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## ROBT. M'CORMICK CALLED BY DEATH

OCTOGENARIAN AND PIONEER OF THIS COUNTY SUCCEUMS AT HOME OF DAUGHTER.

Robert McCormick, one of the best known and oldest residents of Wapello county, died at 8:40 p. m., Friday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George A. Bane, 220 West Fifth street. The death of Mr. McCormick ends a life of much usefulness, and robs his family of a devoted father and his legion of friends of a kind and sympathetic well-wisher. Mr. McCormick died at the advanced age of over eighty-five years. He had moved from his farm near Highland Center to the home of Mrs. Bane but a short time ago to spend the winter, but the illness with which he had been a patient sufferer yesterday proved the master.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Bane residence. Rev. B. L. Nay of Minneapolis, of the Predestinary Baptist church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the McCormick cemetery.

Robert McCormick was born June 4, 1825, near Lexington, Ky., and moved to McDonough county, Illinois, at the age of 10 years. He was married in Illinois to Miss Charlotte Miller on December 23, 1847 and the following year in March with his wife he moved to Iowa. They came to this state overland, in a rough wagon drawn by an ox team, and settled on the present McCormick farm near Highland Center. Mr. McCormick is survived by his wife and seven children, as follows: Louis C. McCormick and Jesse McCormick of Woodward, Okla., Mrs. Catherine Criswell of Pocatello, Idaho, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Brown, of Ottumwa, Mrs. Charlotte Chenoweth of Woodward, Okla., Mrs. Flora Bane of Ottumwa and Mrs. Irene Harlan of Redlands, Cal. Three children preceded him in death, as follows: Mrs. Martha Gray, Mrs. Parthena Buckner Gray and Henry McCormick.

## COURT HEARS MOTIONS TODAY

WILL PROBATED, DIVORCE DECREE SIGNED AND FEW OTHER MATTERS DISPATCHED.

At the close of yesterday's session of the district court the testimony having been completed, the counsel for the defense in the Seevers law suit filed a motion to instruct. This was made the chief feature of today's session, which is given over to motions and such other matters as can be disposed of in a day. The counsel in the case, which numbers no less than six attorneys, four of whom have been quite active during the hearing, began their arguments this morning on the motion to have the court instruct for the defense.

Among the other matters that came up for action today was the probating of the last will of Willard W. Webster, in which the widow of the decedent is given the entire estate and made executrix without bond. The bond of John Gee, indicted Thursday by the grand jury for assault with intent to kill, was this morning reduced to \$1,000 to \$500. A decree of divorce was signed by the court in the case of Edna vs. Harry F. Carney. The court signed an order approving the report of the assignee in the matter of J. W. Huff, Jr., in which the assignment of the stock of goods was made to the creditors of Huff. The court announced that upon the conclusion of the Seevers case, that of the Blakesburg Savings bank case, involving a note, will be taken up. The jury was excused until Monday.

### HIGHLAND CENTER.

Jesse McCormick left over the C. M. and St. P. for Oskaloosa to spend the winter with his son Jesse McCormick, Jr., and family.

Mrs. Mary Lee returned to her home in Fremont Tuesday after a pleasant visit with her daughter Mrs. Lavson and family.

Mrs. W. Johnston and little daughter were passengers to Ottumwa Saturday. The bazaar Wednesday evening was a success socially and financially.

Mrs. E. Brown was called to Ottumwa Tuesday on account of the serious illness of her father R. McCormick.

Mrs. E. Curtis and Mrs. H. Emery and Mrs. W. Conwell and Ben McCormick are still on the sick list and are very ill at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huffman of Fremont was in Highland Center Wednesday.

Mrs. V. Vohn of Hedrick attended the Mrs. L. Dalby funeral Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emery and daughters Lena and Ruth were passengers to Ottumwa Saturday.

Mrs. Maud Post has returned to her home in Chicago after visiting her mother Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick.

Archie Stephens of Packwood was an over Sunday visitor at the M. Bacon home.

Mrs. Geo. Phillips of Ottumwa visited Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick transacted business in Ottumwa.

Mrs. L. Dalby died Monday after a prolonged illness. He infant son was buried a week ago. Mr. Dalby's friends remembered his Thursday and were with his corn field and husked his corn, amounting to over a thousand bushel.

