

# Webster City Freeman

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## MET WITH SHOCKING ACCIDENT

Seth Welch has Foot Cut Off By Train After Being Thrown Upon Railroad Track in Runaway.

RESIDES SOUTHWEST OF TOWN.

Had Barely Time to Crawl From Railroad Track to Save His Life.

Seth Welch, a farmer residing about five miles southwest of this city, met with a shocking accident Sunday night shortly after ten o'clock while he was driving home from this city with a horse and buggy.

His horse became frightened at the approaching train when he was about three miles west of the city just after he had crossed the tracks and turned around and ran back, throwing Mr. Welch out upon the railroad track in front of the on coming 10:17 passenger train. He managed to roll himself off the track with the exception of one foot, which was cut off by the train. The suffering man then dragged himself on his hands and knees and partially crawled through the mud to the Ed Beightol home, fifteen or twenty rods from the scene of the accident, where medical aid was at once summoned and an operation performed, the leg being amputated between the ankle and the knee. About 8 o'clock yesterday morning he was brought to this city to the home of his mother, Mrs. H. D. Welch on Third street, where he now is resting fairly comfortably. The nearness of the Beightol home to the scene of the dreadful accident was probably all that saved Mr. Welch's life, for he would no doubt have bled to death before he could have been found.

## CONVICT FARM ESTABLISHED AT LAKE

That is the Judgment of the Eagle Grove Eagle—Claims to Have Proof.

Eagle Grove Eagle: The Eagle has the information from an indisputable source that the governor of Iowa intends to recommend to the next session of the legislature that Wall Lake, Wright county, be drained and a convict farm established in its place. An engineer will be sent to Wall Lake in the near future to estimate cost of drainage and to make the preliminary survey. Those farmers who reside near the lake and have agitated drainage on account of the damage done by blackbirds may find that in place of the blackbird pest they will be menaced by a much more grave situation. A convict farm would be an undesirable addition to any community and would be a constant menace to the lives and property of the surrounding residents and an ever present danger to women and children living within a radius of ten miles of such an institution.

But to lay aside the undesirable features of a convict farm the Eagle fails to see why this lake cannot be left alone. The hunters of Wright county alone pay in licenses over \$1,000 annually for the privilege of hunting at this lake (for this is the only real hunting ground in this section of the state). There is no question but that the advantages of hunting at Wall Lake are responsible for \$5,000 of the revenue the state gets each year from the hunter's licenses. The above is a very low estimate. There are shacks at the lake owned by parties from Webster City, Algona, Hampton, Clarion, Jewell, Iowa Falls, Dows, Eldora, Waterloo, Eagle Grove, and many others, in fact from all over

northwest Iowa. The lake proper comprises about 1000 acres. The north half of the lake bed is nothing but peat and the south half, sand and gravel.

The state could not clear as much in money from this lake bed as a farm as it now does in hunters' licenses. The adjacent farmers would find the annual mobilization of the blackbirds a far less menace to their happiness and contentment than they would the centralizing in their neighborhood of the convict criminal class.

Let Wall Lake alone. Iowa has too few lakes as it is.

**Adds Dyeing Department.**  
The Wardrobe has added a new feature to its business in the way of a dry dyeing department. W. L. R. Perry, the manager, has purchased a new machine and stock of dyes and is now in position to dye all small articles, such as plumes, ribbons, chiffons, laces, etc. The dry dyeing process is accomplished in short order and people wishing anything in this line can get it here instead of sending away and waiting, sometimes indefinitely, for its return.

## UNFORTUNATE MAN MEETS WITH DEATH

Uncle of Roscoe Lane of This City Loses Life by Caving in of Ditch.

Saturday forenoon a fourteen foot sewer ditch which is being dug in Clarion caved in, completely burying E. R. Lane of Flora, Illinois, who was at the bottom of the ditch working. Physicians say they think Mr. Lane lived but an instant after the dirt struck him. It took a gang of workmen between one and two hours to dig the dirt away in order to rescue the body, which was taken to the undertaker's in Clarion, where it remains awaiting word from the father and a sister who reside in Flora.

Roscoe Lane, who is employed as clerk in Walton's Ferndell grocery, is a nephew of the unfortunate man and the only relative living in this vicinity.

**Cradle Roll.**  
Born, Sept. 13, 1914, a ten and a half pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Nye. The little one has been named Howard J. Nye.

**Put Webster City on Musical Map.**  
Lehigh Argus: We had a short chat with our friend W. H. Cook at Webster City the other evening, and we found him up over his ears in music, the same as you will always find him. As a musical man, Cook has few equals, not that he can execute on the piano or other musical instrument, nor is he gifted as a singer, but he is made up of music and one cannot come in touch with him without getting an inspiration along these lines. He has that artistic temperament which enables him to dig deep into the sweetness of music and get more out of it than is accorded the average person. Mr. Cook is probably as well versed in musical compositions and musicians of the past and present, as any person living in the state, and it is he who is responsible for putting Webster City on the musical map.

