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MR. WARD IS A BOOSTER

The advent of B. H. Ward into Webster City business circles marks a strong addition to our boosters. He is one of the most energetic boosters that has visited Webster City for some time. He stated this morning in a talk to the reporter of this paper that he was more than pleased with Webster City and stood ready to do all he could to forward the prosperity and up-building of the town. During the course of the conversation an interruption by the finance committee of the Commercial League, soliciting funds for "Watermelon Day" occurred, and Mr. Ward was as good as his word. He said, "Put me down for as much as you like; I believe in these things, they are good advertisers for a town."

Mr. Ward is the head of the big corporation which recently purchased the Webster City Brick & Tile Company plant and with his coming there has been a change in the name of the factory. It will be called the Acme Co-operative Brick & Tile Company, instead of the Hamilton County Co-operative Brick & Tile Company, as originally announced. The latter mentioned name was too long and unwieldy for advertising purposes, hence the change.

The word Acme will be burnt into every tile turned out by the re-organized factory and Mr. Ward stated that he would make the Acme brand of tile a household word over the country, which will help make Webster City widely known. In regard to the big expenditure of approximately \$300,000 in enlarging the plant for the manufacture of the larger sized tile, Mr. Ward stated that within thirty days active work in erecting new buildings, etc., would be in full blast and by the first of March the plant would be turning out the larger sized tile and sewer pipe.

In a Wreck.

Walter Boozel, Oscar Hensel and Fred Clagg, who arrived home from a trip to Minneapolis Sunday, had quite an exciting experience while enroute home. They were mixed up in a wreck on the M. & St. L. railroad Saturday night at Forest City. The train on which they were riding struck a string of box cars on a siding at Forest City and the engine, baggage and express car of the passenger train were overturned. The engine was damaged so badly that another one had to be secured before the train could resume its way. The Webster City boys were bumped about considerably when the impact occurred, but sustained only minor injuries. No fatalities marked the accident, but a delay of three hours occurred on account of the wreck.

ALUMNI SOCIETY TO PUT ON PLAY

The alumni society of the Webster City high school will present a college farce at the Orpheum theatre the first three nights of next week, Sept. 18, 19 and 20. The comedy is entitled "Higher Education." The play will be given twice each evening in connection with the usual program of pictures. The cast of characters has been assigned and those who are to take part in the production began rehearsing last Thursday. Frank E. Robinson, who is well qualified in that line, is coaching the players. The farce is highly recommended as a laughable fun producer and those who attend are promised a most enjoyable time. The farce will be given for the benefit of the local alumni association and it is hoped and expected that the public will turn out and liberally patronize the society. The proceeds are to be used to liquidate the expenses of the alumni in the school functions which devolve upon them. Some good local talent is revealed in the cast of characters, which follows:

Timid Dows Willard Green
Fritz Jackson Don Brewer
Billy McFarland Harry Ferrell
Coach Hardy Arthur B. Crandall
Mrs. McFarland Mrs. Sam Sheldon
Grace McFarland Gene Love Brown

The admission to the Orpheum during these three evenings will be 15 and 5 cents.

Woodard-Lommel.

Today noon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Chas. B. Stoddard, on West Bank street, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Keyes-Woodard, of Waterloo, and Mr. Alfred Lommel, also of Waterloo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. E. Spicer of St. Paul's Universalist church. The wedding was a very quiet one, only immediate relatives and friends being present. The impressive ring ceremony was used. Following the ceremony a delicious wedding dinner was served.

The newly wedded pair left this afternoon for Waterloo, where they will be at home to their friends in a fine home which the groom has all prepared for his bride.

The bride is a well known former Webster City girl, but for some time past has been a saleslady in a Waterloo dry goods store. The groom is connected with an oil company in Waterloo and is a young business man of high standing in that city.

DIED SUNDAY AT SOLDIER'S HOME

A. France died at the soldiers' home in Marshalltown Sunday afternoon and his son, W. H. France, left Sunday night to bring the remains to this city for burial. The deceased went to the soldiers home only a few weeks ago. He died in his 79th year.

A. France was among the early settlers of Wright county, settling upon a farm just across the line in 1868. He resided there until he removed to this city some sixteen years ago, making his home here until he went to Marshalltown a few weeks ago. Of late years Mr. France has been in poor health and his death was not unexpected by friends who realized his condition.

Mr. France was an old soldier with a good record and was an honored member of the local G. A. R. post. His wife died some ten years ago and he is survived by his two sons, C. M. France, who resides upon a farm northeast of town, and W. H. France, who lives in this city.

A CLOSE CALL FROM SHOT WITH AIR GUN

Lad Attempted to Shoot Target
From Sister's Head—Missed
Target and Hit Near Eye.

While endeavoring to imitate the feat performed years ago by William Tell, using instead of the long bow, an air rifle, Cecile Tormey, the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tormey of West Elm street, shot his eight year old sister Elizabeth in the eye Saturday afternoon.

The children began by playing "wild west"—that is, they were giving a miniature exhibition of rough and ready shooting and other feats as seen in the stellar attraction, Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, unnoticed by their mother. Later they decided to put on the William Tell act and Cecile was to shoot the apple from his sister's head. Instead he missed the target and hit the little girl near the eyeball.

