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WEBSTER CITY WINS AGAIN

Local High School Football Team
Defeats Eagle Grove High
School in a Fast
Game.

PLAYED IN EAGLE GROVE

Large Crowd of Local Rooters Present
at the Contest—Score
25 to 0.

The football game between the local high school and the Eagle Grove teams, played at Eagle Grove Saturday afternoon, ended in a victory for the Webster City squad by a score of 25 to 0. Though this game was rather one sided, it does not mean that the Eagle Grove bunch is below the average, but it serves to prove that Webster City has one of the fastest elevens in this part of the country.

The game Saturday was played in ideal weather conditions and a large crowd of rooters from this city were present to help Coach Moyer's huskies win the contest. This score is excellent evidence of the difference made in the game by the revising of the rules. The Eaglites used the old rules, while the locals played the open formation game introduced by the new set of rules, and the improvement over the old game was easily apparent to all who were present.

Eagle kicked off to start the session and the ball was in play about three minutes, when McKee of the home team was forced across the line for the first touch down. This start for the locals served as a stimulant to their "pep" and at the end of the first quarter the score stood 15 to 0. In the second quarter the Eaglites tightened up and the score board remained the same when the bell for the end of the first half sounded. After the rest between the halves, both teams started in the game with renewed vigor, and for a short time the gains were about even; but the locals in their rapid open plays and superior knowledge of the game, soon had their rivals confused again.

In this half, Berggren of Webster City was successful in dropping a place kick over the bar. This is one of the first place kicks made by a local team for several seasons, and it was greeted with great enthusiasm by the fans on the sidelines. The stars for Eagle Grove in Saturday's game were Quint, their left end, and G. Yearous, who played the full back position for them. For the locals, McKee played his usual game, and tore through the opposing lines for large gains every time he was called upon. Berggren was also very much in the game. His place kick from the twenty-five yard line was the sensation of the entire session, while Helmick, on the full back position, caused the Eagle Grove bunch to wonder what "struck them when he hit the line. Daniels, who fumbled badly in receiving the ball in the Hampton game, also showed up well at Eagle Grove and has credit for one touch down from a long run in a forward pass. Dodge must also have credit in the victory, as his management of the team was of a very high order. He also made some good gains on end runs. The line positions were all well played. Two attempts at goal kicking were successful. The line up was as follows:

Webster City	Eagle Grove
Meller R E	H. Yearous
Talcott R E	Struck
House, Mahony R G	B. Meeker
Groves C	Christenson
Sterling L G	L. Meeker
Stebbins, Wilson L T	Davis
Daniels L E	Quint
Dodge Q B	Messie
McKee R A B	Hadlock
Berggren L H B	Warnes
Helmick F B G	Yearous

Time of quarters, 10 minutes.
Touch downs, Webster City 4—
McKee, Daniels, Helmick 2.

Appraise Value of Lot.
The board of appraisers, appointed by the city council more than a

month ago to appraise the value of the Bossert lot just this side of the Illinois Central viaduct, have reached an agreement and assessed the value of the property and the damages to the remaining property at \$500. It is likely that the council will now go ahead and straighten out the road at that point, thus lessening the danger of accident. However, the council, it seems to the Freeman-Tribune, made a mistake in not instituting condemnation proceedings against the two lots directly south of the viaduct, thus straightening the road from the viaduct to Third street. By the plan now contemplated by the council the road will go 66 feet east of the viaduct and then turn to the west again, making an ill-shaped roadway.

The appraisers were W. C. Burleson, A. C. Filloom, I. W. Hyatt, J. N. Garth, Samuel Bateman, Geo. H. Daniels.

COACH MOYER'S STARS TO TACKLE FAST ONES

Football Scores of Interest as Locals
Will Play Some of These
Teams.

The following football scores will be of interest to the local football rooters, inasmuch as they are teams which Coach Moyer's stars may hook up with.

