

'ROLL' BREWER DROPS DEAD

Aged Pioneer Settler of Webster City Falls Dead in Home of Apoplexy.

CAME HERE IN 1850

Had Lived in This Community Longer Than any Other Man.

B. R. Brewer, known in Webster City for a good many years as "Roll" Brewer, dropped dead in his home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock of apoplexy. He had been in poor health for some time, but had been up and about all the time and his passing came unexpectedly and as a shock to relatives and friends.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the home at 1131 James street, conducted by Rev. Manson E. Miller. Mr. Brewer was past 86 years of age, having been born Oct. 20, 1834, in the state of Indiana.

Came Here in 1850.

Benjamin R. Brewer came to Hamilton county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brewer, in 1850 and the family located near the present site of Stratford, later called Hook's Point. They came from Indiana with an ox team and covered wagon and never crossed a railroad in the entire trip. After living near Hook's Point for a year the family removed to what was for many years known as the Eyer farm, just southeast of what is now Webster City and what was later a part of Webster City. A year or two later the family removed to a claim a little nearer to the present site of Webster City and built a cabin on the north bank of Brewer creek, near the bridge on Superior street.

At the time of his death Mr. Brewer had lived longer in Webster City and vicinity than any other man, having come here with his parents in 1851 and having lived here and in this section of country for seventy years. His sister, Mrs. Thomas Bonebright, who survives him, alone equals his record of long residence and still lives in this city on a part of the homestead her father entered along in 1852.

Saw Town Start.

Mr. Brewer witnessed the building of Webster City from the time the first house was erected to the present. When the family located on what was later known as the Eyer farm there was not another family in this vicinity. There was not a fence, a road or any kind of improvement, the landscape being exactly as it had been for ages.

A span of seventy years is a long time in the history of Webster City. In fact it has witnessed every improvement made here. The hardy pioneers who came to this part of Iowa in the fifties endured all the hardships incident to the opening up of a new country and they laid the broad foundations for the present civilization and prosperity. The present generation knows nothing of what they encountered and overcame, the trials that beset them and the fortitude with which they met and conquered all obstacles.

The deceased lived here continuously except during his service in the Civil war. Shortly before his departure for the front he was married to Jane Frakes, daughter of Patrick Frakes, a neighbor pioneer. Before his return from the war his wife died, leaving an infant daughter, now Mrs. Jennie Carnichael, of Clarion. Later he married Betsey Frakes, who also died leaving a daughter six weeks old, now Mrs. Margaret House, of Harlingen, Texas. His third wife, Judith Stone-Brewer, bore him three children, Charles of Kansas City, Fred, deceased, and Annetta Bell, of this city, who was but two weeks' old at her mother's death. To his last marriage with Ellen O'Rourke, now deceased, one son was born, Frank, who resided with his father at his death.

Roll Brewer served in the 16th Iowa regiment under Captain Williams. The time covered only about a year but was strenuous and picturesque as he was engaged at Nashville and accompanied Sherman on his march to the Sea and less destructive raids. At the close of hostilities he received his discharge, and for several years has drawn a pension.

His passing leaves but one of the original voters who elected our first county officers after the division of Hamilton and Webster counties. All now are gone except J. D. Skitchley.

During the early years of his residence here, "Roll" hunted and trapped over almost every foot of what is Hamilton county, and as the herds of big game diminished in size he covered Boone, Wright, Webster and Humboldt counties. He was an expert marksman and has killed dozens of deer on the site of our present city; a favorite hunt of deer being the ravine which flanks his home and the bottom lands

along the river. The numbers of wolves, wildcats, rattlesnakes and other dangerous varmints killed by him easily ran into the hundreds.

He was a student of nature instead of books. He knew the habits and haunts of wild beasts and their trails and tracks. He knew the feeding-places of wild-fowl and the nesting places of wood-songsters. He knew the bird's love twitter, the note of content or the scream of fear. He loved the forest trees and ferns and native flowers. He could take a B-line through the woods to a storehouse of wild honey, and the root and herb fields were familiar to him. As he studied animals he studied men and found them much the same. The instinct of animals and the intuition of men is for protection, he declared, and if not gained by open conflict then by craft and cruelty. He guessed the intent of a man as accurately as he predicted the spring of the panther and he gauged his conduct accordingly. He was unacquainted with the inside walls of schools, but he was not unfamiliar with the ordinary processes of the human mind. He did not give snap judgment, but given a premise and his conclusions were generally unerring—they reached the mark as his bullets hit the target.