However, kind providence seems to have been watching over the children, and instead of piercing the child's eye, the shot lodged in the flesh just at the corner of the eye, near her nose.

It was removed by a physician shortly after and no bad effects will follow.

Rib Broken in Fall.

Mrs. F. M. Bibler had the misfortune to fall down the cellar stairs at her home in Kamrar yesterday and sustain painful injuries. One of her ribs was fractured and she was quite badly bruised in different places about the body. Mrs. O. K. Herral of this city, daughter of Mrs. Bibler, has gone to Kamrar to be with her mother until she recovers from her injuries.

Wanted, girl for general housework. No washing. Mrs. Geo. S. Barner.

ANSWERS FI- NAL SUMMONS

After suffering for nearly six months with a very peculiar disease, known as multiple sarcoma, Geo. W. Alexander, the well known dairy man, passed away Sunday forenoon at his home southeast of the city.

His case was a very unusual one and no cause for his trouble is known to the medical fraternity. The name—multiple sarcoma—does not convey to the lay mind the nature of the disease. The patient suffered much agony, his body between the waist and shoulders being covered with malignant tumors for some three months prior to his demise. Physicians declare that the trouble is a very rare one. Many medical men were consulted with reference to the treatment of the sick man, but their combined efforts could not save him. His going hence is a welcome relief from bodily suffering. A wife and two children, a son and a daughter, are left to mourn his death.

The deceased had resided in Hamilton county about twenty years, coming here from Winchester, Virginia, where he was born on Jan. 15, 1848. He was therefore 63 years of age at his last birthday. He first came here in 1891 and settled near Homer. Four years later he moved on a farm near Williams, where he resided about three years, after which he removed to his present place at the edge of Webster City—the Wm. W. Funk farm—where he has been engaged in farming and dairying for the past seven years. He was proprietor of the Des Moines street milk depot for some time.

Mr. Alexander was a splendid man and citizen and a kind and loving husband and father. He was well known and highly respected and leaves many friends who will regret his sad end. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. The funeral services were held at the Catholic church, of which the deceased was a member, this morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Father Norton.

Taken to Des Moines.

Mrs. J. H. McCalahan, who has been seriously ill for the past two months, recently undergoing an operation at Rochester, Minnesota, for some pelvic trouble, has collapsed mentally, and was taken to Des Moines yesterday to be treated by a specialist. Her condition is quite precarious because in addition to the mental trouble she is physically very low.

Housewives, Attention!

Get one free while they last. One dustless duster with each broom for 40c. Something new at O. E. Symons' store. No other merchant in town has them. Call and see them 7d3t1f1

After Fifty-Three Years.

Charles W. Hathway and Fred C. Hathway and wife left today for Kansas. They go first to Kansas City, but expect to locate permanently some place in Kansas. Fred has been suffering more or less the past two years with rheumatism and they hope a change will be beneficial to him. The senior Mr. Hathway came to Webster City in March, 1858, and has resided here almost continually since that time. His old friends and neighbors will regret his going from this community, but will join in wishing them success and prosperity wherever their lines may be cast.

WHOLE TOWN HERE WATERMELON DAY

One of the big features of "Watermelon Day," along with the speech of President Taft, will be a ball game between Lehigh and Webster City. Arrangements were completed late Saturday evening by Manager Kearns. The Lehigh people sent word that they would close up every business house in their town on that day and come up to Webster City in a body. They aver that they will bring a brass band and a multitude of people and let Webster City know that Lehigh is still on the map. This promises well

for "Watermelon Day." If the rest of the towns hereabouts follow suit, this city will have a record breaking crowd. Besides the big game between Lehigh and Webster City, another one of equal interest will be arranged for, but just what other club will be dated is at present unknown.

All Aboard for Lehigh!

Interest among the baseball fans is at high pitch over tomorrow's game with Lehigh and the indications are that the special train over the Crooked Creek railroad, which will leave here at one p. m., sharp, will be loaded to the guards. The railroad company will furnish ample accommodations for three hundred people, and that will be about the size of the crowd who will make the trip down to the little mining town. The Lehigh bunch will be strengthened to the limit and the Webster City team will be a strong one. Belsler, the peerless southpaw twirler, will throw for the locals and the entire infield will be fortified for the occasion. Logan Corbin, who just closed a successful season with the Charles City team, arriving home this morning, will hold down the initial sack and a new man will be seen at second base.

S. S. PARKHURST CAR STOLEN FOR JOY RIDE

Miscrants appropriated the S. S. Parkhurst automobile for joy riding purposes Sunday night, took a spin of 55 miles, returned the car to the garage at the Parkhurst home, and escaped detection.

The car was taken from the garage at the Parkhurst home some time Sunday night while the family were at home, evidently being run out quietly by hand, so as not to disturb the owner's slumbers.

The fact that his car had been used by some one was discovered by Mr. Parkhurst next morning when he went into his garage. He noticed that the machine was covered with mud, the rear light gone, and one of the connecting rods broken. He looked at the speedometer and it showed that the car had been driven a fraction more than fifty-five miles.

