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## LOCALS IN SWAT FEST

"Kearns Colts" Land Hard and Often on McCallsburg's Twirler Winning Game "Hands Down."

VISITORS ARE SHUT OUT.

"Sunny" Long Had Good Supply of Elusive Ones—The Game Lacked Interest.

The fast McCallsburg baseball club which played "Kearns Colts" at the west side ball park Saturday afternoon, proved to be "easy pickin'" for the latter. They went down most of the time in one, two, three order. Pitcher Long allowed them only two stingy hits. They couldn't connect with his "dopey" ones and had but one man die on bases. Twenty-eight men only faced "Sunny," and his smile was still shining when the last one breezed out.

Never at any time during the game did the visitors have a look in. They played good ball, but the heavy hitting of the locals won the game. Webster City hit the horsehide where it was impossible to field, getting twelve hits off the visitors' slab artist. The local boys were due for a winning streak after losing three straight games, and they certainly started one Saturday. It did the fans good to see the way they hit the ball. However, the game lacked in interest on account of its one-sidedness. The score stood as follows:

McCallsburg:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Johnson, c	4	0	0	9	0	0	0
Ellingsworth, rf	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Snyder, 2b	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Rytter, 1b	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Hanson, ss	3	0	0	4	2	0	0
Dillon, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Peck, cf	3	0	1	0	1	2	0
Gunder, 3b	3	0	0	4	3	0	0
Peterson, p	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	28	0	2	24	8	3	

Webster City:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Rossitor, rf	5	1	3	1	0	0	0
Moose, c	2	0	1	10	2	0	0
Dodge, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pyle, 3b	4	1	1	0	3	0	0
Stuart, 2b	3	0	2	3	0	1	0
Long, p	3	1	1	4	2	9	0
P. Neitzke, 1b	4	1	2	8	0	1	0
Berggren, ss	4	0	1	1	1	1	0
R. Neitzke, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	12	27	8	3	

Score by Innings:  
McCallsburg . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Webster City . . . 0 3 1 0 0 1 0 0  
Struck out—by Peterson, 7; by Long, 10. Bases on balls—off Peterson, 3. Hit by pitched balls—by Peterson, 1. Double play—Long to Stuart. Two base hits—Stuart, P. Neitzke. Umpires—Billings and Woodall. Time of game—7:45.

The next game to be played here will be with Williams tomorrow afternoon. Williams and the locals have one victory each at present and this is the third game. It will be a fight to a finish. This game will be the last one till after the first of August, as the local team is going to take a ten days vacation.

## AFTER FORT DODGE SALOONS AGAIN

State Anti-Saloon League to Join With Fort Dodge Civic League in Appeal.

W. G. Barber, president of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League, has issued an official statement saying the league will join with the civic league of Fort Dodge in appealing to the supreme court from Judge Lee's recent decision. He says the supreme court's decision in regard to counter withdrawals will close all Fort Dodge saloons.

The Fort Dodge Chronicle, in

commenting upon Mr. Barber's statement, says:

This is additional evidence of the intention of the civic league of this city to carry the Fort Dodge saloon case to the supreme court and also shows that the league is greatly encouraged over the recent opinion of the court in regard to withdrawals of withdrawals of signatures.

Although the question of counter-withdrawals was not directly in issue in the Winneshiek county case, which the court recently passed upon, it is considered by the Anti-Saloon League that the supreme court has committed itself on the matter and that its opinion is a good indication what the court would do if the Fort Dodge case were appealed to it.

However, by the time the case could be passed by the supreme court the saloons of this city would have had an opportunity of circulating another petition. That the state anti-saloon organization has joined forces with the local league shows that the fight here has not relaxed to any great degree.

## AN EXCITING TIME OVER LOST CHILD

Five Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lowell Wanders Away From Home.

Night Policeman Jewett and several of the neighbors of Dewey Lowell, who resides at the corner of Superior and Fourth streets, were kept busy three or four hours Friday searching for the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell, who was reported to the police as lost.

The little fellow had wandered out of the house after supper and across the street to where the new electric light plant is under course of construction. He played among the piles of brick and building materials till it became quite dark, when he became sleepy, lay down and was soon in innocent, happy slumberland. In the meantime his parents missed the child and the aid of the police was called. The searchers looked all over town for the stray until about one o'clock in the morning, when the youngster came home rubbing his eyes sleepily. The night air had become chill and awakened the little fellow and he hurried across the street to his home.

The mother was of course terribly excited during the hours when it was thought that the child was lost and possibilities of all sorts of fearful accidents came to her mind till she was almost frantic. And when the little one returned home safe and sound, the relaxation from the strain was so sudden that the mother was completely prostrated for a time.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL ELEVATOR IS SOLD

Western Elevator Company Gains Control—McCough Discontinues Grain Business.

The Illinois Central Railway Company has just sold its elevator located here to the Western Elevator Company and J. Fosdick of Pomeroy has been sent here as local buyer and manager.