The public school and Sunday school are making preparations for a Christmas tree at the M. E. church Friday evening Dec. 23.

Dubuque Lodge Buys Home.—Dubuque, Dec. 17.—(Special).—Dubuque lodge, Loyal Order of the Moose has purchased a large four story brick building on Main street and will occupy it as a club house. The lodge which has a membership of 700 will remodel the building throughout and will conform to that of the majestic theater.

## WOOL GROWERS MEET TUESDAY

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF SHEEP BREEDERS WILL HOLD FORTH IN OTTUMWA.

The coming of the Iowa Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers to Ottumwa next Tuesday will be the occasion of much interest being stirred among a fast growing element of Wapello county farmers. While not the first of such meetings to be held here, it promises to be the biggest gathering of the association since its organization and those to attend will come from all over the state. Ottumwa has been the convention seat for many of these meetings and each year has witnessed a healthy growth of the organization. From an attendance at the meetings of some twenty or thirty a few years ago, the crowd in sight for the meeting next Tuesday will be easily 100 or more. The committees in charge of the various parts of the program have worked with commendable zeal to arrange for an excellent program and all else needed to make the convention a success. The care of sheep and the commercial value of both the sheep and its by-products will be the topic of discussion by men familiar with the subject in all its phases. Heretofore the meetings have been held in the parlors of the Balling hotel, but the strides made in the past year make larger quarters necessary and the Commercial association rooms will be thrown open to the sheep men. Morris Williams of this city will make the address of welcome and a number of others prominent in business and agricultural life will be among the speakers heard during the meeting, which opens at 10 a. m., on Tuesday.

## ROCKWELL GETS NO DAMAGES

EVIDENCE FAILED TO SHOW THAT DEFENDANTS WERE GUILTY OF KIDNAPING, ETC.

Farmington, Dec. 17.—Editor E. H. Rockwell of the Farmington Herald can get no damages from his fellow townsman for a coat of tar and feathers which was applied to him in Jan. 1908. This is the ruling of the supreme court in a suit for damages brought by Rockwell against B. F. Ketchum, P. K. Ware, J. C. Schee, Martin Harnage, Robert Merrick, W. H. Knott, P. M. Cahill, Clark Ross, J. W. Miller and W. H. Coulter.

Rockwell had published some bitter articles in his paper. On the night in question he was kidnaped on the streets, taken in a bus to the edge of town, his clothes torn off and tar and feathers applied. He accused the men of perpetrating the outrage.

The supreme court held that the evidence failed to show that the defendants were guilty.

## OTTUMWA MAY BE 1911 HOST

THE SOUTHEASTERN IOWA ASSOCIATION CONSIDERING THIS CITY FOR NEXT MEETING

Ft. Madison, Dec. 17.—The southeastern Iowa dentists who honored Fort Madison with their presence Wednesday seemed to greatly enjoy their short visit here and at the same time felt their convention had been a very successful one. The lectures and demonstrations were along the lines of dental science and not for the laity. Besides their business meeting, the delegates made a visit to the prison and had a banquet at Hotel Anthes in the evening. The next meeting of the organization will probably be held at Ottumwa.

The election of officers gave Fort Madison dentists two important positions, secretary and treasurer. The entire set elected was:

President—C. E. Richey, New London.

Vice president—H. H. Stafford, Keokuk.

Secretary—E. E. Courtright, Fort Madison.

Treasurer—E. P. Hazen, Fort Madison.

Executive board state society—G. W. Stingersiff, Burlington.

Executive board—F. M. Edwards, Mt. Pleasant; W. J. Duncan, Winfield; Frank Foust, Fairfield.

Board of ethics—J. B. Monfort, Fairfield; A. W. Dana, Burlington; G. J. Andrews, New London.

Auditing committee—R. V. Yant, Burlington; C. D. Rawhauser, Salem; F. A. Roe, Burlington.

The attending delegates were: Winfield—W. J. Duncan.

Keokuk—J. E. Forney, J. B. Howd, B. C. Hinkley, H. H. Stafford, John W. Marsh, O. L. Gohl, F. J. Arnold.

Fairfield—J. B. Monfort, Frank Foust, Wm. Machelardy, T. L. James.

