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## ANOTHER VIADUCT ACCIDENT OCCURS

Cedar Falls Auto Crashes Into Railing on Bridge in Northwest Part of Town.

As Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Grau and daughter, Miss Christine, were motoring into Webster City Friday en route from Storm Lake and Newell to their home in Cedar Falls, they had an accident. Mr. Grau, who was driving a big Buick, in going up the short turn to the viaduct over the Illinois Central in the northwest part of town, crashed into the bridge railing, damaging the car considerably. The radiator, fenders and lights were badly demolished. None of the occupants of the auto were injured. The car was left at a garage here for repairs and as this will take some time, the family went on home by train. The railing on the viaduct has been considerably strengthened since a previous accident there not long ago, otherwise these parties might have broken it loose and plunged off the bridge.

There certainly ought to be something done to improve conditions at this point. There have been quite a number of accidents there, enough to establish the fact beyond peradventure that it is the most dangerous place for drivers in this vicinity. Of course drivers who are familiar with the situation are in little danger of accidents, but strangers coming into the city from the west are threatened with serious injury and possible death.

The E. O. W. club will meet with Mrs. Eli Howd, west of town, on Wednesday afternoon.

## SENIORS WIN THE BIG CLASS HUNT

Junior Class Never Been Successful in the Hunt in High School's History.

One of the biggest annual affairs of the school year was pulled off by the Junior and Senior classes of the Webster City high school Friday when the class hunt took place. Never in the history of the schools has the Junior class found all of the hidden Seniors and history repeated itself Friday night. The class was divided into groups all of them hidden between Division and Boone streets and Wilson avenue and Prospect streets.

Finally, after one group of the Seniors had been traced to their hiding place, the hunt was declared off and one hundred and three students, forming the two upper classes, marched in snake dance fashion from the high school building down Des Moines street to the Vienna restaurant where the losers banqueted the other class. The high school faculty was also an honored addition to the feast.

The Vienna Cafe was elaborately decorated for the occasion with the high school colors of purple and gold. Golden rod and wild sumac leaves were used in profusion about the cafe and two long tables were glistening in white and silver for the student body, while the faculty occupied the side "Pullmans" which were also tastefully decorated. A dainty two course oyster supper was served. At the close of the banquet the senior class president Ben Breitenkamp was called upon for a speech, but instead, directed the students in the singing of a number of high school songs. After these and the vociferous giving of many yells, the classes dispersed having experienced one of the most delightful of many such meetings.

**Ray Miller's Place.**  
Ray Miller opened his lunch counter and restaurant to the public Saturday night in the store room two doors west of the Hamilton County State Bank. Everything is in fine shape and new furniture and utensils have been added. Mr. Miller is a capital hand at operating a business of this kind and will be sure to secure his full share of public patronage.

## WHAT ABOUT A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING?

People of Webster City Ought to be Giving Careful Attention to This Question.

It has been quite evident for a year or two to people who have taken the trouble to inquire into the school situation in Webster City that it is a matter of but a short time until this district must erect a new school building. The schools are now overcrowded and many of the teachers have more scholars than they can successfully handle. This is not economy and is very unsatisfactory from every right point of view. When the high school building was erected several years ago the mistake was made of not looking far enough into the future. Instead of expending \$40,000 at that time the district should have put up a structure worth at least \$150,000. Had this been done the school building problem in Webster City would have been settled for at least fifteen or twenty years. It can never be settled permanently as long as the town continues to grow and we all want the town to keep right on increasing in size and importance.

The Freeman-Tribune is heartily in favor of a new school building, but is just as heartily opposed to any improvement worth less than at least \$100,000, and believes the district would be justified in erecting one worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Our schools are now costing us approximately \$35,000 a year, but they are worth every cent of it, and more. The Freeman-Tribune is not disposed to seriously consider the cost, so long as the money is needed and is judiciously expended. Not a penny should be wasted. It is the waste and needless expense at which taxpayers complain.

The way to build permanent improvements of this character is to raise a large share of the funds by bonds. The money can be secured at approximately 4 per cent, this interest on a school building worth \$150,000 would cost the district \$6,000. Then there should be a sinking fund created to take care of the bonds when the building is worn out. In this way the taxpayers each year would bear their proportionate share of the burden and they should bear no more, no less.

Let the people of the district talk the matter over and be prepared to vote upon the question of a bond issue at the next school election next spring. The Freeman-Tribune hopes the mistake of building a structure not large enough will not be repeated. Nothing less than \$100,000 should be considered, and an expenditure of 200,000, if that amount seems necessary, need not frighten anybody.

