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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS
From Saturday's Daily.

Washington is the best watch.

A talking machine would make a fine Christmas present. Sargent has them.

Mrs. Frank Rodgers and Mrs. Bannister of Eldon have returned to their homes after visiting with Mrs. M. Madden, 601 East Main street.

John C. Consoine of Davenport, formerly of this city, visited in Ottumwa last night.

Ellsworth Rominger of Bloomfield has returned home after a short visit here.

Blacklegoids and blacklegins at Sargent's.

Miss Louise Simpson and Miss Nina Davis, of Selma, have returned home after shopping in the city.

Miss Sylvia Stricken, who attends school in this city, left for her home in Chillicothe to visit her parents over Sunday.

Miss Hazel Hunt, 1040 North Court street, returned home this afternoon from Mt. Pleasant where she attended school.

Rezal cherry bark cough syrup at Sargent's.

Miss Mary Magill, 186 East Maple avenue, left this afternoon for Mt. Pleasant for a few days visit with relatives.

Miss Vera Ford a student at Grinnell college is visiting at her home, 624 North Court street for a few days.

Miss Anna Pohlsen of Hiteama has returned home after visiting at the home of S. P. Anderson, who resides west of the city.

New talking machine records at Sargent's.

Mrs. C. W. Shepherd of Eldon, has returned home after shopping in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Schreckengost of Keosauqua, has returned home after visiting at the home of Mrs. A. Platt, 1015 East Main street.

Mrs. H. E. Johnson and Miss Ella Drake, of Eldon, returned home last evening after shopping in the city.

Mrs. Charles Ruble of Pentonsport and Mrs. J. O. Murphy and daughter Miss Iva, of Eldon, have returned home after visiting at the home of Mrs. E. N. Purdy, 510 West Fourth street.

Miss Bertha Jackson of Doude-Leando left last evening for Eldon after visiting at the home of Mrs. H. Webster, 1305 East Main street.

Miss Hattie Bowen of Eldon, has returned home after shopping in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and children, 818 Wabash avenue, left this afternoon for Troy for a few days visit with friends.

Mrs. H. Richie and son Edgar, of Cedar, have returned home after visiting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Lawson 403 Chester avenue.

Mrs. C. H. Johnson, 107 Schuyler street, has gone to Bidwell to visit with friends.

Mrs. L. S. Chidister and daughter Miss Mabel, 707 Wabash avenue is visiting friends in Eddyville this week.

Mrs. W. E. Moore of Des Moines, has returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. West, 323 South Ram-om street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brooks, of Selma have returned home after visiting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Brooks, 608 Wabash avenue.

Mrs. V. Gosnell, 506 East Second street, left this morning for Mystic, where she will make her future home.

Miss Alta Nicholson, 637 West Main street, left for Seymour this morning after a few days' visit with friends.

Mrs. A. E. Henderson of Centerville has returned home after visiting at the

AMES WINS APPLE JUDGING CONTEST

IOWA TEAM WINNER OVER KANSAS AND NEBRASKA AT THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

Council Bluffs, Nov. 14.—The student apple judging contest at the National Horticultural congress and Missouri Valley Corn show held here today between the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, was won by Ames. The following was the score: Ames, 331 1-3; Nebraska, 267 1/2; Kansas, 252 1/2. The winning team from Ames was composed of the following students: F. E. McCall, F. F. Silver, F. L. Overly, B. B. Wilson and S. K. White.

The coaches were Professor Beach of Ames, Professor Howard of Nebraska, Professor Cunningham of Kansas, and the judges were J. M. Irwin of St. Joseph, Mo., Professor Cline of Maryland and Professor Hutt of North Carolina. R. M. Caldwell of the Kansas team won high score.

Corn Show Winners.
Prize winners at the show are:
Class A, lot 1, northern section, ten ears, any variety—First, J. W. Earl, Pocahontas, Ia.; second, Henry George, West Union, Ia.; third, A. J. Doore, Green, Ia.; fourth, Nebraska, fourth, Ryan, Ia.; fifth, C. A. Clute, Manchester, Ia.; sixth, C. W. Swendell, Ryan, Ia.

