

GREAT YEAR IN IOWA

PAST TWELVE MONTHS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS PERIOD OF PROGRESS.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION SURPASSES ALL RECORDS

Advancement in Matter of Good Roads—Capital Extension Improvement—Another Great Achievement—Commercial Circles Report Volume of Business Greater Than in 1914.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—The year 1915 will be recognized in Iowa history as a year of progress. Probably the most outstanding event is the repeal of the mulct law by the Thirty-sixth general assembly which has established prohibition in Iowa beginning with the new year. It has been the greatest year for school consolidation in the history of the state. On Jan. 1 there were sixty-five consolidated schools in Iowa and the close of the year shows a total of 124. In the matter of roads, there has been great advancement. The appointment by Governor Clarke of the good roads commission whose members contribute their time and talent to the study of good roads for Iowa and which will recommend to the next legislature a plan of procedure, marks an epoch in road development in this state. In many parts of the state there are reports of road development, of the building of graveled roads, of improved highways and new bridges.

Another big achievement in a public way is the completion of the purchase of the capitol extension grounds and notable progress in the work of putting the grounds in shape.

Iowa's greatest concern each year is for her crops as it is from the farm that her wealth comes. The past season was erratic, the crops were spotted, and in many ways it was a trying growing season for the farmers yet the government's figures show that in all around production it has been a good year. The final estimates place the corn crop at 203,000,000 bushels as against 189,000,000 last year and worth more than \$150,000,000. The oats crop was one of the greatest in the state's history totaling 138,000,000 bushels as against 125,000,000 in 1914 and last year's crop was considered a record breaker. The wheat crop went a little ahead of last year totaling 15,500,000 bushels. The hay crop was more over a million tons ahead of 1914 and the barley and potato crops were larger. All in all the state produced abundantly.

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County Taxes Increasing. Counties reporting to the state auditors office the amount of taxes to be raised in 1915 continue to show an increase in the amounts levied. Up to last evening six counties had reported in all and the total increase in taxes to be collected in those six counties as compared to the past year amounted to \$214,000. If this per cent of increase should be kept up by other counties it would mean a \$4,000,000 increase in the amount of taxes to be collected throughout the state, the auditor's office estimates.

The counties reporting up to last night were Taylor, Lyon, Marshall, Greene, Emmett and Ida. Lyon county is building a new court house and so is green which makes the taxes much larger in those counties. Improvement in schools and in roads and in the cities all go to make up the general increase.

New Weights Inspector. The state executive council yesterday approved the appointment of Edward C. Lytton, of Des Moines, as chief inspector of weights and measures in the office of the state food and dairy commissioner to succeed E. W. Van Dusen, resigned. Mr. Lytton has been secretary to Mayor Hanna, of Des Moines. Previous to that he was chief clerk in Commissioner Barnum's office so he is more or less familiar with the work of the office.

Mr. Van Dusen was formerly state labor commissioner. For the past two months he has been on a leave of absence and has been traveling in the west in the interests of Senator Cummins candidacy for president.

DAMP CLOTHES SAVE LIFE.

Woman, With Garments Blazing, Saved by Reeling Into Weekly Washing. Waterloo, Dec. 31.—Damp clothes hung in the cellar of her home to dry following the weekly washing, in all probability saved the life of Mrs. George Quest, 728 Rudolph street. Her clothes ablaze as the result of an explosion of gas in the furnace, she reeled backward and became entangled in the wet garments on the line, the moisture of which put out the fire.

But the blaze was not extinguished until after her waist had become completely burned off, her eye brows singed, her hair partly burned off and her neck and one arm badly burned and blistered. Fortunately the burns were not deep so that, although her injuries are extremely painful they are not considered serious by the attending physician who stated this morning that the suffering woman would recover with little difficulty.

Mrs. Quest had completed her washing and noticed that the fire in the furnace seemed dead. The furnace had been filled with a quantity of fine coal and when she opened the door and stirred the coal with a poker the accumulated gas beneath the surface ignited and shot out into her face.

Her cousin, Mrs. R. M. Tharp, changed to making her a short visit, and hurried to her assistance. With the aid of the damp clothes in which Mrs. Quest had fortunately become entangled, the blaze was quickly subdued.

PAY FOR SHADE TREES.

Electric Company Settled Damage Suits For \$1,350. Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa Falls, Dec. 31.—Cutting some shade trees cost the Cedar Valley Electric Company the neat little item of \$1,350. In running the company's lines in front of some properties in Franklin county, some of the employees cut down some shade trees without authority. The property owners brought action for \$2,000 damages but before the case got into court, settlement was effected by which the company pays the above amount.

