

OLD LANDMARK IS VICTIM OF FLAMES

QUAINT BRICK HOUSE IN EAST END DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING NIGHT.

STOOD HALF CENTURY

Built by Paul C. Daum in 1858 for Home on His Farm—Sold to Benjamin Ladd in Spring of 1863.

A fire starting shortly before 2 o'clock Sunday morning, totally destroyed the old brick house on the hill off Van Buren avenue just above Main street in the east end, and removed a landmark that has stood for more than half a century and attracted much attention for many years from persons driving in and out of town in the east portion of the city.

Paul Daum, Builder. The history of the place goes back to the very early days of Ottumwa. At the time it was built the village of Ottumwa lay some distance to the west and it was the home of one of the earliest pioneers.

Bought by Benjamin Ladd. Five years later the place was sold by Mr. Daum to Benjamin Ladd, the transfer taking place in March, 1863. Thus it got the name "Old Ladd Place" that stood with it for generations.

At the time of its destruction there were no tenants in the place, the owner having planned to raze the building and convert the material into two smaller and more modern houses for rent.

No estimate of the loss could be ascertained and the amount of the insurance was not determined on account of the absence of the owner from the city.

The blasts of the engine whistles from the Burlington yards aroused the people residing in the neighborhood at an early hour and by the time the fire department arrived there was a large number of people out gazing at the burning building.

CHICKEN THIEF HAS VISIT FOR NOTHING

An unsuccessful attempt to rob the chicken house belonging to Roy Christie, 1218 North Court street, was made early Sunday morning by one or more thieves.

Mr. Christie was aroused from his sleep by a disturbance among his chickens and thinking something was happening to his poultry he opened a window in the rear of his house just in time to see a dark form move past the side of the chicken house and make a hasty exit across the lawn.

PATRONS MERIT PROTECTION. Des Moines, May 18.—Persons who signal a motorman their intention to board a car at a regular crossing are entitled to more care on the part of the railroad company, so as not to endanger their lives more than ordinary pedestrians.

IOWA FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET

Iowa City, May 18.—The thirty-fourth convention of the Iowa Funeral Directors' association will be held in Iowa City, June 2, 3 and 4.

Past President W. P. Hohenschuh of this city, will have charge of the three days' sessions.

GRANGES OPPOSE THE HARD ROADS

RESOLUTION PASSED AT MEETING SATURDAY OBJECTS TO USING TAX MONEY.

The first steps toward effecting an organization of the eight granges in the county in a county grange, were taken Saturday afternoon at the court house, where a meeting was held.

About thirty members of various township granges were present and the meeting was featured by enthusiasm for the county organization.

Whereas, we believe that a dirt road well drained, well graded and well dragged, is the most suitable and most expedient road for the present time, and

Whereas, we believe that the use of any tax money towards the building of permanent or macadamized roads in Wapello county at the present time is uncalled for, because the majority of the taxpayers are not demanding it.

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the members of the Wapello county granges in session assembled, do hereby protest against the use of any of the county road fund for the building of permanent or macadamized roads in Wapello county, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be filed with the secretary of this meeting, one copy be sent to the county board of supervisors of Wapello county, and one copy be sent to the Ottumwa Daily Courier for publication.

W. C. Arnold, R. G. W. Forsythe, C. T. Areingdale, Resolutions Committee.

PATENTS GRANTED IOWANS.

Des Moines, May 18.—The following patents were issued to Iowans for the week ending May 12, 1914, as reported from the office of Wilfred C. Lane, patent attorney, 505 Crocker building:

Reinforced sheet metal panel. Leslie Berry, Des Moines. Mining machine. Edgar C. Cummings, Waterloo. Apparatus for the distillation of wood. William Danner, assignor to Forests Products Co., Sibley.

Hand power vacuum sweeper. Nelson M. Dyer and W. S. Holbrook, Davenport. Spring fork. Martin Ekstrom, Kiron.

Device for sharpening bits. Henry H. Holmes, Council Bluffs. Drinking fountain. Frank B. Jacobson, Humboldt. Trough. Frank B. Jacobson, Humboldt.

Trolley. Claus H. Light, assignor of one-half to A. L. Irwin, Des Moines. Resilient wheel. Claude H. Light, assignor of one-half to C. W. Seipel, Des Moines.

Automobile lamp attachment. Gilbert Lokere, Kanawha. Hay loader. Anton Lomen, Carpenter.

Trolley switch. John G. Munson, assignor of one-third to J. D. Wardle and one-third to E. F. Winslow, Cedar Rapids. Signal valve mechanism. Elmer E. Norgaard, Council Bluffs.

Corn harvester. G. H. Palladay, Alton. Oiler. August Schoel and E. Baum, Waterloo.

Device for regulating the temperature of air supplied to carburetors. William M. Simmons, Burlington. Gearing. Bert A. Stocking and H. Mendenhall, Audubon.

