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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Local Representatives off to Odd Fellows and Rebekah Meeting at Burlington.

R. H. Mabbott, S. B. Bair, Mrs. I. B. Stafford, and Mrs. Blanch Mullins of Blairsburg, left yesterday for Burlington to attend the fifty-seventh annual convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which convened in that city beginning yesterday. Mrs. Wesley Frank of this city, who is visiting in Pella, will join the local delegates at Burlington. The foregoing delegates are those from this district, Mr. Bair going from the canton and Mr. Mabbott from the lodge. The ladies are delegates from the Rebekah lodges of the district.

The grand encampment will be in session on Monday and Tuesday and the delegates to the grand lodge, numbering 115, will assemble on Wednesday. The twenty-seventh annual Iowa Rebekah assembly will be held in the Elks hall and will be in session until Thursday.

A reception to the grand officers of the three orders will be given on Tuesday evening, at which time Mayor W. C. Cross of Burlington will deliver an address of welcome and responses will be made by Grand Master H. F. Wagner of Sigourney and Grand Patriarch Z. A. Church of Jefferson. President Allie Scott of Montrose will respond on behalf of the Ladies' auxiliary.

The convention at Burlington this year will be in the nature of a homecoming, as it will mark the seventieth anniversary of the organization of the first lodge in Iowa at Burlington on April 4, 1814. Washington lodge No. 1 was instituted by District Deputy John Potts of Galena, Ill., at Burlington on the above date following the granting of a dispensation by the Sovereign Grand lodge of the United States. The six charter members of Washington lodge No. 1 were Richard Mansley, W. H. Mauro, John Jones, Oliver Cook, William D. McCash and T. E. Goodhue.

The grand lodge of Iowa was organized at Bloomington, now Muscatine, Ia., on May 1, 1848, and was presided over by J. Whitfield Garner of Burlington. W. W. Moore of Des Moines, who was grand master from 1869 to 1870, is the oldest living past grand master at the present time. The subordinate membership of the order during the past twenty years has increased 24,000, and the 700 lodges in the state today have a total membership of 60,145.

A Correction.

Editors Freeman-Tribune: In the "Doings of the District Court," in your paper the case of R. M. Johnson vs. O. U. Johnson should read R. M. Johnson vs. O. U. Johnson, Eva Ballantyne, Sadie Harmon, Clara Ferrell and Millie Nelson, instead of just O. U. Johnson. We would like this corrected if it is not too late.

Blairsburg, Oct. 19.

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Webster City Wins.

The third game of foot ball of the season was played Saturday afternoon in Humboldt and the Webster City high school team was victorious this time, the score being 19 to 7. The local team put up a good game of ball on this occasion, the day being especially fine for gridiron work. Humboldt held out rather strong opposition to the Webster City team and made the game an interesting one.

Recommended by Col. Hyatt.

Des Moines Tribune: Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan today issued orders for the mustering out of service of Company D, Fifty-sixth Regiment, I. N. G., located at Carroll. This is due mainly to disobedience of orders by the company in August in failing to come to Des Moines to the maneuver camp. It was necessary to send out officers and take the organization to Camp Dodge under arrest. The company is dismissed upon the recommendation of Col. N. P. Hyatt of Webster City, who inspected the organization last week. The showing made was reported as unsatisfactory. State officials blame the

officers of the company for the trouble. They declare that the privates were a lot of good men who must suffer the penalty of the indifference of their officers.

There are a number of applications for a military company from towns in the southeastern and northeastern part of the state. Adjutant General Logan may transfer another company to the Fifty-sixth regiment in the western part of the state and organize a new company in the eastern section.

Local Men Elected.

At the meeting of the Webster County Mutual Insurance association held recently in the First Baptist church in Fort Dodge, W. O. McConnell of this city and C. H. Smith of Jewell were elected on the board of directors from Hamilton county for a term of three years. The association is an insurance company composed of farmers from seven Iowa counties, the most important of which are Webster and the two adjoining counties, Calhoun and Hamilton.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING PROPOSITION

Some Suggestions by an Outsider—
Make it a County Organization.

Times-Republican: Mrs. Ella M. Estes has left a bequest of \$5,000 as the nucleus of a sufficient sum to build a Y. M. C. A. building in Webster City. The bequest is conditional. If Webster City and its environs raise the rest of the money within a period of five years then the \$5,000 goes to the building and equipment. Otherwise it reverts to the estate of the donor.

Webster City should get busy and raise the remainder of the sum, erect the building and maintain it as one of the fortifications of better citizenship. With the extension of Y. M. C. A. work to counties this should be done without much trouble. The question seems to be more of maintenance than of first cost. Let Hamilton county organize its Y. M. C. A. and make Webster City the center of its county work. A committee sent out to canvass Hamilton county for such a purpose would be astonished at the number of good solid farmers and business men who would willingly subscribe to such a cause.

