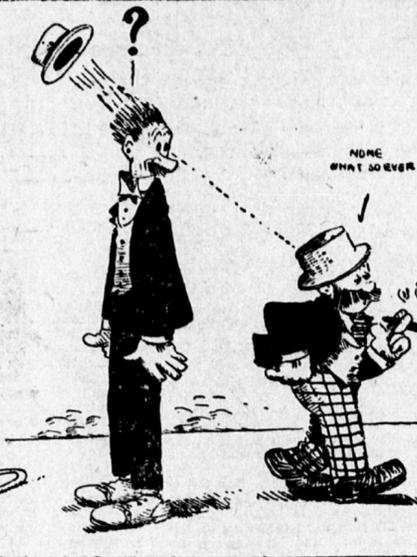


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Reached the Limit.

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People's Pulpit

The Courier will publish in this column articles contributed by its readers. The communications should be typewritten or in plain hand, on one side of the paper, and signed.

Lighten the Yoke.

Editor Courier: While the population of Iowa was decreasing in the decade from 1900 to 1910, as cited in a former article, taxes were increasing in the state. The state expenditures for the fiscal period (two years) ending June 30, 1901, were \$5,040,713.72, the state disbursements for the biennial period ending June 30, 1910 were \$8,582,885.30. This shows an increase in state expenditures of more than fifty-eight per cent within that decade. The legislature has raised many official salaries (it never lowers them) and, like King George III, "has erected a multitude of offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

County and court expenses in Iowa within the same time have increased, perhaps in an equal ratio. Increasing taxation is becoming an increasing draw back yearly in Iowa, to the people. Taxation is always a burden; but relatively it is not equally burdensome on all tax payers. One man with a big property and a money making business may pay his taxes without "feeling" it financially, while a small farmer who ekes out his living on his farm, or a wage worker in the city, with only a home shelter finds the payment of his taxes a real privation; like the rich man with his abundance, and the widow with her two mites. However taxation is not voluntary contribution and the great bulk of taxes goes for official salaries, expenses and government "jobs"; it goes from the taxpayer and returneth not unto him.

Iowa doesn't need boosting nor an exhibit at the Panama exposition so much as it needs retrenchment in governmental expenses and some old fashioned economy in appropriations; some of the frugality that the majority of our people have to practice in their own personal affairs. We have re-

publicans, democrats, progressives, socialists, and prohibitionists in political parties; we need rigid economists in our legislature and executive offices. J. L. Griffith.

MINERS MAY OBTAIN NEW PUBLICATION

An interesting list of new publications has been sent out by the department of the interior, bureau of mines, and contains some very complete works on subjects which are of especial interest to miners and those directly connected with the mines. Among these are Bulletin No. 57, by D. W. Brunton and J. A. Davis, and deals with safety and efficiency in mine tunnelling; and Bulletin No. 79 which is written by J. W. Thompson and has to do with work in connection with abstracts of current decisions on mines and mining. These publications should be ordered by number and title and applications should be addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C.

WATERLOO MAN OWNS FLAG 130 YEARS OLD

Waterloo, June 5.—An American flag, believed to be at least 130 years old, was raised over the G. A. R. hall on Commercial street by Spanish-American war veterans. The flag raising was accompanied by appropriate exercises. A drum corps played "The Girl I Left Behind Me," a typical war time air. Veterans, both of '61 and '98, with bare heads gave three cheers as the star spangled banner fluttered in the Memorial day breeze. A small crowd witnessed the raising.

The flag is the property of A. McEachron, 422 Vermont street, and is an old family heirloom. Mr. McEachron stated that he would attempt to learn the history of the flag. It was handed down through one generation to another until it came into his possession some little time ago. The flag was first owned by his early ancestors in the east.

The flag has thirteen stars and stripes and is 4x6 feet. It is hand sewed and in good condition. That it is at least 100 years old is certain. The American flag was adopted June 14, 1777. It contained thirteen stars and stripes until 1795. Two new stars were added between the years 1795 and 1818 and two additional stars were added to the flag.

