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SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN A. BERGGREN

Family and Friends are Greatly Shocked—Had Been Slowly Improving During Past Few Days.

WAS BORN APRIL 29, 1859

Came to Webster City Twenty Years Ago—Served as County Auditor.

Friends and acquaintances of John A. Berggren were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden death from heart trouble at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Berggren had been seriously ill for the past two weeks and his condition had been a source of grave apprehension to his family and friends until the past few days, since when he seemed to be slowly improving. The sudden change Sunday afternoon, therefore, found the family entirely unprepared for the shock.

John A. Berggren was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berggren, both natives of Sweden, his father being a Methodist minister, and he was born in Galesburg, Ill., April 29, 1859, some time after their arrival in America. When but a young man he came to Iowa, settling later at Stratford, where he engaged in the nursery business. Here he was married in 1889 to Miss Dora Near, also of Stratford, and to them were born several children, five of whom are now living. These are Mrs. Hazel B. Sands, Raymond, Orpha, Bernice and Ralph, all of this city.

The Berggren family moved to Webster City about twenty years ago, at which time Mr. Berggren was deputy-county auditor under J. H. Sweeney, who passed away in Jewell a few years ago. Through the influence of Hon. D. C. Chase, Mr. Berggren was made committee clerk of one of the house committees when Mr. Chase was a member of that body. Later he was elected county auditor of Hamilton county and served in that capacity three terms. He made a good official and upon his retraction was instrumental in the organization of the Security Title & Loan company, with which institution he was actively identified from its organization until his death. He was one of the best known men in Hamilton county and always took much interest in county and city affairs. He had a large circle of friends throughout the county and a wide acquaintance throughout the state, all of whom will regret to learn of his untimely taking off. In his family relations Mr. Berggren was kind and indulgent, a loving husband and father, and as such will be greatly mourned by his family.

The deceased leaves besides his immediate family five sisters—Mrs. J. T. Drug, Mrs. Eric Lindquist, Mrs. John Schaffer, Mrs. Sam Swedlund and Miss Tena Berggren, all of Stratford; and two brothers—Phillip and Wesley Berggren, both of Sheldahl, Iowa.

Mr. Berggren was a member of the Elks lodge of this city, also of the Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor.

The funeral will be held at the family home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, with Rev. C. H. Kamphoefner officiating.

Arm Broken.

Mrs. Howard Knight suffered a broken arm Saturday at the farm home ten miles northeast of town. Mrs. Knight was engaged in washing and while moving about her duties tripped and fell, breaking an arm just above the elbow. She was immediately brought to this city where the fracture was reduced by Dr. Richardson and she is resting easily at present.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to publicly thank our neighbors and friends and the members of the Odd Fellows lodge for their sympathy and flowers during our recent bereavement. We are indebted to the following: Mrs. Arthur Houghton, Association

NEW PASTOR ASSIGNED TO LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. E. R. Baber of Van Meter Sent to Webster City by U. B. Conference.

A successful and interesting six days session of the Iowa State Conference of the United Brethren church was closed in the Castle Memorial church in Des Moines Sunday. The appointments were given out following the ordination services conducted by Bishop H. H. Fout of Indianapolis. Rev. E. R. Baber was assigned to the Webster City church. Rev. Baber has been pastor of the church at Van Meter during the past two years and was presiding elder of Kansas for ten years before coming to Van Meter. He comes to Webster City recommended as a very capable minister.

Rev. W. F. Cronk, for seventeen years superintendent of the Iowa conference and for the past twenty years a resident of Des Moines, was assigned to the church at Gladbrook. Rev. Cronk will be succeeded as superintendent by Rev. C. H. Light of Cedar Rapids.

Rev. Baber will take up his work in this city at once. Rev. R. R. Percy, who recently resigned as pastor of the local church, expects to move with his family to the new field at Berwick within a few days.

SATURDAY'S FOOT BALL CONTEST

Crack East High Eleven Held Down to the Narrow Margin of Thirteen Points by Webster City.

LOCAL TEAM SURPRISE FANS

One of the Best Games Ever Witnessed Here—Good Crowd Present.

Playing one of the best games ever witnessed in this city, the Webster City high school foot ball team held the crack East Des Moines eleven Saturday afternoon at Riverside park to the narrow margin of thirteen points. The visiting eleven had been pronounced by the Register and Leader to be "perhaps the strongest in the history of Des Moines high school foot ball," and the showing of the local boys came as a great surprise to foot ball fans all over the state.

