

# Watermelon Day, Webster City, Iowa,

WITH

**PRESIDENT TAFT** Governor Carroll, Iowa State Officials, the Iowa Delegation in Congress, and Other Men of National Reputation.

## WEBSTER CITY'S BIG FREE DAY!

In the Big City Park covering four city blocks! Gorgeous Parade of Floats! Four Bands! Free Watermelons for all! Free Band Concerts! Free Vaudeville and Circus Performance! The President's and Governor's Parties arrive at noon in the Commercial League's Own Special Train which carries the combined parties from Ft. Dodge to Waterloo. Webster City is preparing to entertain the largest crowd in its history.

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

9:00 A. M.—Ball Game, West Side Park, Ellsworth vs. Webster City.  
10:00 A. M.—Big Free Spectacular Street Parade.  
11:00 A. M.—Band Concerts on Streets and in City Parks.  
12:00 M.—Arrival of Commercial League's Presidential Special Train.  
12:10 P. M.—President Taft's Address from Specially Constructed Platform in City Parks.  
Big Picnic Dinner and Free Distribution of Watermelons, enough for 30,000 People.

2:00 P. M.—Big, Full, Free and Complete Vaudeville and Circus Program on Raised Platform in City Parks, lasting Two Hours.  
3:00 P. M.—Ball Game, West Side Park, Lehigh vs. Webster City.  
4:00 P. M.—Balloon Ascension.  
7:30 P. M.—Repetition of Big Vaudeville and Circus Performance on platform in park.  
8:00 P. M.—Balloon Ascension with Fireworks.  
Band Concerts all afternoon and evening.

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At night there will be special programs at the Moving Picture Shows and a special engagement of "The Squaw Man" at the Armory. There will also be some inviting tented attractions all afternoon and evening in the Parks. Merry-go-Rounds for the Children. All railroads have made special arrangements to handle the crowds. Inquire of your local agent.  
THIS CELEBRATION IS THE THIRD OF ITS KIND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WEBSTER CITY COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

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## 16 KILLED IN ACCIDENT

### Chicago & Northwestern East Train Plows Through Hay

Rack.

### NINE ESCAPED INJURY

### Many Bodies So Mutilated That Identification Was Possible

### Only by Fragments of Clothes.

Neenah, Wis., Sept. 25.—Sixteen deaths will probably result from a mile a minute passenger train at Neenah crashing into a party of thirty-one merry young people loaded upon a hay rack.

A big billboard along the railway tracks obscured the view from the locomotive as well as from the wagon. Mist and fog did the rest.

Twelve persons on the hay rack were instantly killed, one has since died, and three out of eight others injured are believed to be fatally hurt. Nine of the thirty-one people aboard the wagon escaped without a scratch, as did both horses. Nobody on the train suffered except from a momentary severe jar.

The collision occurred at 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning on the Chicago & Northwestern railway at the Commercial street crossing here. Train No. 121, northbound, whirled through the wagonload of people at a 45 degree angle. This peculiarity was owing to the fact that the highway crossing is a diagonal.

The victims were returning from the Peter Hanson farm, where they had gone to attend the celebration of a wedding anniversary. All but two, who were Chicago men, were residents of Menasha.

The dead: John Drill, James Cheslock, Gustave Finn, Mabel Finn, John Hart, Steven Lisek, Dominick Ommiechinski, Mabel Renz, John Schedick, Joseph Schedick, Joseph Slenyo, Frank Siggart, Isabelle Schowski.

The injured: Phillip Mott, Chicago, Benjamin Dumbrowski, Anton Kurmoski, Myron Olson, Anna S. Odalski, John Suchodolski, Amanda Syring, Herman Syring.

Armless, legless and headless bodies covered the right of way as the train, nine coaches in length, was brought to a stop 800 feet from the scene of the crash. Several of the bodies were so badly mutilated that identification was possible only by fragments of clothing.

Six of the victims, all dead, were discovered on the engine pilot, where they lay until removed by the train crew and passengers. Two others of the persons killed were hurled through the flagman's shanty with such force as to overturn the little structure. One of this special-ly unfortunate pair was Miss Finn,

who was projected through one of the side walls of the house and was still alive when removed. She died a few hours later. Another of the victims killed was thrown over a barn fifty feet from the railway right of way.

Among the occupants of the hayrack who escaped were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brizinski and child of 2 years. They were seated in the front half of the rack, the mother holding the child in her lap. About half way back in the wagon sat Mary Schwartzbauer. The latter was hurled about fifty feet and rendered unconscious. When found by rescuers the Brizinski child was in her arms, having escaped unscathed. The parents of the child were only slightly injured.

Peter Hanson, driver and owner of the horses attached to the ill-fated rig, managed to hang to the reins and was the only person aboard who was not temporarily stunned by the collision. He declares he made every effort to look in both directions along the track but did not observe the onrushing train until his team had reached the track. He whipped up the horses, but managed to get the wagon only half way across.