**Petitions Filed in Court.**  
Peter O. Sexe has filed a petition in the office of the clerk of the district court asking that a guardian be appointed for Geo. Sexe, alleging that the said Geo. Sexe is of unsound mind and that he has \$1,500 in the bank.

The Adrian Wire Fence company asks judgment against the Pfund Lumber company for \$224.83 said to be due on account. The Stewart Iron Works asks judgment against the same lumber company for \$207.80 alleged due on account.

R. J. Hurd asks that his title to the southeast quarter of section five, township 88, range 23 be quieted.

Ruth Nassen asks judgment against Thomas and Anna Anfinson for \$529.17 and interest from May 11, 1910, alleged due on note and mortgage.

Erick Christian asks that his title to lot 2, block 5, in addition to Jewell be quieted.

## THE PASSING OF MRS. L. L. ESTES

Was One of Webster City's Most Prominent Pioneer Residents and Best Known Women.

IN HER SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR.

Had Been Seriously Ill for Some Time—Died at Family Home on Willson Ave.

Mrs. L. L. Estes, one of Webster City's most prominent pioneer residents and one of the best known women in this vicinity, passed peacefully away yesterday morning about 1 o'clock at the home on Willson avenue.

Mrs. Estes had been ill for several months. Last spring she consulted the Drs. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., and they gave her little if any encouragement at that time. Since then her decline has been gradual and the end was not unexpected by the family and friends.

The deceased was in her sixty-sixth year at the time of her death. Her husband was called to his eternal rest five years ago. Mrs. Estes is survived by three children—Frank D. Miracle of Helena, Montana; Mrs. A. L. Goetzman of La-Crosse, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Elston F. King of this city, with whom she made her home.

The funeral services will be held at the family home on Willson avenue this afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Arthur Metcalf of the Congregational church, assisted by the Rev. L. N. Call.

An appropriate obituary will appear in these columns later.

Miss Neva Garrick returned to her duties in the office of the Crooked Creek road this morning after a several weeks illness.

## BOY SCOUTS HAVE IMPROVED CLUB ROOM

A New Set of Lockers—New Contest Has Been Provided for the Scouts.

The patrol of the Boy Scouts in this city have been improving their club room, which is located upon the top floor of the south school building. A carpenter has built a set of lockers for the boys—forty lockers, a foot and a half high—each numbered and with key, so each may keep in his own place the things of scout value to him. These forty lockers are divided into two sections and placed in the northeast and southeast corners of the room, with the intervening space separated from the rest of the room by railing.

A new contest for the boys has been provided by the scoutmaster and will tax the ingenuity of each scout, besides affording many a pleasant trip to the woods and river for specimens. This will be a collection contest and the boys may work in pairs if so desired, each one receiving the same prize in case of being prize winner. The collections have been divided into classes for convenience sake and suitable prizes will be given. For the best collection, a Baldwin acetelyne camp light which may be fastened on the cap. This is an unprotected light which throws a search light half as far as any ordinary automobile light and is invaluable in night walking trips. Second prize will be a year's subscription to Boy's Life, a monthly periodical and the scout official mouthpiece. Third prize will be a Boy Scout knife. Any boy wishing to join with some other boy in making the collection will share alike in the distribution of prizes.

The classes of collections are as follows:

No. 1—Leaves and flowers collection—pressed specimens mounted on cards.

No. 2—Insect collection—butterflies, bugs, moths, caterpillars in bottles or pinned.

No. 3—Bird nest collection—nests, feathers, food of birds, etc.

No. 4—Products collection—grains, fruits, seeds, acorns, shells, etc.

No. 5—Mixed collection—should include anything not mentioned above and also those above except for leaves and flowers.

Any collection may have anything in it that is found to be of special interest.

**Flowing Well Water in Park.**

The piping to the flowing well on Bank street is being repaired and no water has been running to the water trough near the well for several days. Lots of people have been drinking this water, many going to and from the well with pails and keeping a supply in their homes. A lead pipe has been laid to the east city park and it is the intention of the park commissioners to put a drinking fountain in there. A good idea.

## MRS. J. C. HARMON DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Brought to Mercy Hospital From Stratford for Treatment and Possible Operation.

Yesterday morning at Mercy hospital at 3 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. J. C. Harmon, mother of Mrs. F. D. Hamilton of this city. Mrs. Harmon had been ailing for three or four months and was brought to the hospital on Saturday for treatment and a possible operation for goiter. Her death was entirely unexpected and comes as a great shock to the family.

Mrs. Harmon's home was in Stratford and she was about 59 years of age. She leaves to mourn her death, beside her husband, three children—Mrs. F. D. Hamilton of this city, George H., who resides in Stratford, and Russell, who lives at home with his parents. The funeral services will be held at the family home in Stratford Wednesday afternoon.