This was the opening game of the East High schedule, and Coach Van Liew had brought along his entire second team to use as substitutes after the expected easy victory had

been won by the regulars. However, the string of "subs" were compelled to gain their experience from the side-lines alone, as but one substitution was made on each side throughout the game. The East High line outweighed the home team fifteen pounds to the man, and were superior in their return of kicks; otherwise the teams played on even terms.

Weather conditions were ideal for foot ball, and the gridiron was in excellent shape after the light shower of the morning.

East High's first touchdown did not materialize until two minutes before the close of the first half. At this time, Howard, East's colossal Negro guard, returned punt thirty yards to Webster City's seven yard line, and after four line smashes, Stone edged the ball over the line by a matter of inches for a touchdown. Score, 6 to 0.

The other seven points were handed to the visitors free gratis on a fluke in the fourth quarter. Greenwood on the second down received a poor pass from center behind Webster City's goal, fumbled, attempted to punt, and lost the ball to Tedrow of East High, who rolled on the ball for a second touchdown.

The game was featured for Webster City by the brilliant work of Sparboe. Twice he prevented certain touchdowns for East High by his tackling, once racing Shufelt thirty-five yards and downing him from behind, three yards from the goal line. At this point the Webster City line held their opponents like the traditional stone wall, and gained the ball on downs.

Froning and Gilmore achieved the distinction of making the only gains by either team of more than ten yards. These were Froning's twelve yard smash through the right side of East High's line, and Gilmore's fifteen yard end run, both being spectacular features.

The closeness of the contest is indicated by the fact that Webster City five times held East High for downs, and also by the fact that the game early resolved itself into a punting duel between Greenwood and Shufelt, with the honors slightly in favor of the East High star. Webster City's line put up a superb defense, far out-classing their previous work of the season. Britson's work at center was noteworthy, and France and Lane at end kept up their record achieved in the Iowa Falls game. Simpson at tackle put up the game of his life against Ausberry, his 190-pound opponent, and played him to a standstill. In fact every man fought like a veteran, and considering the fact that more than half of the team were playing only their second game as high school regulars, the showing of Saturday is highly gratifying to their friends and supporters. The East High players after the game declared that the opposition furnished was far stiffer than any afforded by the Highland Park College eleven in recent practice games.

The line-up: East High 13. Webster City 0. Whitmer c. Britson. Patterson L E. France. Amsberry L T. Simpson. Howard L G. Isham. Coombs R G. Daniels. Bem's R T. Greenwood. Burke R E. Lane. Johnson Q. Sparboe. Stone L H. Gilmore. Shufelt R H. Clark. Tedrow F B. Froning.

Substitutes: Story for Stone, Tatham for Isham. Officials: Referee, Weyranch of Ames; umpire, Pugh of East High; head linesman, Berggren of Webster City.

Out of Danger.

H. O. Cutler, who has been seriously ill for the past week with lung trouble, was very ill yesterday with pleurisy and still suffers today with this trouble, although all danger from pneumonia is thought to be past.

Did Well.

The ladies of the Universalist church enjoyed a large attendance at their cafeteria supper Friday night in the basement of the church. They cleared about \$30 for their efforts.

Odd Fellows.

All Odd Fellows are requested to meet at Elmo hall, Wednesday at 1:15, to attend the funeral of our brother, J. A. Berggren.

By order of Noble Grand.

THE NORTHERN IOWA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Northern Iowa Baptist Association Meetings—Tomorrow's Program.

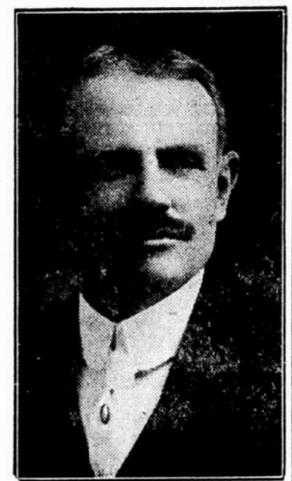
Interest in the Northern Iowa Baptist Association meetings in this city increases as the delegates begin to arrive. The session tomorrow morning will be devoted to business. The quiet hour will be led by Rev. John Croft, pastor of the Baptist church at Swea City.

The annual election and the appointment of special committees will be followed by the reading of letters from the churches of the association. The reading of these letters is one of the most interesting numbers on the program, as in them reports are made of special events which have taken place in the churches during the year, together with membership and financial statistics.

There will be an address at 11 a. m. by Rev. D. G. P. Mitchell, State

In the evening Rev. J. S. Nickelson, pastor of the Baptist church at Goldfield, will be in charge of the quiet hour.

At 8 p. m. there will be an address on "Men's Part in the Life and



J. S. Tuthill Esq.

Work of the Church" by J. S. Tuthill Esq. of Waterloo.

