

# The Only Guaranteed Flour



We want you to use Zephyr Flour in your next baking. The only flour backed by a guaranty. We want you to know that the guaranty means exactly what it says:

- That Zephyr Flour must make good every claim.
- That it must equal the highest number of loaves you ever baked from the same amount of flour.
- That it must completely satisfy you as to lightness, fineness of grain—taste—every quality of the best bread.
- Or you receive all your money back.

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This is our plan: Order of your grocer today one 48-pound sack of Zephyr Flour. Use it down to half the sack for bread, pies, cake—all your baking. Test it your own way. Then decide. If it has failed in any respect, send the remaining 24 pounds back to your grocer. He will cheerfully refund to you the price of the whole sack.

Zephyr Flour is made from the finest grade of Kansas hard wheat, ground by the Bowersock water power process. On every sack you will find the guaranty in this form: Please begin your test under this binding pledge at once. A flour of which the makers are so confident, surely has qualities you will be glad to know.

Zephyr Flour is handled by the following grocers:

Stuber & Waugaman, Eddyville, Ia.; Henry Fritz, Blakesburg, Ia.; J. F. Dings, Ottumwa, Ia.; W. J. Peck, Ottumwa, Ia.; A. J. Reynolds, Agency, Ia.; E. E. Hillis, Eldon, Ia.; B. L. Denny & Co., Highland Center, Ia.; D. H. Thompson & Son, Farson, Ia.; C. G. Peterson, Ottumwa, Ia.



## MANY TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED

EDUCATIONAL MEETING AT BLAKESBURG PROMISES TO BE SUCCESSFUL ONE.

County Superintendent Elizabeth Burgess expects a record breaking attendance at the fourth and last of the series of educational meetings which will be held at Blakesburg, Iowa, tomorrow morning and afternoon. Teachers who have schools in the neighborhood of Blakesburg have signified their intention of attending the meeting, while many pedagogues from the Ottumwa public schools will also attend. Miss Reading and Miss Gussie Burgason of Blakesburg have completed arrangements for the meeting.

An excellent program has been arranged for the meeting which will prove of interest to every school teacher. Miss Lura Phillips of the extension department of Iowa State college at Ames will deliver two lectures at the meeting, which promise to be of much interest. Miss Phillips is one of the foremost educators of the state. The morning lecture will be "A Day in the John Swamy Consolidated School, McNabb, Ill." This lecture will be upon consolidated rural schools, which is being talked of in Iowa. The afternoon address will be "How to Develop Winning Boys and Girls." This lecture will refer to agricultural work in the rural schools and will be illustrated.

The public schools and twenty-one years she served the government as postmistress. She was united in marriage to R. P. Johnson, December 6, 1898. She was received into the communion of the Kirkville Presbyterian church, July 15, 1908. During the fifty years she was identified with the Kirkville Presbyterian church, she was active in every good work and work. To her, sudden death meant sudden glory and death was robbing of its terrors. The value of her faith is beyond computation.

John R. Johnson of Salina, Kansas, and Etta May Oliver of Rossville, Kansas, and her husband's children of R. P. Johnson, came to comfort their father in his bereavement. His remaining child—Mrs. Ella Eichelberger, of Boise, Idaho, was denied the privilege of granting her presence.—Contributed.

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## Automobile For Sale

Practically new, used less than nine months. One of the best makes and the model the most reliable ever put on the market. Five passenger, fully equipped with top and wind shield; practically as good as the day it left the factory, and at a reduced price.

Address—Lock Box 204, Ottumwa.

And you will be informed where it can be seen and a satisfactory demonstration given.

## ADVANCE PLANS GIVEN APPROVAL

NEW MODE OF PAYMENT FOR COURIER IS A BENEFIT TO MAIL SUBSCRIBERS.

For many years the larger city dailies and magazines have made it a custom to only send the paper to mail subscribers who pay in advance. The smaller city dailies have been slow to adopt this system, but now that they are doing it, it is meeting with general favor from every one. People have gotten tired of notifying publishers to stop sending their paper after the time for which they were paid expires.

Some time ago the daily papers of Iowa adopted this system and it will be in general effect with practically all the dailies of Iowa by April 15.

This is just as much of a benefit to the subscriber as it is to the newspaper and prevents the subscriber from being imposed upon. It does away with the subscriber receiving a bill for two or three years back subscription for a paper which he only ordered for only one year or possibly less.

The Courier will, with the other papers, go on this basis April 15. The Courier wants all of its present subscribers to continue with it and wants as many new ones as it can serve. Therefore we ask every one to look at the label on their paper, and if they are not paid beyond April 15 to send a remittance to this office for which their bill will be mailed a receipt and their time credited ahead. Do not wait until the solicitor calls, but simply mail a check or money order to the Ottumwa Courier and the subscription will be extended.

for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jenkins.

