

BODIES UNITE TO AID NEEDY

Movement to Relieve Unemployment Situation in This City Undertaken.

TO LIST ODD JOBS

Complete Canvass to be Made to Find Employment Sources.

A movement to relieve the unemployment situation in Webster City has been started by a special committee representing the leading civic and welfare interests of the community.

The move was started by the Chamber of Commerce, and drew the full support of the city authorities, the Associated Charities and other local organizations.

To List Jobs.

It is the plan of this body to list all available odd jobs in the city, no matter how large or how small, and then to allot them to local people who desire and need the work.

Has Had Free Service.

The Chamber of Commerce has been conducting a free employment service during the past year, but the more or less acute situation of the present time demands an enlargement of the scope of this service.

Business men, professional men and housekeepers are urged to support this project by notifying the Chamber of Commerce office of any position vacant or odd job they may know about.

Local residents will be given preference for all positions, jobs or aid, over out-of-town people or transients.

Box Supper a Success.

The box supper held at the West Freedom school, taught by Pearl Burnett, Thursday evening, was a success. The school house was crowded to its full capacity.

The total receipts of the evening were about \$54, which will be used in purchasing a Victrola for the school.

Notice of Annual Election.

The annual election of the stockholders of the Farmers Savings Bank, Stanhope, Iowa, will be held at their banking rooms on the 9th day of January, 1922, between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m.

S. J. Cottingham, President. 12-17d1f3

Baldness.

Judge: The more a man's head gets to look like an egg, the more responsible he becomes to the influence of a chicken.

The Champion.

Life: "How long did it take you to put little brother to sleep?" "Only one round."

Children, who are among the greatest users of public libraries, are borrowing books of biography, natural history, and travel almost as often as they choose fiction.

Of two evils it is good to choose the less, but better to choose neither.

The tea tree is an evergreen plant.

POST OFFICE OFFERS NEW CERTIFICATES

Treasury Department Presents Securities to Public.

The new issue of treasury savings certificates has just been received at the local postoffice.

They are of \$25, \$100, and \$1,000 denominations and mature five years from date of purchase. The highest denomination is handled only by first class postoffices but may be secured from Des Moines through the local office.

They sell for \$20, \$80 and \$800, and draw interest approximately equal to 4 1/2 per cent compounded semi-annually if held until maturity.

The limit of holdings has been increased from \$1000 to \$5000 for each year's series. Treasury savings stamps of the \$1 denomination are still on sale and may be used to accumulate the purchase price of a certificate.

A Jersey City girl has already been through 250 operations for skin grafting, with a prospect of 750 more to follow.

BUYS THE MERCANTILE RUG STOCK

Foster Furniture Company Takes Over Rug Department.

The Foster Furniture company has bought out the rug department of the Webster City Mercantile company. The latter is abandoning this department to make room to enlarge its ready-to-wear department.

Commercial Invasion of Orient.

The invasion of India by the American salesman is discussed at considerable length by a British official at Calcutta, who calls attention to the fact that the United States is now supplying from 10 to 12 per cent of the imports of India, whereas the share supplied prior to the war was only 2.6 per cent.

Freedom Items.

The choir of the Kamrar M. E. church rendered a good program at Mt. Zion church Sunday morning. The large audience extended them a vote of thanks.

Sel Earnest shelled corn Monday and Tuesday for O. B. Wells.

Frank Schweppe has had his premises wired for electricity and will soon be enjoying electric service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Welch were Webster City callers Saturday.

The Peter Blake family, old and respected residents of this vicinity, are moving to their new home in Webster City.

Mrs. Emery Gordon entertained a large number of ladies at her home Wednesday afternoon. A feature of the afternoon was a grab bag which caused much merriment.

Mrs. H. L. Graham and daughter, Miss Hattie, spent Saturday in Webster City.

The Bell telephone repair men did some work on the line hereabout Monday.

Fred Gordon of Webster City spent Monday at the Lester Gordon farm.