Class A, lot 2, ten ears, yellow—First, Charles O. Garrett, Mitchellville, Ia.; second, H. E. Brown, Salix, Ia.; third, Ernest Rinck, Shelby, Ia.; fourth, John Sundberg, Whiting, Ia.; fifth, R. F. Roggenbach, Wisner, Neb.; sixth, H. H. Rohrer, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; seventh, Glen Wilson, Blair, Neb.; eighth, R. H. Rohrer, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; ninth, Harry Seitz, DeSoto, Neb.; tenth, W. B. Lathrop, Oxford Junction, Ia.; eleventh, Edward Zeller, Cooper, Ia.; twelfth, W. F. Otchek, Grinnell, Ia.; thirteenth, O. W. Johnson, Le Grand, Ia.; fourteenth, G. A. Warrick, Blair, Neb.; fifteenth, Lee Smith & Sons, De Soto, Neb.

Class A, lot 3, ten ears—First, Frank Moore, Sergeant Bluff, Ia.; second, Lee Smith & Sons, De Soto, Neb.; third, Henry George, West Union, Ia.; fourth, W. H. Rohrer, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; fifth, W. F. Otchek, Grinnell, Ia.; sixth, W. Zeller, Cooper, Ia.; seventh, M. Barrett, Little Sioux, Ia.; eighth, A. Maxwell, DeWanna, Ia.; ninth, C. O. Garrett, Mitchellville, Ia.

Class A, sweepstakes—First, Charles O. Garrett, Mitchellville, Ia.; second, Frank Moore, Sergeant Bluffs, Ia.

Class A, lot 4, four ears—First, Peterson & Wilson, Silver City, Ia.; second, T. A. Isaac, Red Oak, Ia.; third, H. F. C. Finner, Hamburg, Ia.; fourth, J. H. Jacobs, Walnut, Ia.; fifth, Frank Saar, Essex, Ia.; sixth, J. H. Petty, Elliott, Ia.; seventh, J. G. Parker, Malvern, Iowa; eighth, Thomas Thompson, Villisca, Ia.; ninth, W. C. Wilson, Malvern, Ia.; tenth, Charles Gray, Bennington, Neb.; eleventh, Henry Ebert, Red Oak, Ia.; twelfth, Henry Klopffing, Avoca, Ia.

Class A, southern section, ten ears, white—First, Ludwig Bengton, Essex, Ia.; second, J. F. Finnek, Hamburg, Ia.; third, Edward Stilling, Villisca, Ia.; fourth, Henry Elliot, Malvern, Ia.; fifth, A. M. Salvador, Council Bluffs, Ia.; sixth, Pierson & Wilson, Silver City, Ia.; eighth, J. H. Petty, Elliott, Ia.; ninth, H. L. Rahlf, Falls City, Neb.; tenth, C. E. Malone, Atlantic, Ia.; eleventh, Macomber, Colburn, Ia.; twelfth, J. T. Graham, Bethany, Neb.

Class A, southern section, ten ears, other than yellow or white—First, C. E. Malone, Atlantic, Ia.; second, Mark Stageman, Council Bluffs, Ia.; third, George Dierks, Bennington, Neb.; fourth, William Lonergan, Florence, Neb.; fifth, Joseph Yocum, Council Bluffs, Ia.; sixth, H. L. Rahlf, Falls City, Neb.; seventh, James C. Jensen, Weston, Ia.

Class A, southern section, sweepstakes—First, Pierson & Wilson, Silver City, Ia.; second, Ludwig Bengton, Essex, Ia.; third, C. E. Malone, Atlantic, Ia.

Class A, lots 1, 2 and 3, grand sweepstakes—First, Pierson & Wilson, Silver City, Ia.; second, F. I. Moore, Sergeant Bluff, Ia.

