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DR. MARKLEY LECTURES

The Initial Number of the Winter's
Lecture Course is Given
at the Methodist
Church.

A LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT

"Harpstrings and Heartstrings" is
Subject—A Discourse Upon
Music.

The first number on the winter's
lecture course, given under the man-
agement of the ladies aid society of
the Methodist church in the church
auditorium Friday night, was a
pronounced success. The large au-
ditorium was filled with a repre-
sentative audience of Webster City men
and women who know how to ap-
preciate a high class entertainment.
Dr. Monroe Markley, of Denver,
Colorado, was evidently at his best
in his famous lecture, "Harpstrings
and Heartstrings." The lecture was
highly entertaining and instructive.
It was in fact a poem both in
thought and delivery. As the title
would indicate, it was an interpre-
tation of the music of the heart, and
Dr. Markley's skillful touch proved
it to be a "Harp with a thousand
strings."

His presence, his thought, his de-
livery are all like a sweet breath of
Heaven from the Columbine moun-
tain sides of Colorado on a fair sum-
mer day. The poetry of the moun-
tains, their deep dark canyons and
sun-kissed, snow-crowned, lofty
peaks, have all appealed to his love
for and appreciation of the beautiful
in God's great world, and especially
in "God's great out of doors." And
yet, like humanity's true poet, he
finds the sweetest music in the heart
of struggling humanity. His diction
is fine, and really fitness seems to
be the chief quality of the man. His
voice is pleasing, remarkably well
suited to his theme, while his de-
livery is well night faultless. He
mingles wit, humor and pathos like
the master artist mingles his colors
on the canvas.

At the close of the lecture con-
gratulations were offered on every
hand to the ladies aid society on
their choice of the first number.
These ladies are further to be con-
gratulated on the fact that, looking
over the remaining numbers, one can
readily see that the entire course is
of the same quality as the first num-
ber. Such a rich array of good
things will no doubt be enthusias-
tically supported by the intelligent
citizenship of Webster City.

Thanksgiving night will be the
next date, with the Jess Pugh Con-
cert Company as entertainers.

The Mystery Solved.

The women of west Walnut street
who have been behind locks and
bolts ever since a mysterious man
wearing white pants and carrying a
lighted lantern was seen in that
part of town a few evenings ago,
can now venture out of doors after
sundown, as the mystery has been
solved. The "offender" is one of
Webster City's well known and law-
abiding citizens and was entirely in-
nocent of the consternation he has
caused. The man lives on Willson
avenue and has been taking care of
a few furnaces and heating plants
for people who were temporarily out
of town. He carried a lantern in or-
der to enable him to see while in the
basements looking after the fires. On
the night when some of the women
of west Walnut were scared almost
into hysterics he was going after his
daughter who had been to a party
in that part of town. Now that the
strange man has been accounted for
the ladies who have been so cruelly
kept at home can make up for lost
time.

Buy Land Near Mallard.

L. E. Crowter returned home a
few days ago from Mallard, Iowa,
where he purchased a farm through
the real estate agency of Wesley
Vance, formerly of this city. Mr.
Crowter thinks land around Mallard
is cheaper than in any part of north-
western Iowa.

MRS. P. H. SHAFER HAS BAD ACCIDENT

Well Known Old Resident of Ham-
ilton County Falls and
Fractures Hip.

Mrs. P. H. Shafer of Blairburg
met with a very painful accident
Friday that resulted in the fractur-
ing of her hip. Mrs. Shafer, who
is quite an aged lady, started to the
barn at her home. She did not know
that it was so slippery and had taken
but a few steps when she slipped
and fell. It was impossible for her
to arise and she was carried into the
house and medical assistance
was sent for. Upon the arrival of
the physician a fracture of the hip
was discovered. Owing to her age
it was impossible to administer an
anesthetic and the operation of set-
ting the broken bone was very pain-
ful to Mrs. Shafer.

Mrs. W. A. Barton Dead.

Mrs. W. A. Barton, of Blairburg
township, died Friday evening at
about 7 o'clock. The deceased was
66 years of age and was a native of
Pennsylvania. She is survived by
her husband and five sons. The fam-
ily reside on the R. Meyers farm in
Blairburg township.
The funeral service was held at
the family home Wednesday after-
noon.

CHAMPION CHECKER PLAYER VISITS CITY

Plays Four Games at Once While
Blindfolded—Col. Metcalf
Wins Honors.

Webster City checker players had
an interesting time Saturday on the
occasion of Newell W. Banks' visit
to this place. Mr. Banks is the
champion checker player of Ameri-
ca and those who witnessed his per-
formances here do not doubt his
claim to the title.

Mr. Banks held forth in the par-
lors of The Willson Saturday after-
noon and evening and also remained
over in this city until yesterday
morning, when he left on the seven
o'clock train over the Illinois Central
for Dows, where he will meet
the checker men of that place.

