

BOOST FOR IOWA PARK

M'GREGOR AND ADJACENT TOWNS ORGANIZE TO SECURE NATIONAL PLAYGROUND.

COMMITTEES SELECTED TO PUSH PROJECT

Proposed Tract Which Government is Urged to Buy Includes 2,000 Acres Along Bluffs of Mississippi River—Committee Named Includes Several Prominent Towns.

Special to Times-Republican.

McGregor, Jan. 6.—Influential citizens of McGregor and of Clayton and Allamakee counties have taken hold of the project to have a national park established in this vicinity, and an organization to push the plans and secure the support of congress has been perfected.

Senator Kenyon has pledged his support to the movement to give the people of Iowa and adjacent states opportunity to enjoy and show the tourists some of the most beautiful river scenery to be found anywhere on the globe.

The present tract of land under consideration for the national park is about 2,000 acres, south of McGregor.

The following are the committees: Executive committee—J. M. Berry, F. C. Gilmore, North McGregor; A. Huebsch, F. S. Richards, John Kramer, Robert Quigley, M. X. Geske, McGregor.

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Lieut.-Gov. J. A. Burquist, who became governor of Minnesota thru the recent sudden death of Governor Hammond, is brother-in-law to Rev. Edward W. Cross, pastor of the Congregational church of Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Bump, who with their little son have been spending a month or more visiting in this city at the paternal T. B. Bump and George M. Christian homes, had a farewell party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lyon.

Mrs. Bump and Mrs. Lyon are sisters. The Bump family started today for their home in Pescadero, on the coast of California.

Three towns in Poweshiek, the largest three in the county, have been making heavy improvements in the year just ended and the tax levy for the coming year indicates it. Grinnell has a rate of 95 mills, Brooklyn a 94 mill rate, and Montezuma a 93 mill.

Weather Observer D. W. Brainard gives the following record for December: Mean maximum, 33.42; mean minimum, 18.42.

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imum, 35; highest (on the 8th), 44; lowest (on the 19th), 11; rainfall, .17 of an inch; snow, four inches; clear days, ten; partly cloudy, ten; cloudy, eleven. Total rainfall for the year 1915, 42.4 inches.

The new jail which has been in process of building for some months under the direct supervision of the board of supervisors of the county, at Montezuma, is now completed and Sheriff Smith has moved his boarders into its strong and commodious quarters. Its use has been somewhat delayed by the fact that the boiler recently installed proved to be too small to be effective and there was loss of time in sending for a larger one.

W. S. Dodge, manager of the Grinnell Washington Machine Company's business and president of the commercial club, was called to Harvard, Ill., by the serious illness of Mrs. Dodge from an attack of pneumonia. She had gone to Harvard to spend the holidays, had an attack of grip and pneumonia developed. Mr. Dodge has returned and reports his wife as being out of immediate danger.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Griffith were called to Montezuma on account of the death of a sister of Mrs. Griffith, Miss Lillian McKee.

POPULAR ENGINEER DEAD.

Frank Glenn, of Tama, Victim of Pneumonia While Visiting in Chicago.

Special to Times-Republican. Tama, Jan. 6.—Frank Glenn, a popular Northwestern engineer residing in Tama, died last night in West Chicago, where he was visiting. Mr. Glenn went to Chicago on Christmas eve to attend a reunion of the family of Mrs. Glenn. He was taken ill on his arrival there, his sickness developing into pneumonia. Mr. Glenn was prominent and popular in Tama and active in church and fraternal circles. He was about 50 years of age and is survived by his wife and one son.

Mr. Glenn had a passenger run between Tama and Sioux City. Funeral services will be held in West Chicago Saturday, and interment will be there.

ROAD BONDS SELL WELL.

Hamilton County Disposes of \$32,000 Worth Drawing 4 1/2 Per Cent.

Webster City, Jan. 6.—The board of supervisors secured some good bargains in selling road and drainage bonds, and \$32,000 worth of road bonds were sold to Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, running for five years at 4 1/2 per cent interest.

The same company bought the drainage bonds for the year 1916. All bonds of less than \$4,000 to draw 5 1/2 per cent gold par and a premium of \$2.52 per \$1,000 is to be paid on all those of more than \$4,000. There was considerable competition among the bidders present.

