O.; Arcade, at Springfield, O.; and the Teumseh, at Springfield, O.

### Sioux City.

Gordon Smith, 17 years old, a member of the quartet which has been having an adventurous automobile trip in a stolen auto, gave himself up to H. L. Houghton, secretary of the charity bureau. Gordon has been on parole from the state reform school and will be returned to the school. Gordon with Charles Anderson, Inez Hutchins and Nina Davis, recently left Sioux City in a stolen auto on route to the Pacific coast to see the exposition. They spent their nights at farm houses and on one occasion slept in a haystack. The Davis girl was with the party for only two nights, returning home after that. The Anderson boy returned Friday and is ill at his home. The auto which the boys had in their possession belonged to E. J. Smith, of Homer, Neb.

### Sioux City.

A burglar in petticoats is believed to have robbed the home of John A. Olson, a salesman, of 1915 South Cedar street, early Sunday evening. About \$100 worth of woman's clothing was taken. The robbery is believed to have occurred early in the evening while the family was visiting friends. Besides the clothes two rings and a small revolver were taken. It is believed entrance was effected thru a rear door by means of a skeleton key. William Stafford, an elderly man, was beaten up and robbed in a boarding car Saturday night. He was taken to the Samaritan hospital. Stafford said he had been attacked during a card game. His nose is fractured. One of four shots fired as the aftermath of a card game and beer orgy struck John Chemensky in the right wrist. Chemensky said the shooting occurred in the rear of a pool room at 1614 East Fourth street. The man who fired escaped.

### Waterloo.

Dr. W. B. Sandford Sunday tendered his resignation as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church of this city, same to take effect Nov. 1, in order to accept the call to the pastorate of the Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian church of Des Moines. The resignation was presented Sunday morning, and at a specially called meeting at the close of last evening's sermon the members voted to accept it and release the pastor from his present pastorate. Dr. Sandford has been pastor of this church for ten years and has built up a strong organization from very small beginnings. Before he can formally become pastor of the Des Moines church, Dr. Sandford will have to obtain his release from the Waterloo presbytery. A presbytery meeting will be held at Cedar Falls on Oct. 20 to take action on the resignation and proposed transfer of Dr. Sandford from the Waterloo presbytery to the Des Moines presbytery.

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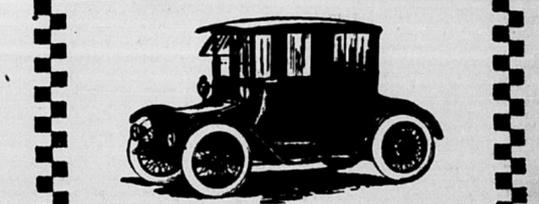
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