The two teams with which the locals have played so far this season have been easily defeated, but in the remaining schedule will be some of the fastest squads in the state. Several of these teams contended for the state championship last year. The following scores between the teams mentioned were made in games played last Saturday:

- Cherokee 6, Correctionville 0.
- Ida Grove 104, Sac City 0.
- LeMars 44, Ireton 0.
- East High 43, Ottumwa 0.
- Grinnell 5, North High 0.
- Mason City 5, Osage 3.

COFFIN CASE BEFORE THE COURT

Well Known Fort Dodge Philanthropist in the Limelight by
Wife's Action.

Fort Dodge, Oct. 16.—The testimony of Mrs. Nellie Coffin now suing for separate maintenance was completed this forenoon and her daughter and nephew and neighbors of the Coffins were examined this afternoon.

This forenoon several letters written by "Father" Coffin to Mrs. Coffin before their marriage were read. In one of the letters, Coffin told his future wife that three women were after him and that it was leap year at that. One was a widow about to sail for Europe, one a cripple, and one an old maid, said the writer. Nothing of a "sensational" nature was brought out in the testimony today, much to the disappointment of the audience. Several letters from Coffin to the future Mrs. Coffin were read. In them references were made to the "rabble" dependent on his bounty and also to his great work of uplifting humanity. The "rabble" referred to, he said, had not manhood enough to appreciate what he had done for them. The letters were of an intimate nature but not unusual.

Mrs. Coffin testified that her husband is possessed of a 720 acre farm besides \$30,000 worth of orchard property in Missouri and real estate in this city.

Dr. Pond is Growing.
Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Pond of Dubuque spent Sunday in this city among old-time friends, professional business at Eagle Grove calling the doctor out this way. Dr. Pond is now surgeon for the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company and is also a member of the faculty of the Northwestern University of Chicago, good evidence of the fact that he is growing in a professional way. His friends in the old home will be pleased to learn of his success.

VICTORY WAS EASILY WON

Miss Helen Smith of This City
Takes Highest Honors in Cedar Falls Declamatory
Contest.

RECORD GIVES PARTICULARS.

Webster City Girl Wins First Prize
in Competition With Seven
Young Men.

The Cedar Falls Record of Saturday gives the following particulars of the declamatory contest held in the teacher's college in that city last Friday evening, in which Miss Helen Smith, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Will F. Smith of this place, took the first prize of \$25:

The only girl among seven competitors, Miss Helen Marr Smith, of Webster City, quite easily carried off highest honors at the big oratorical and declamatory contest at the college auditorium last night.

Her rendition of "Spartacus to the Gladiators," was one of the best elocutionary efforts that has been heard at the college for some time. Strikingly pretty and possessed of much personal magnetism, a mobile face and exceptionally fine delivery, Miss Smith held her audience almost spellbound throughout her reading. She was accorded tumultuous applause at the conclusion of her number.

Carl Erickson, winner of second honors with his delivery of "The Martyr President," a splendid eulogy to Abraham Lincoln by Beecher, displayed considerable evidence of becoming one of the best public speakers of his time. He is a promising young man in an oratorical way and was very deserving of honors accorded.

Homor Veatch, who took third place, likewise acquitted himself admirably and is deserving of much credit. His rendition of "Affairs in Cuba" approached the free and easy style of the seasoned platform orator, and bespeaks a future success for him in the lecture field. The prizes were as follows: \$25, \$15 and \$10.

The other numbers deserve honorable mention, as they were all well rendered and the decision of the judges in picking the best from the seven was quite a difficult job. The judges were Prof. B. W. Merrill, Miss Falkner and Miss Oliver.

The contest was witnessed by quite a good sized audience of students and their friends.

Councilmen to Attend.
The fourteenth annual convention of the League of Iowa Municipalities, which will open at Davenport today for a three days session, promises to be the largest and best convention ever held by this organization.

Webster City will be represented by councilmen Fred Hahne and John Essig, who left for that city last night. The increase in membership of this league has been great. As in the past three hundred cities have sent delegates to this important meeting, while the number of cities to be represented this year it is expected will be over four hundred and fifty. This means that almost every city in Iowa of any consequence will have representatives.