M. L. McCough, the auctioneer, who has had the elevator leased for the past year or two, will discontinue his grain buying business and devote all his time to stock, the management of his big feed barn business and the crying of sales.

The elevator is undergoing a complete renovating process. Many improvements and repairs are being made which will put it in first-class condition. Mr. Fosdick will enter the local market as grain buyer at once and expects to meet all competition.

For sale, 8 horse power Davis gasoline engine. Price \$150. Will take good note. One year's time. Also for sale, three-room house and lot in Webster City. Price \$300. One hundred cash, two hundred 5 year's time at 6 per cent. R. B. LeRoy.

## SUSTAINS INJURIES

Mrs. Flora Heffner is Painfully Injured When Horse She Was Driving Ran Away.

BROKEN HARNESS THE CAUSE

Was Going to Market With Eggs and Butter—Fifty Dozen Eggs Badly Damaged.

With a badly fractured arm and numerous bruises and scratches about her face and head, Mrs. Flora Heffner is laid up at her home about eight miles southwest of town, the victim of a runaway accident that occurred Saturday.

She had started to town with fifty dozen eggs and a lot of butter and had not progressed far on her way, when something about the harness broke, letting the buggy run onto the horse's heels. The animal became frightened and started to mix things up in general, with the result that in less time than it takes to tell it, Mrs. Heffner was lying beneath the wreck of the buggy on the ground, while broken eggs were scattered around promiscuously. The injured woman was taken to her home by a passing farmer, and her injuries attended to at once. Her arm was broken above the elbow.

Use International stock food. Sold by Buster Brown. 7-10f3t3

## COUNTY OFFICIALS TO MEET IN FT. DODGE

Sheriff Brown, Clerk Sterling and Recorder Hunt Receive Programs.

Sheriff Brown, Clerk Sterling and Recorder Hunt have received programs of the conventions which will be held in Fort Dodge on July 18, 19 and 20, beginning tomorrow. The Association of County Recorders of Iowa, the Association of County Clerks of Iowa, and the Association of County Sheriffs of Iowa, all will meet in that place at the same time. The conventions are for the purpose of bringing the county officers together and for the exchanging of ideas so that they may be better able to perform their duties. A great program of entertainment has been provided for the delegates, which includes free automobile rides, a big circus—Barnum & Bailey are in Fort Dodge today—and a banquet at the Wakhonsa hotel. The Iowa Military band will furnish music and the residents of the city will turn out to welcome the county officers. Interesting programs have been prepared for each of the three conventions. Some of the local county officials will attend a part and perhaps all of their respective conventions.

Sheep and Hog Dip at Buster Brown's. 7-10f3t3

## DESTRUCTION OF FLY NEAR AT HAND

Fly Trap is Success in Exterminating Bothersome Insect—Gets Them All.

While we have been hearing considerable along the line of "swat the fly," and many ways of exterminating this bothersome pest have been advocated, we have here at home an object lesson in fly destruction that if followed by everybody would probably rid the town of these insects.

We refer to the fly trap which has been standing on the sidewalk in front of the Oxford Cafe the past few days. It is a simple contrivance

of screens that gets the flies going and coming and its effectiveness cannot be questioned after seeing what it does. The trap mentioned catches approximately enough flies every day to fill a gallon measure. We don't know just how many flies there are in a gallon, but figure it out for your self—there are several hundred thousand.

It would seem that if the business men of the city would each buy one of these traps and set in front of their respective places of business that the downtown section would soon be comparatively free from flies.

The trap is merely an inverted cone made of screen surrounded by a cylindrical shaped screen receptacle. It is baited beneath with sugar, molasses or anything sweet, around which the flies gather, after which they find their way up through the cone shaped screen into the trap and all you have to do is to destroy them when you empty the apparatus once a day.

Take a look at the fly trap at the Oxford and verify these statements.

## ELKS THINK THEY CAN PLAY BALL

"Nick" O'Connor Says Chesty Odd Fellows Must Come Down From High Horse.

The Odd Fellows of Webster City have been boasting so much since the game Friday afternoon between their team and the Masons, that another lodge has taken up the banter and will challenge the Odd Fellows to mortal combat on the baseball diamond sometime in the near future.

The lodge referred to is the Elks and "Nick" O'Connor is the agitator of the movement. He stated this morning that he intended to see to it that the Odd Fellows came down off their high horse and would at once raise a nine among the Elks that would give them a good run for their money at this ball playing business.

It is understood that the game will be played here next week, while "Kearns Colts" are taking their vacation on account of the J. N. G. encampment at Des Moines. There will be ample time in which to indulge in a little practice in the intervening period and the boys can get in pretty good condition for a fast contest.

Another game that is impending and will probably occur sometime during the next two weeks, is one between the North and South sides. There is certainly a widespread epidemic of the baseball fever raging here in Webster City and some of these old timers who think they can play ball will just have to get out on the diamond and work it out of their systems.

## THE COUNTY SURVEYOR ABOLISHED

New Law Effective July 4, Makes a Clean Sweep of One County Office.