Mr. McEachron will write to relatives in the east in an effort to learn the history of the old flag. The flag, together with the history, will be placed on exhibition later.

KEOKUK CO. PIONEER ANSWERS SUMMONS

Sigourney, June 5.—Wednesday afternoon at Ollie occurred the funeral of Thomas B. Meredith, who died on Monday night. Mr. Meredith was about 75 years of age and leaves surviving his wife and a number of children to mourn his death.

He was one of the pioneers of this community and county and was widely known as a business man of prominence and in connection with the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of which he was a member and for several years its president.

He held many offices of trust and responsibility in his town and township when a man of business capacity and responsibility was needed. He will be greatly missed in the community where he numbered his friends by his score.

Blue Grass Road Boosters Asked to Paint the Poles

Officials of the Blue Grass Road association are sending out copies of the following letter to all good road boosters along the route across the southern part of Iowa between the Mississippi and the Missouri rivers: Whereas, his excellency, Hon. G. W. Clarke, governor of the state has officially proclaimed Monday, June 15, 1914, as a special good roads day for all Iowa, to be devoted to the cause of better roads in this state, it behooves every friend of the famous "Blue Grass Road," the shortest and best route between the two great rivers and traversing the garden spot of our great commonwealth, to get busy with plans to do our part in making the most of this opportunity to boost this great highway.

How? We can only offer a brief suggestion and leave the rest to you. First—The color marking on the poles should be repainted clear across the state. Nothing will add more to the spirit of the road, or advertise it as much as good painting, clearly marking the route. It appeals to the traveler and to every city and town along the Blue Grass Road to see that the poles are painted at least half way to the next town on each side of them. Commercial clubs and citizens of the towns ought to take the lead in this, for they are vitally interested in the good road movement and ought to show their interest and good will by helping in some practical way.

Do not leave it all for the country roads, for you are using these main roads quite as much as the farmer. The farmer is doing his part. Will you do yours? Let every mile of this road be repainted by June 15. It can be done. We put it up to every town to take the lead and see that it is done. Your country friends will help but you should take the lead. The regulation color marking is two feet in depth, the top seven feet from the ground.

Nine inches of white, six inches of deep blue in the center, and nine inches of white at the bottom. The first three poles on each side of every cross, or intersecting road should be painted as above. If every third pole between roads is painted, it adds tremendously to the appearance of the road. Later on, we hope to have the governor and other prominent men make a tour of this road. Let it be truly said of the Blue Grass Road that it is the best marked highway in Iowa.

Second—We appeal to all our farmer friends along this route to take a day off June 15 and devote it to the betterment of this highway in their own vicinity. Nothing adds more to the value of your farm than a good road by it, or near it. Isn't there a bridge or culvert or some bad spot in the road that needs a little special attention, more than it is getting from the road officials? The day may be favorable for dragging. If so, why not give it an extra going over and smoothing up? You are paying a tax to have it dragged regularly—is it being done by your place? If not, find out why. Insist upon your share of the permanent road work for 1914.

Many thousands of people will cross Iowa by auto in 1915, bound for the Panama-Pacific exposition. 1914 is the time to get the Blue Grass Road in shape to claim its full share of this through travel, the greatest advertising opportunity ever presented to the sixteen counties traversed by this road.

Third—We appeal to the press along the route. They have already done much. They are the greatest single power in this movement. Let town and country pull together, for it concerns all and our interests are identical. Better roads lie at the very root of the great rural problem of Iowa. June 15, and make it another milestone towards a bigger and better Iowa.

encouraging feature of the election was the fact that the project, carried by the vote alone. Even the 'most ardent supporters of the city hall project felt that the vote of the women would be necessary to carry the election and while these swelled the majority for the improvement the vote was not necessary.