On his initial trip to Homer, Roll Brewer, then a youth, lost his bearings for the first and last time. Thereafter he made such a thorough study of the surrounding topography that he became an accurate and valued guide for travelers and newcomers wishing to locate land. He knew the natural fords, the location of springs and the well-stocked fish ponds, and piloted the pioneers on raft, flatboat or in canoe as well as through woods across swamps or over prairies.

Roll Brewer had the outlook and understanding of the pathfinder, and admitted in confidence that he should have followed the frontier instead of yielding to the inertia of nature and the cramping, dwarfing confines of civilization. He, however, registered no complaints and held no resentment. He pressed tranquilly through the startling changes of his more than four-score years. He kept his feet firmly planted on the ground and retained his mental faculties until the moment of his death. His advice was dependable and his friendship enduring. He was quiet, unobtrusive, unafraid. When the death of a father full of years calls from the lips of a grief-stricken son the cry—"He was a good father to me," the long life of struggle has not been in vain. Success is achieved.

Memorial Trees.

At a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. N. Boeye, it was decided that they buy two memorial trees to be planted in the local cemetery in memory of those who lost their lives in service. The planting of the trees will be accompanied by appropriate ceremonies which will be announced later.

District Court Convenes.

Court convened this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Judge H. E. Fry in charge. Equity cases will be tried this week, and the petit jury will convene next Monday.

The state case against Roy Fortune and Herbert A. Bige will probably be tried the third week of this term of court. They are charged with larceny.

New cases filed are Oliver Thompson vs. Martha Thompson, suit for partition; Farmers Savings bank of Stanhope vs. Henry Luebke, asking judgment on note; also some ditch cases.

Proud of Baby Showing.

The Freeman-Journal was in error Saturday in stating that the baby which took the first prize at last year's state fair scored five points higher than little Robert Mitterling, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Mitterling, of this city, who last week won the first prize and a silver loving cup in the contest conducted in Des Moines by Youmker Bros. and the Des Moines Capital. There was but a half point difference. In last week's competition a baby girl won the sweepstakes prize by just a small margin over Robert. He is probably the most perfect baby from Hamilton county ever exhibited in a contest and everybody is proud of the showing made.

Miss Ella O'Neil of Williams was in the city Saturday.

GLASSES For Indoor Workers

Close application to indoor work strongly affects one's eyes. The slight eye strain of today—if not checked—means the serious visual trouble of tomorrow. The wearing of glasses is restful in results and assures a satisfaction inexpressible.

We have the glasses J. L. PENTZER OPTOMETRIST

FARM FIGURES GIVEN ON IOWA

State has Highest Priced Farm Land in the Nation, Illinois Ranking Second.

LIVE STOCK VALUES

Figures on Stock and Grain Covering Past 10 Years.

Iowa has the highest priced farm land of any state in the nation, the average value per acre of tillable land being \$22, according to the report of the United States department of agriculture. Illinois ranked second with an average value per acre of \$157.

This report shows that Iowa farm land has increased in value \$117.42 per acre since 1910, when the average price was \$82.58, and has increased \$163.65 per acre since 1900, the price per acre at that time being \$35.35.

At present there are 213,429 farms as compared with 217,044 in 1910 and 228,622 in 1900. Of this number 121,888 are now operated by owners, as compared with 134,929 in 1910 and 148,886 in 1900. The average number of acres in a farm now is 156.84, compared with 156.3 in 1910. The total acreage in farm land is now 33,474,204, compared with 33,930,688 acres in 1910. This is a decrease in acreage, but the total valuation of all farm property has increased from \$1,834,345,546 in 1900, and \$3,745,860,544 in 1910, to \$8,525,296,091 at present.

These figures disclose that there has been a decrease in the number of farms, and in the total acreage in farms during the past 20 years, a process which has been less rapid during the past decade. But it is also disclosed that there has been an enormous increase in the value of all farm property, both as a total and as averages. Like comparisons in farm products and live stock give like results, showing that there has been a noticeable decrease in quantities and valuations. One cause of the decrease in total acreage in farm is given as the growth of cities and towns, which have spread out over territory formerly given over to agriculture.

Some Stock Figures.