MURDER VICTIMS BURIED.

Triple Funeral of Members of Hart Family Held at Viola.

Viola, Jan. 6.—The remains of Mrs. Arthur Hart and sons, Ray and Vaughn, arrived here Wednesday over the Milwaukee from South Dakota, where they were murdered by a hired man on the Hart farm. Relatives and many friends were at the depot when the train arrived. The bodies were taken to the Methodist church where funeral services were held at 1:30 in the afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Odell.

The church was filled with sympathizing friends. Three hearses stood out in front of the church to carry the remains to their last resting place, the Wilcox cemetery, where all were buried in one grave.

Dog Saves Master, Loses Pups.

Sheandoah, Jan. 6.—Love stronger than for her puppies was shown by the canine heroine of the Jack Warden livery stable fire when the dog awakened the liveryman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn, then returned to the building for her family, which she was unable to save.

Eighteen horses were burned in the fire of unknown cause and the man and woman barely escaped with their lives.

Willis Strong, a race horse owned by Mr. Warden, who was visiting in Lincoln, was burned to death.

The office of Dr. U. A. Lurington, veterinarian, was destroyed.

He Could Hardly Go

"About two years ago I got down on my back until I hardly could go," writes Solomon Bequette, Flat River, Mo. "I got a box of Foley Kidney Pills and they straightened me right up." Common symptoms of kidney trouble are backache, headache, rheumatic pains, soreness and stiffness, puffiness under eyes, blurred vision, sleep disturbing bladder troubles, and a languid, tired feeling. Foley Kidney Pills help to eliminate the poisonous waste matter that causes these symptoms. McBride & Will Drug Co.

Tomorrow's Menu

"Laden with fairest fruit, that hunk to the eye Tempting, stirred in me sudden appetite To pluck and eat." —Milton.

BREAKFAST. Bananas Cereal and Cream Codfish Foam Toast Coffee

LUNCHEON OR SUPPER. Stuffed Onions French Toast with Honey Tea

DINNER. Cream Tomato Soup Halibut with Rice Chopped Pickle Buttered Beets Apple and Orange Salad Charlotte Russe

Codfish foam—Make a white sauce of a cupful of milk thickened with a teaspoonful of butter and a teaspoonful of flour. When smooth, add two table-spoonfuls of finely minced codfish, well freshened, and the beaten whites of two eggs. Cook for two minutes, pour on toast, and serve.

Stuffed onions—Remove the centers from boiled onions and chop. Mix with a little cooked fish—canned fish answers. Return to the center cavities. Place the onions in a buttered baking dish with a little water and bake until tender.

Halibut with rice—Cut the halibut steak into three-inch pieces, season with salt and pepper, and rub over with olive oil. Broil slowly. Serve with a border of boiled rice, well seasoned, and a garnish of sliced lemon.

SELLING SOFT DRINKS

SEVERAL DAVENPORT SALOONS CONTINUE BUSINESS BUT ARE HANDLING NEW LINES.

KEEP DOORS OPEN WHILE AWAITING COURT DECISION

Davenport Test Case to Come on For Hearing Friday—Casson Goes to Keokuk in Meantime to Look After Situation There—Saloonists to Claim Petitions Are Continuing.

Davenport, Jan. 6.—Davenport saloons have taken to the soft drink trade since the closing of the bars last Friday night, and a number of them are now engaged in catering to the sugared tastes of men.

Many of the New Year's celebrants awakened Saturday morning with visions of camels, and they went down the streets to find their resorts in mourning. Several places had already been dismantled and workmen were showing flashes of industry by putting them in readiness for other lines of endeavor.

The saloons had been knocked out—for the time. They were lethargic but for the day. Then there came the revival. The wets roused themselves. There was a run on the manufacturers of soda and other things which taunt the palates of men.

Several of the saloons, which had heretofore dished up mugs of the stuff that put Milwaukee on the map, were reopened, not in violation of the law, but in the harsh and merciless wake of the dry forces, as dispensaries of soft drinks for untutored palates.