Class B, Winners.
Class B, single ear, any variety—First, Henry George, West Union, Ia.; second, A. J. Doore, Green, Ia.; third, W. B. Lathrop, Oxford Junction, Ia.; fourth, J. W. Enal, Pocahontas, Ia.; fifth, C. A. Swindell, Ryan, Ia.

Class B, lot 2, single ear, any variety—First, F. I. Moore, Sergeant Bluff, Ia.; second, W. F. Otchek, Grinnell, Ia.; third, John F. Sandberg, Whiting, Ia.; fourth, A. C. Brown, Salix, Ia.; fifth, Charles O. Garrett, Mitchellville, Ia.; sixth, H. H. Rohrer, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; seventh, Slater Bros, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; eighth, W. B. Lathrop, Oxford Junction, Neb.; ninth, G. A. Warrick, Blair, Neb.; tenth, W. J. Freed, Aies, Ia.; eleventh, Orville Garrett, Mitchellville, Ia.

Class B, lot 3, single ear, white—First, John A. Carse, Carson, Ia.; second, J. G. Parker, Malvern, Ia.; third, Ludwig Bengton, Essex, Ia.; fourth, W. B. Rich, Council Bluffs, Ia.; fifth, Frank Saar, Essex, Ia.; sixth, Pierson & Wilson, Silver City, Ia.; tenth, L. O. Wise, Villisca, Ia.

Class B, lot 3, single ear, any color but white or yellow—First, Erwin S. R. Sharpe, McClelland, Ia.; H. L. Rahlf, Falls City, Neb.; third, James E. Jensen, Weston, Ia.; fourth, Robt. Sharpe, McClelland, Ia.

Class B, lot 3, A, B and C sweepstakes, single ear—First, L. O. Wise, Villisca, Ia.; second, John A. Carse, Carson, Ia.; third, Robert Sharpe, McClelland, Ia.

Class B, lot 1, 2 and 3, grand champion single ear—First, F. I. Moore, Sergeant Bluff, Ia.; second, L. O. Wise, Villisca, Ia.; third, Henry George, West Union, Ia.

Class C, amateur, lot 2, ten ears, any variety—First, W. G. Freed, Ames, Ia.; second, Charles O. Roggenbach, Wisner, Neb.; third, Frank Donaldson, De Soto, Neb.; fourth, Nick Kirisch, Carson, Ia.; fifth, F. Maxwell, Grinnell, Ia.; sixth, H. K. Grabek, Jewell Junction, Ia.; seventh, Emil Loesch, Wyoming, Ia.; eighth, W. V. Hunter, O'Neill, Neb.

Class C, lot 3, A, ten ears, yellow—First, Lewis Peppers, Hamburg, Ia.; second, Lew Fox, Elliott, Ia.; third, Roy Cozart, Red Oak, Ia.; fourth, H. H. Woodrow, Malvern, Ia.; fifth, R. W. Klopffing, Neola, Ia.; sixth, Frank Morris, Villisca, Ia.; seventh, James Carse, Carson, Ia.; eighth, M. E. Morgan, Red Oak, Ia.

Class C, ten ears other than yellow—First, Stageman Bros, Council Bluffs, Ia.; second, J. Yocham, Council Bluffs, Ia.; third, William Herrill, Underwood, Ia.; fourth, F. F. Childs, Council Bluffs, Ia.; fifth, Ludwig Postill, Prague, Neb.; sixth, J. G. Garrett, McClelland, Ia.; seventh, Victor Bengton, Essex, Ia.; eighth, John Thies, Avoca, Ia.; ninth, Lewis Teasford, Hamburg, Ia.; tenth, Mark Stageman, Council Bluffs, Ia.; twelfth, William H. Carse, Carson, Ia.

WILSON SEES CHEAPER FOOD

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CITES BUMPER CROPS AS CAUSE.