Guy Smith is spending this week in Indianapolis visiting with friends.

John Latham died at his home on Wednesday evening with pneumonia.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Sims, Monday, a son.

George Calvin spent Wednesday in Chariton.

Misses Etie and Hattie Howell and Miss Etie Criswell returned home on Tuesday afternoon from Moravia, where they have been visiting their friend Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. J. H. Leckler left Wednesday morning for Des Moines to visit with relatives.

Mrs. Peter Frazier returned home Wednesday evening from St. Charles where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hattie.

About twenty-five of the members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge went to Chariton Tuesday evening to attend the lodge at that place.

Another funeral was held Tuesday. This time they took in Washington township. One wolf was killed.

Albert Werts, J. E. Raines, Earl Miskell and M. E. Cobb attended the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Harve Sangston is holding meetings every night this week in the Y. M. C. A. room.

The funeral of Charles Anderson, son of C. J. Anderson of Hiteman, took place yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Redmen lodge of that place. Interment was made in Oak View cemetery at Albia. Mr. Anderson died at 8:30 Monday morning of heart disease.

A marriage license was granted to Neal Rowley, 21, and Ida Connett, 20 of Albia.

J. G. Wilson of Woodlawn, ex-treasurer of Monroe county, was at Albia yesterday calling on relatives and old friends.

Austin Jay of Moravia transacted business at this place yesterday.

W. L. Hayes of Eddyville passed through Albia yesterday on his way home from Omaha, where he was looking after stock cattle.

Lou Phillips moved to the Frank Casady farm and Fred Moore to the house vacated by Fred Moore.

Rev. Tennant is in Oskaaloosa at the bed side of his wife who underwent an operation at the Abbott hospital last week. She is doing nicely.

Wiley Wellborn of Des Moines is visiting his father R. L. Wellborn.

## STEVENS ACTING HEAD; FIELD SEC.

FORMER OTTUMWANS WILL TAKE ACTIVE PART IN CONVENTION.

Des Moines, March 25.—Former Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, at one time secretary of the United States treasury and now head of a large bank in Philadelphia, will deliver an address at the annual convention of the Iowa Bankers' association to be held in Des Moines on June 16 and 17.

There will be three sessions and four formal addresses. In addition to Mr. Shaw, John Swanger, former secretary of state in Missouri, and now bank commissioner there, and H. R. Wright, Iowa food and dairy commissioner, will address the bankers. One other speaker will be selected soon. George M. Reynolds of Chicago, formerly of Des Moines, has been invited to make an address.

The headquarters of the convention will be at the Savory hotel.

At yesterday's meeting of the executive council of the bankers' association held in Des Moines, the arrangements for the state convention were made and the date was set. The council endorsed the plan for electing a secretary of said association at the annual convention in June, to make his headquarters in Des Moines and give all of his time to the business of the association. The council also voted to invest the money now in the association's treasury, amounting to several thousands of dollars, in farm mortgages. These investments will be made under the direction of the president, secretary and treasurer of the association.

Stevens Acting Head.

L. E. Stevens of Des Moines, president of the Century Savings bank, is acting president of the association, succeeding to that place upon the death recently of the president. Mr. Stevens was elected vice president of the association at the annual convention last year.

Field for Secretary.

No little interest will attach to the selection of the paid secretary of the association who will be chosen when the convention meets in June. Principal among the candidates thus far is W. H. Field, cashier of the Union Trust & Savings bank of Farmington and a member of the executive council of the association.

Those present at yesterday's meeting in addition to Mr. Stevens, who is an ex-officio member of the executive council were: J. M. Dinwiddie of Cedar Rapids, J. M. Sproull of Waterloo, H. A. Gooch of Sioux City, C. R. Carpenter of Fayette, G. W. Coe of Woodbine, John W. Foster of Guthrie Center, G. E. Bartholomew of Preston, W. H. Field of Farmington, E. J. Eicher of Wayland, Hon. J. T. Brooks of Council Bluffs. All of these are members of the executive council. In addition the following members of special committees were in attendance: Charles B. Mills of Clinton, J. H. Ingerson of Clinton, D. H. Heinsheimer of Glenwood, E. J. Curtin of Decorah, F. H. Smith of Clinton and P. W. Hall of Sheldon.

The local committee includes Charles H. Martin, representing the Des Moines clearing house; G. E. MacKinnon, John H. Hogan, J. H. Blair, C. T. Cole, and A. O. Hauge. Mr. MacKinnon is chairman and will have charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors to the convention.