Burlington—H. L. Madison, W. H. Chapman, A. W. Dana, J. A. Kauffer, George W. Slingluff, R. V. Yant, F. A. Roe.

Spencer—W. G. Crandall.

Mt. Pleasant—C. E. Richey, G. J. Andrews.

Warsaw—T. R. Hartley.

Fort Madison—E. P. Hazen, J. M. Hobbs, M. C. Roberts, R. M. Scovel, E. E. Courtright, H. C. Stempel.

215,548 CANS CONDENSED MILK.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 17.—The platform force at the transfer was hurried in thirway. A carload of small condensed milk cans came into the yards to be transferred to another car for shipment to a Utah point. The number of cans in the original car was 215,548, and the task of repacking them was of Herculean proportions. To remove them from the first car was the lightest part of the work. Large tarpaulins were spread below the piles and the cans gently started to tumble upon them. Then four husky men lifted each tarpaulin by the corners and carried it into the new car, where men were waiting to pack the cans in tiers. It was necessary to reverse the cans in each tier on account of the seams. It has not been unusual for the force on the freight platform to have cars of fruit cans to transfer but the 25,000 cans in such a carload dwindle to insignificance beside the task of stacking 215,000 tins into a car by hand.

## STOKER WAS NOT MURDER VICTIM

CORONER'S JURY CLEARS OSKALOOSA LOOSANS ARRESTED HERE FOR HEINOUS CRIME.

Glenn Cruzen and Homer Johnson, the Oskaloosa boys who were arrested here by Night Captain Matt Mier and Chief of Police John Ruggenburg of Oskaloosa, will not have to face the charges of murdering John Stoker, a wealthy retired Mahaska county farmer, in the Oskaloosa courts. The coroner's jury, composed of A. J. Walmsmith, W. T. Cunningham and Dr. J. B. Muir made a sealed verdict which was opened yesterday. The verdict of the jury was that John Stoker came to his death by chloral poisoning, the same being self-administered. The report of the state chemist who analyzed the stomach of the dead man, developed that the tissues of the stomach and brain contained chloral. The verdict of the jury clears Cruzen and Johnson of the murder charge and the boys cannot be held for other than the robbery, of which they are accused.

John Stoker was found in his room in an Oskaloosa boarding house on October 10, dead under mysterious circumstances. The man had been robbed. A farewell note was found on the table. Cruzen and Johnson rented a team from an Oskaloosa livery barn and drove to Ottumwa. In coming to Ottumwa they drove the animals so fast that one dropped dead of exhaustion.

The Oskaloosa police became suspicious and notified the Ottumwa officers. Chief Ruggenburg of Oskaloosa came down on the evening train and Cruzen and Johnson were placed under arrest. In a written confession to the Ottumwa police and the Oskaloosa chief, they admitted robbing Stoker, not knowing that the man was dead. The officers at that time believed that Stoker had been murdered by the two boys, but the coroner's jury frees them of the accusation.

Working Nights to Build Railroad.

Creston, Dec. 17.—Railroad building by night is being resorted to in an effort to rush the new interurban between Atlantic and Villisca to completion before the first of the year and secure the 5 per cent tax voted in Cass and Montgomery counties. Large acetylene lamps have been placed along the line of construction for the night work, one hundred farmers have donated teams and men to assist with the grading and work is being done on Sundays. The Atlantic Northern & Southern is the name of the new road. It will provide hourly service between the Rock Island at Atlantic and the Burlington at Villisca.

Has Mammoth Tooth.

Iowa City, Dec. 17.—The University of Iowa has just come into possession of what is believed to be the largest elephant's tooth ever discovered in the world. The monster grinder was unearthed in Denison, Iowa, in a gravel pit, by John Mill, who for some months past has been seeking for the remains of prehistoric animals there.

The tooth is about one foot square, the exact dimensions being twelve by thirteen inches. The grinding surface is just thirteen inches long. The tooth is now being polished in order to be preserved in perfect condition in the Iowa museum.

## GOOD REPORT FOR INTERURBAN

ARNOLD ENGINEERING CO. OF CHICAGO SAYS ROAD WILL PAY NICE DIVIDEND.

