

SEVERE CASE OF HAZING COMES TO LIGHT

Hilmer Christopherson is "Stretched" by Upper Classmen of High School.

On Thursday night when Hilmer Christopherson and George Thompson, two Freshmen boys in the local high school, were returning from the athletic field to their homes about supper time, several upper classmen waylaid the boys and took the Christopherson lad, pinning him to the ground and stretched him. "Stretching" consists of four boys, each pulling on an arm or leg of the victim. The act itself is worse than revolting—it is barbarous and sometimes results in crippling the victim for life. This "sport" of Thursday evening was done for the purpose of hazing the boy, who entered the Freshman class of the high school this month. He was ill all night after the affair and still feels the effect of the violence. The matter reached the ears of the school management the next morning and probably such a lecture as never before was heard in high school in this city was given to the students on yesterday morning by Prof. Kelly. It was clearly shown that the management of the high school never has, and never will stand for such acts, and that should such a thing ever happen again, the offenders would be dealt with in no gentle manner. For several years at times cases of stretching have been reported not alone in the schools, but out of the schools, during vacation.

Students and pupils who attend the schools in this city are under the authority of the management both on the school grounds and returning to or from school. The authorities also have power to act in any matters concerning the schools whether they occur during or outside of school hours, and the offenders in any further occurrences of this kind will be made an example of.

PERSONAL BRIEFS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
—Miss Lotha Tilghman, who is attending high school here, went to her home in Williams yesterday for over Sunday.
—Mrs. C. E. Ankrum went to Kamrar yesterday afternoon for an over Sunday visit with relatives.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wintrowd, who have been attending the county fair at Toledo, spent yesterday in this city visiting the I. W. Fuller family while enroute to their home in Williams.
—Mrs. Elsie Ewing left yesterday for Little Port, Iowa, after spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Conlee.
—Mrs. Grace Whitley-Hemingway of Fort Dodge arrived here yesterday for a brief stay with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Whitley.
—Miss Iva Hall of near Williams is spending the week end with her aunt, Mrs. A. G. Kellogg, on the east side.
—Mrs. John Hanrahan and son John and little granddaughter, Mrs. Nicholas Tormey and little son and Miss Callahan and Mrs. K. E. Lyons went overland to Williams this morning for a day's visit at the E. F. Hall home.
—Mrs. G. T. Chamberlin and daughter, Miss Mary, are spending several days in Chicago.
—Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Mason are in Chicago for a several days stay.
—Mr. and Mrs. George Birbills of the Olympia candy kitchen expect to leave Monday for Eagle Grove, Boone and Burlington on a two weeks visit among relatives.
—Miss Leona Ruppel will leave Monday for Chicago, where she will enter upon her third year's work in the University of Chicago.
—Mrs. Sarah Rhodes is in the city, a guest of Mrs. W. S. Worthington, for a two weeks visit from her home in Albany, Oregon.
—The Misses Irene Mabbott and Clara Ruppel came up from Ames agricultural college last night for an over Sunday visit.
—Miss Bessie Evinger, who has been making an extended visit at the T. D. Butler home, returned last evening to her home in Bloomington Illinois.
—Miss Ethyle Gilmore went to Des Moines today for a week's visit at the S. K. Carey home and also with other relatives and friends.
—Mrs. W. W. Wyatt went to Waterloo this noon for an over Sunday visit with her daughter, Miss

Leah Wyatt, who is staying with relatives there and attending high school.
—Mrs. J. E. Mullen is spending today in Fort Dodge.
—Mrs. Anna Hay of Fort Dodge is making a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie M. Barr.
—Mrs. O. G. Metcalf returned this noon from St. Paul, where she has been visiting at the home of her brother. Mrs. Metcalf's father, W. A. Caraway, who makes his home with his son in St. Paul, has been ill but is a trifle improved now.
—Mrs. Romaine Allen, who has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. I. J. Sayers, returned to her home in St. Paul this noon.
—Mrs. T. E. Scott and baby went to Humboldt this noon for a short visit.
—Mrs. E. W. Schilling went to Cresco this noon for a short visit with friends.
—Mrs. Wm. Humphries is spending the day in Fort Dodge.
—Mrs. J. P. Brown went to Renwick today where she will spend a few days visiting a son.
—Mrs. James Clark went to Algona today for a short visit with friends.
—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hintz and son of Chenoa, Ill., arrived in the city this noon for a few days visit at the Wm. Arnold home.
—Judge Kamrar arrived home this noon from Nevada where he has been holding court.
—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hammer expect to leave for California Thursday for an extended stay.
—Mrs. C. Roth went to Eagle Grove today for a visit with friends.
—Mrs. Bertha Hellen and daughter, Mrs. Owen Kanzy of Chicago, arrived in the city last night for a short visit with relatives.
—O. G. Metcalf will leave tonight for Chicago on a week's business trip in the interests of the Metcalf department store.

THE GERMANS NEAR WATERLOO

Force of 40,000 Encamped There Since Saturday.

