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COUNTY'S LOSS ON CORN \$1,350,000

That is the Estimate of Webster City Business Men—\$675 to the Farm.

Two Webster City business men who are interested in the corn crop of Hamilton county, got together the other day and attempted to figure out the monetary loss to Hamilton county resulting from her poor crop this year.

Their figuring runs something like this:

Allowing 99,000 acres of corn to Hamilton county and 50 bushels to the acre in seasons when there are good crops, the yield would be 4,950,000 bushels. This year 20 bushels to the acre was taken as the basis of an average and 20 bushels to the acre for 90,000 acres gives 1,800,000 bushels.

Now there are about 2000 farms in Hamilton county and an average loss to each farm for the poor corn crop would be \$675. Of course the large farms suffered a greater loss, and the small farms suffered in proportion, but the loss per farm in this county approximates the above amount.

In spite of this loss there are fewer unemployed men in the county than for many years. Times are really prosperous, business in all lines is fairly good and prospects never were better.

Advocates of the Federal Reserve system are giving it the credit of the loosened money situation. Others who are not so favorable to this system are giving the praise to greater confidence on the part of the people who are not holding on to their money so closely.

Chas. G. Dawes, president of the Central Trust Company of Illinois, one of the best informed men of the west, speaks as follows:

"The wise statesman and the wise business man in days like these, however, look ahead for the inevitable reaction which will occur after 1916 has passed. The wise business man generally uses a time of prosperity, fair prices and ample credit to get out of debt just as the unwise use it to get into debt. In such a time as that which we confront, debts can be discharged and contracted with comparative ease. If our business men keep their heads—if rank speculation and the creation of debt for speculative enterprises can be discouraged—in just that proportion will the time of real prosperity continue."

SOME AMUSING THINGS BECAUSE OF THE ICE

Man Slides Down Hill and is Unable to Get Back—Pussy Gets Spunky.

Saturday a hired man working for Charles Staley, who resides upon the brow of the hill just across Brewer creek south of town, had a sliding experience. He went out to do some work and when he reached the incline he began a toboggan descent. He could not stop and went clear to the bottom. It was so slippery that he could not climb the hill and there was no other way to get back to the house.

Justice Tucker's family own a pet kitten which they let out upon the icy surface of the snow Saturday morning. At the first step the surprised feline slid a foot or two and

completely lost its footing. After the kitten had recovered from its amazement, it got up and tried it again with the same result. Now if there is one thing a cat disdains to lose, it is its footing, equilibrium or whatever one may call it; so the cat just lost its temper and yowled and spit and clawed the air trying to regain a footing. Of course the madder it got, the worse it slipped and slid until the laughing spectators went out and rescued it and smoothed its ruffled dignity.

On the E. C. Pilchard farm on the southern outskirts of the city, there was some doubt whether or not it would be safe to let out the stock. One hog was released from the barn and after a skating exhibition went through the crust of the snow where it stood, firmly imbedded in the snow and ice and had to be chopped out.

YOUNG MAN RECEIVES CONCUSSION

Marion Stark Falls by U. B. Church and Strikes Head on Curbing and Serious.

Sunday forenoon Marion Stark, of the Lexington garage in this city, fell on the icy walk near the United Brethren church and struck the back of his head on the cement curbing. His companion, Milo Foster, also fell but was not seriously injured. The two young men arose and neither felt that he was seriously hurt, but on the way down town, Mr. Foster was aware that his companion was talking strangely and as they were about to enter a down town restaurant, they met a physician whom Mr. Foster called to examine Mr. Stark. The latter was found to be suffering from concussion and was taken to Mercy hospital.

STORY CITY CONCERT BAND CLOSSES TOUR

Visit Webster City While on Way to Jewell to Give Final Concert.

The members of the Story City Concert Band spent several hours in this city Saturday, having changed here from the Central to the Northwestern. They were on their way home from a ten days' concert tour to neighboring towns in this section of country—Bode, Renwick, Goldfield, Lake Mills, Laverne, Thor, Ft. Dodge, Callender, Williams, Duncombe and Jewell—the concert in the latter place that evening closing the trip.