**Good Auction Prices.**  
Lehigh Argus: The O. J. Woodard referee sale of the Douglas estate homestead, yesterday at the old farm home northwest of town, was well attended, and the total sales aggregated \$63,000. The James N. Douglas Dickensesheets at \$191 an acre. The 49 acres wild meadow land west of the road sold to Gus Schram for \$179.00 an acre. The northwest 40 acres north of house to Mrs. Sarah Ashford, for \$167.00 an acre. North 80, part rough land, to A. L. Rhodes for \$50.00 an acre. The southeast 40 acres to Mrs. Gay Dickensesheets, for \$122.00 an acre. The 40 acres with improvements to Mrs. A. D. Tennant for \$162.00 an acre and the 80 acres south of the same party for \$175.00 an acre.

**Searching for Bert.**  
Cedar Rapids Gazette: Newspapers of the west have engaged in an effort to locate Bert Keltz. The Gazette has no idea who Bert Keltz is, what he has done or why he is wanted, but the search for him is a nobler occupation than the style of politics prevailing in Iowa. Let's all lay off and hunt for Bert.

Bert Newton, a former Webster City printer, who left here about twenty years ago, was nominated recently by the socialists of Illinois for state treasurer. Mr. Newton now resides at Rock Island. When the Freeman-Tribune knew him he was a fine young man and no doubt he has improved with age.

## MILTON SWEAZEY ANSWERS LAST CALL

Passes Away After Four Weeks Illness With Bright's Disease at Home Here.

Milton Sweazey, for several years a resident of this city, passed away at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning after four or five weeks illness with Bright's disease, at his home near White Fox creek just across from the Kendall Young park.

Mr. Sweazey was born in Dillsborough, Ind., Dec. 9, 1854, and would therefore have been sixty-three years of age his next birthday. He removed from Indiana to Illinois in 1870 and was married to Miss Laura C. Garrison, Jan. 7, 1875. To this union were born ten children of whom two have already passed on. The wife and eight children survive and the children are: Mrs. E. J. Jirmerson, New Hartford, Ia.; Ebner Sweazey, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe Sweazey, Austin, Minn.; Mrs. Almyra Scriber, Mrs. G. M. Brown, Clyde Sweazey, Charlie Sweazey, Samuel Sweazey, Webster City. Mr. Sweazey removed with his family to this city in 1902 and has been an honest industrious citizen of the town. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church, Rev. C. V. Pence officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Silvers, who reside about six miles south of this city, have just returned from a 1,700 mile automobile trip north, going up into Minnesota and to the point where the Father of Waters has its rise.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DEFEATS ALUMNI

Football Team Makes Fair Showing in Practice Game Against the Stars.

Coach Sifert's football recruits initiated the 1916 season Friday afternoon on the Riverside Park gridiron, defeating a hastily mustered squad of "has-beens" of former teams. The game was naturally ragged, but a fair showing was made for a first game of the season.

The players of the alumni squad were handicapped by lack of condition and practice, but aided by weight and experience, they were able to give the high school lads some stiff opposition. However, the score resulted in a three-touchdown victory for the high school, all three touchdowns being tallied early in the game. Coach Sifert made many substitutions as the game advanced, being anxious to get a line on the ability of the younger and less experienced players who comprise most of the material available for this year's eleven.

The ranks of the "old-timers" included Simpson and Clark of last year's team, Raymond France, Adolph Boeye, Millard Tatham, and other football luminaries of by-gone days. Difficulty was experienced in getting out a full quota of eleven men, and DeFrance and Kleckner of the present squad were shifted to the "first-aid" division.

The opening game of the season at Riverside Park will not occur until October 28, when Storm Lake's fast eleven will battle the local athletes in this city. It is expected, however, that many local fans will attend the game next Saturday at Fort Dodge. Friday's contest revealed many weaknesses, especially on the line, toward which the energies of the coach will be directed during this coming week.

The line-up was as follows: Ends, McConnell and Richardson; tackles, Leopold and Thompson; guards, Robert Boeye and Staley; center, Mason; quarter, Lane; halves, Ward and Daniels; full-back, Froning (c). Substitutions: Quarter, Williams; half, DeFrance; guard, Christensen; ends, Hahne, Stafford and Ward.

H. B. McKee has purchased a fine new seven passenger Chalmers from the Ft. Dodge Auto Co.

## IOWA GUARD MAY BE BACK NOVEMBER 1

Gen. Guy E. Logan Recommends That They be Returned to Fort Des Moines.

Des Moines, Sept. 23.—Capt. C. B. Robbins of Cedar Rapids, who was in Des Moines Friday to consult Adj. Gen. Guy E. Logan, while on his way home from Brownsville on a thirty day furlough, declared that in his opinion none of the Iowa troops will be sent home before Nov. 1.

Adjutant General Logan yesterday made a recommendation to the war department that the Iowa regiments be sent back to Fort Des Moines instead of Camp Dodge, when the time for mustering out arrives.