Boston, Nov. 14.—There was a 10 to 15 per cent fall in the prices of meats and vegetables in the Boston markets today.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson joins Chas. W. Armour in the prediction that falling prices soon will give the American consumer cheaper foodstuffs.

"We have had bumper crops and meat prices should come down," says Secretary Wilson "that is, if no combine is formed among the dealers. I look for a falling in the price of all kinds of meat. The crops have been such that a falling in the prices should be the inevitable result. The only thing that can defeat this will be that too great toll is taken after the products leave the hands of the farmers and before they reach the consumers."

Already there has been a notable decrease in the price of grains. This is regarded as the keystone of the supply problem. December wheat is 18 cents lower than a year ago, December corn 13 cents lower and December oats show a loss of 9 cents. With cheaper flour forecast in the fall in wheat prices much come cheaper meats which will be produced with the cheaper corn, it is declared. Bountiful crops have blessed Argentina and Russia, while the crops of the United States are 7.6 per cent greater than a year ago.

This means that artificial methods must be adopted if grain prices are to be raised, and the abundance of the corn crop, the great meat producing grain, means, in the opinion of agricultural department experts, that the prices of meat must come down. They point to the fact that already in Chicago there is a difference of \$1 per 100 pounds in the price of January and May pork, that May lard is 50 cents per 100 pounds cheaper than January lard, and that May ribs are offered 25 cents cheaper than January—all indicating that the experts at this supply center, looking ahead and discounting the future, expect the price of pork products to be forced down by the abundant corn crop.

Corn has been so high that farmers could not afford to convert it into meat until the price of cattle and hogs soared and made it profitable for them to undertake raising them on an active scale. With a marked increase in the number of cattle, sheep and hogs and with teeming crops of sheep, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for any combination effectively to turn back the strong natural pressure toward lower prices.

SHEEP PEN WOLF RAIDED.

J. L. Gourley of Sciola Lost Thirteen Head—Had Recently Bought the Stock in Omaha.

Sciola, Nov. 14.—A few days ago J. L. Gourley, a substantial farmer and stock raiser, here went to Omaha and bought 300 head of sheep. Saturday night the sheep yard was raided by wolves. The next morning M. Gourley on going to the corral, which is some distance from the house, found the bodies of thirteen sheep with their throats cut.

Other sheep owners have also been bothered by wolves, which seem to be more bold than usual at this season.

PEPPER'S LIFE HAS BEEN ACTIVE

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN FROM SECOND DISTRICT HAS HAD VARIED CAREER.

VISITED HERE SUNDAY

Was Guest of His Brother Ben—is a Native of Soap Creek—Story of His Advance in Prominence.

The only successful democratic congressional candidate at the election of last week, Hon. I. S. Pepper of Muscatine, visited in Ottumwa yesterday. Congressman-elect Pepper was a guest of his brother, Ben S. Peppers, 202 South Schuyler street, and his nephew Louis Peppers, 216 Hamilton street. While here he received the hearty congratulations of his numerous friends who have watched his campaign in the second congressional district with interest during the past few months. Mr. Pepper is not a stranger in Ottumwa. He has visited here often. A native of Soap Creek.

Congressman-elect Pepper was born June 10, 1876, on the old John Peppers homestead, four miles northwest of Dravesville, in Davis county, on "Soap Creek." He was the youngest of a family of nine children. He worked on his father's farm in the summer and went to a country school in the winter until 17 years of age, when he entered Southern Normal school at Bloomfield. He was graduated from the country school south of Pulaski and graduated from Southern Iowa Normal in 1897.

He went to Muscatine county in the fall of 1898 as principal of Atalassa schools, Atalassa, Muscatine county, and remained in this position for three years, when he was elected principal of the Washington ward school in Muscatine. He has held this position since that time and held this position the fall of 1901 and held this position the spare moments during this time and was given the position of private secretary to Judge Wade and went to Washington, D. C., with Mr. Wade in the fall of 1903, and immediately entered the George Washington university law department, taking two years' study together in one year. He returned to Washington in the summer of 1905. He was president of the senior class. He returned to Muscatine in the fall of 1905 and after being admitted to the bar, entered the well known law firm of Carskadden & Burk Jan. 1, 1906.