Besides the local checker players
who met Mr. Banks during his stay
here were three experts from New-
ell. One of these, John Redfield,
succeeded in winning one game from
Mr. Banks, as did also Col. J. P.
Metcalf of this city.

One of the marvelous displays of
prowess given by Mr. Banks while
here was the playing of four games
at one time with four different
checker men while he himself was
blindfolded. Mr. Banks sat with his
back to the boards and directed his
men in the four different games
from memory, carrying the positions
upon the four boards in his mind
throughout the contests. Mr. Banks
won all four of these games. Dur-
ing his visit here the champion
probably played forty or fifty games
and the two mentioned above were
the only ones in which he was de-
feated.

Mr. Banks is making a tour of the
country meeting checker players. A
small admission is charged to wit-
ness the contests in the places he
visits to defray his expenses. The
local devotees of the game chipped
in their mites to assist the cham-
pion on his way.

It is needless to add that Col.
Metcalf is feeling rather cheery
over getting a look in with the cham-
pion and thereby adding to the laurels
of Webster City as a notable
checker playing center.

Mr. Banks is a young man only
twenty-four years of age and, con-
sidering this fact, his record as
champion checker player of America
is something remarkable.

Post Meetings Nightly.

Rev. J. W. Peterson will preach
in the salvation army hall Wednes-
day evening, Nov. 23rd, and the ser-
vices will be continued every even-
ing by the local post. All are cor-
dially invited to attend these
meetings. Capt. T. R. Wallace.

ALGONA WINS THE VICTORY

Local High School Football Squad
Beaten by Algona High
School Saturday
Afternoon.

SCORE BOARD WAS 29 TO 6

Game was Played in Algona—Home
Boys Seemed to be Greatly
Confused.

The football game between the lo-
cal squad and the fast aggregation
at Algona Saturday afternoon prov-
ed one of the greatest surprises of
the season to both the members of
the home team and local rooters.
Although the "dope sheet" said that
the home team would return victors,
the score read 29 to 6 in favor of
their rivals.

Though no plausible excuse for
this defeat at the hands of the Al-
gona bunch can be offered the
roughness displayed by them was
uncalled for. It seems the high
school in that place were deter-
mined to win from the local eleven and
the roughness displayed in the
game, with the assistance of the
field officials, discouraged the Web-
ster City boys. In the first quarter
Webster City was penalized forty-
five yards. The penalties placed up-
on them during the entire session
amounted to about one hundred and
fifty yards. However, taking the en-
forced losses into consideration
there was little excuse for the poor
example of football put up by the
home squad. In the first quarter the
locals played their opponents com-
pletely off their feet. This was ac-
complished by the old style game,
however, the forward pass being of
little advantage to them as a gal-
lery of ground. When the whistle sound-
ed for the next quarter Webster City
still thought that the victory be-
longed to them.

In this quarter with smashes by
the back field the ball was carried
across the field easily by the home
boys. Their opponents seemed help-
less. After carrying the oval until
it was very near the goal line, Cap-
tain Dodge tried the forward pass.
This play started the scoring by Al-
gona. One of the Algona back field
caught the pigskin and went
through the entire line for a touch
down. The same player repeated
the performance the next quarter
with the same result.

During the last three quarters the
home team seemed to have lost their
"pep" and in spite of the short but
plain talk handed to them by the
coach, they were at the mercy of
their opponents. Coach Moyer was
greatly surprised at the poor showing
made by his pets. For some unac-
countable reason the locals seemed
to be confused most of the time.
This confusion in a contest of this
kind is generally laid to "cold feet,"
but in this case Prof. Moyer does
not think that was the trouble.

Helmick did not show up in his
usual form. This is the first game
when he has not done some won-
derful work. McKee, another football
idol, fell short of his usual game,
while France, who is considered one
of the fastest ends in the country,
missed several chances. Talcott, the
player who took the place left vac-
ant by the absence of Daniels, how-
ever, did his share of the playing.
Dodge, the sturdy captain of the
squad, pulled off some startling
tackles, but his management of the
team was not up to the usual stand-
ard. This lack of "pep" is thought
to be the result of the long rest that
was forced upon the eleven by re-
cent weather conditions. To sum
up the session of Saturday, all that
can be said is that the locals were
outclassed by a team who are their
inferiors in almost every way. The
line up for Saturday was as follows:

Algona Webster City
A. Krensinsky R. E. Talcott
Wilson R. T. Meller
Kuhn R. G. Mahoney
Potter C. Groves
Anderson L. G. Sterling
E. Clark L. T. Stebbins
E. Krensinsky L. E. France

THE ELK'S BOWL- ING TOURNAMENT

Team Headed by R. E. Channer
Wins Highest Total for Week
Just Closed.

The first week of the Elks' tour-
nament for the present season ended
with the team led by R. E. Channer
with the highest total. The total
made by "Bob" and his bunch was
2071. The trophy offered to the
winners of the tournament is a sil-
ver loving cup. This cup will be
left in the possession of the winning
team for the remainder of the sea-
son. It will then be put up for the
winners of the session next year.
However, if one team should win
the tournament for three successive
seasons, the trophy will be their
permanent property.