This speaker will be followed by Rev. J. P. Catlin, pastor of the Baptist church at Estherville. Rev. Catlin will have for his theme "Why I am a Baptist."



Rev. J. F. Catlin.

Sessions begin promptly at the hour named on program. All are cordially invited.

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RILEY DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Supt. Kelly to Give Reading in Each Room of Schools Riley's Birthday.

Secretary Lane of Washington, Secretary of the Interior, has made the suggestion to the superintendents of schools of America, that Thursday, Oct. 7th, the anniversary of James Whitcomb Riley's birth, be observed in every school room in the land by the reading of one of Riley's poems.

This observation is going to be made next Thursday in this city by Supt. Kelly, himself an ardent admirer of Riley's poems, and probably few children in the state of Iowa will have the opportunity to enjoy what the children of all ages in Webster City will enjoy. Supt. Kelly, who is also a poet—although a modest one—is a reader of more than state wide reputation and has decided to give one of Riley's poems in each room of the Webster City schools on that day. For the little ones he will undoubtedly give those dear to the child mind, like—"Once I Sassed My Pa," "The Raggedy Man" and "The Bear Story." For the older ones, the poems which have grown sweeter with the years, such as "The Old Swimm'g Hole," "That Old Sweetheart of Mine," "Back to Grigsby's Station," "Out to Old Aunt Mary's," and others of equal perfection will be given; and the golden name of James Whitcomb Riley in this manner will be placed where every child in the public schools will see and remember gratefully for a few months, at least, one of the greatest American men of letters.

Spend Winter in Southwest.

Mrs. F. E. Willson leaves today for a ten days visit with her brother, Fred Arthur and family, in Broken Bow, Neb., and Miss Nellie Edwards will leave the 18th for a visit with an uncle in Hastings, Neb. Mrs. Willson will go from Broken Bow to Hastings and the two ladies will be joined by Mrs. Jennie Edwards and the latter's father, N. G. Omstead, also Miss Vandie Mattice of Redlands, Cal., who has been in this city visiting for several months. The party go to Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Salt Lake City, etc., thence to San Francisco to spend several days at the exposition. From San Francisco they will take the beautiful trip down the coast to Los Angeles and San Diego, a month's stay being planned for San Diego and the fair there. The Webster City party will spend the remainder of the winter in Los Angeles.

Mueller's Boosters played foot ball on the school grounds Saturday morning with the Webster City Hobos with a final score of 18 to 6 in favor of the Boosters. The Boosters would like to arrange a series of games with any juvenile team between the ages of ten and fifteen years. Please write to Mervin Clark or Arthur Williams.

AUTO RACES ARE AGAIN POSTPONED

Five Mile Race Attempted in Which Two Cars Get Tangled Up—Nobody Hurt.

Quite a crowd gathered at the driving park Saturday afternoon to witness the auto and motorcycle races, but they were postponed again on account of bad track conditions caused by the frequent rains of last week. Those who paid at the gate had their admission free returned to them after it was determined that the races could not be put on successfully. However, a five mile auto race was attempted to entertain the crowd which had gathered, but two of the cars got tangled up or locked together during the race and the others in the event had to be flagged. Walter Willson's car was badly wrecked in the mixup but nobody hurt.

The postponed races will take place next Friday and Saturday and at that time it is expected to have the track in first class condition—barring continued rains.

TWO LARGE AUDIENCES PRESENT

A Series of Gospel Meetings are Begun in the Christian Church.

The Gospel meetings at the Christian church began Sunday with two good audiences present, the church being filled in the evening. A. M. Ridenour, the singer, was well received, many words of praise being heard for his work. Mr. Ridenour is an ordained minister of the Christian church and has been urged to become state secretary of the Christian church of Montana. He is a fine worker, possessing a strong personality, and a reader of ability.

James Small, the Irish evangelist, says of Carol M. Ridenour: "He sits by the fireside of the heart and arouses the spiritual in men as few singers are capable of doing. I once thought Ira D. Sankey was the only one on earth that could sing 'The Ninety and Nine,' but Carol M. Ridenour has nobly earned the right to be heard in this popular Gospel song. If any one loves Bro. Ridenour more than I do it is because he has a larger capacity for loving than I have, that's all."

Chas. Reign Seoville, the great Union Evangelist, says: "His rendering of the song, 'Tell Mother I'll be There,' made such an impression on the audience and myself that it of itself was worth all the time he spent in the campaign."

Mr. Ridenour will sing "The Ninety and Nine" tonight, fully illustrated with stereopticon views.