Tax Rebates at End. Des Moines, Dec. 31.—Polk county and the state of Iowa have sounded the death knell for the tax bonus system which for years has been used as a bait to induce manufacturing concerns to locate in various cities.

Polk county supervisors will place expedited Des Moines factories on the county tax books for 1915 and will collect the same in 1916. No effort will be made to collect back taxes.

The above decision was reached after the supervisors had conferred with County Attorney George Wilson and J. F. Wall, head of the county accounting department of the state.

The state executive council, according to Mr. Wall, has determined that in the future all property shall escape taxation, but at the same time will make no effort to collect back taxes from firms which have been granted exemptions.

Sioux City Divorces Increase. Sioux City, Dec. 31.—There was an increase of exactly 13 1-2 per cent in the number of divorces granted in the district court this year over the number of decrees signed in 1914, according to figures compiled in the office of J. A. Johnson, district court clerk. It is the highest divorce case ever recorded in Woodbury county.

In the last year, district court judges, George Jepson, John W. Anderson and W. G. Sears granted a total of 232 divorces. A majority of these were given wives, who made allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment. Prominent among the number were several dozen in which habitual drunkenness, desertion and committing statutory offenses constituted the charges.

Celebrate Golden Wedding. Ogden, Dec. 31.—It is quite often the privilege of man and wife to live and enjoy the pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding, but not often in this country is it the privilege and pleasure of a couple to have spent fifty years of wedded life in their childhood community.

Such is the unique distinction John R. Buttolph and Sarah Myers Buttolph were privileged to enjoy at their home six and one-half miles north of Ogden Friday, Dec. 24, when they had fifty or more relatives and friends assemble at their comfortable home to do honor to this unusual event.

Took a Neighbor's Advice. "Last winter my son Claude had a severe attack of croup. I took a neighbor's advice and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved him promptly," writes Mrs. T. H. Bell, Vandergraff, Pa. "Obtainable everywhere."

"I hear you ca-a-alling me," warbled the daughter from the parlor. "Yes," sang mother from the kitchen. "I want you to come here and help me with the dis-a-ses."

And then a profound silence reigned.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DUMP BEER IN SEWERS

SURPLUS STOCK OF SIOUX CITY BREWERIES TO BE DESTROYED.

REVENUE COLLECTOR TO INSPECT PLANTS

Stock Remaining Must Be Put Beyond Possibility of Being Illegally Used—No Liquor to Be Permitted to Be Kept on Hand After Hour of Going Into Effect of Dry Law.

Sioux City, Dec. 31.—Under special instructions from the internal revenue department of the federal government, G. F. Whitmer, stamp deputy for the Sioux City district, will see that no beer, in bottles, barrels and vats are left in the two breweries in Sioux City after 9 o'clock tonight. The enforcement of this order will mean that a quantity of beer, variously estimated from 25 to 100 barrels, will be dumped into the sewer at the plant of the Interstate Brewing Company. Little, if any, beer will have to be destroyed at the establishment of the Sioux City Brewing Company.

The instructions to Mr. Whitmer come from collector Louis Murphy, at Dubuque, and were filed several days ago. Notice of the proposed action of the government, which also was sent to the breweries, has been necessary in order to avoid complications over the payment of the regular and special war tax on beer. The tax is fixed on the basis of one barrel of barley a day, and on the beer which is destroyed no tax will be paid.

Mr. Whitmer said that he had conferred with the officials of the two breweries, and the provisions of the government order will be carried out without any trouble. He expected that no stock will be left in the breweries by the middle of the afternoon today. At the Sioux City brewery the vats practically are empty and the work of the deputy will be easy.

Frank Lerch, of the Interstate Brewing Company, said that there will be only a small quantity of stock left at the plant by Friday noon, and it was possible, he said, that the amount will be a minimum. He expected that the brewery will be closed down this afternoon.

Special revenue agents of the government also will be here Friday to check up the stock of the Sioux City wholesalers and retailers. Just what their duties will be are not known. It

is reported the retail dealers will be notified to have all stock removed from saloon premises immediately after 9 o'clock, the closing hour.

Grinnell and Vicinity. Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Dec. 31.—Grinnell people are again made glad at news from government headquarters indicating that we are gradually drawing nearer the time when the new postoffice shall be a reality on the Broad street and Fifth avenue corner. Postmaster Nelson has received information of the approval of the sketch plans and the building will have an outside facing of brick with stone trimmings and will be fire proof with the exception of the roof. It is also planned that the building will face on Broad street with public entrance to the side.