The Story City boys met with good crowds in every town visited with only one or two exceptions and their music seemed to be highly appreciated by the audiences they entertained. It is the intention of the band to make a trip similar to this every winter, this one being their first annual tour. The boys have enjoyed themselves hugely on their visit to these towns and have gained some experience that will serve them well in future ventures of this kind.

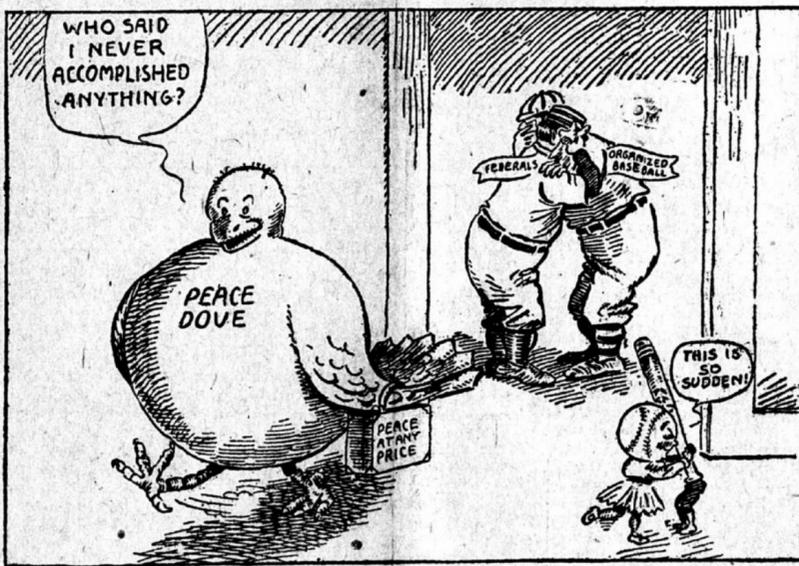
There are twenty-six members in the Story City band and the organization is under the direction of M. O. Tjernagle, an efficient musician and director, a member of a family who are noted as good musicians throughout the section of country in which they reside.

The Freeman-Tribune has examined the program the Story City boys gave on this tour and it includes some of the best selections which appear in the modern catalogues of band music.

The citizens of Story City are to be congratulated upon having such an efficient musical organization—a band which reflects credit upon the community they represent.

Little Miss Marcelline Malcolm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Malcolm, whose limb has been in a cast for the past three months from some feared complications, has had the cast removed and the limb appears to be very much improved. Entire recovery is not looked for, however, for some time.

ONE VICTORY TO THE CREDIT OF THE BIRD.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

A KENDALL YOUNG LIBRARY FOR ELLSWORTH

Trustees of Library Will Send Books to That Town for the Use of All.

Ellsworth News: The trustees of the Kendall Young Library of Webster City are going to make it possible for Ellsworth to enjoy practically all the privileges that are received by people residing in the county seat.

Arrangements are under way to establish a centrally located place here in which several hundred books will be kept. The trustees do not wish to make any charges and only ask the Ellsworth patrons to pay the freight and drayage charges.

The News' idea would be to have the business men chip in one dollar each and allow any and all to read the books, although there are several ways of making very satisfactory arrangements.

The books may be kept in one of the business houses and patrons will sign a receipt when a book is taken, which receipt is destroyed upon the return of the book.

This will give Ellsworth practically every advantage that the larger cities enjoy, so far as a library is concerned, and the cost will be virtually nothing.

A News representative has talked the matter over with one of the trustees, and as soon as arrangements can be made for a location, books will be forwarded.

The only thing asked by the trustees is that the books shall be given reasonably good care and that the library shall not be called upon to pay transportation charges.

DR. ANDREWS-PERRY FRACTURES HIP

Falls on Ice in Back Yard at Her First Street Home—Taken to Hospital.

Dr. Andrews-Perry fell on the ice while out in the back yard at her home on west Elm street Sunday morning and fractured her right hip. She was taken to Dr. Richardson's office soon after the noon hour and an X-ray examination made which revealed the fact that one bone in the hip was broken. She was taken to Mercy hospital for care and treatment.

Dr. Andrews-Perry has for a long time been having a severe siege with a very badly sprained ankle, her left one, not the leg which was broken in this last accident. She had also just recovered from a hard attack of the grippe. Under these conditions, coming so soon after her other trouble, the fractured hip is particularly unfortunate.