Following this meeting in the interest of Iowa cities, will be held the convention of the Iowa League of Commercial Clubs in the interest of the commercial bodies of the state. This convention will be held in Davenport immediately following the other meeting, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20 and 21.

As no delegates have been appointed to represent Webster City to attend this latter convention, a meeting of the local commercial league will probably be called for tonight to select delegates, as it is the wish of the board of directors that Webster City be represented at this important gathering. The object of this meeting is that the different commercial league members in the state may get to-

gether and compare notes as to the best methods to be used in the progress of Iowa.

In a letter received this morning by Secretary Sparboe from the secretary of the state league, Woodworth Clum, one of the leading boosters of Davenport, he says:

"Don't fuss with your board of directors or any body else about your expenses. It isn't going to break anybody to make a trip to Davenport and back. If your commercial organization is not in shape to pay your expenses, pay them yourself. You will meet some good fellows down here and probably get your money's worth, irrespective of the good you may be able to do the state. Don't let's say we haven't time, because if no one had time or money to participate in public affairs, the progress of the world would have halted long ere this, and instead of civilization, we would have barbarism."

NEW GENERATOR BEING INSTALLED

Is of the Latest Pattern and of Immense Dimensions—Is for
Day Service.

The generator for the day service engine at the new city plant arrived in the city Thursday and the work of installing it is almost completed. The generator is of a different pattern from the old ones used at the other plant and is much larger. It will generate several times as much power. These immense dynamos are arranged in a way that in case of accident they can be taken apart and repaired in a short time. This convenience is necessary on account of the immense size of the generator, as it can not be sent back to the factory except with much trouble and expense.

Miss Katherin Zitterell has accepted a position at the Howe photo studio as assistant and office girl.

CLAUDE MOORE HAS LEG FRACTURED

Young Farm Hand on C. A. Howd
Place Meets With a Painful
Accident.

A young man by the name of Claude Moore, who is in the employ of C. A. Howd, a prominent and well known farmer residing north of the city, is suffering from a very severe fracture of his leg.

At the time of the accident the young man was engaged in the care of some cattle and was holding one of them while medical aid was being administered. While this was being done the animal became frightened and tried to get away, doing everything in its power to free itself. Mr. Moore held the animal for some time, but in the mix-up he was tripped and thrown violently to the ground and as he did not arise immediately the other men who were helping him went to his assistance. He had to be carried to the house and a physician was summoned from the city. By the time the physician reached the Howd farm, the limb was badly swollen and was very painful. Upon examination it was found that the bone was fractured just above the ankle and the ligaments were badly torn. The accident is a very unfortunate one and will incapacitate the young man for some time.

For Sale.
7-room house, 2 corner lots. Good cellar and cistern. Good barn, curbing and cement walks. Will take team of horses in part payment. N. C. Eckstein, at Kearns. t-t-1f

Church Dedication.
The Christian church at Saratoga will be rededicated on Sunday, Oct. 22, the services beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. B. S. Denny of Des Moines. Leader of son, Evangelist A. M. Sea, the lady preacher of Stanhope. Music will be rendered by the Kamrar orchestra. The people are cordially invited to be there.



We've the exclusive sale in this locality of the famous
"Mallory Cravenette Hat."

The rough Scotch and Austrian Velour Hats are very popular this Fall. They come in the latest Alpine and Telescope shapes.

Remember all Mallory Hats are Waterproof.
ENGLISH FALL CAPS.

LOOK AT OUR WEST WINDOW.
CHARLES T. SMITH & SON,
Head-to-Foot Outfitters.

NEW ACT TO SAVE MILLION

35,243 Pensioners of United States
Died During the Past
Year.