He has placed the case in the hands of the local police officials and it will go hard with the guilty parties if caught.

GREAT WESTERN MOTOR CAR HERE

Gas Motor Car of Great Western
Makes Trip to Webster City
—Enroute to Lehigh.

Webster City people were given a glimpse of one of the new type of gas motor cars Sunday afternoon, when the Chicago Great Western Railway Company detoured one of their gas motors over the Illinois Central via the Crooked Creek to Lehigh. The car stopped here for some twenty minutes and quite a crowd of the curious gathered to see it.

The cause of the gas car's visit to Webster City was a washout on the Great Western between Fort Dodge and Lehigh. On the car was one of the Fort Dodge baseball teams enroute to Lehigh to contest with the Lehigh aggregation at the mining town Sunday afternoon. The game was played considerably later than scheduled and was made a five inning contest on account of darkness. However, it was well for the Fort Dodge boys that it was a short game for they were beaten by the overwhelming score of 17 to 2. The reporter made the trip down to Lehigh in the above mentioned motor car. The car is very clean and comfortable and can make a speed of approximately sixty miles per hour. They have come to stay in the local service of the Great Western and will probably be placed on many of the other roads for handling local passenger service.

Pennsylvania turtles must live to a good old age. According to the Thompsonstown, Penn., Globe, Peter B. Zong in 1859 found on his farm near Stony Run a land turtle on the shell of which was cut "George Fraley, 1845." A few days ago Mr. Zong again found the same turtle on the same farm apparently enjoying the best of health.

Fall Announcement!

OUR Fall and Winter Outfitting for Men, Boys and Children is now ready!

You may confidently look to this store for the very latest Authentic Fashions.

We make a business of always knowing just what's correct and then having it ready.

**OUR PRICES NEVER
PREVENT A SALE!**

We want you to feel at perfect liberty to look as long and as often as you like without buying.

CHARLES T. SMITH & SON,
Head-to-Foot Outfitters.

THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN HIM WORK,
HAVE LOOKED UPON THE OLD
HORSE WITH PITY AS HE TREADS
WITH MACHINE-LIKE REGULARITY
THE OLD-FASHIONED TREADMILL.]

HE KNOWS NOT WHERE HE IS GOING.

HE NEVER GETS ANYWHERE.

HE HAS NO DESTINATION AND
THERE IS NO REWARD.

HIS EFFORTS ARE FUTILE AND
NEGLECTIBLE.

IF WE SAVE NO MONEY WE ARE
FOLLOWING HIS FOOTSTEPS.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA

GOVERNOR TO ESCORT TAFT

News is sent out from Des Moines to the effect that Governor Carroll and his official staff, headed by Adjutant General Guy A. Logan of the Iowa National Guard, will welcome President Taft to the state when he visits Iowa this month, and will continue with the presidential party enroute through the state.

Members of the Iowa delegation in congress have been invited to join the governor and his staff, as well as the state officials. One private car will be secured for the Iowa party. It will be attached to the president's train. Arrangements probably will also be made to care for Iowa newspaper men in this car.

Governor Carroll began making the arrangements Saturday on his return from a speaking tour of the state. The Iowa senators and congressmen will be notified of the plans.

The present plans are to meet the presidential party at Council Bluffs where Taft enters the state, on the morning of September 28th, and accompanied it to Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Iowa Falls, Des Moines and Ottumwa. The president spends two days in the state. The governor and party will leave him at Ottumwa.

Wm. Whisler, formerly of this city and of Fremont township, where he was reared to manhood, recently resigned the mayoralty of Williams to accept the presidency of the savings bank at Alden, to which place he will remove soon and devote all his time to the interests of the bank, of which he is a stockholder and one of its founders. H. F. Wille, one of the old and respected citizens of Williams, has been

chosen mayor in place of Mr. Whisler.

The Best Advice on Lumber Costs
the Least Money

and when we say to prospective homebuilders that "now's the time to build" we are offering you really sound advice. No matter what you have heard about cheaper lumber, take it from us that you're on the safe side if you build right now. We haven't been in the lumber business for years for nothing—we know a thing or two and we're willing to admit you do too, but in the face of all this talk nowadays about timber conservation we believe you'll agree that lumber has a fixed value and that by delaying the building of your new home you will gain nothing but inconvenience.

We believe we can convince you the above is good advice—let's talk it over.

Young & Clifton.

Fell From Corn Crib.

Falling from the top of a corn crib and alighting on top of a grain binder standing near the building, Orville, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Eckstein, sustained painful injuries Sunday at the home of Mr. Eckstein's brother-in-law, nine miles northeast of Webster City. The Eckstein family were spending the day in the country and the youngster was trying his hand at climbing, unknown to the parents. He climbed to the top of the corn crib and tumbled off the roof. He sustained some severe cuts and bruises about the body and limbs.

The France Funeral.

The funeral of the late A. France will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church, Rev. C. H. Kamphoefner being in charge. The body will be buried beside the remains of his wife in the Cass Center cemetery.

Try the daily a month.