Prominent out-of-town bankers, who were in Des Moines yesterday, in addition to those in attendance at the meeting preliminary to the convention, included F. B. Shaffer, cashier of the Franklin State bank of Oskaaloosa; S. W. Manning, cashier of Manning's bank of Keosauqua; Lloyd Penick, assistant cashier of the Chariton National bank of Chariton; E. R. Camp-

## PENN TWP. LEADS IN ROAD WORK

ALL JEFFERSON CO. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES WILL TAKE PART IN DRAGGING ROADS.

Fairfield, March 25.—(Special).—In response to a request issued by County Attorney Huglin recently to the effect that the township trustees throughout Jefferson county take an active part in securing the dragging of roads, the trustees of Penn township have reported to him that provision has been made for the dragging of every foot of road in that division of the county. Penn township has been for years one of the banner townships of the state in the matter of road dragging.

bell, cashier of the Commercial bank of Port Dodge and G. I. Bell, with the Harris Trust & Savings bank of Chicago.

WAS FRIEND OF CHIEF KEOKUK.

Mrs. Mary Gilham Who is 87 Years Old, Has Interesting History to Relate.

Des Moines, March 25.—Mrs. Mary Gilham, one of Iowa's earliest settlers, is celebrating her eighty-seventh birthday today at her home, 1328 Fifteenth street. She was born in Morgantown, Va., and came west in 1838, settling at Burlington, when it was Wisconsin territory. Her father was Judge Brand of Lee county, and through him she became acquainted with people who were prominent in the early days of Iowa. She numbered among her friends the first seven governors, and also the three Indian chiefs, Keokuk, Wapello and Black Hawk. Mrs. Gilham lived in Lee county for forty-five years, but has made her home in Des Moines for the past twenty-seven years.

CROCKER BRIGADE TO IOWA.

Famous War Veterans are to Meet This Season for First Time in Twenty-Nine Years.

Washington, Ia., March 25.—Crockett brigade, one of the famous brigades of the civil war, and recruited from this part of the state, has been asked to celebrate its 1910 reunion in Washington. Three full companies of the brigade were enlisted in this county and went to the front, taking part in many memorable battles of the civil war. It is noteworthy that still at this date all the regiments composing the brigade are represented by old soldiers residing in Washington county or in this city, but since that time many of its members have passed to their reward. Col. Rood of Mt. Vernon, in connection with some others having the matter in charge, will be here in April to make the proper arrangements for the contemplated gathering. At a recent meeting of the I. G. W. brigade, G. A. R., the Crockett brigade was invited to hold its 1910 reunion here.

New Jersey Honors Iowan.

of Audubon, and a member of Allison post, Grand Army of the Republic, was highly pleased last week to receive a communication from Trenton, N. J., stating that he was entitled to receive a medal on account of service in the union army. Mr. Smith served two years from the state of New York and one year as a veteran from New Jersey.

Want "Noiseless" Fourth in Iowa.

Des Moines, March 25.—The Society for the Prevention of Unnecessary Noises wants Governor Carroll to start a movement in Iowa to prevent the usual Fourth of July racket in this state next Fourth. A letter from Lou F. Hammer of New York city, calls at-

## WATCHES GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT

MR. AND MRS. COWAN OF LIBERTYVILLE, MARRIED 50 YEARS—FAMILY CELEBRATION.

Libertyville, March 25.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cowan celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Libertyville this week. Mr. Cowan's age being seventy-six and Mrs. Cowan's age sixty-nine. About sixty guests were present to help them celebrate the day. After congratulations a three course dinner was served. The tables being decorated with smilax, carnations and white ribbon. After dinner Dr. S. K. Davis in behalf of the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Cowan each with a beautiful gold watch. Many other beautiful presents were received from friends and relatives who were not able to be present. Many happy returns of the day and that they might live to see many more such anniversaries were the wishes of their many friends. C. T. Cowan of Spokane, Washington, was an out-of-town guest.

tention to the annual death toll from Fourth of July celebrations and the unusual racket and din which prevails on that date. It is evidently the plan of the society to suppress the fire crackers, toy cannons and other noise-creating devices which are the delight of Young America on Independence Day.

\$2,004.83 FOR LOAD OF HOGS.

Vinton, March 25.—The highest amount of money ever paid for a carload of hogs in Vinton, was paid to Thomas Houllhan, of Jackson township by Westover & Pitts, one day last week. Mr. Houllhan, brought in seventy-one hogs, for which he received \$2,004.83 which was at the rate of \$10.54 per hundred.

Articles of Incorporation.

Des Moines, March 25.—The following articles of incorporation were filed with Secretary of State Hayward yesterday.

Farmers' State bank of Bozhom, capital stock \$25,000. Incorporators, Carl Will, George F. Frele, Frank E. Carlson, E. S. Thorngren, A. F. Johnson, A. Mungerson and Carl Henderson.