Nominated for County Attorney.

He was nominated for county attorney by the democrats of Muscatine county in the fall of 1906. The county was at that time overwhelmingly republican. J. R. Hanly was running for his second term and had been elected by nearly 1,000 majority, but Mr. Pepper won out by 310 majority and was reelected in the fall of 1908 by 579, while Taft carried the county by 550.

Mr. Pepper was chairman of the state democratic convention during the summer of 1908, which was held in Des Moines. He has been chairman of the democratic county central committee of Muscatine county for four years. He was nominated for congress June 7, 1910, over Dr. J. A. De Armand of Davenport at the democratic primary.

Since the death of Mr. Burk in 1908, the firm has been Carskadden & Pepper, and is one of the leading firms of Muscatine.

Mr. Pepper is a baseball fan and one of the officers of the baseball club of Muscatine.

He is considered one of the best campaigners in eastern Iowa and has a great record for leading people and remembering names and faces.

He has two brothers in Iowa, Dr. J. L. Pepper, a practicing physician, located at Goldfield, Wright county, and Ben Peppers, a traveling salesman living in South Ottumwa.

In the fall of 1904 when Mr. Pepper returned to Washington after the campaign, the senior class at the George Washington university was in the midst of a great contest over the election of a class president. The honor was being eagerly sought by five candidates, no one of whom had a majority. When Pepper arrived on the scene the big class of 150 was divided into warring factions and had had a meeting without making a selection. Pepper never thought of being a candidate, but after repeated efforts to elect the class turned to Pepper the "Big Hawkeye," as they called him, and elected him president of the class. No one was more surprised than Pepper himself.

Ushered Friends Around.

One time during the time Pepper was at Washington a party of Iowans were visiting the national capitol and were being shown around by Pepper. The party was especially anxious to see President Roosevelt. Pepper told them he thought he could arrange it and so made an appointment with his friends to come to his office on a certain morning at 10 o'clock. At the appointed time they proceeded to the white house. As a rule there would be a room full of visitors in the outer office and every one would have to take his turn, which sometimes involved a long wait. On this occasion, however, it so happened that no one was waiting and as the Iowans entered the doorkeeper swung open the door to the president's private office and ushered the party into the presence of the president. They found Mr. Roosevelt disengaged and had quite a little visit with him. Some in that party still believe that Mr. Pepper had free access to the president in those days and they never get over telling about how easy it is to see the president when you can get Pepper to introduce you.

When Pepper was with Wade, Congressman Dawson was private secretary to Allison. They both belonged to the same debating club at the George Washington university and got to be warm personal friends. This friend-

Phillips' Annual

Thanksgiving

Linen Sale!

Begins Tomorrow at 9:00 a. m.

Thousands of dollars worth of snow white, high grade linens, linen sets, lunch cloths and doilies on sale at cut prices. Yes, the prices are so low that we expect to sell many of our Christmas Linens, so great will be the savings:

Fine pure linen satin damask \$5 lunch sets with 54 inch cloth and six napkins to match	\$3.98	Pure linen \$4 sets with large 8x10 hemstitched cloth and six hemstitched napkins, all for	\$2.98
Fine satin damask pure linen \$7.00 lunch sets with hemstitched cloth and six hemstitched napkins	5.98	Large new pure linen scalloped edge cloth for round table, with 12 napkins to match for	7.50

Over 100 sets with pure linen cloth and one dozen napkins to match, from 2.98 to \$25

12 1/2c satin border linen guest towels	10c	35c all linen scal edge guest towel	25c
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Linens by Yard Towel Bargains