**Nearing Completion.**  
Some seven and a half blocks of paving yet remain to be surfaced with asphaltic mixture before the paving for the present season is finished. Inspector W. N. Merrill says with ten more good working days this can be about finished.

**Wanted a Home.**

Williams Enterprise: G. Staebler wanted to get an ideal home for himself and children so last week paid Otto Anderson \$201 per acre for his finely improved 80 acre farm north of Williams. This is considered one of the most up-to-date and finely improved farms in this part of the state. It has all the modern conveniences one can ask for.

**Will Act as Guardian.**

Miss Margaret Hanrahan will act as guardian of the Campfire Girls during the absence of the regular guardian, Miss Hazel Sells, who left Monday for Grinnell to resume her college work. Miss Sells started the organization this summer and the sixteen members are enthusiastic. Miss Hanrahan will no doubt prove her efficiency as a guardian during the winter months and the good work already accomplished by the society will continue.

**Damage to Displays.**

There was considerable damage resulting to window displays on the north side of Second street Sunday during the driving rain which beat upon them from the southeast. Many of them were loosened slightly by the continued drouth and the rain leaked in from the tops in torrents. No particular firm suffered any considerable loss, because the leakage was discovered in time to remove most of the goods from the windows before much damage was done. The Richardson jewelry store, Smith clothing store, Birdsall millinery store, Cash & Lehnhard store, Channer's drug store and Foster's furniture store were among those who hurried their displays out of the way of the rain.

## SCHOOL SUITS!

It's hardly possible that, after a summer's siege of hard knocks, the boys' wardrobe is in fit shape for school! We invite parents to some extremely good School Suit Bargains—low prices on the kind of Suits that will give great service!



**\$3.95** Will buy the boy a good looking Suit of durable material that will surprise you on account of its being such a good suit for so very little money.

**\$5.00** Will buy a splendid Suit, made right in every way and good enough for anybody's boy.

**\$6.00** Will buy a fine Suit of a little more expensive material—a little more elegance thrown in—that's all.

Other Suits at \$2.69 to \$8.50

There's no money saved nor any sort of satisfaction derived in buying cheap School Suits.

Come to the store that says to you when you buy, "guaranteed in every particular."

**CHARLES T. SMITH & SON,**  
Head-to-Foot Outfitter

## Not a Fish Story But a Coffee Story

A manager of a large coffee company once said to his assistant: John, we will sell this coffee in bulk to retail at 30 cents per pound. We will put it in a fancy carton and advertise it at 35c per pound, and in a tin can with fancy label and advertise it at 40 cents per pound. His assistant said, did you say the same coffee? Yes, there is more than one class of people. There are those that want to pay for advertising and want a tin can. There are some that like to pay for advertising and only need a paper box, and others desire coffee. If you desire COFFEE we will be glad to have you come in and talk to us about our

Golden Rule 30 cent Coffee in Bulk  
Veribest 35 cent Coffee in Bulk

**MODEL GROCERY**

MARTIN PHONE 150

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## GERMANS ARE RETREATING IN GREAT DISORDER

GERMAN INVADERS HAVE BEEN DISLODGED FROM ALL FORTIFIED POSITIONS—ARE RETREATING—GERMAN LINES HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED BY REINFORCEMENTS AND ARE OFFERING MORE RESISTANCE THAN FOR SOME DAYS—ARE REMOVING TROOPS FROM NORTHWEST FRANCE AND BELGIUM—LONDON PAPERS THINK UNITED STATES MOVE FOR PEACE IS USELESS—PARIS WILL NEVER FALL—AUSTRIAN PRISONERS NOW IN HANDS OF RUSSIANS NUMBER 200,000—DUAL MONARCHY IS TOTTERING, IS EUROPEAN OPINION.

Paris, Sept. 14, 11:36 a. m.—German army offers more resistance today. Lines all along front have been strengthened by reinforcements. Enemy is removing troops from northwest regions of France and bulk of forces in Belgium.

Paris, Sept. 14, 1 p. m.—The German invading armies have been dislodged from all of the fortified positions everywhere. Official announcement to this effect has been issued by Gen. Gallienid, military governor of Paris. Germans are retreating rapidly and in disorder everywhere.

New York, Sept. 14.—Italy may yet have to fight. Public sentiment so strongly favors allies that the government may be forced to take sides.

The Servians continue to bombard Austrians and thousands cross the Save river as enemies go to stem Russian invasion.

London now thinks Paris is safe

and that it will never fall to the Germans.

London papers believe the United States move for peace will be of no avail. Germany will pretend to consent in order to embarrass the allies

Rome, Sept. 14.—News from Petrograd is to the effect that the Russian prisoners now in the hands of the Russians aggregate 200,000.

Folkestone, Sept. 14.—Passengers from Flushing bring the report that the Belgian army is now occupying Brussels, having driven the Germans out.

**The Rainfall.**

The rainfall of Saturday and Sunday night measured 2.91 inches, while that of the past five days registers a total of 4.82 inches.

The missionary society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Hoag Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.