Roy G. Austin is out of a job. The attorney general, through Special Counsel Lee, has held that the law abolishing the office of county surveyor became effective July 4th, thereby taking out of office all county surveyors then serving.

In some parts of the state there was doubt in the minds of the county officials as to whether the surveyors regularly elected last year would have to give up their offices July 4th, or whether they would continue in office until their terms expired Jan. 1, 1913.

Several opinions have been handed down by the attorney general on this question, but the last ruling disposes of the office altogether.

The Freeman-Tribune suggested early last spring that lots planted to potatoes were greatly to be preferred to lots growing up with weeds. Spuds are now worth \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel and those who planted them are being well repaid for their trouble, regardless of the fact that the crop is light.



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## FIGHTING THE BIG COMBINE

Des Moines Trying to Extricate Itself From the Clutches of the Combination of Wholesalers.

FIGHT GETTING VERY BITTER. Commission Men Begin Lively Campaign to Hold the Retailers in Line.

They are waging a fierce fight in Des Moines against the commission men and wholesalers whom, it is claimed, are largely responsible for the very high prices of groceries and provisions in the capital city—prices being higher there than in any other city in this part of the country. It seems evident that the wholesalers and commission men are in collusion and the newspapers are making a hard fight to break up the combination and insure fair prices to consumers. The following taken from the Register and Leader shows the trend of public feeling over the exactions of those who control values of groceries and provisions in Des Moines:

"Keep up the fight! Continue the good work The Register and Leader is doing in its contest to relieve the community from the clutches of a combination for the plucking of the citizens," said Charles lies, 920 Twentieth street. "The first dent in the armor of the gang appeared today when I was offered potatoes out of a farmer's wagon for 50 cents a peck or \$1.75 a bushel. Mr. Stitt, a grocerman on Cottage Grove avenue, is selling them for 65 cents a peck, though he has to pay the commission dealers \$2.50 a bushel. Stitt is not a member of the trust.

"The wholesalers and commission men have been insolent and defiant during the week," continued Mr. lies, "but the publicity given by The Register and Leader to high prices in Des Moines for fruit, vegetables and other necessities has gone out to the farmers and market gardeners in a radius of ten miles of the city and they are taking advantage of this opportunity to come in and sell direct to the consumers for fair prices rather than to accept half value for their produce from the grocers or commission men. We are quite willing to pay reasonable prices for our vegetables and fruits, but the citizens resent being plucked and robbed by a set of men who, in matters of trade, are as destitute of conscience as is Sahara of verdure. Another week of such exposure as that just closed and the commission dealers and wholesalers will be suing for mercy. Publicity is the thing they dread and it is the only thing that will release the people of Des Moines from a chaffing yoke. Keep up the fight. The people are with The Register and Leader in

the contest and they fully appreciate the good it has done for them."

Reece Stuart of the Jepson Piano company, who came to Des Moines from Madison, Ind., very much favors the establishment of a market house as the most effective means of relieving the people of Des Moines from the thrall of prevalent high prices for meat, vegetables, fruits, etc. "Twenty-five years ago," said Mr. Stuart, "Madison had 8,000 population. Now it is a thriving city of 25,000. Early in its career it established a market. There were four market days each week, when gardeners and farmers brought their products to town and sold them. There was a central market house, where meat, butter, milk, vegetables and fruits were kept on sale, each dealer occupying and selling from a stall. All meats exposed for sale had first to pass inspection by a state inspector. Farmers were not allowed to sell any of their products outside the market house. After a certain hour they were privileged to dispose of their products to the grocers. Grocers who at first feared the market house would injure their business soon learned their fears were groundless. Farmers, as a rule, spent most of the money they received for their products with the grocers for coffee, sugar and other necessities they did not grow on their farms or in their gardens. The market was thus a benefit not only to the grocers, but to the business men generally. The money paid the farmers for their products they spent for other things they needed."

"The statement made by The Register and Leader that current report had it that entire carloads of berries and melons consigned to this city for sale had been shunted down into the jungle and dumped upon the ground rather than to place them upon the market and invite a reduction of price," said a member of a recent grand jury, "was called to the attention of the county attorney. However, after going carefully over the testimony that officer advised the jurors that, in his judgment, the evidence was not sufficient to sustain an indictment, and the subject was dropped. It is to be regretted that men indicted upon criminal charges are sometimes so easily convicted when malefactors engaged in conspiracies in destroying food are so difficult to reach."

"The question," said A. U. Coates, real estate dealer and well known party prohibition worker, yesterday, "is how far this grocer trust extends."

"Yesterday morning I went to a grocery store in my neighborhood to buy a bottle of milk for breakfast. When I arrived at the store the grocer told me that the dairy wagon had just arrived and I could have the morning milk for breakfast. I opened the bottle and found the milk was sour. After breakfast I took the bottle back to the grocer and informed him that I was going to complain to the dairy who furnished the milk. The grocer begged me not to make a complaint because he said if he should make complaint against one dairy firm all of the other dairy firms in the city would refuse to sell him milk. That just shows how the milkmen of Des Moines control the grocers."