Exercising apparatus. James F. Thomas, Clarinda. Combined drinking fountain and attachment for faucets. Charles Tunnicliffe.

Gearing device for traction engine. Franz J. Wood, assignor to Wood Bros. Thresher Co., Des Moines.

MAY FESTIVAL AT GRINNELL COLLEGE

Grinnell, May 18.—Tuesday and Wednesday of this week are the days set aside for the annual May festival at Grinnell college. The event this year will be the culmination of a successful and brilliant musical year.

The first concert of the festival will come Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday afternoon and evening the Thomas orchestra with its soloists will be the chief attraction.

IOWA OSTEOPATHS MEET IN DES MOINES

Des Moines, May 18.—The sixteenth annual convention of the Iowa Osteopathic association will be held at the Des Moines Still hospital Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. J. A. Desmond, head of the research department of the national association, will be one of the principal

MEXICAN KILLED BY IRATE HUSBAND

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and the effects of the dead man, the body was removed to the Moroney undertaking rooms.

Women Tell of Shooting. Representatives of The Courier were on the scene within a short time after the shooting and with Officer Noah were able to learn the following story of the murder and the cause that led to it from the wife of the murderer and her mother, Mrs. Eva Doud:

Mrs. Davila stated: "The dead man's name is Eulalio Rangel. He was a laborer in the foundry at the Bettendorf car works near Davenport until a few weeks ago, when the workmen were laid off and he gave me his suit case (which I am producing here) as care of for him until he would get a position and locate again. I have had the suit case here ever since and he came today to get it when he got shot."

"He and my husband have quarreled for a long time over money matters." Asked if it might not have been a case of jealousy on the part of her husband, Mrs. Davila replied that it was not. She said: "They have quarreled about some money for months and my husband has not been with me and the baby for two months. He does not care for him until he would get a position and locate again. I have had the suit case here ever since and he came today to get it when he got shot."

"Are you taking this down? Oh, I hope that you find him. Are going to find him? I hope that they do." Speaking thus she interrupted her narrative of the incidents that led up to the shooting and then resuming said, "Rangel came here today for his suit case and he was sitting or lying on the bed with the baby, playing with the little fellow, and I was sitting on the floor." (She described their relative positions). The curtain between the room was pulled over for I keep the back door open. While we were in this position, Davila came in the back door and seeing Rangel, he pulled out his revolver and shot three times, and turning around ran out the back door again and was gone."

Here she asked her mother to do whatever talking was to be done, saying: "Mum, I wish you would answer any more questions for I want to get out. I want to get away out of this, I just can't stand all of this fuss."

They Often Quarreled. Mrs. Doud told practically the same story as her daughter, adding to it that the two men had often quarreled. She said that Davila had \$116 belonging to Rangel, and that he would not return it. This in her opinion was the cause of the quarrel. She stated that for the last eight months she had parted between them I reckon a thousand times when they'd be quarrelling," said she. "One of them would have a gun and the other a razor and I have parted them so often that I have lost count."

Mrs. Doud stated that as Davila entered the rear door, she saw him draw a long pistol and fire three times, then turning and running from the house and out the back way.

"He deserted the girl and her baby two months ago in Davenport," said she, "and we all came here about two weeks ago. I have had to do washing to support them and we have not had a cent from him to help us."

The two women state that Rangel was an unmarried man about 25 years of age, and that they had known him for the last six months or more, and that he has been in the United States for the last five years.

Married in Ottumwa. Davila and his wife were married July 11, 1910, and have one son, a babe in arms, named William Robert Davila. The license was issued by George Phillips, then county clerk, and the marriage was performed by Rev. Thomas Brown of Ottumwa. They then resided in Eldon.

Chase Man at Agency. Constable Goldie Cowger and W. H. Rodibaugh of Agency, gave chase to someone Saturday night whom they believed to be Davila and after a search of the woods south of Agency for a few hours they gave up. Both men and Rodibaugh's bloodhound were watching Burlington train No. 4 as it entered Agency. Seeing a man on the top of the baggage car, Mr. Rodibaugh ordered him to get down and jumping off the top of the car on the opposite side from Rodibaugh, the man alighted on the side of the dump leading down from the station and started on a run through a barb wire fence and into the woods in a draw nearby.

Constable Cowger was back along the train looking beneath the cars and did not see the man jump, but soon joined Mr. Rodibaugh and the dog and they gave pursuit. They separated later and after a search for some time below the town Rodibaugh had a small light flashed upon him and believing himself to be close to the fugitive, called for Cowger, but their search was fruitless.

A man arrested at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night and brought to Ottumwa Sunday morning proved to be the wrong party and was released. He claimed he was from Fairbury, Neb., and did not meet the general description of Davila.