The use of Fort Des Moines is favored as the soldiers will be able to use the steam heated barracks instead of being forced to camp in tents at Camp Dodge. As the regiments will be moved from Texas where the temperature is high, to Iowa where the winter weather is more severe, the military department feels that a tent camp would result in serious effects on the men. Many soldiers might contract pneumonia and some deaths might follow, the officers say.

"We have been hoping that some of the Iowa regiments would be sent back home under the recent order of the war department," said Captain Robbins. "The new rule is that for every new regiment which reaches the border, one of the regiments there now, shall be sent home. We have noticed that so far the regiments which arrived at the border first, are being sent home first.

"The Iowa regiments were not among the first to reach the border. Unless the department departs from the plan which apparently is being followed the Iowa men may not get back home under this order.

"We had been hoping that the government would begin gradually withdrawing national guard regiments from Texas. However, there have recently been some disturbances in Mexico and the military men are wondering whether the border guard will be lessened to any great extent until it is quiet again beyond the border.

"We exchange shots quite often with Mexicans across the Rio Grande. Every once in a while a Mexican will hide along the opposite bank and open fire on a sentry. We have instructions to fire back and we do it. So far no one has been hurt on our side. Park Findley of Des Moines recently took several shots at a Mexican who opened fire on him."

### Dennis Kelly in Glee Club.

Dennis Kelly has been selected among others to fill vacancies in the Grinnell College Glee club, according to the following item: Grinnell, Sept. 23.—Theodore Budlong of Des Moines, Andrew Buntion of Pawnee City, Neb.; Earl Gingles of Castana, Royal Duckworth of Boone, F. T. Parker of Rock Rapids, Dennis Kelly of Webster City, and Willard Osinecup of Waverly, were selected today to fill the vacancies in the Grinnell College club after a competitive tryout lasting a week in which sixty men competed. The complete club will begin at once for Sunday vesper services. Two trips are planned for the club this year, one at Christmas and one during the Easter vacation. The itinerary of the first trip will include many southern Iowa towns and probably St. Louis and other points in Missouri.

### Attend Synodical Conference.

Rev. H. A. Koenig, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in this city, leaves today for Ponoy to attend an interstate synodical conference in which the churches of Ohio, Missouri and Iowa are participating. The meeting will be of three days duration and doctrinal subjects will hold the attention of the pastors attending.

The plaster work of the new Svenson building was begun this forenoon and is of brick with corrugated surface, a material of which no building has yet been erected in the city. The front will be exceptionally handsome with cement trimmings and the work is being rapidly pushed forward by Peterson & Stevenson, the firm who have the contract.

## AWARD THE PRIZES FOR RALLY SONGS

Mrs. Alexander Groves Wins First at the Congregational Sunday School.

A few weeks ago Supt. H. L. Hampton, of the Congregational Sunday school, offered three prizes for the three best original songs to be used for rally day. There were seven competitors for the prizes and the songs were all "singable." The judges therefore were rather at a loss to choose the winner, but after much deliberation made the following decisions and the prizes were awarded Sunday at the Sunday school hour:

First prize—silver napkin clasp—Mrs. Alexander Groves.  
Second prize—silver mounted pencil—Murray McMurray.  
Third prize—memorandum pencil—Miss Bessie Lyon.

Following the awarding of the prizes, the school joined in singing the songs for the occasion, which was Rally Day for the Sunday school. A large attendance was present.

### The Census.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burckle, Sunday, an eight pound son.

Nels M. Nelson, a teamster here, shipped his six horses and wagons to Ackley Saturday to work on a job for Zittrell & Sullivan. The job is the finishing of a disposal plant and some sewer work contracted by this firm some time ago and will probably be completed in about six weeks when Mr. Nelson will ship his horses and wagons back to this place.

## BENEFIT INJURED POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Congress Enacts Provision for Those Injured in Performance of Their Duties.

Congress has just enacted a law providing compensation for the employees of the United States who suffer injuries while in the performance of their duties. The provision reads: "That the United States shall pay compensation as hereinafter specified for the disability or death of an employee resulting from a personal injury sustained while in the performance of his duty.

During the first three days of disability the employee shall not be entitled to compensation except as provided otherwise. If the disability is total, the United States shall pay to the disabled employee a monthly compensation equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of his monthly pay.

If the disability is partial, the United States shall pay to the disabled employee during such disability, a monthly compensation equal to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of the difference between his monthly pay and his wage earning capacity after the beginning of such partial disability.

If a partially disabled employee refuses to seek suitable work, or refuses or neglects to work after suitable work is offered to, procured by, or secured for him, he shall not be entitled to any compensation.

If death results from the injury within six years the government shall pay to the following persons a monthly compensation: to the widow, if there is no child, thirty-five per cent. This compensation shall be paid until her death or marriage; to the widower, if there is no child, thirty-five per cent, if wholly dependent for support upon the deceased employee at the time of her death; to the widow or widower if there is a child in addition to the original compensation, ten per cent for each child, not to exceed a total of sixty-six and two-thirds per cent.

