

THE BANKERS AT MUSCATINE

INTERESTING PROGRAM WILL FEATURE MEETING MAY 11 OF GROUP 8.

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ST. LOUISANS GENEROUS.

Four Citizens Give \$3,000,000 to Washington University; to Better Medical School.

St. Louis, April 30.—Announcement was made last night of gifts aggregating \$3,000,000 to Washington university...

YOUTH'S TRAGIC DEATH

C. A. Daugherty Drowned When Speed Boat Capsized at Burlington.

Burlington, April 30.—C. A. Daugherty was drowned shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the capsizing of the racing motor boat Blanche B...

SEYMOUR.

Mrs. Mary E. Teats, national Purty evangelist will visit Seymour today and Sunday...

BLAKESBURG.

Jennie Robinson went to Ottumwa Thursday on business. Mrs. Alec Tubugh has been confined to her room for several days with a severe illness...

PI BETA PHIS 43 YEARS OLD

MT. PLEASANT CHAPTER CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SISTERHOOD

Mt. Pleasant, April 30.—The local chapter of the Pi Beta Phi sorority of Iowa Wesleyan have been celebrating the forty-third anniversary of the national sisterhood...

Chief among these, was the reception which was held at the home of J. H. Walbank on North Main street...

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IOWA PAYS \$7,000,000 INSURANCE.

Premiums Paid in Hawkeye State Reach an Enormous Total Amount.

Des Moines, April 30.—The people of Iowa last year paid the enormous sum of \$7,745,970 as premiums for life insurance sold in this state...

EDDYVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward from near Burlington are visiting friends in Eddyville and near Kirksville this week.

SEYMOUR.

Mrs. G. W. Stephens spent Wednesday in Dudley visiting relatives and friends.

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F. W. Lyons who recently returned from Texas purchased land near Galveston and will move his family there in the future.

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The Aid society of the Baptist church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Hoch. They met at the Iowa Central depot and walked to her home about 2 miles north of town...

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FARMERS SHOULD START BREEDING PATCHES OF CORN

Best Seed is That Bred Up to Local Conditions and Is as Important as Stock Breeding.

THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF IOWA SEED CORN THIS SPRING, WHICH IS GENERALLY DEFICIENT IN GERMINATION QUALITIES AS SHOWN BY TESTS IN SEVERAL COUNTIES, SHOULD SERVE AS A WARNING FOR FARMERS TO CONSIDER NOW THE SELECTION OF THEIR SEED FOR NEXT SPRING. NOT ONLY SHOULD THEY PLAN TO SELECT AND PICK CAREFULLY THEIR SEED NEXT FALL, EXPERTS SAY, BUT SHOULD NOW BEFORE PLANTING PREPARE TO RAISE SUCH CORN WILL MAKE THE BEST SEED.

Corn culturists are urging that to improve the production of a farm every farmer should establish and maintain a breeding plot, for the purpose of developing seed corn that is most adapted to his particular locality and which will produce the greatest yield of corn on his farm.

Expert Suggests Plans. An expert has suggested the following method for breeding: "Select 50 or 100, or better still 200 ears of some good variety of corn that you consider adapted to your section of the country. Plant half of the kernels of each ear in a row by itself. The kernels from half an ear of corn will plant from 16 to 20 rods by putting four per hill, and later thinning to a stand of three. It is best therefore, to plan on having the rows 16 rods long, or better still, two rows eight rods long for each ear to be tested. If 100 ears are selected and eight-rod rows are made there will be 200 rows in all, or with 200 ears and the rows 16 rods in length there will also be 200 rows. In these check rows corn of which is a multiple of five should be a check row. In these check rows corn of some uniform variety should be planted for comparison with the regular breeding rows that exist in the soil. It is self evident that as uniform a piece of land as can be secured should be selected for this purpose; otherwise the yields from the diuerent rows will not be comparable. Similarly, the rows should all be planted on the same day, the soil prepared in the same manner, and cultivation of the different rows should, of course, also be done on the same days. At harvest time each row, or each two rows as the case may be, must be husked and weighed separately. Twenty-five per cent of the highest yielding rows should then be selected. That accomplished, the original seed ears corresponding to them which still contain half of the kernels on each ear, are to be kept for the second year's breeding lot.

"All the ears of the first year's seed plot may be used as seed for the general crop the following year. If 100 ears were selected for the first year's test it is evident that there will be 25 rows for the second year's test, or if 200 ears were used the first year there will be 50 rows for the second test. The remaining kernels of the 25 to 50 original ears corresponding to the highest yielding rows of the first year should be planted the second year in a breeding plot similar to that of the first year. At harvest time these rows should again be husked and weighed separately. It will be found that during the second year's test not all the ears that produced high yields the first year will produce high yields the second. It will be found, however, that some of the ears that produced high yields the first year will also yield well the second year, and they are the ones that should be used the third year as increase ears for the future."