A basket social was held Thursday evening at the school taught by Miss Pearl Burnett. The pupils prepared a good program for the occasion.

Miss Ruth Genuing, who attends college at Iowa City, came Thursday to spend Christmas vacation at the Ernest Crosby home.

Miss Irene Bailey has been spending a couple of weeks in Webster City.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wells visited Thursday at the Eugene Park home.

Dec. 22.

More than 25,000,000 tons of patent fuel are made in Germany annually.

BOONE COUNTY LEADS IN GRAVEL

Boasts of Having the Best Roads of any County in the State of Iowa.

CLAIMS A RECORD

Opposes Paving, but Goes Ahead and Gravelled Extensively.

If there is one thing in which Boone county leads the state it is, according to motorists who have been through the county, its gravelled roads, says the Boone News-Republican.

The Boone county gravelled road system is considered one of the best in the state, not only by Boone county residents, but by many authorities, and Dean Anson Marston, of Ames, recently used Boone county roads in an article which appeared in "American Municipalities" as an illustration in making a comparison between Iowa counties which voted "yes" and those which voted "no" on the paved road proposition in October, 1919, in pointing relatively to the progress which the two groups of counties had made since then.

Opposes Paving.

Boone county voted "no" on the paved roads proposition but the way in which the county under the direction of Supervisors Ed Mackey, J. L. Blake and Charles Peterson, has gone into the business of road making shows that it is not against good roads.

At the present time there is, according to County Engineer J. A. Illeman, 113.8 miles of gravelled road in the county. This includes primary roads, county roads and township roads. In this connection it is pointed out that Union township established the first township gravelled road district in the state. This district contains a six mile strip of gravelled road from Beaver to Perry.

The road was built largely through the efforts of Supervisor J. L. Blake and the township officers. Of the 78.8 miles of primary road in Boone county, 65.3 miles have been drained, tiled and gravelled. This includes the Lincoln highway, the Jordan-Webster City road, the Daniel Boone Trail from Boone to Madrid, and the Ogden-Perry road.

There are ninety-eight miles of county roads in Boone county. In 1920 twenty-six miles were gravelled and in the present year fourteen more miles were added to the gravelled system.

Has Good Roads Habit.

The good roads habit seems to have gripped Boone county. At the last meeting of the board of supervisors property owners in Des Moines and Marey townships presented petitions requesting the establishment of two more township gravel districts. Des Moines township already has one gravel road district. Marey township wants "Old Swede Lane," a three and one-half mile strip of road, gravelled as soon as possible. The hearings on these petitions were set for Dec. 27.

One of the results of the perfecting of the gravel roads in Boone county which ride as smooth as pavement has been the establishment last week of a motor bus line which runs from Boone to Carroll. The roads are all laid to grade so that paving, if this should be found necessary, will find the roads in shape so that the work could be done with considerable less trouble and expense than previously, according to engineers.

AGRICULTURE.

If you put the car up for the winter, save the tires by jacking up the wheels.

Some say that the person who starts a forest fire ought to be convicted of arson.

Uncle Ab says: If you plow the first furrow straight the rest are pretty likely to be straight too.

An hour of time saved by man and team on an acre of oats means as much as getting two extra bushels. This winter many business farmers are studying, with the help of the state college's free farm management home study course, how to make man and horse labor more efficient.

Schools Have Vacation.

The Webster City public schools closed Friday afternoon for the holiday vacation. The vacation will last two weeks.

It's the lessons learned from failures that teach you how to succeed.

\$5 PAYS HOSPITAL BILL IN GERMANY

Fred Fisher Sends Sister Money to pay for Operation.

Fred Fisher, who works at the Hughes meat market, recently received a letter from a sister who lives in Germany asking that he send her money to pay for an operation to correct a deformity in an infant child. He sent her \$5. In a letter just received by Mr. Fisher, the sister states that the operation was a success and the money sent was sufficient to pay the surgeon and also the hospital bill. The \$5 was converted into 1.50 German marks. The operation and hospital bill cost 1.200 marks.