The train, it is said by the passengers, was nearly half an hour behind schedule. The fact that the engine stopped on the second corner from the intersection where the collision occurred, a distance of more than 800 feet, is the evidence that the speed was at least sixty miles an hour. It is said, however, that the fact the rails were slippery from rain may serve to modify this estimate.

Practically every person on the wagon was an employe of the Menasha Wooden Ware company and all were invited to the Hanson farm to attend the wedding anniversary of one of their fellow employes. Mr. Hanson had conveyed the merry-makers to his farm in the early evening and was taking them back home, the round trip being completed except for a mile drive when the collision occurred. On the outgoing trip the hayrack contained forty persons, but the rig was uncomfortably crowded and on the return trip an additional wagon was obtained. Eight of the party occupied the second vehicle, which followed about a mile behind.

A coroner's jury was impaneled as soon as possible, but adjournment was taken to give the district attorney and others opportunity to interview witnesses. The bodies were removed to the Menasha morgue, where they will remain until today.

A farmer, his wife and two children were recently killed in a similar accident at the same crossing. During the last eight years nearly two dozen persons have lost their lives at the same place.

Fort Dodge, Sept. 26.—J. H. Corkill yesterday pleaded guilty to breaking and entering with aggravations and was sentenced immediately to a life term at Fort Madison. Corkill is 26 years old and was tried last January and acquitted after indictment on a charge of rape.

## YAWNS; JAW DISLOCATED

### Young Indiana Man Suffers Peculiar Accident in Healthy Morning Gape.

### MUSCLES ARE TAUTLY SET.

### Two Doctors Unable by Sheer Force to Put Member Back in Place, and Had to Use An- aesthetic.

Shelbyville, Ind., Sept. 25.—One of the most unusual cases of suffering that has been called to the attention of local physicians in years was that of Earl Hendrickson, a young married man who was brought here yesterday morning from his home in Washington township by Dr. C. H. Perry. Mr. Hendrickson was suffering from a dislocated jaw bone, the accident having happened to him early yesterday morning as he was arising from bed. An ordinary morning yawn caused all the trouble, and the fact that he had to be brought to this city to get relief indicates that the trouble was far from insignificant.

Mr. Hendrickson is 28 years old and this is the first time he has ever suffered in this way. He was tumbling lazily out of bed yesterday morning, thinking of nothing in particular, when he was struck by an uncontrollable desire to yawn. The gape was not one of the little, half satisfactory kind, but one that called for a stretching of every muscle and tendon in his jaws and throat. Just when he was thinking how much satisfaction the operation was going to give him, there was a sudden snap with an excruciatingly painful accompaniment, and Mr. Hendrickson quit talking. He made some horrible noises, however, which called the attention of other members of his family to his predicament, and he was at once hurried to the office of Dr. C. H. Perry at Lewis Creek, three miles away. By the time he reached there the muscles of his jaw had become set so thoroughly that Dr. Perry was not able to reduce the dislocation, even by the most strenuous efforts of which he was capable. Dr. Perry is somewhat of a giant physically, but the dislocation obstinately refused to yield, and the sufferer was hurried to this city. Dr. H. C. Sexton, the well known dentist, was first consulted, but he was not able to throw much light on the case, nor did the dislocation yield to the combined efforts of himself and Dr. Perry, and the patient was finally taken to the office of Dr. W. C. McFadden, where it was decided that relief could be obtained only through putting the afflicted man under the influence of chloroform. It

was believed that this would produce a relaxation of the set muscles, and such proved to be the case, for the dislocation was easily reduced after the victim of the peculiar accident had been given the anaesthetic.

Mr. Hendrickson was feeling quite well again when he left the city for his home and it is not believed the accident will cause him any permanent suffering.

### Fast Train Wrecked by Towerman.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 25.—Train No. 28 on the Pennsylvania railroad known as the eighteen hour flyer between Chicago and New York, was struck by a freight thirty minutes after leaving this city early yesterday morning, one train man being killed, four others injured and one passenger, H. D. Faulkner of Jersey City, N. J.

Seven freight cars were derailed, blocking the four tracks for several hours. None of the passenger cars left the track. The flyer was provided with a new locomotive and proceeded east three hours late. It was after 6 o'clock before the tracks were cleared, and six other delayed trains were able to proceed.

### Street Car Overruns Switch.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 25.—Twenty-six persons were injured, four probably fatally, here last night when a street car, crowded with churchgoers, overran a switch at Woodward avenue and Hill street and turned over. The cause of the accident is not known, although eye witnesses alleged that M. J. Stichcomb, the motorman of the car, did not slow for the turn and the car plunged over the tracks and crashed into the curbing, turning over on its side.

### Threshing Boiler Bursts.

Northwood, Sept. 25.—Hans Birk was possibly fatally scalded and George Nelson severely burned when a fire in a threshing engine burst Saturday afternoon at the John Howser farm north of here four miles. Both were at work near the engine when the fire burst throwing scalding water and steam over them. Physicians were summoned from here and from Glenville.