The returns from the various precincts show the total vote for the bond issue to have been 1,285, while the total negative vote to be 866. That the Hay Market is the site favored by a majority of the voters was clearly illustrated in the vote of yesterday, the preferential ballots cast for the site of the old site and the Baptist church property.

The selection of the Hay Market will expedite the improvement as the plans have already been drawn by J. E. Mills & Sons, of Detroit, for a building on that property and with the approval of the plans by the council, it will be possible shortly to advertise for bids.

AMES STUDENTS GET GOOD POSITIONS Ames, June 5.—Thirty-three members of this year's graduating class of Iowa State college have already been located as teachers of home economics, agriculture and science at salaries ranging as high as \$1,800 a year. When the list is completed it will reach nearly fifty and include positions in both high schools, academies and colleges.

For the first time Iowa is taking a large proportion of these vocational teachers; it is getting eighteen of the twenty young women and five of the men who will teach agriculture.

The teachers so far located are: Orpha Kadel, Britt; Mabel Kingsbury, Dallas City; Mabel Parsons, Ida Grove; Ima Pitts, Mapleton; Frances Laffer, Wapello; Maude Campbell, Cresco; Ruth Cesena, Correctionville; Elsie Codwin, Brooklyn; Lura Fogelman, Clarion; Blythe Poage, Wapello; May Statler, Missouri Valley; Maisie Stephenson, Osceola; Mary Vaughn, Perry; Helen Frink, Waterloo; Hermine Knapp, Menominee, Wis.; Helen Osler, Wapello; Helen Wentworth, Tabor college, Tabor; Beth Pryor, Raleigh, N. C.; Irene Haglund, College Springs; Grace Hartfield, Mechanicsville; Helen A. Elfrs, Menominee, Wis.; F. L. Stewart, Story City; F. L. French, Stewart, Minn.; H. S. Robillard, Tabor college, Tabor; M. E. Scandrett, Blue Earth, Minn.; L. M. Carl, Villard, Minn.; J. V. Ellis, Lyle, Minn.; W. V. Gousseff, Owatonna, Minn.; V. H.

GRADUATES MAKE OWN DRESSES

GIRLS OF MT. PLEASANT HIGH DESIGN PRETTY FROCKS.

Mt. Pleasant, June 5.—The young ladies of the graduating class of the Mt. Pleasant high school have this year established a precedent that will without doubt become an established custom, which will have far reaching results of a most salutary nature.

It has been found to be the case here formerly that at the graduating exercises the young ladies were always gowned in a most attractive, but very expensive manner. Parents of considerable means invariably spent as much upon the gown as they possibly could, while parents of less means were oftentimes seriously embarrassed by the possibility of their daughter not making as good an appearance as one from a more wealthy family.

Last Christmas the members of the class passed an edict that every girl must make her own gown, and that the expense was in no case to exceed \$3.75.

The girls enthusiastically entered into the proposition, and immediately went to work. They were assisted by Miss Burkman, one of the members of the faculty in the designing of the dresses. At the concluding exercises this evening the results of this movement were most apparent. Each young lady was gowned in a most attractive manner, and a total stranger would never have dreamed that the total cost was less than four dollars. The dresses were made of various materials, and neatly trimmed, and although they were all made from a more modest material, they were of design. This year no sweet young girl graduate had her commencement marred by the realization that she made but a poor appearance in comparison with her richly gowned chum.

Stork, Morrisstown, Minn.; G. D. Swaney, Blairsburg, A. W. Schulz, Menominee, Wis.; R. P. White, Plainville, Minn.; J. E. Moore, Spring Valley, Minn.; G. W. Baker, College Springs.