There's a reason. It is found in the vast change which has come in the general thought and the general attitude toward common necessities and common welfare. If it is true that men are not regular in church attendance as in former times it is also true that men were never before thinking and seeking opportunities so much along the lines of applied christianity. If there is less doctrinal discussion there is more insistence upon and recognition of the common welfare. Another condition which will and must assist any such canvass is that the average farmer and business man is prosperous.

Assuming that Mrs. Estes is a close relative or that Estes whose herds roamed the ranges of Hamilton and Wright in the earlier days and that the bequest comes in part at least from the fortune thus accumulated upon the pasturage of those prairies the gift takes on the fine aspect of a rendition back of an unearned increment through a sense of justice as well as a generous spirit. And carrying this farther should not the farms that were bought at \$5 an acre on which the pioneers struggled for existence, the lands that would mire a snipe then and are now of the finest corn land in the Mississippi valley rendering mighty crops and splendid profits to the descendants of the pioneers, feel as Mrs. Estes seems to have felt that a part of the unearned increment of thirty years belongs to the public and should be used in protection and aid of the public?

Webster City and Hamilton county can build and maintain a Y. M. C. A. And in so doing their investment shall within the next quarter century render greater returns than the farm which was under water and ringed with sloughs thirty years ago and is now cheap at \$175 an acre.

I. N. G. MAY HAVE AEROPLANE CORPS

Gen. Logan Wants One Organized—
National Government
May Help.

The people of Webster City and Hamilton county are greatly interested in all matters pertaining to the I. N. G., as we have one of the best companies in the state located here, which is growing more efficient each year. Efforts are now being made to have an aeroplane corps added to the organization, as the following from the Register and Leader reveals:

Considerable interest has been centered in the appropriation made by congress of \$500,000 for aeroplane work in the United States army, owing to the proposition made to the military department at Washington by Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan of the Iowa National guard and Frank Lyman, formerly of the guard, that the militia be supplied with aeroplanes, and that aviation corps be organized in each state.

Adjutant General Logan placed the matter before the officials during his recent visit to Washington. He was told that there was a chance that congress would make an appropriation for aviation and that the Iowa plan would be discussed later. The army now has its aviation fund.

The Iowa plan is that the war department furnish each state militia with aeroplanes and aviation corps be organized of men who agree to give at least thirty days' military service each year and to respond if there is a call for war. Owing to the recent developments in Europe where aeroplanes have played such an important part in military campaigns the Iowa militia officers say that the United States must immediately take steps to develop aviation corps or be hopelessly outclassed.

As far as known the Iowa guard has but one German reservist which it might lose if the Germans were able to get back to fight for their own country. The one man is Sergeant Longenbach, a United States army officer who is detailed with the Iowa guard as an instructor. Longenbach is at Eagle Grove this week. He will soon tour the state, and visit each company in turn.

Mrs. Peter Nicholson Dead.

Mrs. Peter Nicholson, who resided on a farm about a mile from Williams, died at noon yesterday or cancer, following a long illness. The deceased was an old settler here and was well known in this vicinity. She leaves a husband and two daughters.

To Boost Greater Iowa.

A Greater Iowa convention will be held at Fort Dodge Nov. 26. The meeting is being planned by the Greater Iowa commission. Representatives from every community in the state will be in attendance. Preceding the convention by ten days, Greater Iowa week will be held. The Greater Iowa commission is seeking to arrange public meetings at every county seat in Iowa during the week of Nov. 16 to 21 to boost the Greater Iowa idea.

Donate G. A. R. Fund.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the fortieth annual encampment of the Iowa G. A. R. which was held in Burlington, June 16-18, upon settling up its affairs, found a balance in hand of \$345.38. Believing it would please the Grand Army men of Iowa, who know through bitter experience the suffering and hardship which war entails, the committee has sent this balance to Miss Mabel Boardman, president of the Red Cross for the United States, for use in relieving the suffering now devastating Europe.

Thus ends an enterprise which was of great interest to the citizens of Burlington, and of pleasure to all the friends from the outside who attended the reunion.

The signs in front of the Dunlap jewelry store have been removed and are being rebacked and otherwise repaired, the steam and heat from a defect in the heating system last winter making it necessary to repair them.

Noted Pianiste at Iowa Falls.

Ellsworth College has secured the renowned artist, Miss Myrtle Elvyn, to give one of her concerts at the Metropolitan opera house, Iowa Falls, Friday evening, October 23d. The American Cyclopaedia ranks her as among the three greatest concert pianists in America. Three people travel with Miss Elvyn. The event is expected to call out a large attendance of music lovers for fifty miles around. Tickets may be secured in advance by mail by application to the college. They will be 50c, 75c and \$1.

Buys Residence.

Herman Teget has purchased the house at the corner of Broadway and Division streets, owned by out of town parties, and formerly occupied by the Cary H. Brown family, who have moved into the A. M. Martin house on west Division street. The consideration for the home was \$5,000. Mr. Teget expects to take possession the first of November, and will do considerable repairing and improving of the residence.