### Germany Would Stop Trouble.

Berlin, Sept. 26.—Although Germany has not offered formal mediation, it is learned she is exerting endeavors at Rome and Constantinople to bring about a peaceful settlement of the controversy between Turkey and Italy over Tripoli. Germany regards hostilities between those two countries as a menace to European peace, since it probably would be followed by an outburst in the Balkans, into which Austria-Hungary and the other powers might be drawn.

Germany advocates as a solution Turkish recognition of Italy's special interests and her abandonment of opposition to the economic development of Tripoli by Italy and also of the recognition by the latter country of Turkish sovereignty.

Germany's position is a delicate one as she is bound by an alliance with Italy and by friendship to Turkey.

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## NO DANGER OF STRIKE

### Executive Committee of the Mine Workers Meets at Albia Tomorrow.

### BEACON MINE IS IDLE

### No Attempt Made to Operate With Nonunion Labor—If the Strike Spreads, it Will Not be Before November.

Des Moines, Sept. 25.—Even though a vote on a general miners' strike should be ordered at the meeting of the Thirteenth district executive committee, which will be held in Albia tomorrow, it is not probable that the real strike order could be issued before Nov. 1, in the opinion of local mine operators.

It is held, however, by the operators that the miners, should they be asked to do so, would indorse the stand of the miners' executive committee, for a districtwide strike. W. G. Rogers, when giving notice of the call of the executive committee meeting for tomorrow refused to predict what the committeemen might discuss or do at the session.

The opinion of every miner in the district will be procured before any statewide walkout is declared to be in effect, according to statements of committeemen. To do this, a vote on a proposition to indorse the stand of the executive committee, and to empower it to call a strike at any time, probably will be taken at meetings of every local in the district. The committeemen will be bound by the action of the majority of these locals.

The Excelsior mine at Beacon, the management of which is alleged to have taken action causing the dispute between operators and miners, was closed down more than a week ago, by order of the executive committee, and no steps looking to its reopening have been taken by the operators. E. C. Smith of Des Moines, president of the operators' association, stated before the mine was closed that no effort to operate it with nonunion labor would be made.

### Recover Gold Dust.

Inneditarod, Alaska, Sept. 26.—The \$35,000 in gold dust stolen from George Friend and his armed guard by highwaymen last Friday, was recovered soon after the robbery by a posse which chased the thieves through the swamps. Closely pressed, they were obliged to abandon the heavy strong box and the 140 pounds of metal which it contained. The reward of \$5,000 offered for the capture of the robbers was left standing, and after the gold was found hundreds of miners continued to hunt for the criminals.

## Social Affairs

### FAREWELL PARTY.

A small company of girls were entertained a company of ladies and gentlemen Saturday evening at a general social way and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

### DINNER AT OUTING CLUB.

Mr. Robt E. Jones delightfully entertained a company of ladies and gentlemen Saturday evening at a six o'clock dinner at the Outing Club. The evening was spent informally and a very enjoyable time is reported. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McKenzie and Miss Louise McKenzie of Chicago were out of town guests.

### BREAKFAST FOR FRIEND.

Mr. and Mrs. Elston F. King entertained a small company of ladies and gentlemen at a prettily appointed breakfast Saturday morning, complimentary to their visiting friend, Miss Louise McKenzie, of Chicago, a former popular instructor in the local high school.

### Buggy Whip Saves Ice Cream.

A large number of boys from the high school gathered together Friday night and went over to the A. C. Doolittle home on the hill north of town to harry the freshmen who were holding a class party at the Doolittle home. The boys succeeded in purloining a three gallon can of ice cream from the house by raising a window and entering the home to do so. They finally made themselves so obnoxious that Policeman Jewett was telephoned for and by a threatened use of his "billy" finally made the boys leave the vicinity. The freshmen, not to miss their contemplated ice cream treat, sent three or four of the party over town and secured a new supply. The boys who had been driven from the vicinity of the freshmen gathering undertook to intercept those who had come after the cream and capture it. They hid themselves in the vicinity of the Illinois Central viaduct and when the rig came along from town, endeavored to carry out their plans. However, Mr. Doolittle, who happened to be over town, accompanied those who had the ice cream in charge and he at once proceeded to lay the buggy whip onto all who came within striking distance of the rig. He laid the gad onto the boys with such vigor that they soon made themselves scarce—and the freshmen enjoyed their ice cream unmolested.

### Man is Insane.

Eagle Grove, Sept. 26.—Charles Stevens, the Tama man who attempted suicide at Woolstock by cutting his throat with a dagger, was adjudged insane by the Wright county commissioners of insanity at a meeting here Saturday. Stevens is in the hospital here and will recover. The sheriff of this county will likely take him to Cherokee today. He will recover, though he is weak from the loss of blood, and he is not inclined to talk much.