As in the case of land and the total of farm property the prices of live stock have increased most rapidly during the past 10 years. Swine of all ages are estimated to number 9,510,000 on Iowa farms at present, and their total value is \$137,895,000; and in 1910 the number was 7,545,853, with a value-

tion of \$69,693,218. This is an increase in both number and price. Horses now are estimated to number 1,328,000 head with a total valuation of \$107,568,000; compared with 1,492,226 head and a valuation of \$177,969,124 in 1910. Cattle at present number 4,221,000 head with a valuation of \$177,976,200, compared with 4,448,006 with a valuation of \$118,864,139 in 1910. Sheep now number 948,000 head and are valued at \$6,541,200, compared with the 1910 total number of 1,145,549 and valuation of \$5,748,836. The number of mules now is 71,000 and their value \$7,668,000, while in 1910 the number was 55,524 and their value \$7,551,188. Mules are only class of farm product to show a decrease in value per unit.

In 1911 the 9,850,000 acres planted to corn produced 305,350,000 bushels, while the crop last year was 473,808,570 bushels, from slightly more than 9,000,000 acres, and its value in 1920 was more than \$500,000,000 compared with \$161,836,000 in 1911.

Some Crop Figures.

The 1920 wheat crop was 13,011,100 bushels and it was valued at approximately \$45,000,000, compared with a yield of 10,622,000 bushels valued at \$9,348,000 in 1911. The increase in yield per acre was enormous, 15 bushels being produced last year as compared with three bushels ten years ago.

Oats also show a huge increase in yield per acre, the total being 239,866,000 bushels valued at \$140,000,000, compared with a yield of 126,225,000 bushels valued at \$51,752,000 in 1911.

The substance of all these figures is that while there has been a decrease in total farm acreage and a decrease in acreage devoted to one crop or another in favor of other crops, the last 20 years has shown an ever growing intensity of farming in the state with the application of improved methods and machinery. This is evidenced in the average yield per acre and in the average price per unit as applied to all classes of farm lands, products and buildings, as it is not the less valuable dollar alone, nor yet the changing conditions of supply and demand that are responsible for the increased valuations.

Evidence of the better quality of farm products is given in one fact that there were 4,044 stallions and jacks registered during 1920 by the Iowa department of agriculture. Twenty years ago registrations were numbered in hundreds.

During the past 10 years the value of corn increased about 200 per cent; oats increased 186 per cent; wheat 478 per cent; barley 21 per cent; rye 366 per cent; and potatoes 64 per cent. The total value of all crops increased 187.8 per cent in the same period.

Miss Pearl Holt of Ellsworth was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Howell of Williams was shopping and visiting in the city Saturday.

Willys Light farm lighting plants. Sorenson Bros. Motor Co. 4-11d-f-jlmo

W. M. Dowling went to Mt. Ayr Saturday on a few days' business trip.

Mrs. Hannah Tjernagel of Randall was a Webster City visitor Saturday.

Mrs. O. G. Furman and Kenneth Furman of Jewell visited relatives in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Orvie Walker of Williams was visiting in the city Saturday.

Some FACTS About



Here are authentic figures from the Ford factory at Detroit. They show you just how many Ford cars and trucks have been built each month since January 1, 1921 and how many have been sold to retail customers, in the United States.

	Produced	Delivered to Retail Customers
JANUARY	29,883	57,208
FEBRUARY	35,305	63,603
MARCH	61,886	87,221
Total Production	127,074	Total Retail Sales 208,032

showing that actual sales for the first three months of 1921 exceeded production by 80,958 Ford cars and trucks!

April requisitions already specify 107,719 additional cars and trucks and the estimated April output of the factory and assembly plants combined calls for only 90,000!

These facts clearly show that the demand for Ford products is growing much faster than manufacturing facilities to produce and were it not for the dealers' limited stocks, which are now being rapidly depleted, many more customers would have been compelled to wait for their cars. It will be only a matter of weeks, therefore, until a big surplus of orders will prevent anything like prompt deliveries.

If you would be sure of having your Ford car or truck when you want it, you should place your order now. Don't delay. Phone us or drop us a card.

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Ford Authorized Sales and Service
Webster City, Iowa Dows, Iowa

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\$59.50

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r tomorrow selling, none priced over of tan, gray, mouse, black and white at prices considerable lower than in the past.

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C. & S. Seal Brand Coffee 1 lb. can...46c	Monarch Coffee, 1 lb. pkg.....38c
2 pound can...90c	Farm House Coffee, 1 lb. pkg.....24c
C. & S. Golden Glow Coffee, 1 lb. pkg....40c	P. & G. Naphtha, bar...7c 10 bars for...63c
C. & S. Corona Coffee, 1 lb. pkg.....30c	

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Hats that were marked **\$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 Only \$4.00**

We have taken these from stock and reduced them to this price so you will be sure to get the values.

Untrimmed shapes—black and colors \$1.00.
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Large Full Wreaths \$1.00.
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