The child, nine months old, was born with club feet and the operation was to correct this trouble. It is estimated that a similar operation would cost approximately \$100 in this country. The letter stated that the child would probably not be able to walk until four or five years old.

Letters received by Mr. Fisher from Germany carry constant complaints of high prices. One hundred pounds of potatoes, it is said, cost 100 marks. This is approximately 30 cents in American money. Oleomargarine sells for 40 marks a pound or about 13 cents.

PNEUMONIA IS CAUSE OF DEATH

W. F. Jones, Father of Mrs. D. A. Barnes, Dies Here.

W. F. Jones, of Lake Wilson, Minn., passed away early Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Barnes, 928 First street, following an illness from pneumonia and complications. Mr. Jones had been in poor health for some time but since Tuesday his condition had been serious. He had stopped in this city enroute to California and with Mrs. Barnes, would have left for the west soon had his health permitted.

Mr. Jones was 71 years, four months and 28 days of age. Most of his life had been spent in Cherokee, Iowa, but of late he had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Brant, at Lake Wilson, Minnesota.

YOUR BATTERIES.

In the old days, gasoline economizers were quite in style with the get-rich-quick fiends. They were much more common than they are now. One could buy them in powder, tablet or liquid form and probably administer them in homeopathic or allopathic doses—for the effect was just the same.

As long as the car owner was very careful to have the carbon removed from the engine cylinders, the valves ground and the carburetor adjusted, and then apply the so-called economizer to the fuel tank, he was certain to get greater mileage, per gallon of gasoline. And no wonder!

The same thing applies to the present day storage battery "rejuvenators," "recharging solutions" and what not, that are being sold as mysterious compounds and wonderful discoveries which recharge your storage battery in twenty minutes. Any battery service station can do the same thing by doping a battery with strong acid—but they know the harmful effect of such treatment.

The surprising thing is the willingness of many people to pay fabulous prices, \$3 to \$5 being asked for a single application of these dopes when most storage battery service stations would do the same thing for 25 cents.

There is nothing mysterious about pouring strong acid solution into a discharged battery and having it operate in twenty or thirty minutes afterward. Any service station can do that, but the normal way to recharge a battery is to pass a current of electricity through it and avoid injuring it or shortening its life. The quick way is to pay \$3 to \$5 for about 25 cents worth of strong acid—and then suffer the consequences.

Visitors to Italy who travel on Sunday have to pay a special tax.

W. F. COLE IS NOT IN POLITICS

W. F. Cole left Friday afternoon for St. Paul to spend Christmas. Bill asks that it be particularly mentioned that he is not going to Washington and that he is not interested in the Webster City post office.

SHORT SCHOOLS FOR FARM BOYS

Twenty-Six Dull Season Terms Arranged in Five Iowa Counties for Season.

BOTH DAY AND NIGHT

Federal Government to Share Expense of Instruction.

(By The Associated Press.)

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—Twenty-six dull season short term schools will be opened at various points in Iowa on January 2 for the purpose of bringing instruction in agriculture to boys on the farms. It is announced by Wilbur H. Bender, state supervisor of vocational and agricultural education. The federal government will pay half the expense of instruction, and the county school boards will furnish the equipment.

Courses Last Eight Weeks.

The courses will last from eight to ten weeks according to the persistency of attendance. An enrollment of 340 pupils is expected for the day classes and 520 for evening instruction.

Five counties are represented in the allocation of the schools: Buena Vista, Lee, Blackhawk, Humboldt and Dallas. County school superintendents are making local arrangements and instructors will meet at the Iowa State College in Ames between Christmas and New Year's to organize the class work.

To Move Schools.

That every part of the state can receive the benefit of this instruction, these schools will not be held in any community more than two years.

A survey made last year showed that each farmer boy attending these schools represented 100 acres of land, nine horses, 26 head of cattle, 70 hogs, eight sheep and 200 chickens. In crops each boy represented 60 acres of corn, 32 acres of oats, 22 acres of hay and 12 acres of wheat.