The following totals were made
last week by the teams designated
by the captains named:

Monday's game—	
McCaulliff	1807
Tyler	1764
Tuesday—	
Wilson	1933
Stelling	1640
Wednesday—	
Channer	2071
McDonald	2045
Friday—	
King	1971
Pote	1811

SOME ANCIENT IOWA RAILROAD HISTORY

The Building of the Iowa Central
Into Eldora—Citizens Paid
\$5,700 for Shops.

Eldora, Nov. 20.—While going
over the papers in the office of Wil-
liams & Huff, Hon. H. A. Huff ran
across some of the original papers
in the condemnatory proceedings
previous to the building of the Iowa
Central railway into this city. One
of these was the report of the
sheriff's jury appointed to appraise
certain land damages for a tract sit-
uated in Hardin county. The report
is dated at Eldora May 30, 1867,
and is signed by J. M. K. St. John,
George Whitney, Gardner Spencer,
John Lytle, J. N. Bradfield and N.
M. Fouts, all of whom are now de-
ceased except the first named gentle-
man who now resides near Beatrice,
Neb. The railway was built into
Eldora in the year 1868 and was at
first known by the name of "The El-
dora Railroad and Coal Company,"
its original promoters being resi-
dents of this city. The report above
referred to was signed by Hon.
Enoch W. Eastman as attorney for
the railroad company and who was
afterwards elected lieutenant gov-
ernor of Iowa.

Another now unique paper and
relic of other days was also discov-
ered by Mr. Huff. This is the pro-
posal of the same railway company
to the citizens of Eldora regarding
the location of the Iowa Central
machine shops which were first lo-
cated in Eldora and afterwards se-
cured by Marshalltown—many Eldorans
believe by a deep laid plan of
scheming. To this paper is attach-
ed the signature of many of the first
settlers of Eldora and Hardin coun-
ty and opposite the names is set out
the amount each of these gentlemen
agreed to pay in the event the shops
were located in Eldora. The amounts
thus subscribed run from \$500 to
\$50 and a pleasing feature disclosed
by this list is that each of the twenty-
two signers are marked as hav-
ing paid the amount thus agreed and
stipulated. Of the twenty-two men
who signed the paper agreeing to
pay the \$5,700 to the railway com-
pany death has claimed all but two.
These are John Porter, of Boise, Ida.

Peterson Q. B. Dodge
Barton R. H. McKee
L. Newgent L. H. Berggren
W. Newgent F. B. Helmick
Time of quarters 10 minutes.
Touch downs, Barton 1, L. Newgent
2, Wilson 1, W. Newgent 1, Hel-
mick 1. Goals kicked by L. Newgent,
4; by Berggren, 1.



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CHAS. T. SMITH & SON

MEETINGS ARE CLOSED

Campaign of Evangelistic Services
at the Methodist Church
Came to an End
Sunday.

MEN'S MEETING IN AFTERNOON

Dr. Calfee Preaches on "Facing
the Facts"—Closing Ser-
vice at Night.

Sunday marked the close of the
gospel meetings at the Methodist
church. The snow of the morning
cut down the attendance a little,
but in the evening the church was
filled to overflowing, a number turn-
ing away for lack of room. The
chorus choir had been increasing in
size until Sunday night it completely
covered the platform, and under
Mrs. Bowen's leadership they did
very effective work. Mrs. Bowen's
solo work at all the services Sun-
day was of the highest order, being
greatly appreciated by all.

Dr. Calfee's sermon Sunday
morning was on "Heaven," a study
of the Christian's hope of something
better and brighter than our earthly
existence can give. At the men's
meeting in the afternoon, Mr. W. S.
Bowen gave a manly appeal for
Christian service by Christian busi-
ness men, and Dr. Calfee gave an
address on "Facing the Facts." The
evening sermon was a masterly plea
for an immediate surrender to Jesus
Christ. Every illustration in the
sermon was to show that sin was
harmful and debasing, not because
the preacher said so, but in the very
nature of things.

This last sermon of the evangelist
was one of the very best he has
preached here. During his campaign
in this place, Dr. Calfee has dem-
onstrated his ability as a strong gos-
pel preacher, "a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed." With
his plain preaching there has been
so much of kindness and good na-
ture, that he leaves no sore spots,
and the future will probably show
that his campaign has been a strong
factor in building up the spiritual
life of the church and the commu-
nity. Dr. Calfee will be kindly re-
membered by many people in Web-
ster City for years to come.

At the evening service, Dr. Calfee
expressed his appreciation of the co-
operation of Christian workers, re-
gardless of denominational lines,
and also for the generous offering
given him.

All citizens, according to the
Sioux City Tribune, "are divided in-
to two classes, those who had their
storm windows on when the blizzard
came, and those who were going to
put 'em on when they got time."