The report of the Arnold Engineering Co. of Chicago, which has been investigating the Iowa City-Ottumwa interurban project since it was made necessary to alter the route originally fixed upon, makes clear all obstacles that appeared to impede the progress of the matter and now there is no longer doubts as to the financing of the line. This is agreeably good to hear, not alone in Ottumwa and Iowa City, but along the line connecting these two places, both of which have been in Ottumwa a short time ago securing data for the firm of engineers, he was then sanguine as to the outlook. His hopes have been borne out thus far in the report made by the engineering company and the financial agent, G. H. Campbell, has within the past few days left New York for London, where he will meet the financiers who will furnish the money with which to build the road, in the Arnold report to the promoters of the company and to the bonding house, the project is referred to as one of "more than average merit," and that the road would pay a good dividend is stated. This makes practically certain the financing of the proposition, the thing which has thus far interfered with the construction.

## GIRL WAS HIS TRIBULATION

REMINING HIS OLD FRIENDS THAT HE WAS ALSO AMONG THOSE PRESENT ON THE FORCE OF THE MUSCATINE JOURNAL DURING THE WAR, AUDLEY G. BUTLER, FATHER OF THE AUTHOR ELLIS BUTLER, WHOSE STORIES APPEAR OCCASIONALLY IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, WROTE JUDGE FRANK W. EICHELBERGER RELATIVE TO THE LETTER FROM THE JUDGE WHICH APPEARED IN THE BIRTHDAY NUMBER OF THE JOURNAL. HE STATED IN HIS CARD THAT HE TOO HAD HIS REASONS FOR NOT GOING TO THE FRONT DURING THE WAR AND THESE HE SAID WERE THE FONDNESS FOR A GIRL. HIS NOTE FOLLOWS: "FROM YOUR LETTER TO THE JOURNAL I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN YOU ARE STILL AMONG THE LIVING. MOST OF THE OLD BOYS ARE GONE NOW.

"But there was another man left in Muscatine during the war, as consistent a coward as you or Dunsmore, and afflicted by a greater tribulation than a lame leg or defective eye. He had a girl he didn't wish left behind him. Anyway I got even with you for ignoring me, through my son Ellis, who got his picture in the Journal, and you did not. With greetings to you,

"Audley G. Butler, "Flushing, L. I."

DEATHS.

WILKINS—Saturday, December 17, 1910, at 6:30 a. m., at the family residence, one and one-half miles west of Kirkville, Laura Wilkins, aged 29 years.

The deceased is survived by her husband and six children, father and mother, and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral cortege left the residence this morning at 8 o'clock and went to Miller chapel where services were held at 2 o'clock. Rev. Isaac Elder of the Davis Street Christian church conducted the funeral. Interment was made in the Flieder cemetery.

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## PIANO CAUSE OF CIVIL SUIT

JOSEPH KEARNS GAVE IT TO MAE SHIRLEY AS PRESENT AND THEN WANTED IT BACK.

A piano given by Joseph Kearns to his sweetheart, Miss Mae Shirley on her eighteenth birthday was the cause of a civil suit in Justice G. B. Melick's court yesterday and the jury after being out two hours and a half could not agree and were discharged by the justice. The title of the suit was George Kearns vs. Dell M. Shirley. Mr. Kearns sued Mr. Shirley, father of the girl, for the amount of \$90. The plaintiff in the suit is a brother of Joseph Kearns who kept company with Miss Shirley, fifteen years his junior. The evidence in the case brought out the fact that the young couple had been engaged to wed but the engagement was called off. Kearns on Miss Shirley's eighteenth birthday gave her the piano valued at \$210. He contended that they reached an agreement that when they should be united, the piano which was in Miss Shirley's home, should become a part of the furniture of their own cosy home and if they were not married, Kearns was to get the piano back. Dell M. Shirley, father of Miss Shirley and the girl, contended that Kearns gave her the piano as a present with no conditions whatever. Kearns and Miss Shirley fell out according to the testimony and Miss Shirley and Kearns in turn sold the piano to his brother George Kearns for \$75. When Kearns went to get the piano, Mr. Shirley refused to turn it over declaring that it was given his daughter as a present. The case will be tried before another jury in Justice Melick's court Monday.

church conducted the funeral. Interment was made in the Flieder cemetery.

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