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## MILWAUKEE EXCURSION TO VISIT WEBSTER CITY

Eighty of the Prominent Jobbers, Manufacturers, Bankers, Etc., of Wisconsin Metropolis to be Here June 6.

HAVE OWN EXCURSION TRAIN.

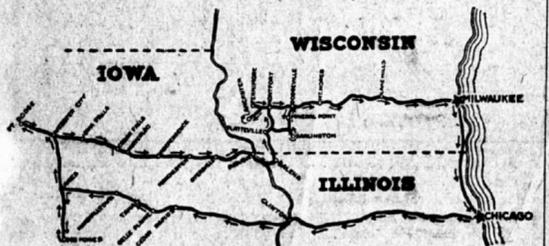
Party Will be Accompanied by a Uniformed Band of Twenty-One Pieces.

The sixteenth annual trade excursion of the Merchants & Manufacturers Association of Milwaukee, under the auspices of the jobbers committee of that organization, will take place June 4th to 10th inclusive. Webster City is included in the itinerary. Eighty of the prominent job-

The men who will form this party will be made up principally from the heads of jobbing houses, manufacturing establishments and financial institutions, the idea of this annual excursion being to cement more closely the business and personal relations between merchants of the cities visited and those of Milwaukee, the members of the party being desirous to learn as much as possible of the local industries and advantages of the cities visited.

The leading Milwaukee newspapers will have representatives on the train who will write up the stops made at each city and will thus afford an excellent opportunity for mutual publicity.

The Milwaukee men will appreciate thoroughly the opportunity to meet the representative business men of each city visited to learn what each has to offer in natural resources and lines of manufacture;



bers, manufacturers and bankers of the metropolis of Wisconsin will be in our city on June 6th, from 11 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

The excursion of the Merchants & Manufacturers Association will this year be the most pretentious and complete booster trip ever taken by any commercial organization. The train which will convey the party will be the most modern and approved in railway equipment. It is furnished by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and will be solid electric lighted, vestibuled, of all steel construction, consisting of four compartment Pullman sleeping cars, buffet, observation, dining, baggage and dynamo cars. It will be fully equipped with telephone exchange and service will be provided at all cities where the stop exceeds one hour.

also, to establish a community of interest between the state of Wisconsin and its neighboring states. The Milwaukee men wish it understood that they come to receive, as well as to furnish information, that this trip is intended to be a reciprocal affair of advantage both to the visitors and to the places visited.

The party will be accompanied by a uniformed band of twenty-one pieces which will render programs at all cities on the itinerary. At the cities selected as night stops the visitors will present a set of stereopticon views of Milwaukee and some of her leading industries. This program will be carried out on one of the main streets of the "night cities."

Gold and silver goods for the baby at Teed & Teed's. d-f-tf

## COUNTRY SCHOOL ALSO WINS PIANO

School North of the City Taught by Miss Mildred Horsley Secures Prize.

The count of votes was not yet finished at the Kearns Grocery on the day of announcing the result of the piano contest recently conducted by that grocery. Two pianos were offered in the contest started last fall, one to be given to the town school turning in the most votes, given with purchases at this store, and the other piano given to the country school which turned in the most votes.

The Pleasant Wood school just north of the city, taught by Miss Mildred Horsley, located on the site of the old stone school house, secured the piano for country schools and is now probably the only country school in Hamilton county in possession of a piano.

The youngsters who attend this school have been working hard, canvassing the countryside for votes, and friends of the school will be glad to learn their industry has been rewarded.

A number of valuable watches and also silverware was given away in this contest, the winners comprising too many to give each personal mention.

Work on Geo. C. Tucker's new residence on the north side was begun today.

Gentlemen's sterling silver belts at Teed & Teed's. d-f-tf

## ANOTHER CHILD STRUCK BY CAR

Four Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gustuson Receives Cut On Scalp.

Donald, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gustuson, who reside on east First street, miraculously escaped fatal injury Monday forenoon about 9:30 o'clock while playing in the street in front of his home.