WESLEYAN TENNIS TEAM IS DEFEATED

Mt. Pleasant, June 5.—For the first time in three years the Iowa Wesleyan tennis team was forced to acknowledge defeat on the local courts Thursday afternoon when the fast Monmouth college team, M. Michael and Bruce of Monmouth, captured two of the three matches played. The tournament was without doubt one of the fastest ever played on the local courts, each game being bitterly contested. The visitors worked well in locating the tape, and dropping the ball into unreachable corners. McMichael and Bruce for the red and white defeated in doubles Weston and Luebber for Wesleyan in straight sets by the count of 6-3, 6-2. The first match of singles was won by McMichael of Monmouth over Jeffrey in straight sets by the score of 6-2 and 6-3. The last set was very close, there being no less than nine deuce games. This was Jeffrey's first defeat in four years of college tennis. Luebbers for Wesleyan saved the day when he defeated Bruce for the Illinois school in a valiant up-hill fight by the score of 4-6, 8-6 and 6-1. Wesleyan will play a return match with Monmouth next Friday.

BLOOMFIELD.

James Duncan arrived home the first of the week from an ever Sunday visit at the home of his father W. A. Duncan near Unionville, Mo. H. J. Hollowell of Lancaster, Mo., spent a few days in this city the first of the week enroute to Udell for a short stay. H. P. Campbell is spending a few days this week in Cedar Rapids and other Iowa towns. W. H. Wiseman, wife and daughter Louise and sister Nalie and brother M. H. Wiseman and wife of Centerville visited their uncle Thomas Wiseman near West Grove Sunday. W. H. Taylor and Rev. J. P. Newsom are in Ottumwa attending the district conference this week. Mrs. A. B. Holliday and daughter Margaret of Valley Junction arrived in this city Tuesday for a week's visit en-

UNITED TRAVELERS IN GREAT PARADE

Keokuk, June 5.—Twelve hundred traveling men took part in a parade of the United Commercial Travelers this afternoon, councils from Des Moines, Ottumwa, Burlington and Keokuk being headed by bands of music. Later the visitors were entertained by a concert given by a chorus of a thousand picked voices.

At a meeting of the Iowa grand council this morning, Chariton, council No. 535 was awarded the grand council trophy and the McIntosh cup for membership gain.

Election of officers and selection of next year's meeting place will be held Saturday afternoon.

James Atkins and wife of Des Moines arrived in this city Wednesday for a short stay.

A marriage license has been issued by Clerk Priest to Walter Packwood of Parsons, Kansas, and Leo Minks, of West Grove, Iowa.

Bloomfield lodge No. 23, I. O. O. F. will decorate Sunday June 7th. An invitation is extended to all Odd Fellows to attend. The program follows: Meeting of all Odd Fellows at the hall 1:30 p. m.

March to the cemetery, 2 p. m. Music by Bloomfield band. Address by Rev. W. H. Slack. Music by band.

HENRY COUNTY RETURNS ARE ALL IN

Mt. Pleasant, June 5.—Some of the complete returns for the primary election Monday are given below. The progressive vote was very light, less than two hundred ballots being cast. Progressive.

Congressman—Daniel Boone Heller, State senator—Rev. S. M. Musselman. State representative—Rev. A. H. Linder. County recorder—W. A. Wallborg. County auditor—C. A. Gregg. County supervisor—S. P. Stephenson.

County sheriff—J. R. Willmeth. County attorney—James Hourihan, Republican ticket. Recorder—Mrs. Anna Clark, 672; W. B. Daniels, 289; G. L. Tomlinson, 284; plurality, 99.

County attorney—T. M. McAdam, 696; Paul Galer, 532; majority, 163. County supervisor—T. E. White, 708; U. G. Shaffer, 398; majority, 310. County supervisor—W. H. Deal, 569; Geo. Feigax, 590; majority, 9.

Democratic ticket. State senator—Lindley, 400; Van Ausdale, 269; majority, 104. County supervisor—I. N. Snook, 351; A. V. Holley, 252; majority, 99. There was only one contest on the progressive ticket. H. A. Wallborg was chosen for county recorder over A. C. Jeager by a vote of 71 to 70.

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