

AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS IN THE TURKISH EMPIRE

Dr. White, President of Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey, Speaks Interestingly.

Dr. Geo. E. White, president of Anatolia college, Marsovan, Turkey, occupied the Congregational church pulpit Sunday morning and evening and delivered two most interesting addresses concerning conditions of the present European war in its relation to Turkey. Dr. White has spent twenty-seven years in Turkey as a representative of the American board of Missions and knows whereof he speaks. At the morning service, Dr. White gave much of the personal experience of himself, his teachers and his pupils in Anatolia college since the war broke out in Turkey; how the college was surrounded by Turkish soldiers upon trumped-up charges; how the Armenian teachers and pupils and whole families were deported; how his personal effects, books and household belongings were taken over by the Turkish government, etc. It was an intensely interesting and pathetic story, very harrowing in many of its details.

The college authorities had been assured by Constantinople that the Armenia students would not be molested, but these assurances were violated. Turkish soldiers appeared at the college with some sixty ox-carts and the Armenians were sorted out, loaded into the carts and taken away—banished from their homes with no place to go. What was the end of them nobody knows.

The doctor's evening talk was very interesting and instructive, and its trend indicated that the speaker expected Turkey to lose in this war. Whether Germany or Germany's opponents win. During the twenty-seven years Dr. White has been in Turkey that country has lost by conquest some 25,000,000 people. When he went to his missionary field nearly the entire Balkan peninsula was under the domination of the Turk, but today the Turkish government extends over a comparatively few of the people of the Balkans. The height of the Turkish wave which began to sweep over Asia and southeastern Europe in the thirteenth century gained its crest in the seventeenth century. In 1683, when the Turks were besieging Vienna and when the Austrian capital was about to fall into the hands of invaders, a strong Polish army, led by John Sobieski, the fighting king of Poland, went to the rescue of the hard pressed Austrians and drove the Turks out of Austria. From that day to this the power of the Ottoman government has been steadily decreasing and is now about to pass away in Europe.

The doctor told of the harrowing conditions in that country during the present war and explained why, in his judgment, the Armenian is now the subject of the Turk's most bitter hatred. Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania and the other countries of the Balkan peninsula have successfully resisted the authority of the Turk, and Armenia is the next country that is to throw off the yoke of the oppressor. The Turkish government realizes this fact and has apparently decided to settle the Armenian question by annihilating the Armenian people.

As early as April, 1914, sealed circulars were received by Turkish officers and prominent citizens in the confidence of the government, saying that war was to be declared soon. The doctor said the preparations made in the spring of that year convinced him and his associates of the coming struggle, and it was plain to the observing ones long before the murder of the prince of Austria in Serbia that some of the countries in Europe were soon to be engaged in war. This fact fully establishes the claim of the enemies of Germany and Austria that the murder of the prince was not the real cause of the war. It was only an excuse. The war would have come anyway and some other pretext would have served as the excuse. The doctor did not say this, but that is the deduction one would make from the facts he recited. Turkey knew as early as April, 1914, four months before Germany declared war on Russia, that war was coming and was getting ready for it in feverish haste.

Germany have clashed for years in southeastern Europe. Russia wants an opening through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and Germany wants to control central Asia. Russia would not agree to German ascendancy over Turkey, and Germany would not consent to Russia getting free access to the Atlantic via Constantinople. Between these powers Turkey had to choose and she chose to side with Germany. The Turkish people do not like the Germans and the Germans despise the Turks. If the people of Turkey had their way about it they would rather see Great Britain in control than either Russia or Germany.

Dr. White is of the opinion that the United States will be benefited by the war. Perhaps this country has had too easy a time. Our people are not trained to endure real hardships, and it may be that the war will bring us to realization of the blessings we enjoy and to the duties we owe the oppressed of the world. Despite conditions now prevailing throughout the world, the future is full of hope and the power of the Mohammedan is gradually slipping and the religion of Jesus Christ is forging ahead.

WEBSTER CITY GETS THROUGH ALL RIGHT

No Serious Results From Sunday Law Enforcement—Lid Down Tight on Business.