In addition to the watch meeting at the Friends church, in which also the members of the Christian church and some ministers aside from Pastor Sophie will participate, there is to be an old fashioned watch meeting at the Methodist church. The official board of the church has proclaimed open house from 7:30 to 9:30. At 9:45 devotional services will begin and continue until the old year has breathed its last and the joyful reception of the new born babe of 1916 has taken place. The general public cordially invited to attend or all of this program.

Pastor Frank H. Webster, of the Baptist church, will present a "worth while program" in his morning sermon on Sunday next. In the evening he will speak on "The Things We Glory In."

Following jurors have been selected for the January and February terms of the superior court of Grinnell: Homer Richardson, W. H. Ahrens, L. S. Selberth, C. R. Bean, G. C. Keeton, and A. J. Craver, of Grinnell; William King, F. P. Duncan, F. L. Crider, and Francis Ford, of Brooklyn; Ernest Hieshman, of Malcolm; F. Williams, George W. McNeal, Fred Litzenburg and C. E. Latchem, of Montezuma.

Marshal John Lee, warned by telegraph, visited the early morning train going north on the M. & St. L. on Thursday and took into custody two men who had started out from Kirksville to see the world for themselves. One of them is said to have been guilty of forgery. They were turned over to the Missouri sheriff, who came up on the next train.

The directors of the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual Insurance Association met in Grinnell yesterday in annual meeting to audit the books and accounts and transact such other business as should come up. The reports indicate a good year past, the increase of insurance in force being nearly half a million dollars. The total amount in the county is now nearly four and one-half millions. The annual meeting of the policy holders is set for Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the superior court room in this city.

Miss Myrtle Parks is engaged during the public school vacation in training some twenty girls from the central part of the state for work in chautauques next summer. Miss Parks has charge of three five-day circuits and they plan to make some 300 towns. Gordon Granger Post and Relief Corps will hold joint installation of officers in their hall tomorrow afternoon beginning at 7 o'clock.

Miss Gladys Smith has temporarily vacated her position in the dental parlors of Brock Brothers while she visits Los Angeles and vicinity for six weeks, Miss Winifred Gates taking her place while she is gone. Rev. T. Marvin officiated on Wednesday evening at the marriage of Mary Robinson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, this city, to Mr. Harry A. Keener, also of this city. Mr. Keener is finishing his medical studies in Chicago and urgent business demanded his presence there so the young couple left on the midnight train for that city.

Miss Esther Bliss took a unique way of announcing the engagement of Miss Carrie Fuller to Louis R. Taylor, at a 6 o'clock dinner she gave on Wednesday evening. At the table red and white ribbons, fastened to a large centerpiece of red roses, to each plate. When each guest pulled the ribbon at her plate a dainty heart was drawn from the centerpiece and enclosed were found the photographs of Miss Fuller and Mr. Taylor, while Miss Fuller drew to herself a ring which she told the story without words.

The poultry show is pronounced a complete success with about double the number of birds on display that were shown last year and a marked improvement in quality as a whole. L. O. Wilson, president of the local association, was very fortunate in his winnings over such competition as he had here. He was awarded first on cockered, first and second on hen and first and second on pullet, and also the state Wyandotte cup for the best pen of four birds in the show.

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ONE OF THE SKATING BETS THAT APPEAL TO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

White angora, a fitted, close fitting cap with a wide luxuriant scarf, gives this modish result. The bun on the side of the cap is composed of seal with a center of coral beads.

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Northern Iowa Items

Mapieton. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gillespie observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home here with a reception lasting from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Bedford. Jack Howe, a former slave, who died here recently, was about 90 years old. He ran away from the plantation where he was owned in Missouri at the outbreak of the war and came to Iowa.

Waterloo. A. H. Stark, an Illinois Central brakeman, residing in Waterloo, suffered the loss of both legs in an accident near Dyersville yesterday morning. Particulars as to the nature of the accident had not reached local officials of the company. Stark was formerly an employe of the W. C. F. & N. He has been with the I. C. but a short time and is employed as a brakeman in the freight service.

Sioux City. James Malone, who was a candidate for mayor at the last city election, is again to be an aspirant for the office at the coming city primaries, according to information received at the city hall. The information was received by Mayor Smith, who said that commission men from the stock yards had informed him of Mr. Malone's intentions. Malone ran third in the last primaries, falling a little over 200 votes shy of Mayor Smith's count.

Sioux City. Mrs. L. R. Chase, mother of two pairs of twins and wife of the man who pleaded guilty to one of fifty burglaries he is alleged to have committed, will be taken in charge by Mrs. Anna Roberts, police matron. Mrs. Roberts will see that the woman is enabled to procure employment whereby she can support herself and boys. Chase was caught here last week and goods stolen from many homes here during the last year were recovered. Chase was sentenced to serve twenty years in Fort Madison penitentiary.