35c bleached and unbleached Table Cloths sale price	23c	Extra large 15c Huck Towels 19x40	10c
50c fine mercerized Table Linen, look equal to \$1.00 Linen	39c	35c scalloped edge and hemstitched extra large Huck Towels	25c
Best 50c unbleached Table Linen, 2 yards wide only	39c	Any of our 75c pure linen Huck and Damask Towels	49c
63c pure German linen, can't be matched under 75c, our price	49c	7 1/2c ALL LINEN TOWELING FOR 5c.	
Best \$1.00 fine pure linen satin Damask, 70 inches wide	75c	10c all linen Toweling with plain or fancy borders	8c
Our famous \$1.38 fine Irish linen in beautiful new patterns	1.12	Extra fine Huck Toweling for fancy work and guest towels	25c
Any of our finest and best \$2.00 Linen, very special at	1.48	35c REAL CLUNY DOILIES ONLY 25c	
NAPKINS TO MATCH ALL THE ABOVE LINENS.		50c Dresser Scarfs, drawn work, only	39c
		A beautiful line of extra fine center pieces and dresser scarfs from 98c to	\$15

Remember sale begins at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and lasts but five days. Get in early and get first selection.

Phillips' Big Store Co

P. S.—Red Trading Stamps get the best premiums. 50 stamps free to start a book.

ELEVEN CHILDREN AT 50TH WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. JAMES FITZPATRICK HONORED AT NOTABLE CELEBRATION.

Waterloo, Nov. 14.—9 golden wedding anniversary of more than usual interest was celebrated at Greeley, in Delaware county Saturday. On that day Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzpatrick enjoyed the companionship of their many children, most of whom are more than ordinarily distinguished. The couple have eleven children living. There were originally fourteen, and of this number the parents furnished four—a son and three daughters—to the church. Two of these daughters are dead. They were Sister M. Bertille, who was at the head of the Holy Ghost sisters in Dubuque, and Sister M. Evangelista of the Visitation convent of the same city. Sister M. Theresa is a member of the latter order, and is the only one of the living children who was not present on this notable occasion. The oldest son is Rev. James J. Fitzpatrick, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Marshalltown. Another son is Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, a prominent attorney in Dubuque, and another is Dr. Dennis Fitzpatrick, a physician at Iowa City. The oldest daughter is the wife of Judge Martin J. Wade of Iowa City, who was formerly congressman from the second Iowa district. The other children are Miss Loretta, who is assistant cashier of the First National bank of this city; Bernard, Martin and John, living at Greeley; Mrs. John Schaefer of Edgewood and Mrs. Patrick Lavelle of Maurice, Ia.

The aged couple have lived in Delaware county for forty-five years.

FAVORS A NEW PLAN

Secretary Ballinger Makes a Recommendation on the Alaska Coal Claims.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—In order to prevent further criticism of the interior department for its handling of the Cunningham Alaska coal claims, which precipitated the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, Secretary Ballinger will recommend in his annual report that congress be asked to authorize the placing of these cases under the jurisdiction of court appeals of the District of Columbia for consideration and adjudication.

Secretary Ballinger declares that while a decision in the cases by the officers of the land department would be as impartial as a court decision, it "would not have the effect of putting at rest the vague and distorted notions entertained by many as to the whole," disinterested moves of the department of officers on whom the burden now rests for their disposition.

IOWA GIRLS ARE HUSKING CORN.

Emma and Lucy Kurtz Gather 100 Bushels Per Day in Fields of Their Brother Near Cushing.

Ida Grove, Nov. 14.—Emma and Lucy Kurtz have been husking corn for their brother, Ed. Kurtz, near Cushing, and during the past five days got up 100 bushels of corn a day between them. Corn pickers are scarce in this section and as the crop is one of the biggest ever raised the task of getting it out of the field is a serious one. Many machines are being used, and with success. Scores of women are helping in the fields.

CORN HUSKING CONTEST ON.