The enforcement of the Sunday laws in Webster City Sunday did not result in disastrous consequences to any interest. The lid was down tight all day and no arrests for violations were made. Some of the boys who had not laid in a supply the night before were a little short on cigars and tobacco, and some of the dear girls had to do without ice cream sodas and chewing gum. There were a few autolists, too, who had neglected to buy a supply of gasoline and were compelled to cut short their usual Sunday tour, but as it rained in the afternoon the sorrow of the situation was somewhat mitigated, because when Providence made the day unfit for joy riding it did no good to complain at the officers for doing their duty in the direction of law enforcement. Some of the boys who have been used to loafing around the few places that usually open on Sunday were denied this great privilege, but they managed to get through the day without serious hardship or suffering. Church goers did not find the seats more fully occupied than usual, but it may be that with Sunday closing as a regular diet it will increase church attendance, but nobody expects such a result.

SUPERINTENDENT OF IOWA DIVISION

Mrs. F. E. Whitley Selected for Important Position by National Committee.

Mrs. F. E. Whitley has been appointed by the national committee of the Women's Council of Defense, in session this week in Washington, to the position of superintendent of the Iowa division, and she has called a meeting of the heads of all women's organizations throughout the state for Tuesday, May 29, in the state house at Des Moines, the invitation to meet there having been extended by Gov. W. L. Harding. The Women's Council of Defense is a national organization recently authorized by the government, and the national committee, named by President Wilson, appoints a superintendent for each state in the Union. Its purpose is to organize the women of America that they may be of help to their country during a national crisis, as the European women have been. The organization is directed by and connected with the government, and in order to prevent any duplication of the work, its duties

will be done through the Red Cross, the idea being practically to strengthen and enlarge the Red Cross.

Mrs. Whitley, as state president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, is widely known and therefore well qualified for the superintendency of the Iowa division. She is now busy mapping out plans to lay before the meeting which she thinks will be largely attended by Iowa women.

According to some newspaper reports the meeting is to be held in the Hotel Chamberlain in the capital city, but these papers are in error. Mrs. Whitley says the meeting is to be in the state house at the invitation of Iowa's governor.

REGISTRARS APPOINTED BY SHERIFF NELSON

Sheriff Nelson Selects Citizens to Look After Conscription Law.

Sheriff Rufus E. Nelson has appointed the following Hamilton county citizens chief registrars for each voting precinct to enforce the conscription law. All men 21 to 30 years, inclusive, are required to register at their voting precinct on June 5, and Sheriff Nelson asks every Hamilton county citizen to show his loyalty by assisting the registrars in this work as much as possible.

The chief registrars appointed, together with their residence and the voting precinct they represent, are as follows:

- M. O. Tjernagel, Story City, Scott township.
- A. E. Kalseim, Randall, Ellsworth township.
- Elmer Fardal, Stanhope, Clear Lake township.
- Ed. Peterson, Stratford, Marion township.
- A. S. Pearce, Stratford, Webster township.
- Ray Hendrickson, Jewell, Hamilton township.
- Frank Snyder, Jewell, Lyon township.
- John E. Peterson, Ellsworth, Lincoln township.
- James Knickerbocker, Radcliffe, Rose Grove township.
- E. L. Eppard, Kamrar, Liberty township.
- L. N. Mason, Webster City, independence township.
- Hugh Nairn, Webster City, Freedom township.
- Robert Downs, Webster City, Fremont township.
- Frank Bosworth, Webster City, Cass township.
- James W. McNea, Blairsburg, Blairsburg township.
- Ray Johnson, Williams, Williams township.
- R. G. Remley, City, First ward.
- Fred Hahne, City, Second ward.
- Sam McAdow, City, Third ward.
- Weldon Helmick, City, Fourth ward.
- W. H. Richardson, City, Fifth ward.

Brother Dead.

Word was received at the Chas. Younkee home last Friday of the death of Mr. Younkee's oldest brother, August Younkee, at his home in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Younkee left this city at once to attend the funeral service. Mr. Younkee was 83 years old, the oldest of four brothers, and his passing was due to ailments incident to old age. His death will be mourned by his wife and four grown children, all of whom will be present in the old home at this sad time, as will the brothers residing in Chicago, Minneapolis and this city. Mr. Younkee and members of his family attended the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Younkee at their home here two years ago and will be remembered by many of the friends of the family. Mr. Younkee leaves a heritage to his family and friends in the memory of a long, successful and well rounded career as lived by a good man and a good citizen.