Rock Falls. Ad Gashel's Christmas was made joyful when the Island railroad presented him Friday with a check for \$50, the prize money offered by that road to the section foreman of each division, who kept his section in the best condition the past year. It is not the money value but the encouragement for work well done that counts for the most in such cases. The Rock Island is to be commended for taking this step to encourage their men to better efforts and to keep their road bed and grounds in the best of condition. Congratulations to you Mr. Gashel.

Cedar Rapids. Pearson Reed, a fireman in the employ of the Rock Island lines, on the freight runs between Cedar Rapids and Burlington, suffered severe injuries Tuesday while engaged in his duties at West Liberty. While operating the machinery which drops coal from a chute to the tender he slipped and fell and was buried under five tons of coal. The coal was shoveled away and Reed was found, unconscious. He was removed to an Iowa City hospital. His condition is regarded as critical. Reed boarded and roomed at 516 B avenue east, Cedar Rapids.

Vinton. Kirk Ridge, a Vinton boy, who is making a splendid record at the conservatory of music at Oberlin College, is home for the holidays and will give an organ recital at the Baptist church. The new organ in the new Baptist church is one of the best in the state, and Mr. Ridge will bring out its best tones. Among the numbers he will execute will be "Fugue in G minor," "Sponsillo," "Finale from Sonata in D," "Prelude, first movement," and "Schero from Sonata in E minor," "Solemn Prelude, from Gloria Danza."

Mr. Ridge has one more year at Oberlin. He already occupies one of the leading churches in Cleveland.

Waterloo. An aerostat has it all over any other contrivance in the world as far as speed in concerned, according to C. A. Morris, owner of one of the sleds, and a man who has ridden in auto races with Earned Oldfield. Mr. Morris brought his aerostat to Waterloo recently and tried it out on Cedar river Christmas day. He had several thrilling experiences during the tryout. One occurred when he tried to make a turn to avoid going over the Fourth street bridge. He was going at forty miles an hour, and the sled overturned. He received a few bruises and the sled was somewhat battered.

Walker. Dec. 23 marked the passing of one of Lincoln county's oldest residents in the death of William G. Oliphant, who was born near Cincinnati, O., May 17, 1834. When but a boy of 15 years, he, with his parents, came to Iowa, settling in Northern Linn county, near Otto creek. On June 4, 1838, he was united in marriage to Mary Hoff, of near Toddville, and to this union were born four children: Mrs. A. R. Chesmore, of North Dakota; Mrs. Hendrix Earl, and Leslie Oliphant of Walker. His mother is said to be the first white woman to take up residence in northern Linn county. Funeral services were held at Walker and the remains were laid to rest in the Oliphant cemetery south of Center Point Sunday, Dec. 26.

Sioux City. Eighteenth and Omaha streets has been purchased by the city for play ground purposes. The tract cost \$10,000, but the city will be permitted to make easy payments with 5 per cent interest. The ground will be converted into an athletic field, the first to be located in Sioux City. It will contain tennis courts, baseball and football grounds, and all kinds of playground apparatus. In the winter time it will be converted into a large skating rink. The tract formerly was owned by F. M. Pelletier. When he disposed of it to Mr. Gilman he did so with the understanding that the city had the right to purchase the land at \$1,000 an acre. The option was to have expired Jan. 1. Councilman Beersend said that there was \$4,500 in the park purchasing fund and that this amount would care for the payments for some time. It is the plan of the park department to purchase sites in each part of the city to be converted into athletic fields.

Vinton. John W. Hanna, one of the leading farmers of the county, who had charge of the boys' corn show in this county, has made his report and feels well satisfied, taking the climatic conditions into consideration. The total number who finished and received scores was fifteen. The total score is based on 100 per cent, divided 30 per cent yield; 30 per cent for cost of production; 20 per cent for the best ten ears in the acre, and 20 per cent for the story of the raising. Arthur Schmidt stood at the head of the class with a record of 144.89 bushels and a score of 90.2. It will be remembered he stood second in the state, being beaten for first place by only a small fraction by a Hardin county boy. On amount of corn raised on the acre the other boys stood as follows: Clifford Donovan, Iowa township, 90.49 bushels; Willard Burrell, Polk, 75.1; Steve Kostk, Kane, 62.3; Jere Schell, Kane, 60.3; Fred Duncalf, Union, 58.8; Edgar Ralsner, Harrison, 57.23; Marvin Tripp, Cedar, 64.56; Emory Minear, Big Grove, 68.99; Lynn Burrell, Polk, 71.90; Ray Hartz, St. Clair, 72; Robert M. Heaton, Kane, 62.54. Mr. Hanna says the boys are all anxious to try another contest this coming season.