PROPOGATES NEW BRAND OF OATS

Outyield Older Strains and Promise to be Invaluable to Farmers.

Ames, Oct. 19.—A strain of oats, "Iowa 103," developed for growth under Iowa conditions by the Iowa agricultural experiment station, proved itself worthy this past year in a number of sections of the state under practical farm condition. At Oakville, in Louisa county, one large field seeded with this strain outyielded the best local varieties by twenty bushels per acre. Other fields in the vicinity did very nearly as well. In other counties "Iowa 103" also showed heavier yielding qualities, though not quite as much better than local varieties as in Louisa county.

These facts are contained in reports made to John Buchanan of the experiment station, secretary of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Association, which is distributing the new varieties of seed developed at Ames. The Oakville test was conducted by F. E. Jamison, who got his first shipment of seed in 1913. Then he grew an acre of "Iowa 103," which produced seventy-seven bushels of choice seed. He planted the entire seventy-seven bushels last spring on twenty-six and one-half acres, from which he harvested this fall 1,800 bushels of good seed, which he will distribute to his neighbors.

"My field yielded eighty-two bushels per acre, by weight," says Mr. Jamison in his report. "That is twenty bushels better than the next best field of oats in this entire section. 'Iowa 103' is showing up better than we could almost wish for. Our neighborhood has reason to thank the co-operative experiment association and the plant breeders at the experiment station for 'Iowa 103.'"

A Plea to Old Soldiers.

Colonel David J. Palmer, V. P. Twombly and Byron C. Ward, three of the best known old soldiers in the state, have issued a letter urging old soldiers generally to support the old judges of the supreme court for reelection. The Freeman-Tribune today received one of these letters, with a request to publish it, which is as follows:

Dear Comrade: The old soldier has special interest in the supreme court of the state, for it is that tribunal which must finally pass upon and give effect to every statute enacted by the legislature for his benefit. Within the last few years the supreme court has sustained the law exempting the soldier's homestead from taxation; it has sustained the law exempting the soldier's pension from liability for debts; it has held that such exemption extends not only to the pension, but to the property purchased by the soldier with his pension money; it has sustained the law which gives the soldier preference in appointment to positions in the public service; and it has very recently held that a soldier so appointed cannot be removed except

ADVANCED FASHION

Is exemplified by this close-fitting, snug-brerated sack suit.

AVALON BRAND

It has soft pliable front, patch pockets and high cut waist-coat. The waist-coat—correctly worn with top button open—lends an additional touch of dressiness to this new Fall and Winter model. We invite you to inspect it at your earliest opportunity. \$15 to \$25.



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We don't allow any wholesale houses to sell us "Blended Coffees." We buy all the varieties of "Coffees" separately and do our own blending, and in this way know just what kind we have. Our Veribest Coffee at 35c per lb. is as good as any, even if you pay ever so much more. Money back if we do not prove it. You for the judge.

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GERMAN INVADERS NEARING COAST TOWN OF DUNKIRK

London, Oct. 19.—That the German army is between Furnes and Dunkirk, and nearing the latter place, which is on the English channel, less than fifty miles from the coast of Dover, is reported in a Rotterdam dispatch from a German source to the Daily Mail under date of Sunday night. A heavy firing has been heard in the vicinity of Dunkirk since eight o'clock this morning. Severe fighting is taking place. It is supposed that destroyers or gunboats are being used in the canals.

London, Oct. 19.—The following official report from German headquarters issued in Berlin yesterday is sent by Reuter's Rotterdam cor-

respondent: In the western theatre of war yesterday was generally quiet and the situation unchanged. In the eastern field our troops are advancing in the environs of Lyck. The battle continues near the south of Warsaw.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The French aviators were watching all day yesterday for the usual Sunday visit of German airships, but none put in an appearance.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The latest advices from the big battle are to the effect that the allies are doing a little better than holding their own and have forced the enemy back in several important positions.

upon charges duly made and after due hearing. In no case of merit has the veteran's rights been denied, or the intent of the statute made for his protection been defeated by over-technical construction.

The terms of three of the present judges, Scott M. Ladd, Silas M. Weaver and Winfield S. Withrow, expire this year, and each is a candidate for re-election.

Without any disparagement whatever of the candidates who oppose them, we believe the old soldiers of Iowa should stand together in support of these three judges. They have experience; they have served with honor; they have been tried and found true, and no good reason has been suggested for any change. The motto, "let well enough alone" case.

has an apter and wiser application to the courts than to any other official position within the gift of the people. Yours respectfully,

D. J. Palmer,
V. P. Twombly,
Byron C. Ward.

Cradle Roll.

Born, Sunday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crosby, residing ten miles south of the city, an eight and a half pound girl.

The commercial law class of the local business college attended the session of the district court at the court house yesterday. They hoped to gain some practical experience by listening to the arguments of the attorneys in the Atkinson-city case.