Three Men Near Fontanelle Put Away 127 Bushels Each Per Day

Fontanelle, Nov. 14.—A corn husking contest started last week at the Hulbert farm, was interrupted one day, so that it was not concluded until this week. The boys went to it for six days and the last two days were muddy, making the work both difficult and disagreeable.

The record is as follows: Roy Freeman, 800 bushels and ten pounds; H. Mills of Corning, 750 bushels and ten pounds; J. P. Nelson, 743 bushels and fifty pounds. This average of three men for six consecutive days of 127 and a fraction bushels is pretty tall husking. It is a bonafide record, where the corn was weighed and the work fully attested.

Mt. Ayr Banquets Road Boosters.

MT. AYR, Nov. 14.—The Commercial club gave an oyster supper to those who had been in the good roads contest for the prizes offered for the best six miles of road leading into town. The ladies of the Methodist church prepared the supper and it was attended by more than a hundred of the farmers and their wives who had competed for the prizes. This has been a great help to the road proposition and will be followed again next year.

THUMB TORN OFF IN AUTO.

Fly Wheel of the Machine Took Off the First Finger and the Cords Running up the Arm.

Prescott, Nov. 14.—While Thurman Chapman was getting his automobile ready to run into town, in adjusting a wheel pipe his hand was caught in the fly wheel of the engine and his thumb completely torn off, taking with it one of the cords extending from the thumb along the forearm.

SKUNKS NEST UNDER CHURCH.

Jefferson, Nov. 14.—A large and flourishing family of skunks took up their abode this fall beneath the Twentieth century church, in Grant township, constituting a class of "undesirable citizens" of odious and odorous character. The ingenuity of Merritt Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anthony, was brought to play on the problem, and he succeeded in capturing twelve of the skunks in traps, thus ridding the neighborhood of a nuisance. Just why the skunks should have chosen the sanctuary as a place of residence is a mystery, but there was no mystery about the penetrating character of the odors which permeated that section of Grant township, and Merritt has the thanks of all for his trapping. —sides, the pelts are worth \$1 apiece.

Support Pledged for Highway.

Storm Lake, Nov. 14.—That the Dubuque to Sioux City River-to-River road will be generously supported by the citizens of this district can readily be seen. The Commercial club has organized an auto booster club, whose aims are to interest the farmers and auto owners between Aurelia and Manson in the proposed road. That the farmers along the highway will keep the road in very good condition has been assured. Thirty farmers near here have agreed to keep the roads running past their farms dragged well. The Commercial club has appointed George Currier to act as Storm Lake's representative at the decisive meeting of the boosters of the proposed road to be held at Waterloo on November 15.

WAS AGAINST BRYAN.

When Pepper was running for county attorney the first time some one circulated the story among a group of Bryan admirers to the effect that Pepper never voted for Bryan the first time, and a delegation came up to see him about it. They told him what they had heard and they asked him to come out in a statement in the newspapers and deny it.

"I can't do it," said Pepper.

"Why can't you?" they asked.

"Because," replied Pepper, "it is true."

"What," they exclaimed, "do you mean to say you never voted for Bryan in 1896?"

"I am sorry to say, gentlemen, but that is the fact," answered Pepper.

On the point of leaving when Pepper called them back and said: "Say, you fellows ought not to hold that against me for it really wasn't my fault; I was only 20 years old that fall."

Then they all took a smoke.

Mass Jones of Bloomfield, Ia., in his lifetime was fond of telling a story about Pepper. When Pepper first came to Bloomfield to go to school he boarded with Mr. Jones and shortly after his arrival, Mass, as was his custom with students, proceeded to interrogate young Pepper on various subjects. At the dinner table one day he took up the subject of religion and asked Pepper about the religion of his family. As Mass told it, Pepper said: "Well, my mother and two of my sisters belong to the Methodist church and another sister belongs to the Christian church and one of my brothers belongs to the Baptist church."

"And how about the rest of you?" asked Mass.

Pepper replied: "Oh, we're democrats."

Many people down in Muscatine confidently believe that Pepper was born

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