Gets It Going and Coming.

Jack Dalton: The newspaper editor who refuses to "take sides" in everything is called a coward. A newspaper man who does "take sides" is called all the other names in the category. In the newspaper game it is possible to please some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but it is quite impossible to please all of the people all of the time.

CHANGE AT FIRST NATIONAL BARBER SHOP

F. L. Malcolm Purchases Shop—H. C. Horsley Is Preparing for Military Duty.

Frank L. Malcolm, owner of the barber shop in the Central Heating company's building, has purchased the First National barber shop of H. C. Horsley, taking possession Saturday. Mr. Malcolm will discontinue his other shop at the expiration of his lease on the building, June 1, and thereafter devote his entire attention to the First National shop. Wm. B. Fox, a barber in the employ of Mr. Malcolm, will conduct the old Malcolm shop until that time.

Mr. Horsley recently applied for admittance into an officers' training school, his application being received too late for him to enter with the first number of men accepted for military training. He is subject to call at any time, however, and is getting his business affairs in readiness preparatory to leaving the city. He doesn't anticipate a call before July and will be on duty in the First National shop in the meantime.

MANY AUTOMOBILES ARE BEING STOLEN

Sheriff Nelson Receives Many Offers of Reward for Return of Cars Taken.

It appears that automobile thieves are busy all over the state, more busy than ever before. It is reported that seven Ford cars were stolen in Des Moines in one day last week. Sheriff Nelson has received many circulars at late, telling of thefts and offering rewards for the recovery of cars. It behooves car owners to look well to the safety of their machines. Saturday night, Carl Glenn, residing a few miles south of town, was in the city with his Ford. When he got ready to go home he found his auto was missing. He notified the sheriff and Policeman Williams. Later Mr. Williams found the car. It had been taken by somebody presumably for a joy ride.

BOY SCOUT BANQUET LARGELY ATTENDED

Nelson Fassett, Toastmaster, and Boy Scouts Deliver Interesting Talks.

The fourth annual father and son banquet of the Boy Scouts was held in the dining hall of the Baptist church Friday night and it was undoubtedly the most successful meeting of its kind ever held by them. The chief reason why it was better than usual was because the boys made all the talks, instead of sitting back and allowing the fathers to make the orations.

The ladies of the Baptist church furnished the spread and it was a bountiful one. The tables were decorated with apple blossoms and American flags, which decorations were highly complimented. After the guests had been seated, practically all minds were centered upon the banquet, which was served in three courses.

Nelson Fassett acted in the capacity of toastmaster and filled the bill to the queen's taste. He gave a short preliminary talk, after which Billy Macgoey recited "Billy's Dream." This was followed by a reminiscent narrative by Lewis Vogt, who reminded his hearers of some of the experiences through which the Boy Scouts had passed while on camping expeditions. It was conceded by those present that Lewis was a compelling orator, although he is so small he had to stand upon a chair to be seen and heard. Gale Leonard then gave a short talk on what should be done to honor the flag, and this, too, was very interesting.

Scout Master Murray McMurray closed with a brief review of what the boys had done, and gave a list of the contests which had been en-

gaged in, as well as those who were the honor ten in the contests.

These ten and their points are as follows: Earl Jacobson, 51; Glenn Olmstead, 46; Mack Kantor, 36; Harold Clifton, 35; Herbert Arthur, 33; James White, 33; Nelson Fassett, 31; Harold Hall, 28; Harold Cunningham, 22; and Charles Mason and Kempster Pyle, who tied with 16 points.

About fifty fathers and invited guests were present and thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and talks.

A box supper will be given at Cass Center church, five miles northeast of town, by the Willing Workers Sunday school class, Thursday evening, May 24. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

STORY COUNTY BOY IN EUROPEAN WAR

Willard Wire of Cambridge, Iowa, in the Trenches With the French Army.