Hampton-Kelley Canning company of Hampton, capital stock \$75,000. Incorporators, Burton E. Sweet, W. L. Robinson, N. A. Naglis, C. M. Kelley, J. H. Hutchins, Nat P. Ellis, W. D. Levecher, E. S. Patterson, G. F. Beed and W. N. Beebe.

The Elliott Mutual Telephone company of Elliott capital stock \$20,000. Incorporators, H. E. Leonard, O. J. Powell, M. M. Roberts, M. S. Ling, J. N. Holtmyer, J. H. Peltz and W. L. Dewitt.

Articles incorporating the Des Moines Silo Manufacturing company have been filed with Mrs. Frank Dodson, county recorder. The concern is to engage in the manufacture of silos in Des Moines and is incorporated for \$50,000. The directors of the new company are C. S. Klingman, James L. Manuel, L. H. Paul, W. B. Johnson and F. Henderson.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah R. Johnson.

Mrs. Sarah R. Johnson, wife of R. P. Johnson, passed from time to eternity March 12, 1910 at 6 a. m., in her 79th year.

Mrs. Johnson, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna Wilson, was born March 23, 1840, near Urbana, Champaign Co., Ohio. She was the youngest and the last of her father's family of five children—two boys and three girls. The boys gave their lives for the maintenance of the Union. She was for thirty-three years an instructor in

## ROLLER SKATING RINK BURNS

MT. PLEASANT MAN SUFFERS LOSS OF \$3,500—ONE-THIRD COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Mt. Pleasant, March 25.—Fire was discovered here late yesterday afternoon in the rear of the south side roller skating rink operated by Fred Cooper, and in spite of the efforts of the fire department the building burned to the ground in an hour and a half. It was owned by Allen Ott of this city and the loss is estimated at \$3,500, a third of which was covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire, which was first discovered at five o'clock, was from a pile of rubbish which was burning in the alley back of the room. Small boards crept along and ignited the dry boards at the base of the building and soon gained a good headway. Because of the fact that the room was closed all day and had dark shades in the front windows the danger was not noted until the fire had burned a part of the flooring away and the smoke began pouring from the windows at the rear.

The building was a frame one, one story high and fifty feet wide. It has been built but about ten years, replacing another which went in flames in much the same way. On each side of the main store room were solid brick walls of adjoining buildings, so that the fire was easily kept under control and did little or no damage to the Mt. Pleasant public plant on the east of the Richmond second hand store on the west.

Mr. Cooper, the proprietor of the skating rink suffers the loss of many dozen pairs of rollers and a fine electric piano.

WEST POINT.

Frank Lightfoot, ex-sheriff of Lee county and one of the most widely known men of Lee and Van Buren counties died at his home near Mt. Pleasant Monday morning.

Mr. Lightfoot has been suffering from the grip for a few days but his condition had not been considered serious until a few hours before his death.

Rev. Gardner spoke at the M. E. church Sunday evening in the interest of the Graham hospital of Keokuk, Iowa. A neat sum was donated at Glay Grove in the morning service and at West Point in the evening to be used in building.

Miss Anna Lohman and Helen Rakow were recent Fort Madison visitors.

Mrs. Christina Carsten has returned from a weeks' visit in Ft. Madison.

Mrs. J. E. Cantrell and daughter have returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Keokuk and Bonaparte.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Metzger spent Sunday and Monday in Ft. Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bangs of New London recently visited at the John Shepherd home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ketchum near Big Mound.

Christina, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holtkamp of Pilot Grove died at the home of her parents March 11, 1910 of appendicitis. Christina was 9 years old, a bright, lovable little girl and the sympathy of a host of friends goes out to the bereaved parents.

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Work is Inexpensive. The work done thus far by the Good Roads committee has been inexpensive. The sum of \$150 has not been exceeded in the cost of labor, and the equipment purchased, which will serve the committee for all time to come, will hardly cost this amount. The committee has one good plow, two iron road drags, twelve wooden drags, and one steel drag, besides numerous smaller implements such as spades, shovels, etc. The good roads fund raised by the generous donations of Ottumwa citizens has only been tapped for a little less than \$300 for the total work done. The good roads committee is now composed of F. A. Nimocks, chairman; T. H. Pickler, D. F. Morey, H. E. Duke, M. B. Hutchison, Harry Lytle, F. L. Canfield, H. C. Williams, W. F. Raber, Gus Johnson, George Lotridge and H. T. Michael.

Miss Warden of Ottumwa visited her sister, Mrs. S. C. Brown on Tuesday.

On Monday evening the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George De Tar, Jr., successfully carried out a surprise party on them at their home. About sixty were present. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Lucy Carter moved from the Dr. Kussart property into the Vance property on North Third street.

A special train was run from Albia to Oskaaloosa to accommodate those who wished to attend the wrestling match between Gotch and Galvin.