Mr. Bender is of the opinion that if each boy can be taught to be a better farmer, it will be a great economic profit to the state of Iowa and money well spent.

New Bank Room Open.

The Savings bank Friday opened its new consultation room, formerly the down town office of the Monarch company. The former consultation room will now be used exclusively for safety deposit patrons.

The bank has also been repainted and otherwise improved. A fine new bookkeeping machine, among other things, has been added.

Mourning Dove Migratory Bird.

The mourning dove, known in some localities as the Carolina or turtle dove, is a migratory bird coming within the protection afforded by the migratory bird treaty and the act of congress to give it effect, although individuals of the species remain within the borders of certain states the entire year. This decision was rendered in the case of the United States against Joseph H. Lumpkin, brought to trial at Athens, Ga., before Federal Judge S. H. Sibbey and a jury.

The defendant, who was charged with killing mourning doves during the federal closed season, contended that the birds which he had killed had not migrated but had remained in Georgia the entire year, and for this reason were not covered by the federal statute. The case, which attracted widespread attention, was attended by prominent attorneys of Georgia.

It Was an Inspiration.

Detroit News: Julia Ward Howe wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in the middle of the night. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howe relates that one afternoon her parents, while in Washington, D. C., drove out to Fort Stevens, in the environs of the city, for the purpose of visiting nearby camps. This was early in the days of the civil war. When Mrs. Howe retired that night she had no thought of writing a poem. In the night, however, she awakened and seemed actually to see before her the words of a poem. She was weary and very sleepy and quite disinclined to rouse herself sufficiently to write down the lines. But so fearful was she that in the morning she would find that she had forgotten her poem, that she finally reached for paper and pencil which she always kept close by—and there in the dark she wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT AYRSHIRE

Lewis Carey, Oldest Brother of Hiram Carey, Passes Away.

Lewis Carey, a former well known and much respected resident of Hamilton county, the oldest brother of Hiram Carey, of this city, died Thursday morning at Ayrshire, this state. Mr. Carey had been ailing for two years and his death was due to softening of the brain.

The body was brought here Friday afternoon and the funeral service was held at Saratoga church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Manson E. Miller, pastor of the Christian church in this city.

Lewis Carey was born May 4, 1840, near Janesville, Wis., and was therefore 72 years of age at his last birthday. Mr. Carey came to this county in 1860 and resided on a farm in Hamilton township for many years. Later he located in South Dakota and about eight years ago removed to Ayrshire. Mr. Carey is survived by eight children, his wife having passed away thirty-three years ago.

The city scales will be closed Dec. 23 and Jan. 2. 22d1j1f1

DESCRIBES WORK OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

Contributor Tells of the Health Work Being Done Now.

What do you buy when you exchange a little money for Christmas seals bearing the double cross that stands for the public health work?

First of all, you buy the pleasure of knowing that you thus have at least a small share in carrying on the most widely effective public health educational work being done at the present time. While the emphasis of the activities first undertaken by the association was placed upon finding the remedy for conditions that induce tuberculosis and assisting the sufferers from that disease, it has been found that wholesome living conditions, well nourished bodies, are the strongest foes to this plague. Education and help where needed in securing such conditions is as important as helping to care for those already afflicted and means more perhaps to the future.

There is something fine in the idea of giving everyone the opportunity in having a part in this great movement which has already proved its value and efficiency. There are few citizens who cannot contribute something towards a fund to continue the services of a health nurse, to help furnish milk for undernourished children, to carry on the work of the health crusade in our schools.

Even if you do not care to use the seals yourself (though some of us like the gay little messengers of helpful good-will that come on our letters) contribute something anyway to an agency that is doing such practical work every day in making life a wholesome, happy thing to our children.

Citizen.

For Gravel Roads.