Prof. Bowman Talks. "I believe the possibilities of this seed patch plan are immense," declared Professor M. L. Bowman, secretary of the Iowa State Corn Growers' Association. "Heretofore, we have paid no attention to corn breeding. Farmers have thought little or nothing of paying \$200 or \$500, or even \$1,000, for good live stock, in order to build up the standard and the type of their herds, but they have thought \$2, or \$3, or \$5 for a bushel of seed corn was outrageous.

"We must learn to breed corn just as we do animals. The silk is the female and the tassel is the male. There is a silk produced for every kernel of the ear of corn, and there are between forty and fifty million pollen grains on each tassel. One pollen grain is sufficient to fertilize one silk. Now, in this seed patch, we must see to it that no sickly, puny stalk of corn is allowed to grow up to produce tassels to pollinate a good, strong and vigorous mother plant. The sins of the fathers are visited on the children to the third and fourth generations in corn as well as in human beings. Along early in the summer the farmer should take a sharp knife and go out into this seed patch and cut down every stalk of corn that does not give evidence of bearing a good ear. This will keep some strong, vigorous mother plant from being pollinated by a worthless stalk, and will disperse with the runty ears of corn which bring down the state average."

CHARITON.

Mrs. Mary Blackmore died at the home of her brothers, Wm. and Jos. Shimp, in this city yesterday morning after an illness of several months with dropsy and heart trouble. Funeral services will be held at the home on Sunday forenoon at ten o'clock, after which interment will take place in the Chariton cemetery yesterday from a brief business trip to Des Moines.

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Candidate for Trustees.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for trustees of Center township on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election. J. T. Forsyth.

ENUMERATORS CANNOT TELL

CENSUS DEPARTMENT FORBIDS ANY ESTIMATE OF POPULATION BEING GIVEN.

WILL HAVE TO WAIT

The Public Shall Have to Be Content to Await the Pleasure of the Powers That Be for Information.

Commercial bodies and individual boosters who want to know first hand the population of their respective cities, will have to await the pleasure of the census department or rely on guess at the growth of their towns since the last enumeration. A statement credited to Supervisor C. Culbertson of the Seventh district, which appeared in a Des Moines paper, said that the population of that city would be given in round numbers by Sunday or Monday. It is likely however, that cities expecting to receive the count from the supervisor or his employees, will be doomed to disappointment for no information can be given. The thought that some of the don'ts in the enumeration rules, were cautions rather than explicit commands, is settled once for all by the census department. The final word of the department settling this matter came in a telegram that was sent to the several supervisors over the county and received by Supervisor W. H. H. Asbury last evening.

Telegram Forbids Telling. Absolutely no peaching is permitted and the enumerator is bound by the same order as the supervisor and other employees of the office, all with their mouths clamped shut. The telegram follows: "W. H. H. Asbury, "Supervisor of the census in the sixth congressional district. "Sir: "Neither yourself, special agents, clerks nor enumerators are permitted to furnish information or estimates of population for any purpose."

Just Don't Know. So tightly does the lid clamp down on the information vent in the supervisor's office that one is unable to ascertain just how soon the enumerators will be through their work in Ottumwa. Of course the department had allotted fifteen days for the work in the cities, and thirty days for the country districts. However, it has been impossible for the enumerators to complete the count by today as was expected, and an extension of time was granted, the length of which was not obtainable. This much was vouchered, however, that but three or four enumerators are still on the job and that until the odds and ends are completed will not be released. A number of persons who had not been reached by the enumerators on their visits about the city, have telephoned their names into the census department, and a number are still to be seen.

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Declines Denver Call.

Cedar Rapids, April 30.—(Special)—Rev. R. Lockwood of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, has declined a call to a big Denver church and will remain here.

HEART TO HEART TALK BY EDITOR ON SEED CORN

James Atkinson, Editor of Homestead, Tells of Personal Experience on His Farm where Testing Paid.

Mr. James Atkinson, editor of the Iowa Homestead, who for many years has been a practical raiser of corn on a farm near Des Moines, has raised his voice in a last warning to Iowa farmers of the necessity of testing their seed this spring. Mr. Atkinson says:

In spite of the fact that a great deal of advice has been given to farmers during the last three months on the importance of testing seed corn, it is not yet time to say the last word on the subject. Every corn grower in Iowa who has not tested his seed should take the time to do it now. He can afford to let his teams stand idle while he selects his seed and puts it in the tester.

The serious part of the matter is that many persons believe that they can tell from a physical examination whether corn will grow or not, and I predict that there will be thousands of farmers find out to their sorrow this year that the thing cannot possibly be done. Now I will tell you why I know this to be a fact. During the last two months I have tested something like 2,000 ears of corn. The corn was picked before the period of frost and most of it in splendid shape, but a certain percentage of it was absolutely dead, though the ears from which the nonvital kernels were taken were just as fine looking as the others. I placed some of this nonvital corn where it could be inspected and commented on and every farmer who looked at it pronounced it first class. In most cases they claimed that if they had corn like that they wouldn't get to the trouble of testing and yet at the time they were examining seed that had no more prospect of growing than if it had previously been ground into flour.