Willard Wire of Cambridge, Story county, a young soldier boy who is well known by C. Osmundson and others of this city, is in the French army fighting the Germans and recently wrote to his folks, the letter appearing in the last issue of the Cambridge Leader. The letter follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still on top and getting along all o. k., only somewhat tired out after the big battle we had. I suppose you have read about it in the papers. I hope we will never have to go through another one like it. Easter night we went to the trenches and Monday morning at daylight we were all lined up ready to go after Fritz. There were about 300,000 of us spread out to about a 12-mile front, and it was quite a surprise to the Germans. After about two hours of hard fighting we had driven them back; then we had to wait for reinforcements, which didn't come until about Friday. I never saw so much mud and water before. All the shell holes were full and mud waist deep in places, but we got through all right, and I never was so tired in all my life. We had a good many casualties, and so did Fritz, and we got about 12,000 prisoners. The French made another great advance on the 19th on a 40-mile front. The Germans are being driven back all along the line now. The prisoners didn't even know that the states were at war. They are getting pretty tired of it and I don't think it will last a great while. Some of the villages here are flat to the ground and the country is all torn up. The shell holes are bad—all sizes up to about 80 feet across and 30 feet deep. The Germans have some very nice dugouts. Some of them are 40 and 50 feet square and 40 to 60 feet deep under ground, and all fixed up with waterworks and electric lights. Some of them have wall paper on the walls. A person wouldn't think it was war time to see them. If it were not for them they couldn't live at all. We shell them much and their trenches are all torn up. We got quite a few souvenirs, but the best one I think is ourselves to get out alive. I hope and pray that the cruel and wicked war will soon be over and peace reign once more."
WILLARD WIRE.

DISTRICT COURT IS IN SESSION

Judge McCall Convenes Court After Week's Recess—Assignment for Balance of Week.

Judge McCall convened court in this city yesterday, pursuant to adjournment of last week, and the first case up for trial is that of Anna A. Lunning vs. Michael K. Lunning. Following is the assignment for the balance of the week: Samuel Watts Estate vs. G. E. Normandin, Consolidated School District of Ellsworth vs. John Thompson, J. D. Sketchley vs. T. B. Kearns, F. A. Huddleston vs. the City of Webster City. O. O. Schroeder has purchased a Hudson super-six speedster—something new in the car line in this vicinity.

THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEW HANSON & TYLER AUTO CO. GARAGE

Will Entertain Friday Evening. When one speaks of an entertainment, under ordinary circumstances, he or she is led to believe that they are going to get something for nothing, but in this particular case it is just exactly different.

Webster City has started another band and the members are very desirous of cleaning last year's slate. For that reason they are going to stage an entertainment at the opera house on Friday evening of next week and expect every man, woman and child to attend. A number of local people will assist with the program.

Because of the large number of band men who were members of the Second Iowa band, last year's books show a large deficit and it will be taken care of if possible.

Bone in Forearm Broken. Mrs. H. S. Bourne, a prominent resident living on the east side of the river, had the misfortune to fracture a bone in her right forearm Saturday afternoon when attempting to catch the family pony. The injured member received prompt medical attention and is doing very well, although painful and of great inconvenience.

A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING OF SONG

Choral Society Gives Fine Patriotic Concert at Armory Opera House.

The patriotic concert given by the Webster City Choral society at the armory opera house Friday night furnished a very enjoyable evening of song. A large audience greeted the singers, and from the opening number—"The Star Spangled Banner"—to the close—"America"—the interest and appreciation was marked. Miss Edith R. Lee, Mrs. O. J. Henderson and Rev. H. A. Koenig directed the chorus in turn, and Miss Lillian Smith presided at the piano.

This was the third public appearance of the choral society and all were in excellent voice. The chorus numbers were sung in good color and fine finish. The solos by Emmett Hanrahan, Miss Marion Lee, Rev. Koenig, Dr. Ward Hannah and Miss Margaret Chamberlin were particularly fine performances. Mr. Hanrahan was accompanied by the chorus and Rev. Koenig's solo had a trumpet obligato by Harry R. Ash. The duet by Mrs. O. J. Henderson and Rev. Koenig and the male quartet—W. B. Rood, R. D. Hughes, Rev. Koenig and Rev. Stiverson—added delightful variety to the program. The women's chorus—"Land of Hope and Glory"—deserves special mention also.