London, Sept. 26.—The Ostend correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company sends the following dispatch:
"Forty thousand Germans have been encamped in the environs of Waterloo since Saturday, headquarters being established at Ruysbroeck. All passports to Mons are being refused by the German authorities at Brussels, the object apparently being to prevent travelers seeing the great amount of army transport which has already returned there from France!
"The Germans have installed heavy siege guns at Grimbergen and Meysze. To prevent the inhabitants of these places from reporting this fact the men have all been shut up in a church and the women have been sent to Brussels.
"As a consequence of the exhaustion of supplies in some classes of provisions the German governor of Brussels has consented to Burgomaster Max going to Antwerp with the object of securing the consent of the Belgian government for the distribution of provisions and cattle to revictual the city. The understanding is that these provisions will not be requisitioned by the Germans."

MANY DESTITUTE IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

City of Vienna is Caring for Families of 82,000 Reservists.

Venice, Sept. 25.—A graphic picture of conditions of life in Vienna is revealed in the official statement of the mayor of Vienna that his city is supporting the families of 82,000 reservists at a daily cost of \$50,000 and in addition is endeavoring to provide for 100,000 unemployed and another 100,000 fugitives from Galicia and the crown land of Bukovina. For the fugitives the city already has expended \$1,000,000.
According to the mayor's statement 40,000 unemployed have been given positions on the public works but the remaining 60,000 are helpless. The mayor complains that there has been an inadequate response to his appeals for the various war relief funds and says many wealthy persons have withheld subscriptions upon the plea that they did not know which fund to assist.

RESIDENTS ARE FLEEING IN A PANIC FROM CRACOW

London, Sept. 26, 4 a. m.—The residents are fleeing in a panic from Cracow. The German troops are there in great numbers, but it is believed they cannot hold the fortifications long against the Russians, and as a result the people are seeking safety elsewhere. All civil officials of the town have left. The leaders of the Polish secret committee, which has been in charge of all the Polish volunteers fighting on the Austrian side, have also left Cracow. The Germans have thrown three army corps, practically 100,000 men, into the Cracow district and are bringing more troops in preparation of the expected attack of the gigantic Russian army.

London, Sept. 26, 5 a. m.—German officers has just completed a list of prisoners, which shows 30,000 Russians and 20,000 British and French. They have been claiming they had 250,000 prisoners.

London, Sept. 26, a. m.—Fierce fighting continues between the great armies in France with varying successes. The commanders of the allies give out encouraging reports and infer that good news may be expected within the next few days.

Rome, Sept. 26, 2 a. m.—Italy already has nearly 500,000 men under arms. The majority are camped in Lombardy.

Dr. T. B. Larrabee, osteopath. d-11

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

SOPHOMORE PARTY.
Miss Mildred McFarlane was hostess to a large number of members of the Sophomore class of the high school Friday evening at her home on West Walnut street. The party is the first to be given by this class this season and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Games, etc., were the diversion of the evening and light refreshments were also served.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.
About twenty neighbors and friends very pleasantly surprised Mrs. R. J. Miller Friday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Patterson, where she was invited to spend the evening, the occasion being in honor of her birthday anniversary. The rooms were decorated in lavender crepe paper. Games and music occupied the time and late in the evening a two course supper was served. Mrs. Miller was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON.
Mrs. W. F. Hunter was hostess Friday afternoon to about fifty lady friends at the second of a series of one o'clock luncheons. The tables were decorated with pink and white carnations and bouquets of fall flowers, salvias, asters and zinnias were about the rooms.
A four-course luncheon was served by the hostess, rose place cards being used.
The remainder of the afternoon was spent with fine needle-work and visiting.

MUSICAL AND DANCING PARTY.
A delightful musicale and dancing party was given Friday evening at the Outing club by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kamrar in honor of Mrs. Grace Clark-DeGraff of Des Moines. About one hundred guests were seated in the beautifully decorated club hall, which was bright with tall vases of golden rod and yellow chrysanthemums. The programs for the musicale, embracing about sixteen vocal numbers, were daintily lettered in gold and are pretty souvenirs of the occasion.
Mrs. DeGraff was accompanied on the piano by Miss Rosalind Cook—to whom much credit is due, possessing as she does the delicate art of sympathetic accompanying.
The superb quality of Mrs. DeGraff's voice is not unknown to many Webster City people who have had the privilege of hearing her before. Friday night, however, her voice completely charmed the guests especially in the singing of the "Aria" from La Traviata. At the conclusion of the program she graciously responded to an encore with a few very amusing imitations of faulty singing, from the young lady who had just returned from Europe after receiving training there in voice culture, to the young woman who had been told she "had a voice."
The serving began at once at the

Bloomington party going into Rotterdam were four coach loads of wounded German soldiers. The suffering of some of them was terrible, say the local people. They also came in contact with many other injured soldiers before they left the country.

Mr. Schuler stated the Germans were not worrying about Russia taking Berlin. The city is strongly fortified and many more forces can be secured within a short time. He was fortunate enough to be on the same train with some of the siege guns which did such great work in Belgium during his trip to Berlin. "Even the German people didn't know the government owned them," he said.