The construction of gravel roads and especially ways and means of salvaging those already constructed so as to lighten tax burdens in rural communities is one of the subjects featured for the discussion at the twelfth American Good Roads Congress and thirteenth National Good Roads Show to be held at the Coliseum in Chicago, Jan. 17 to 20, under the auspices of the American Road Builders' association.

"It is planned to give more attention to this phase of road construction at the coming congress," said H. L. Bowdley, of the U. S. bureau of public roads, president of the American Road Builders' association, "for we realize that the cost of highways is of more importance to the farmer than any other phase of the good roads movement. The extent to which the farmer is adopting motor transport and thereby becoming increasingly interested in highway improvement is indicated by the fact that 1920 census reports show that 139,169 motor trucks are now being used on 131,551 American farms. The corn belt states are the leading purchasers of trucks but the demand everywhere is becoming increasingly heavy."

"Choose a sufficient and varied supply of wholesome food," says an eminent physician, "and you need not bother about the scientific contents of it."

OPERA WINNING BACK OLD PLACE

Loss of Caruso Fails to Dim Light of Operatic Performances in New York.

LEAVES GREAT GAP

Interest now in Whole Production Rather Than Star.

New York, Dec. 26.—Its light undimmed by the passing of its greatest luminary of recent years—Enrico Caruso—the Metropolitan Opera has reached the height of what its social and professional sponsors acclaim as the most successful season since the world's eyes were focused on New York as the hub of the operatic universe.

Cannot Fill Place.

Not, officials of the opera said today, that a great gap has not been left in the ranks of the artists who have made it so famous. Caruso's place, they declared, cannot be filled in a few months, or even in a few years. But his death has served to deflect the interest of opera goers from the brilliancy of the individual singer and to widen it to embrace the opera itself and the great, though less well known stars, who nightly are drawing multitudes to the historic Broadway auditorium.

Social Side Grows.

Great changes have taken place in the opera as a social institution, they declare. The social side of the gatherings there season by season, has again taken on the aspect it wore a generation ago. Once more it is the brilliant show place it was in the 80's and 90's. Nightly, regardless of the name of the tenor or the soprano who is to sing, boxes, stalls and chairs from orchestra pit to "peanut gallery" are at a premium, and every foot of standing room in the shadowy horse shoe about the walls is solid with the mass of music lovers who would rather stand three and a half hours than miss the performance.

Gentlemen in Fall Dress.

In a widespread reaction from the fashions of years before and during the war, the gentleman opera goer appears in evening dress, whether he sits in a box or any other part of the house below the gallery. And many who stand through the succession of acts parade the lobbies and doff the shiniest of silk hats to acquaintances or when they go to exchange visits among the boxes filled with richly-gowned and jeweled women.

Barber Shop Entered.

The Rainbow barber shop was entered late Tuesday night by two men who did not take anything. The men were surprised by Harry Booth, one of the barbers of the shop, who had stopped to look after the fire. They are said to have been local men. No arrests were made.

Surprise Party.

The Homer B. Y. P. U. very pleasantly surprised Orville Boynton at his home Tuesday evening. The guests came with well filled baskets and entertainment planned for the evening. Games were played until a late hour, after which refreshments were served.

Her Quest.

Answers: Myrtle—My dear, I've just visited a fortune teller, and she told me where to find my future husband. Gladys—Give me her address. Maybe I'll be able to find my present one.

No Sweetness There.

Answers: Gladys—Minnie is not very attractive, is she? Minnie—No. Why, would you believe that, that girl has never even had a mosquito bite.

Absent Cookery.

Life: Alice—I've bought a fireless cooker. Virginia—When did you learn to play bridge?

Impulsed by Thirst.

Judge: Howard—Schuyler was arrested for forgery. Jay—Did he alter a check? "No, a druggist's prescription."

Sidney J. Williams, secretary of the national safety council, stated recently that the economic loss caused by industrial accidents amounted to one billion dollars annually.

Accommodation for dining and sleeping, and electric cigarette lighters, are provided on a motorbus recently designed by a French firm.