### To Convention.

E. E. Mason of the First National Bank left yesterday for Des Moines where he took the Banker's Special train for Kansas City where the National Bankers' convention is now in progress.

## PROPERTY OWNERS INCENSED AT FACTORY

Much Indignation Over Proposed Rendering Establishment by John T. LaForge.

Nine or ten property owners in this city whose land or homes adjoin or are near that recently purchased by John T. LaForge of Boone for the purpose of a rendering or soap factory, are on the warpath with paint, feathers and all the accoutrements. The gentle breezes of spring have been in the habit of wafting to those residents upon the east side of the city, at the extreme south end of Bell avenue, all the perfume of wild crabapple blossoms, early spring violets and sweet Williams.

The prospect of a different brand of attar—not from roses—is not pleasing in any sense to the residents of that part of town and they propose to see that something is done about it. They are not the only ones wearing the war paint; those who reside upon the hill just southwest of the factory which is now in the course of erection, are as highly incensed and will join the others in action against the establishment. Actually weighing odor against odor, there is little difference to the olfactory nerve between the offensiveness of an odor from a slaughter house, a tannery, a retarder factory and a rendering or soap factory. A smell from any of these concerns would smell as vile, just as a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

Investigation reveals that there is no ordinance now in existence in this city against such a factory, although the city council has full power to enact such a one for the health and comfort of the community. However, after the thing is in actual operation and going at full smelling tilt, the council may put a quietus upon the thing as a nuisance. That has been done in this city in regard to slaughter houses and will probably be done again.

It remains to be seen whether or not the property owners are going to be content with waiting until a nuisance has proven conclusively that it is a nuisance, before they take steps to oust it.

The Code of Iowa under section 5078 says some things which look convincing to a layman, but which under the microscope of a legal glass seem to have no bearing on the situation. The words are:

"The erecting, continuing, or using any building or other place for the exercise of any trade, employment or manufacture, which, by occasioning noxious exhalations, offensive smells, or other annoyances, becomes injurious and dangerous to the health, comfort or property of individuals or the public"—together with other named offenses such as the pollution of a stream, etc., "are nuisances."

Mrs. H. C. Hillock and daughter, Miss Grace, are today moving from their former home on west Division street to the apartments over the Fashion Clothes Shop.

## IMPROVING THE CITY'S POPULATION

Jim Inman, Angered at the Law's Demands, Takes Himself to the Capital City.

One Jim Inman made a voyage on Saturday to Fort Dodge where the brand of whiskey is infinitely better than any which might be obtained in Waterloo, Des Moines, or elsewhere, for it makes a man entirely forget all his cares and tribulations. One thing it does not do, however, that is—it does not keep him out of trouble, for as soon as he returned to Webster City, he was arrested for being drunk, intoxicated and under the direct influence of liquor.

This being the case, he was placed in duress vile, there to suffer the slings and arrows of an outrageous fortune until evening, at which time he besought Justice Tucker for an interview. The justice, being of an unusually obliging disposition to all guests entertained at the city's expense, made him a call. Upon further request, the trial was held at once and the fine of \$15 given. Upon the payment of the fine, Mr. Inman spoke almost scathingly of Webster City and vicinity, even threatening to shake the dust of the streets from his feet and leave for more congenial surroundings—even Des Moines.

Accordingly he left for Des Moines on the night train and unless he suffers a like reception there, will undoubtedly make that city his future home. Mr. Inman had been employed in the country near this city working upon a ditch and everything had gone smoothly until Saturday.

## RECEIVES \$100 FOR A HUNTING DOG

Dr. R. W. Pote Disposes of One of Finest Pointers to Texas Gentleman.

Dr. R. W. Pote has sold one of his fine hunting dogs, a handsome animal three years old, to H. P. Lathrop of Talacolis, Tex., for the sum of \$100. This is a fancy price for a hunting dog and naturally the doctor feels that he made a good bargain. Mr. Lathrop had the dog last spring training her for field work and the above transaction was the result of his several months work with the animal.

The dog has a pedigree several yards long and is considered one of the blue-bloods of the hunting dog race.

### Working Like Nailers.

They are not letting any grass grow under the new soap factory building being erected in the woods in the southeastern part of the city and Sunday workmen were busy upon the structure.

## The Famous Bradley Knit Wear

The Bradley, born an aristocrat and college bred, dominates in Shakers as in all types of knit coats, whether in striped, Navajo or plain styles, there is a snap and vigor that has made the Bradley the choice of the people. In a Bradley you find "the height of enjoyment." The high spots of comfort are in its soft, rich texture and the elasticity that allows care-free use without detriment to its neat appearance. When set off with a Bradley knit cap or scarf you have an ideal Bradley combination, distinctly in vogue.

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