WEBSTER CITY LOSES TO ALGONA

High School Basket Ball Team Meets First Defeat of Season—Score 43 to 40.

In a close game featured by loose guarding, the Algona high school basket ball team defeated Webster City Friday night at Algona by the score of 43 to 40.

Webster City drew first blood when France broke loose and tipped in a pretty basket after one minute of play. From this point the game waxed fierce and furious and the first half ended with Webster City one point in the lead, 15 to 16. At the beginning of the second half Webster City came back strong and piled up a seven point lead, but Algona substituted several fresh men, and this fact, coupled with some hard luck and loose guarding by the tiring Webster City boys, allowed the Algona team to draw up from behind and win the game by a three-point margin.

France, for Webster City was undoubtedly the star of the game with eleven field goals to his credit, besides being all over the floor and in every play. Crane and Nugent starred for Algona.

This is the first defeat for the purple and gold, having won their first three games. This week the locals meet the fast Ellsworth team which they defeated on the latter's floor two weeks ago by but one point, 23 to 24. This game should be a good one. Prof. Sifer was called home to Sheldon Wednesday by the death of his mother and Prof. Conlee accompanied the team to Algona.

The lineup: Webster City, France, RF; Wilkinson, LF; Greenwood, C; Spratt, RG; Froning, LG; Algona, Nugent, Crane, Mather, Holtzbauser, Monyer. Substitutions—Cotton for Monyer; Nugent for Crane; Tatham for Wilkinson. Referee—Moad of Ames.

Going to Charles City.

A. B. Smith, who has been in the employ of L. V. Mills, the plumber, the past year, will remove soon to Charles City. He has bought an interest in a plumbing and heating business there. Mr. Smith formerly resided at Charles City and will be associated in business with Guy Lindaman, who has been conducting this line of business there for some time. The Charles City Press says of them: "These young men have had 15 and 12 years practical training respectively in this line and the firm Lindaman and Smith will give their personal attention to all work from the largest to the smallest detail."

A fine new triple mirror has been added to the furnishings of the Boston Shoe & Clothing Co. store and several more repairs made to the display window, the floor in it having been lowered about six inches.

PETITIONS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Judge Wright Issues Injunction Restraining the Sale of Jewell Property.

M. J. Mansager and Emily L. Mansager have filed a petition with the clerk of the district court asking for an injunction, restraining Sheriff Nelson from selling property at Jewell. The petition states that plaintiff, M. J. Mansager, is the owner in fee simple of said property; that on Feb. 16, 1915, John Rierison obtained a judgment against these plaintiffs for \$7.30; that an execution has been issued, at the instance of Rierison, and placed in the hands of Sheriff Nelson; that the sheriff levied upon the real estate at Jewell and advertised the same for sale; that the property includes the home- stead of plaintiffs and the judgment is not a lien upon said homestead. Judge Wright issued the injunction on Jan. 29, 1916.

Barnett's Circulating Agency asks judgment against Elva E. Howard for \$165.60, claiming that sum due as surety on bond of L. D. Howard.

G. C. Thornstad asks judgment against the Peterson Land & Investment company of Mankato, Minn., for \$575 claimed due on contract for services rendered. The Webster City Savings Bank asks judgment against A. R. Burlington for \$1,887.95 alleged due on note. Also for \$655.73 on note. The same bank asks judgment against A. F. Essig and Mable M. Essig for \$164.42 claimed on note.

TOTAL ECLIPSE NEXT THURSDAY

First Total Eclipse of Sun Since Year 1869—Get Your Smoked Glass Ready.

On next Thursday there will be a total eclipse of the sun which will be visible to all parts of the United States and which will take place in the morning between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30. In Iowa the sun will be completely eclipsed at about 9:30.

This is the first total eclipse of the sun visible in the United States since August, 1869, an event which can be readily recalled by the older people of the community. They will remember that the climatic conditions of the year were similar to 1915; the summer was cold, wet and disagreeable; corn was a failure and farmers experienced pretty hard times. Harvesting was late and oats were just being cut when the eclipse occurred. During the period of darkness the stars came out and the chickens went to roost.