Corn is Deceiving. Another experience along this line shows even a more forceful way just how badly one may be deceived by the appearance of corn. About ten days ago I selected 400 ears from well ripened corn taken from the crib. It was sound and presented a nice bright color while the germs were clear and healthy looking. I was assisted in picking out the 400 ears by two very good farmers and time and again they commented on the fact that it was not necessary to test this corn, as it was "absolutely good." Kernels were taken from each ear and everything had to pass severe examination before it got into the "400." That batch of corn was ready for examination yesterday and there were just twelve good ears in the 400. Ninety per cent of it showed no signs of life whatever, while a small percentage gave evidence of having a very feeble kind of vitality. Fortunately I do not have to depend upon that kind of corn for seed but what about those individuals who hold the opinion that they can tell whether corn is vital or not, and because of this, refuse to test their corn? They will be disappointed with their stand beyond all power of description and the individual losses added together will mean an enormous state loss.

I have simply given you the result of my own experience in the hope that some will take the matter to heart and take the time to test their corn even yet.

NO MOTHER'S DAY IN KENTUCKY

Gov. Willson Declines to Set Aside Time of General Observance, Saying it is Unnecessary.

Frankfort, Ky., April 30.—Setting forth that in his opinion every day is mother's day with right thinking men and women, and that those who are not right thinking will not be affected by the setting apart of one day for general observance of mother's day, Gov. Willson has written a letter to Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, declining her request to set apart such a day in the state.

OPERATORS GET RAISE.

Postal Telegraph Co., to Substantially Increase Employers' Wages June 1.

New York, April 30.—The Postal Telegraph Cable company has announced that on June 1 it will make substantial increases in the wages of its telegraph operators in all important offices of its system. The increase will be selective and will run from 5 and in some cases as high as 25 per cent. Careful examination and full inquiry will be made as to the merits of each individual operator. Efficient and deserving operators will receive pay commensurate with the value of the work that they are able to perform.

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Waterloo City Council Files Mandamus Suit Against Railroads and Asks Damages.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

A, daily; B, daily except Sunday; C, daily except Monday.

GIRLS TRAPPED ON A BRIDGE

Fond Du Lac, Wis., April 30.—Crossing a bridge on their way home after school yesterday, three little girls were overtaken by a Soo train. Two jumped into the river to escape. The third train and were drowned. The third body is at a local hospital, while physicians declare that she cannot live. The dead girls are Amanda Leu and Hilda Lemke, both 8 years of age. The injured child is Mollie Leu, the same age. The children are cousins. Dare Results Fatally. The fatal accident was the indirect result of a "dare" on the part of one of the girls to her companions to walk across the railroad bridge. The others accepted the challenge, and with Mollie Leu leading the way, the three children started across the high trestle that spans the Fond du Lac river. Half way across the oncoming train was heard and the children made an effort to get over the bridge before the train reached them. When it was seen that escape was impossible, the children became panic-stricken. Two of the girls climbed to the edge of the bridge and, losing their balance, toppled into the river and were drowned. Could Not Stop Train. The engineer, who had seen the children on the bridge, made an effort to bring his train to a stop before he struck the remaining girl, who stood, as though in a daze, directly in the way of the train. He was unable to do so, however, and the little body was flung from the bridge. Searching parties soon recovered the bodies of the girls. An investigation is being made regarding the accident by the railroad officials, but so far no blame has been attached to the engineer of the train.

BURLINGTON ROUTE, C. B. & Q.

Table with columns: No., Going East, Depart. 12A-Chic. Dubu. Quincy 12:55 a. m. 92-Local freight 8:25 a. m. 18B-Burlington, St. Louis 8:05 a. m. 10-Chicago Limited 7:15 a. m. 178B-Peoria, Dub. Qcy. 11:35 a. m. 6A-Chicago Limited 1:33 p. m. 212B-Ft. Mad., St. Louis 8:30 p. m. 4A-Chic. St. L. Quincy 7:15 p. m. 2A-Chic. Peoria, Rock'd 11:33 p. m. Going West. 5A-Omaha and Nebr. 1:13 a. m. 8A-Omaha, Ore., Calif. 7:40 a. m. 213B-Arrive from Ft. Mad. 7:15 a. m. 179A-Peoria to Creston 1:55 p. m. 11B-Ar. from Burlington 8:50 a. m. 1A-Chicago to Denver 11:50 p. m. 1A-Denver Limited 4:58 p. m. W. S. Parker, Ticket Agent.

C. R. I. & P. TRAINS.

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C. M. & ST. P. TRAINS.

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WABASH RAILWAY.

Table with columns: No., Going South, Depart. 2A-Roberty S. L., K. C. 8:00 a. m. 50B-Moberly and East 8:00 p. m. 14-Mixed, daily 8:00 p. m. Coming North, Arrive. 51B-Moberly local 11:45 a. m. 8A-Frem Kansas City 8:40 p. m. 1-Mixed daily 7:00 a. m. S. Nicholas, Agent.

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