As near as could be learned, the child started to cross the street and did not see the Palace meat market delivery automobile which was being driven west by Leo Donovan. The little one was struck by the car on the back of the head and knocked down, cutting a gash just back of the ear, and raising a large bump on his forehead. The driver at once stopped his car and carried the little one into the Gustuson home from which a few minutes later he was taken to a physician's office and the wound dressed.

The boy received no other injuries and is resting fairly comfortably since the accident.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Wm. Blankenbuehler and wf to Barney Brin—wd—west one-sixth lot 8 and tract in lot 7, blk 82, W. C.—\$2,500.00.

Rube McFerren and wf to W. W. Schropfer et al—wd—west 9 acres sw se 29-89-25.—\$2,600.00.

Geo. Christenson and wf to O. S. Winter—wd—lot 1, blk 3, W. F. & Co. addition, W. C.—\$2,750.00.

## AN IMPORTANT COURT DECISION

Supreme Court Sustains Lower Court in an Interesting Case Appealed From Hamilton County.

### A VICTORY FOR DRAINAGE

Constitutionality of Law Attacked by the Railroad—Albrook was Judge Here.

The supreme court has just handed down an opinion of more than ordinary interest, involving the constitutionality of certain features of the drainage laws of Iowa. The case was brought by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company against the board of supervisors of Hamilton county and drainage district No. 137. The company appealed from the findings of the board of appraisers and the case was tried before Judge Albrook in the district court here in the fall of 1914. Judge Albrook, in rendering his decision, took new and advanced ground and his opinion created much comment all over the state and lawyers were somewhat irritated at his conclusions. He held that the railroad company was benefited by the reclamation of land, as it would secure more freight from a cultivated field than from a swamp of the same size. That, of course, is self-evident, but many attorneys held that the court had no authority to take cognizance of such benefits. The constitutionality of certain features of the law were also attacked in Judge Albrook's court here. Attorney Blake went to Des Moines and argued the case for the county before the supreme court and is naturally pleased over the verdict rendered.

### Invitations to Banquet.

Following the Father and Son banquet to be given by the Boy Scouts on Wednesday evening, May 10th, at 6:30 o'clock at the Congregational church, the guests, numbering over one hundred, will be shown about fifty stereopticon slides secured from Underwood & Underwood, of New York, who turn out the finest things of the sort in America. These slides will all be of scouting life and are both interesting and humorous and the accompanying lecture will be of vital interest to both scouts and their male relatives and friends. The invitations were given out today.

Ralph Klein, who has been a patient for the past ten days at Mercy hospital, recovering from gunshot wounds, is improving.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT AT FORT DODGE?

The Colonel Invited to Stop There on His Way to Kansas City, Missouri.

Fort Dodge Chronicle: Former President Theodore Roosevelt may speak in this city this month. He is scheduled to speak in Kansas City on Decoration day, May 30, and Des Moines is making a strong bid for his appearance there previous to his going to Kansas City. The Commercial club of Fort Dodge has written asking if he cannot come directly to this city from Chicago and go to Des Moines from here. If the invitation is accepted Theodore Roosevelt will be heard here about the 28th of this month.

## WILL MAKE COUNTY AUTOMOBILE TOUR

Woman Lawyer of Chicago to Deliver Street Address on Monday Evening, May 15.

The Hamilton County Suffrage Association met Friday afternoon in the court room. Mrs. Ella Burleson gave a very full report of the Fort Dodge convention, and the association congratulates itself on the creditable showing of Hamilton county. Although it was the last one organized in the district, it leads in the number of "I favor" slips secured, the amount of money raised, and the number of public meetings held. Mrs. Burleson reviewed the main points in Mrs. Catt's address for the benefit of those not privileged to hear her.

The association discussed plans for a county automobile tour which it is expected to undertake in the near future.

Arrangements have been completed for a street meeting on the evening of May 15th, when Mrs. Catherine Vaughn-McCullough, of Chicago will give an open air address from an automobile.

Mrs. McCullough is a practicing lawyer, a member of the firm of McCullough & McCullough, and is one of the three or four women to whom is given the credit of securing suffrage in Illinois. She has a national reputation as an orator and it will be a rare privilege for Webster City people to hear this gifted woman.