Sheriff W. E. Knox and Constable M. W. Criswell left here Saturday night about 11 o'clock for Eldon where they spent a few hours and searched the places which will take place before the fugitive makes his home. They returned without any clue to the fugitive murderer.

convention speakers. Dr. A. G. Hildreth of Macon, Mo., gives the opening address Wednesday morning. Following the morning program a surgical clinic will be held at the Des Moines General hospital. Papers written upon subjects pertaining to the profession will be read by osteopathic physicians of the state during the afternoon. A banquet for the convention delegates will be served in Younkers' tea room Wednesday evening. The discussion of subjects relating to disease and prevention will continue through Thursday.

KEOSAUQUA. T. E. De Hart recently sold his 324-acre farm in Henry township, about five miles from here, to L. W. Moody of northern Iowa, bringing \$140 per acre. Mr. Moody takes possession of the farm May 11. Mr. De Hart and his tenant, Mr. Percy Murphy, had a sale at the farm Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Calhoun was hostess to the Ruthean society Wednesday afternoon. She was assisted by Mesdames Mounce, Wm. Renibarger, J. Wright Pearson and Robinson. About fifty members and visitors were present.

Hugh Hunter of Omaha is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Geo. Long, this week. Mrs. Emma Blake of Memphis, Mo., is at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Victoria Lea, who has been seriously ill the past two weeks, but somewhat improved.

Capt. J. A. Shaw returned home from Chicago Tuesday, where he had been called on business in connection with his position in the volunteer service.

The Misses Lucie Linsley and Maria Calhoun have been engaged as teachers of the Mt. Zion school for the coming year.

And now for a THREE Day Piece Goods Sale OF Silks, Dress Goods, Linens and Domestic By Nine o'clock Tuesday Morning There Will be Busy Selling at Every Counter.

Every woman in Ottumwa and surrounding country who appreciates saving money will be interested in the splendid economies presented in this three-day piece goods sale. Our buyers have searched the markets and found many manufacturers with surplus stocks which they bought at practically their own price.

- 27-inch Tussock Silks—In stripes and jacquard effects, a big range of colors for street and evening wear, priced in this sale 33c
36-inch Striped Tub Silks—And plain pongee, in black, white, tan, oopen and navy. These are all washable, splendid 55c values, sale price 44c
\$1 Silks, yard 77c
Black Messaline Silk 78c
65c Ratines 36c
18c Longcloth 13 1/2c
54-inch Bedford Cords—In black and white stripes, suitable for skirts and suits, also French crepes and ratines worth up to 95c yard, sale price 43c

It Will Pay You to Attend This Sale of Linens and Domestic

- 50c Mercerized Damask, 28 1/2c
Imported mercerized damask, a good range of patterns select from, 50c value, special for this sale 28c
95c Irish Linen 69c
Gold Medal Brand pure Irish linen, always retails for 95c, piece goods, sale price 69c
1.25 Mercerized Napkins, dozen 95c
20x20 napkin mercerized napkins, hemmed ready for use, \$1.25 value, 3 day sale price 95c
\$1.98 Linen Napkins, dozen \$1.47
20-inch linen napkin gold Medal Brand, fine satin finish, selling everywhere at \$1.98, 3 day sale of piece goods, price dozen \$1.47

- 12 1/2c Turkish Towel 9c
Bleached Turkish towel, size 18x36, extra fine yarn, a regular 12 1/2c value and not to be duplicated anywhere at this price, piece goods sale, price 9c
50c Bed Sheets 37 1/2c
Round thread muslin bed sheets, perfect weave and finish, size 72x90, sale price 37 1/2c

- 36-inch Bleached Hope Muslin—Soft finish and free from dressing, regular price 10c, 3 day sale price 7c
One lot of standard prints, fast colors underpriced for this 3 day sale 3c
Staple apron ginghams, good range of dark and light patterns 74c quality, sale price 4c
32-inch Zephyr Ginghams—Comes in stripes and plaids, an extra good quality, selling everywhere for not less than 18c, 3 day sale price 11c

- Amoskeag dress ginghams, hundreds of patterns to choose from, regular 12 1/2c value, sale price 9c
36-inch Manchester cambric percales, all light colors, our regular 15c line, priced at 12c
74-inch bleached sheeting, round thread, extra good value 22c
80c, sale price 22c
One Lot Imported Madras Cloth—36-inches wide, fast colors, woven stripes, our regular 25c madras 3 day sale price 14c

Donelan's W. DONELAN & COMPANY Pure Goose Feather Bed Pillows—covered with fancy art ticking, regular \$4.00 pair, sale price \$2.47

DETROIT, Mich., May 8. Her body was brought here for burial Tuesday. In the earlier years of her life she was a resident here, a niece of Mrs. S. V. Whittaker and Mrs. H. H. Disbrow. A short funeral service was held from the Disbrow home. She is survived by her husband and son, both of whom accompanied the body here. Mrs. J. C. Calhoun was hostess to the Ruthean society Wednesday afternoon.