A number of these have been opened in various parts of the city. Ostensibly the saloon men who have started selling soft drinks are doing so until the test cases are settled and it is known whether or not they shall be permitted to reopen their bars.

The hearing before Judge M. F. Donegan in district court is due next Friday when the attorney general and Attorney Louis Block will submit their briefs, or agreed statements of facts and argue the law points involved.

It is likely that it will require several days for the court ruling, as judgment will doubtless be reserved. It is then likely that the losing side of the issue will take it to the supreme court for final judgment.

Attorney General George W. Casson left Davenport for Keokuk where he has another test case on his hands. Mr. Casson will make arrangements with the Keokuk malcontent for trial after which he will return to Davenport and await the opening gun of the fight in this city. Dubuque and Sioux City also are said to be prepared to contest the law.

The contesting cities are fighting the reinstatement of the old prohibitory laws of the state under the theory of the petition of consent, signed less than two years ago. This involves an agreement of five years, according to their contention, and the contract will not expire for more than three years.

IOWA'S POPULATION 2,375,000

Census Figures Show Gain of 115,000 During Past Five Years.

Des Moines, Jan. 6.—Iowa has gained approximately 115,000 in population in the last five years, census figures soon to be issued by the state will show. Iowa has a population of 2,375,000, according to census compilers after reviewing almost complete reports from all over the state.

An increase of 116,000 is shown in the 101 cities. In the 753 incorporated towns the increase will approximate 40,000.

A. U. Swan, in charge of the census enumeration, expects to have his report ready for distribution within a few days. Several townships are not yet heard from.

The population of Iowa, as shown by the government census of 1910, was 2,224,771. In 1910 the federal census gave Iowa 2,231,853. The state census of 1905 showed a decrease of 2,210,955. Due to a great exodus of Iowans to California and other states, and to the general use of machinery on Iowa farms.

According to Swan the entire gain in population is in the cities and towns, the rural communities barely holding their own since 1910.

PIONEER BLACKSMITH DEAD.

Solomon Cleckner Had Been Resident of Webster City Fifty-One Years.

Webster City, Jan. 6.—Solomon Cleckner, for fifty-one years a resident of Webster City, passed away this morning at 12:45 o'clock at the home of his son, James Cleckner, who resides on East First street, after an illness of about two weeks. About that long ago he sustained his third stroke of paralysis and has been gradually weakening until the end.

The family removed to Webster City in 1845. Mr. Cleckner was a blacksmith by trade and opened up a shop at once upon his arrival here. He

Unselfish Mother Love

Mother Love is one of the most sacred things in the world. It prompts the mother to give her strength—her life—even gladly—happily—that her child may be safer, happier, stronger or better in every way.

Just a food—specially prepared to aid in making red blood and strong healthy tissue—is what the needs. Then all the natural functions of the body will be easily carried on without the least sense of fatigue or drain. With plenty of red blood in her veins, mother will feel no ill effect from nursing baby.

HEMO will aid mother in supplying baby with a quantity of good quality milk and at the same time improve her general physical condition. When it is impossible to nurse the baby, secure the food most nearly like mother's milk by using your druggist for Thompson's Food (Peptonized).

We suggest that you try a 50c package with our guarantee of satisfaction. B. A. MORGAN, Marshalltown, Iowa.

worked actively at the blacksmithing trade for over fifty years, retiring from the work in 1899.

In an early day everybody in Webster City and vicinity knew Solomon Cleckner, the blacksmith, and his passing away will be mourned among the pioneer settlers who are still living here.

Steele May Bolt Caucus. Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Tom Steele, of the Eleventh Iowa district, has served notice he will not be bound by caucus rule to support the stamp tax and will vote with any party to eliminate it.

He has so informed ways and means democrats, and in a letter to President Ben C. Abben, of the Security Savings Bank, of Little Rock, Iowa, he declares himself against the proposed tax on checks or any form of stamp tax.

"You can rest assured that I will not be bound on this question," says Mr. Steele.

Mr. Steele is one of a number of democrats who are insurgent on this question. He predicts the stamp tax feature will be cut out of the revenue bill.