The Bloomington man has two nephews in the army and a large number of close friends. He says that it is absolutely unfair to the German nation to accuse German soldiers of the atrocities which are being sent out by the allies concerning them.

THE BRIDE-ELECT HAS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED

Friends Fear Mason City Girl Has Been Kidnaped—Make Search Without Success.

Mason City, Ia., Sept. 25.—Miss Esther Schmidt, an unusually pretty girl of 19 years, who was to have been married next Sunday to T. W. Leach of Peoria, Ill., disappeared from her home here yesterday and thus far no trace of her has been found.

Her parents, who are almost distracted, have offered a reward of \$200 for any information leading to her recovery.

They are unable, however, to furnish the slightest clue or to advance any explanation to account for her disappearance, other than the fear they entertain that she been kidnaped.

Up to the time of her disappearance arrived here to join in the exceedingly happy in anticipation of her coming marriage.

It developed yesterday when her fiancé arrived here to join in the search that she had mailed him a letter only a short time before her parents missed her. The missive, however, is utterly valueless so far as giving a clue is concerned. It was written chiefly to tell of some social event that was being planned for Friday night and to urge her fiancé to be here.

When the possibility of an elopement was suggested members of the family admitted that Mr. Leach had had two rivals, but both were in town and evidently had no knowledge of the girl's whereabouts.

Police authorities throughout the middle west are being notified and asked to help in the search.

Original Notice.

In the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, October term, A. D. 1914.

The First National Bank of Jewell Junction, Iowa, plaintiff vs. Chris Morck, J. Morck and John Rierson, Defendant.

To Chris Morck, J. Morck and John Rierson.

You are hereby notified the petition of plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, claiming of you the sum of Four hundred ninety-one and 50-100 dollars, as money justly due from you, with interest thereon at 8 per cent, from the third day of September A. D. 1914, as balance due on a promissory note for thirteen hundred thirty-three 34-100 dollars given to plaintiff dated May 28th, 1909, by defendants, and due May 28th, 1910.

Also asking that a writ of attachment issue against the property, rights and credits of the defendants Chris Morck and J. Morck. For further particulars see petition, and said petition is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. Also asking for Statutory Attorney's fee for plaintiff's attorney.

And that unless you appear thereon and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the October term of said court, which will commence at Webster City, Iowa, on the 12th day of October 1914, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

Dated this 4th day of September A. D. 1914.

I. J. SAYS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AROUSED

Want Some Protection Against Policy Holder Borrowers in Hard Times.

The insurance commissioners of the state recently held a meeting at Asheville and many things of importance to the companies and to policy holders were discussed. The old line life insurance companies allow policy holders to borrow a certain percentage of the face of the policies and this is proving very harrowing to the companies now, when the financial condition of the country is unsettled. Emory H. English, Iowa's insurance commissioner, was there, and he reports unusual interest was taken in this loaning feature of the insurance business.

The convention by resolution reiterated its position in opposition to policy loans and cash surrenders, and declared in favor of legislation that would require of every insurance company that its policies provide that it have the right to hold up for a period of six months any application for a policy loan or cash surrender of policy.

It would look at first as if such action was a matter of interest wholly to the insurance companies and not of public interest. But it was disclosed that right now, as a result of the war and its consequent tightening of the money situation, the insurance companies are receiving many more applications than ever before for this borrowing on the credit of the widows and orphans of the future. The reason, it is explained, is that banks are calling in their loans and are advising policy holders how they can get money by taking out policy loans. The situation is decidedly threatening to the insurance companies.

The banks are protected so that one who has money owed by the bank can not call for it short of a certain period; but the insurance company has no such protection. Neither has it a cash reserve. If loans are demanded then securities must be marketed, perhaps at a low rate, to get the cash, and this tends to increase whatever panicky conditions may be found.

So the insurance commissioners went on record in favor of laws to make it possible for the insurance companies to protect their reserves from the raids instigated by the banks in times of stress.

Old papers 5c a bundle, for sale at this office.

Notice of Appointment of Administratrix.

In the district court of the State of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, in probate.

In the matter of the estate of Amos Godsell, deceased.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as administratrix of the estate of Amos Godsell, late of Hamilton county, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 19th day of September A. D., 1914.

Olive Godsell, Administratrix of said estate. F21-3 Wesley Martin, Atty.

Redemption Notice.

To the unknown owners of the within described real estate:

You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Hamilton county, Iowa, to-wit:

A strip of land twelve (12) feet wide, between lot one (1) in block eighty-six (86) West New Castle, and lot six (6) block eighty-six (86) in Webster City, Iowa, was sold for taxes of 1910 on the fourth day of December, 1911, to I. J. SAYS and the certificate was by him assigned to the undersigned P. Mathre on Dec. 11th, 1911, that the certificates of sale thereof is now owned by the undersigned P. Mathre and that the right of redemption will expire, and a treasurer's deed for said land will be made, unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.

Dated 15th day of September A. D. 1914.

P. Mathre.

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