If next Thursday is clear in this

vicinity similar conditions may be expected. Older people will remember that various religious sects over the country prepared for the occasion as the Judgment Day and put on white robes and ascended their wooded roofs preparatory to a long flight upward; these of course in the end had to come down and put on their earthly garments of overalls and homespun garments and go on about their business.

In some vicinities the sigh in the sky was taken as a warning and accounts of long standing were liquidated. Several editors over the state are indulging in the hope that the day may have such an effect upon delinquent subscribers. It might not be a bad plan to institute pay-up-week directly following the eclipse and thus reap the benefits of the impression the darkened sky might have upon the public.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS ADDRESS

Rev. Haywood's Argument for National Prohibition Feature of Union Service.

A large audience was present Sunday night at the Methodist church to join in the union temperance service which occurs in this city upon the fifth Sunday in any month. The splendid address upon National Prohibition, delivered by the pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. H. L. Haywood, was given the closest attention and there was a burst of applause from the listeners at the close of the address. The music was very good—was furnished by the Methodist choir—and included a tenor solo by R. D. Hughes. The address was in reality an argument for, rather than an address upon, National Prohibition, and was given in the style usually adopted by attorneys in their closing addresses to the jury. The standpoint as taken by Rev. Haywood is entirely original, and is an exposition of the fact that while a saloon may be entirely legal, it may still be so much of a nuisance that it may be closed by that same law which legalizes it.

Collar Bone Fractured. Levi Cottingham slipped and fell on the icy walk in the back yard at his home on Bank street Saturday morning and broke his collar bone. The accident happened while Mr. Cottingham was going from the house to the woodhouse. However, he is reported as being "right side up" this afternoon and will no doubt be himself again in due time.

At the Exposition. Los Angeles, Cal. Jan. 29.—E. N. Leo of Webster City was a visitor today at the big free exhibit of California products maintained in Los Angeles by the Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the illustrated lectures and moving pictures that are given daily, and plans to see the great international exposition that will be continued at San Diego during all of 1916.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM BLAZE

Sheldon Grocery Store Filled With Smoke When Opened in Early Morning.

The Sheldon grocery store had a narrow escape Saturday morning when a telephone wire in the alley back of the store broke with the weight of ice which has encrusted all wires, and fell across an electric light wire leading into the store. The current burned out the electric wire and the woodwork of the window near which the wire was stationed began to smolder. A bushel basket which touched the wire, was also set on fire and about half of the latter burned. When Henry Sheldon arrived early that morning to open up the store, he found it filled with smoke and easily located the source. The moment he opened the door to the back room he could hear the crackling of the electric current. All sorts of things could have happened had the incident occurred earlier in the morning, when the blaze could have gained considerable headway, and the proprietors are congratulating themselves today upon their escape from a disastrous blaze.

TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE FIRST OF MARCH

Ed. McFarlane Will Not Be Able to Close out Business Before That Time.

Ed McFarlane, who has been holding a closing out sale of his notion stock for a couple of months and expected to discontinue business this month, will continue the business until the 1st of March. He expects to sell or trade the balance of his stock. H. L. and S. M. Wise, who will open up a luncheonette in the store room as soon as it is vacated by Mr. McFarlane, have many of their store fixtures ready and are waiting for the notion store to discontinue business so they can commence to move in. They do not expect to open up for business, however, before the 1st of April.

Three Tons of Catalogues. Three tons of Sears-Robuck catalogues have arrived in the city preparatory to the spring trade. Each one of these catalogues weighs in the neighborhood of three pounds, so those interested may figure out just how many citizens, generally farmers, there are here who are dealing with Sears-Robuck, one of the largest mail order houses in the world. Now if we had some way to figure out the number of business men who also buy their wares of outside concerns the information might be illuminating.

Advertisement for D. & P. GLOVES: HANSEN GLOVES. Includes image of a man in a hat and text: 'If you appreciate particularly Good Gloves and Mittens, Sir, then this is your store for Hand-wear. D. & P. GLOVES: HANSEN GLOVES. We recommend these to standard lines of gloves and mittens. Come in and get a pair; keep your hands warm and comfortable during this severe Winter Weather. They look well any place you wear them. Charles T. Smith & Son ONE PRICE TO ALL'