THE TOTAL IS NOW 892,098

Total Pensions Paid Last Year
Reached \$157,325,160, a Slight
Decrease From Payments of
Years Preceding.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—A saving, estimated at \$1,000,000 annually to the pensioners of the United States and eventually about \$180,000 a year to the government, is contemplated by a simplified plan for the payment of pensions without vouchers, which Commissioner of Pensions J. L. Davenport submitted to the secretary of the interior in his annual report made public today.

During the year \$157,325,160 was paid as pensions, a decrease of \$3,498,154 from last year, making the total amount paid in pensions since the foundation of the government \$4,230,381,730. There were 55,185 names dropped from the roll and 26,200 added, leaving a net loss of 28,985 pensioners; the total number at the end of the year was 892,098, the smallest since 1892. Methods of economy resulted in a decrease of the cost of administration by \$140,546, the amount being \$2,517,127, the lowest since 1882.

Commissioner Davenport's plan, which was devised at the request of congress, and which will require the passage of a law, would greatly simplify the methods of paying pensions, result in the mailing of pension checks on the date upon which the pension falls due, eliminate the cost to the pensioners in a large majority of cases of the execution of pension vouchers, which varies from \$1 to \$3 yearly; decrease to a considerable extent the work in drawing and mailing of pension checks and eliminate the sending of 4,000,000 letters yearly through the mails, saving about \$80,000 thereby.

The plan contemplates payment direct by checks mailed to the last address of the pensioner. Besides the indorsement on the back of these checks, the government would require certificates by two witnesses as to identity. In a few instances, Commissioner Davenport said, vouchers still would be required.

Commissioner Davenport told of his efforts to ascertain the truthfulness of reports in the press and elsewhere that the pension roll was honeycombed with fraud. He sent field men from pensioner to pensioner in the Washington agency, and is now doing the same in the Knoxville agency, with a view to probing fraud. Out of a total of 47,181

pensioners seen and questioned only twenty-six cases of improper pensioning were revealed. The commissioner said he believed the check system would put an end to any fraud that may now exist.

The number of soldiers and sailors on the pension roll at the close of the fiscal year was 570,050; dependents and widows, 321,642, and army nurses, 466. There were 529,884 survivors of the civil war; 35,243 having died during the year. It is believed that only about 25 per cent of the estimated 2,213,365 individuals in the United States service during the civil war are now living, the death rate of the survivors being now slightly in excess of 6 per cent yearly. The average age of survivors is now about 70 years.

MRS. RUSH GAINING IN PUBLIC'S FAVOR

After Rest Over Sunday Murder
Trial Will be Resumed.

Hampton, Oct. 16.—After a Sunday's rest the trial of Mrs. Aletha Rush on a charge of murdering her husband will be resumed today with the defense ready to present the evidence which it expects will result in the acquittal of the accused woman.

Sympathy for Mrs. Rush is growing in the community with each passing day, and the general opinion is that the case against her is not strong. It was announced Saturday night that Dr. J. C. Powers, coroner, who has been out of town for a week will return to Hampton today and will be placed on the witness stand by the state later on in the trial.

The sensation of last week was sprung Saturday afternoon when George Gerdes, a farmer who lives near Sheffield, told of overhearing a conversation between Rush and his wife at the railroad station in which the murdered man threatened the life of the woman.

Rush, according to Gerdes' testimony, told Mrs. Rush that her suspicions in regard to his relations with Miss Warner were correct and that he intended to continue them, adding that if his wife did not like it she could "get out." Further Gerdes claimed, Rush told his wife that if he heard anything more on the subject he would knock her brains out.

The state rested its case at noon Saturday except that the testimony of Dr. J. C. Powers, who has been absent from the state since Monday night, can be admitted later in the trial. He is expected to be in the city Monday, Oct. 16.

The general opinion of those who have heard the greater part of the testimony up to Saturday noon was that a conviction with very heavy sentence was improbable, and now that the damaging testimony as to the criminal relations of Mr. Rush and Miss Warner is a matter of record, that opinion is greatly strengthened.

Gladness of heart is the life of man and the joyfulness of a man prolonged his days.—Ecclesiasticus.