Those who were of the opinion that the previous concerts given by the Choral society were "too classic" had their inning last evening, as the program contained several of the old time familiar favorites and they pleased the audience immensely—"Dixie" being applauded so vigorously that a stanza of the old war-time song had to be repeated. In the middle of the program Rev. Stiverson made a few interesting remarks, saying that the concert was given for two particular reasons, to arouse patriotism in our citizens, that each may be enthused to do his bit in whatever line may be best suited to him, and also to assist the Red Cross society financially in their most worthy work. That the concert fulfilled its mission in the first respect was clearly evident in the hearty applause which greeted the efforts of the singers. At the close of Rev. Stiverson's talk, some girls in Red Cross costume took up a collection which amounted to about \$40, leaving a balance of \$25 to the Red Cross work. Owing to several other attractions last evening, the attendance at the concert was not as large as it would have been, and this state of affairs tended to lessen the collection.

Dr. E. E. Richardson is the possessor of a new Saxon roadster. H. J. Buell has purchased a new Chandler touring car. Red cedar flakes for furs and woollens at Teed's.

Nearly Three Thousand Visitors Attend Interesting and Successful Affair.

The formal opening of the fine new Hanson & Tyler Auto company garage Saturday afternoon and evening attracted hundreds of people and words of commendation in praise of the handsome structure and its appointments were heard on every side. It is estimated that nearly 3,000 people attended the opening from 2 o'clock in the afternoon till 10 at night.

To these visitors 1,500 carnations, 400 roses and 200 daffodils were given, the Misses Margaret Hanrahan and Irene Christian, the latter of Fort Dodge, a sister of Mrs. W. A. Hanson, acting in the capacity of "flower girls."

Excellent music was furnished by a five-piece orchestra from Fort Dodge—violin, clarinet, cornet, piano, drums and traps. The musicians were headed by Prof. Carl Quist, violinist, which fact alone indicates the quality of music dispensed for the delectation of the multitudes who visited the place during the opening hours.

Hanson & Tyler carry a line of standard and popular cars—Chevrolet, Chandler, Velle, National, Milburn electric, etc., and a fine display of open and closed cars—the finest, in fact, ever witnessed in Webster City—was on exhibition at the opening. These, as well as the splendid appointments and many interesting features of the new building, attracted many admirers. The proprietors, W. A. Hanson and R. C. Tyler, and the local manager, Warren W. Bair, also the salesman, H. H. Mickelson, were present to explain any points concerning the automobiles on display and to see that every feature of the opening should be the success it was.

The firm gave away a Firestone cord tire, one of the best tires made. A. E. Womeldorf, who resides southwest of town, was the lucky one to get this fine present. Three judges were selected and these decided upon a certain hour in the evening, the fifth gentleman to enter the front door of the salesroom following the time set, to be awarded the tire. Mr. Womeldorf was the lucky man. Dr. E. E. Richardson, who acted as one of the judges, announced the award.

The new Hanson & Tyler garage was erected by Contractor W. J. Zitterell and cost nearly \$30,000 as it stands complete today. There are probably few if any towns in Iowa the size of Webster City which have as substantial and handsome a garage as this, and as recently remarked in these columns, it is a credit to the town and its enterprising proprietors.

The structure consists of two stories and basement, is 66x96 feet, including practically three business lots, and occupies the southwest corner of First and Des Moines streets. It is built of corrugated brown brick, concrete and steel, with cut stone trimmings. It is fireproof throughout, the only wood in the building being some of the doors and also the casings. The woodwork is waxed oak, while the walls and ceilings in the salesroom and offices are painted a handsome light buff. The balance of the walls in the building are clear white, thereby adding to the excellent light which prevails throughout the structure. The remarkably large plate glass windows in the north and west sides of the edifice give the building a distinctive metropolitan look, besides flooding the ground floor with an abundance of light.

A salesroom, storage room, stock room, offices, lavatory, etc., occupy the first floor, while the large and commodious work shop and a second storage room for new and used cars are on the second floor of the structure. The heating plant in the basement is one of unusual capacity. The new structure contains a powerful elevator and everything about the place is the most convenient for carrying on the automobile business in all its departments that it was possible to get.

In brief, the new Hanson & Tyler automobile home is the last word in the way of a modern garage, as well as in its furnishing and equipment throughout. Silver and gold magazine pencils at Teed & Teed's.