Mrs. Peck—Josephus, what in the world you mean by chucking to yourself in that manner? Josephus—It says here that 197 wives brought divorce cases into court and not a single husband appeared to protest.—Judge.

MARION COUNTY MAN UNCONVERTED TO IDEA OF SALOONLESS STATE

Knoxville, Jan. 6.—A local newspaper is in receipt of the following letter from an irate "wet" who remains unconverted to the prohibition of saloons in the state:

Monroe, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Please look close and find a \$1 William, for which send your prohibition sheet another year. I would like to say to hell with prohibition! Have lived in Marion county sixty years; have always been able to get a wee drop for snake bite, and hope I may be able to continue.

Hope you may live long enough to change your mind. I remain a believer in distilleries, breweries and bars to drink at as well as the bar of God. G. W. Lackey.

No Longer Responsible. The dangers of travels by sea at this time have played havoc with the nerves of timid passengers.

Early one morning recently there was a great commotion on the decks of a coastwise vessel plying between Savannah and Baltimore, when a scantily clad man hurried from his stateroom and dashed toward the upper deck. On the way he ran into the cap-

tain of the vessel. "What's the matter, captain?" he managed to gasp. "Have we been torpedoed?"

"Calm yourself, my dear sir, and be prepared for the worst," answered the official. "Oh, don't tell me we're going down!" moaned the other. "Quick, where are the life preservers?"

"They wouldn't be of any service at this stage," answered the captain. "Too late!" quavered the despairing passenger.

"Yes," said the captain, very solemnly. "We've done all we can for you. You'll have to look out for yourself from now on. You see, we've just tied up to the dock."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Will Verify Statement

Mr. Philip Gelber, 545 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., will verify to anyone interested his endorsement of Fruitola and Traxo. In writing to the Pinus Laboratories Mr. Gelber says:

"I suffered with gall-stones seven years—tried various remedies without satisfactory result—was induced to try Fruitola and Traxo. Glad to say I am now feeling better than at any time for years and heartily recommend Fruitola and Traxo."

Fruitola acts on the intestinal organs as a powerful lubricant—softening the congested masses, disintegrating the hardened particles that cause so much suffering and expelling the accumulation with almost instant relief. Traxo is a tonic-alleviating acting on the liver and stomach, and is especially recommended in connection with Fruitola to build up and restore the weakened run-down system.

For the convenience of the public, arrangements have been made to supply Fruitola and Traxo through representative druggists. In Marshalltown they can be obtained at McBride & Will Drug Co., Main and Center streets, and 331 South Third avenue.

Wheat up—down—up—? Bread for a Warring World An account of the near panic, the dawning hope and the final triumph of America in the rapidly changing wheat situation during the past year and a half. Final triumph—but what can we expect by next July? Read this article. An Ad in Your Local Paper There is a big value in the local paper that few farmers appreciate. No practical man can read this without getting a profitable idea. Herbert Quick One of those typical, helpful talks by the man whose common-sense advice has made him as intimate with farmers as a good neighbor. Steers, Corn and Bluegrass The story of real success with baby beef in a relatively small way—the way you and I can do it if we plan as well and work as hard. Bringing Old Farms Back All the old farm needed was a real farmer—and Critchley was it. Ditches full of briars, poor drainage, broken fences. This is what Critchley was up against when he took Summit Farms. Today the income is derived, not from one or two products, but from milk, hogs, hay, corn, rye, rye straw and potatoes. Read how he did it. A Hoosier Farmer's Horse Family How does the pure-bred stack up against the grade, as an investment? Luther Craven has found out for himself, and for you. He worked a long, long time for the \$500 that bought Caline, his first imported Belgian mare. But she was worth all the work. And Dozens of Short, Meaty Articles: Shade Trees that Bear Nuts; How Lime Increased the Hay Crop \$18.13 an Acre; We Have the Children, a story of how the old folks brought the children back to the farm; The Hot Bed, how to make and plant it; The Brown Leghorn, by Judge W. H. Card; Raising Sugar Beet Seed; Keeping Peach Trees Bearing; Conserving Farm Manure; Midwinter Canning; The Health of the Farm Baby; Starting a Country Library; and ten other regular departments. 5¢ out to-day From any news-dealer or boy agent The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN