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THE COUNTY CONVENTION

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Hamilton County Sunday School Association.

AT STANHOPE, OCT. 9 AND 10.

Program is Printed and Being Sent to Different Schools in the County.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Hamilton County Sunday School Association will be held in Stanhope on Oct. 9th and 10th. It is desired by the association that each school in the county be represented, if possible, by its pastor, superintendent, and at least two delegates. All who wish to attend are cordially invited. The names of all delegates should be sent to Mrs. G. H. Dick, chairman of entertainment committee, at Stanhope. The convention will be held in the Methodist church.

Earl B. Wilson of this city is on the program and will discuss the subject, "Adult Bible Classes." State secretary, F. F. Fitch, of Des Moines, and Miss Edith Nichols, state elementary secretary, of Mason City, are among the state workers who will take part in the proceedings. The program in full follows:

MONDAY P. M.—OCT. 9.
2:00—Devotional Service.
2:30—Round Table Conference, conducted by General Secretary, Rev. F. F. Fitch, Des Moines.
3:30—County and Township Workers' Conference, "How Best Promote Organized Work in Hamilton County."

MONDAY EVENING.
7:00—Song Service.
7:30—Address, "Religious Training of the Child," Miss Edith Nichols, State Elementary Grade Secretary, Mason City.
Special Music.
8:00—Address, "Diamond Mining," Rev. F. F. Fitch.
Offering—Appointment of Committees.

TUESDAY A. M.—OCT. 10.
8:30—Devotional Service.
8:45—Department Conferences, led by State Specialists.
9:45—"Adult Bible Classes," Earl B. Wilson.
Discussion.
10:15—Address, "Equipment for Service," Rev. M. P. Arrasmith.
10:50—Reports by County Officers and Department Secretaries.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
1:30—Prayer and Praise.
2:00—Address, "The Greatest Syndicate in the World," Secretary F. F. Fitch.
2:30—Reports of Committees.
The Iowa S. S. Helper.
Finances.
Unfinished Business.
3:15—Brief Consecration Service and Installation of Officers.
3:45—Adjournment.

MAYGARD AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

Fined for Operating Merry-go-Round Without License on Watermelon Day.

Peter Maygard, of Williams, erstwhile merry-go-round operator, balloonist and public entertainer in general, has again stepped into the lime light, this time in an altogether new role. It seems that Maygard wished to operate his merry-go-round in this city on Watermelon Day and so applied to the committee who had charge of the entertainment rights. However, owing to the fact that the gentleman had caused considerable trouble last year about the payment of his license and as the committee already had issued two other of these rights, they refused to permit Maygard to start his machine. But Maygard was not to be thus easily discouraged and im-

mediately secured the privilege to operate his machine on the lot just north of the city park, where the big celebration was held, thinking, he alleges, that the permission of the owner of the property was all that was necessary. Soon after the merry-go-round started, Policeman Jewett appeared on the scene and Maygard was placed under arrest. He appeared in Mayor Sparboe's court Saturday morning and plead not guilty. The case was postponed until the afternoon, when he was fined \$25 and costs. An appeal to the district court was taken and Maygard was placed under \$100 bonds for his appearance.

W. J. Nieman will fill the position in the Zeigler & Stowe barber shop made vacant by Mr. Stowe, who expects to spend the winter in San Francisco, California.

LEHIGH WILL HOLD BIG FALL FESTIVAL

Ball Game Between Webster City and Lehigh is One of the Attractions.

A farmer's fall festival is to be held in Lehigh next Thursday, Oct. 5. On this occasion an exhibit of the products of the farm and the best horses and colts raised in this section of country will be made. A fine program of sports, races, band music, a baby show, etc., will be given. Prizes will be awarded for the best displays of farm products, livestock, etc.

Last, but not least, there will be a big ball game, the contesting teams being Kearns' Colts of this city and the fast Lehigh aggregation. The day's doings will end with a grand ball in the evening.

The Crooked Creek railroad will run a special train from Webster City to Lehigh next Thursday, leaving here at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the accommodation of those here who desire to attend the festival and see the big ball game. The special will return at the close of the contest. Webster City has won three out of the five games played with Lehigh and the coming battle will be worth seeing. A large number of local fans will probably witness the contest.

MET BY ACRES IN WEBSTER CITY

This City Outdid Des Moines in the Way of Receiving the Presidential Party.

That President Taft and party were very much impressed with their reception in this city on Watermelon Day was evident in the introduction of the president by Gov. Carroll in his afternoon speech in Des Moines which was held at the coliseum Friday. Governor Carroll said: We were met in Council Bluffs by hundreds. In Fort Dodge by thousands and in Webster City by acres." It is said by local people who were in Des Moines that the reception given the chief executive in Webster City was much more elaborate than in Iowa's capital, if one were to compare the size of the cities. Des Moines' lack of preparedness was due to the friction between the Des Moines city officials and the Grant club, by whom the presidential party were given a breakfast. The president gave a short talk to the club. At this breakfast the absence of Mayor Hanna and the other city officials loomed up rather conspicuously. The president was introduced by one of the members of the club, instead of by the head of the city government.

New Photographic Studio.

Fred Howe, formerly of Radcliffe, has leased the rooms over the Isis theatre for a photographic studio and will be ready for business in about a week. Mr. Howe has recently been associated with Hostetler of Des Moines and has had many years experience as a photographer. He says he will devote his attention solely to the better class of work. Mr. Howe is known by some of our citizens and they speak highly of his ability as an artist.

WILL OPEN SATURDAY

Football Game Between the Webster City High School and Hampton Opens Season Here.

THE PROBABLE LOCAL LINE-UP

Coch Moyer Thinks he has a Promising Bunch—Hampton Here Next Saturday.

With the opening of the foot ball season in Webster City but a few days away, the matter of choosing the first team for the battle with Hampton next Saturday, has been the principal work of Coach Moyer during the practice of the past week. With the material offered this year this task has been difficult but at last has been accomplished and the genial football chief thinks with this bunch his line up is as strong as it can well be made. The boys are to be complimented on their persistency in practice, as this year there has been no trouble in getting the squad out whenever they were called upon. This willingness on the part of the players to be in uniform every evening has been the source of much worry to some of the old football men, as they were forced to report for practice whenever it was held, in order to maintain their places of last season. In most high schools this difficulty is the cause of much trouble to the coach—the old material figuring that their record of the preceding year will keep them on the first team without any work. But with the local coach this is not the case, as no man will be allowed to play on the team unless he has been out every evening possible.

Scrimmage for the first team was started the first of last week and the scrubs have been giving the regulars some very hard work. A regular game with the scrubs will be played sometime during the week to enable the new men to become accustomed to handling of the ball under fire, also in order that Coach Moyer may ascertain the actual strength of his huskies.

The line-up that is expected to win from the Hampton aggregation in this city next Saturday is as follows: Center, Groves; ends, France and Daniels; tackles, House and Meller; guards, P. Sterling and S. Sterling; quarter back, Dodge and Stebbins; half backs; McKee and Berggren; fullback, Helmick. Dodge and Stebbins will probably change off on the quarter back position.

In County Jail.

Sheriff Brown returned from Traer this morning with W. M. Green, whom he lodged in the county jail to await the coming session of the district court. Green is the barber who stabbed Owen Dillon in this city several months ago. He was released under \$1000 bonds and has been operating a hotel at Traer.

SUIT AGAINST FORMER LOCAL MANAGER

J. Milosowsky, a One-Time Owner of Family Theater Here, Ejects Negro.

The question of the equality of races is the principal topic of conversation with the managers of vaudeville theatres in the city of Des Moines at present. The interest in this question was caused by the ejection of assistant city engineer, C. R. Blagburn, a Des Moines negro, from the Family Theatre owned by J. Milosowsky, formerly proprietor of a theatre in this city of the same name.

It seems it has been the habit in that place to sell tickets to the colored people for the back three rows in the house only. Friday night of last week, Blagburn entered the theatre and seated himself in one of the front seats. When asked to re-

tire to the back row he refused. A policeman was called and under the ruse that Blagburn was under arrest, managed to remove the negro who insisted on being taken to the station. This the officer refused to do and Blagburn was ordered to appear at the station next morning which he did, but on his arrival it was found that no charge had been entered against him. He immediately brought suit against Milosowsky for being ejected from the Family theatre and against the police for neglect of duty, claiming that the failure of the officer to report his arrest was unlawful. This case against Milosowsky will be watched with interest by proprietors of vaudeville theatres throughout the state in all those towns where this question has been up for discussion.

MAYOR ORDERS PASTURE CLOSED

City Physician Examines Etriken Pasture and Finds it in Bad Condition.

Mayor Sparboe has ordered the Etriken pasture, just south of the hospital, closed indefinitely. City Physician Hall Saturday made a personal examination of conditions in the pasture and found them as bad, from a sanitary standpoint, as they well could be. Brewer's creek, which runs through the pasture, is a sluggish stream and in dry weather the water becomes putrid with filth. Attempts have been made to dam the water and slightly turn its course. Instead of using dirt for that purpose manure was used. It must be conceded that manure is not a first-class filterer, though that is far preferable to some of the other objections to the Etriken pasture as a place for milch cows. In addition to the ordinary filth that accumulates in a sluggish stream, the city physician found that a sewer from the hospital emptied into the creek, carrying to it all the filth and disease-laden sewage from that institution. People who have had cows in the pasture have reason to congratulate themselves that they have suffered no serious results from the use of this foul water by the animals.

WAS WELL STOCKED WITH PROVISIONS

Local Cafes and Restaurants Have Provisions Left From Watermelon Day.

It sometimes happens that on the occasion of any big celebration in Webster City the food supply for the multitudes runs short of the demand. But Watermelon Day, this year, the biggest day the city has ever known, was an exception in this respect. Every cafe and restaurant proprietor in the city made very extensive preparations for this great day, loading their shelves and tables with all kinds of edibles in order that nobody should go away hungry through any fault of theirs. As a consequence the cooks in almost every eating house in the city were practically without a job Friday, as the amount of cold meats and pastry dishes left over from the day before easily supplied the demand temporarily for such things. At one place so much of this kind of food was kept over that the proprietor of the establishment placed posters in the windows cutting prices on all kinds of cold delicacies. However, some of the cafe owners lay blame for this condition of things to the fact that it was impossible to secure competent help to cater to their patronage. They say that if sufficient help could have been secured for Watermelon Day they would have easily disposed of all their goods.

The United Brethren Christian Endeavor Society cleared \$92 from their chicken pie dinner Watermelon Day, and the ladies of the Methodist church netted at least \$65 at their lunch stand. The Congregational ladies netted a little over \$100.

KORRECT Fall and Winter Shoes

For Young Women Who Like Style. Button Shoes will still be in great vogue, altho Bluchers and Straight Lace will also be worn.

Street shoes are mostly of Gun Metal Calf, Patent Colt or Dull Kid—Tan shoes will be worn a great deal, as will Suede and Velvet shoes also.

Prices range from \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50, and up to \$4.50 Per Pair.

Let this be our cordial invitation to you to come in and inspect our line of Fall and Winter models.

SHOE DEPARTMENT-- CHARLES T. SMITH & SON.

P. S.—We sell Wunderhose for Women and Children.

PRESIDENT DELIGHTED

Mayor Sparboe Gets Letter From President Taft in Which Thanks are Formally Extended.

ENJOYED VISIT IN THIS CITY Party Appreciated Watermelon Feast Furnished by Commercial League.

Mayor Sparboe is in receipt of the following self-explanatory letter from Secretary Hilles: Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1911. My Dear Mr. Mayor: The president asked me to tell you how thoroughly delighted he was with his visit to Webster City. The arrangements were exceptionally complete, and he was greatly pleased with the courteous attention shown him.

Permit me to thank you in the president's behalf for your thoughtfulness in sending to his train such a generous supply of delicious watermelons.

Sincerely yours, Charles D. Hilles, Secretary to the President.

36 weeks free tuition to one from each county. 47 courses. Board and room \$2.35 a week. Opens Oct. 10. Humboldt College, Humboldt, Iowa. 1774

BIG DITCH NEARING COMPLETION

Mud Lake Drain Will be Finished in a Few Days—Drains 15,000 Acres.

Within about a week and a half the Northern Construction company's big dredge boat that has been working on the Mud Lake ditch project the past two years will rub its nose against the stone piers of the railroad bridge just east of the depot in Jewell, and with that act one of the biggest drainage enterprises of central Iowa, a project that first was proposed nearly fifteen years ago, will finally be consummated, says the Jewell Record. The big boat has for the past couple of weeks been working gradually down along the east line of the Gilbert Knudson farm north of town, adjoining the public highway, and is now about to cross the road midway between the south and the middle of the three old bridges that have spanned the stream in its former meanderings three times across the public highway. James Frederickson has had his new concrete mixer and a

force of men at work constructing the concrete abutments for the new trussed steel bridge that will span the ditch where it crosses the road. The ditch replaces the former crooked stream and all three of the old bridges will be torn out and filled up. Supt. Berkey of the ditch company is confident that by the latter part of next week the dredge will reach the railroad bridge and the big ditch will be finally completed.

It was nearly fifteen years ago when D. A. Kent, associated with others, began the agitation to drain Mud Lake, and even though now drained, there is yet a large although not aggressive opposition to the project. The fear even yet expressed is that the ditch, bringing the water down from the thousands of acres that it will drain, will carry a volume too heavy in flood times for the crooked stream beyond to carry off, and the farm lands below the ditch will be flooded. If such proves to be the case, it is possible that the ditch will yet have to be carried on further to its outlet in Skunk river.

The work of digging the main ditch began a year ago last May and the digging of the lateral ditches above began two years ago in August. The total amount of dirt thrown out is estimated at about 700,000 cubic yards. The total cost of the ditch is about \$60,000. There are about 7,000 acres of farm lands included in the drainage district as established by the county board of supervisors, but the total amount of acreage that will actually be drained will exceed by far that figure. All the lands extending north almost to Blairsburg have natural drainage into Mud Lake, and it is estimated that the water from nearly fifteen thousand acres of Hamilton county lands will actually be carried down through the Mud Lake drainage ditch. It thus becomes apparent what a tremendous amount of water will come rushing down that channel at certain wet seasons of the year. Viewed from all aspects the Mud Lake drainage ditch easily becomes one of the largest and most important drainage enterprises of central Iowa.

Another feature of interest connected with this ditch lies in the possibility that the C. & N. W. Ry. may build at Jewell a mammoth reservoir to supply water for its engines. Negotiations are under way with Supt. Berkey of the dredge company for the construction of a big reservoir in the railroad yards east of the depot and along north of the tracks. The plan is to dig a reservoir about fifty feet wide or more as it can be constructed, about fifteen feet deep, or more where possible, and extending all the way east from the ditch to the point where high land is encountered, about south of Carl Voss' place. Such a reservoir will have, it is estimated, a capacity of nearly seven hundred million gallons, and it is estimated that the water that can be collected in this mammoth reservoir, brought down in the Mud Lake ditch will furnish an ample supply of water for the needs of the railroad company at Jewell, and thus solve the water problem with which the railroad company has been confronted for several years past.