Mrs. E. O. Dubois was appointed chairman of the committee to conduct a suffrage exchange on Saturday, May 13th. The association will meet again next Thursday afternoon.

Paint for everything at Teed's.



—Smith in Chicago Tribune.

## CLAUDE MIKEL, WELL KNOWN CITIZEN, DROPS DEAD

Unloading Car of Coal Back of Northwestern Felt Shoe Factory When He Expired Without Warning.

### NEWS SHOCKS COMMUNITY

Dead Before Doctor Could be Summoned—Mr. Mikel Was Well Known Electrician.

Claude Mikel, former city electrician, dropped dead of heart disease Saturday forenoon about 9:45 o'clock while unloading a car of coal on the Northwestern sidetrack just back of the felt shoe factory.

An employee of the shoe factory happened to look out of the window about that time and saw Mr. Mikel, who was in the car handling the coal, stagger and almost fall. Then he sat down on a lump of coal for an instant while his head dropped forward on his chest before he fell to the floor of the car. Men rushed out of the shoe factory to the prostrate man and carried him into the factory to a table while immediate medical aid was summoned. Examination upon the physician's arrival proved beyond a doubt that he was dead before the doctor got there.

The news of this sudden death comes with shocking force to the friends and daily associates of Claude Mikel, and it is indeed diffi-

cult to realize that the big, hearty looking, jovial man is dead. The affair is a crushing blow to the immediate family, and the widowed mother and is the first death among the family of eight brothers and sisters.

Claude Mikel was born on a farm near Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 16, 1872, and was therefore forty-three years of age his last birthday. He removed to Hamilton county with his parents in 1890, residing on a farm south of town. He was married to Miss Lottie Seamauda in 1897 and the couple resided south of town on a farm until their removal to Webster City in the spring of 1903. Upon his removal to this place, Mr. Mikel began work with the city electric light and power plant and continued in that capacity until Jan. 1, 1916.

From April 1, 1915, until Jan. 1, 1916, he was superintendent of the city electric light and power plant. He was a good man, faithful in his business affairs, and in his family relations, and leaves a host of friends. Mr. Mikel was a member of several fraternal orders, including the Woodmen, Elks and Odd Fellows.

Beside the sorrowing wife and son Ralph, are left his mother, Mrs. J. M. Mikel of this city, and seven brothers and sisters. These are Mrs. E. H. Bawden, Plainview, Texas; Mrs. L. A. Howard and Mrs. W. H. Coppe, both of Minneapolis; Arthur Mikel of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Harry Anderson and Lorene Mikel, both of this city, and Ray Mikel residing east of town. His father preceded him in death several years ago.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES NEAR DOWS

G. D. Cook, Father of Miss Buelah Cook and Mrs. Geo. Jewett, is Dead.

G. D. Cook of Dows, father of Mrs. George Jewett and Miss Buelah Cook of this city, passed away Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock at his farm home near Dows of tumor of the brain after about a week's illness.

Mr. Cook for many years lived in Hamilton county, residing about four miles north of this city and removed to Dows in the neighborhood of fifteen years ago. Mrs. P. M. Pringle, residing on the east side, is a sister of the deceased. Interment will occur in Cass Center cemetery, although the date is not yet known by relatives here. Miss Cook and Mrs. Jewett were both at their father's bedside when the end came.

Finest perfumes and toilet goods at Teed's. d-f-tf

## THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Held in the City Hall—Elect Delegates to the State Convention at Clinton.

The democrats of Hamilton county held their convention at the city hall Saturday and there was a good attendance. In fact, it is reported that the largest crowd was present of any like convention held here in many years. Lawrence Reilly, chairman, called the convention to order. Much enthusiasm prevailed.

The following delegates were elected to the state convention to be held at Clinton on May 9 and 10: Lawrence Reilly, John Sloan, Wellington Helmick, S. A. Harmon, J. H. Sparboe, D. H. Bauman.

Alternates—W. J. Foran, T. Balbus, John Whaland, E. S. Cooter, La-cy Darnell.

Hubert Millang, residing near Blairsburg, is the purchaser of a new Saxon-six touring car.

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