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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

C. P. Parker an daughter Marie who have been visiting at Kirksville and Edina, Mo., have returned home.

Capt. W. H. C. Jacques returned last night from a fishing trip at Plum Lake, Wis., where he was accompanied by J. C. Mabry and a number of other Albians.

Attorney C. W. Whitmore left this morning for Burlington to attend the lawyers' convention in progress there.

Miss Anna Burkland of Centerville, has returned home after visiting Mrs. E. Hogland, 1012 East Plum street.

Mrs. N. W. Johnson, 662 West Second street, has gone to Excelsior Springs for a few weeks.

Stratton Eller, 902 North Ash street, has left for Hedrick to attend a birthday party given by Master Paul Harkins.

Miss Tessie Johnson of Agency, has returned home after visiting at the home of Charles Graham, 626 Chester avenue.

William McCormick and wife of Bloomfield, has returned home after visiting with T. J. Garretson, 523 East Mary street.

Mrs. G. Cudworth of south of the city, has gone to Eldon to visit with her mother-in-law, Mrs. E. Cudworth.

Mrs. C. A. McClure and family, 406 Lillian street, have gone to Albia to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Schafer.

Mrs. H. Ruffing, 402 Burrhus street, has gone to Melrose on business.

C. F. Wannerstrom of Des Moines, was a business visitor in the city today.

Mrs. Henry Glenn, Miss Katherine Glenn and Clarence Glenn, 222 North Market street, are visiting with friends in Des Moines enroute to Ames.

Mrs. T. J. Bryant of Griswold has returned home after visiting with Mrs. H. B. Patterson, 501 Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. J. B. Baker and children of south of the city accompanied by Mrs. Mary Wilhelmsdorfer have gone to spend the summer in the west.

Miss Beryl Stevenson of Fairfield has left for Des Moines after visiting with Miss Tullia McCormick 219 Pleasant street.

Mrs. O. Appelquist, 733 North Ash street has left for Farson to visit her sister, Mrs. C. A. Henry.

Oscar Anderson, 2002 East Main street has left for Chardon to visit with his sister Mrs. H. Sutherland.

Mrs. Alfred Walker has returned to her home in Russell after visiting at the home of Mrs. N. H. Bahme, 514 Richmond avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Overgaard of Okaloosa, have returned home after visiting at the home of Mrs. N. H. Bahme, 514 Richmond avenue.

Miss Mary Caton, 1021 Hackberry street and Miss Ruth Hendrixson, 451 East Maple avenue, have gone to Ludington, Mich., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. M. F. Chisman and son Theodore, 418 North Sheridan avenue, are visiting relatives at Foster, Neb.

Mrs. Fred Berkeley attended the funeral of a relative today at Chillicothe.

Miss Lizzie Glosser of Blakesburg and Howard Cassell of Ash Grove are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Proctor, 249 South Ward street.

Mrs. R. E. Byers and sons Richard and Robert have returned to Batavia after visiting at the parental home, 417 North Sheridan avenue.

Miss Mabel Chisman west of the city, is visiting her sister Mrs. C. W. Green, 556 Hamilton street.

WEST POINT.

Laurance Printyville of St. Louis arrived this morning to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Theo. Lampe, Sr.

Mrs. Emma Danbe is visiting her daughter, Miss Viola, at Fort Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Soethe and children of Moline, Ill. arrived Saturday for a visit at the Greene home south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cantril and daughter, Leatha, visited with relatives in Bonaparte Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom King and children of Fonda are visiting at the King home.

Mrs. Laura Snider, who recently moved to Keokuk, has returned and will make this her home.

Mrs. Henry Krimpler was in Fort Madison several days the past week receiving treatment for granulated eye lids.

Mrs. Van Hyning was hostess to the Ladies' Aid society at her home Friday afternoon. Dainty refreshments concluded a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. F. D. Kerinck of Fairfield gave a very interesting address on India at the M. E. church. While here she was the guest of Mrs. Cora Shepherd.

Misses Mary and Ella Culligan of Mt. Pleasant are visiting their brother, Wm. Culligan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duker returned Saturday from their wedding trip to St. Louis. They will go to housekeeping in the Duker property west of the park.

Miss Helen Younk returned Saturday from a several weeks' visit in Ottumwa.

C. E. DELEGATES ELECT OFFICERS

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The former to accept the banner. For the highest intermediate rating on the chart work the banner was given to the Knox Presbyterian church at Sioux City.

An excellent street meeting was held Thursday evening in the city park near the court house. The exercises were in charge of Rev. C. A. Montanus of the East End Presbyterian church, Ottumwa, and a large chorus under the direction of Mr. Hackleman sang. After the adjournment to the church the regular services for the evening were taken up with the devotionals in charge of Arthur Whitney of Des Moines and special music furnished by Des Moines Christian Endeavor Union. The address for evening was given by Rev. William Hardcastle of Iowa Falls, the president of the state union.

The service was in the nature of a decision and consecration meeting and the speaker directed his thought along these lines. He said in part: "From vacancy the home of man is built. Just think of the old time world; once it was without beauty, without organization and all was vacant. There are coming at this time people whose age is immortality. God works by a gradual process and to know this you must learn the true value of effort for there is the path for all the well doing of the well being. The truths of God are linked with light and they are well linked with our most careful search. We close our eyes to the highest purpose in life if we fail to search salvation's beauties. Light is pure. It neither is, nor can be mixed or polluted. Water in a spring can be pure but man's hand can soil it too. But not so with the true light of God's own truth and gospel. Everyone who has hope in Jesus Christ purifies himself even as he himself is pure. That hope is brightest which glitters free from gloom; that day which knows no clouds; that prospect which reflects unnumbered rays Jesus shines with all splendor; that day is brightest when Lord is nearest; that page of history is brightest that tells the most about Jesus and that home is the brightest where God reigns supreme. When the church gets to be in the kind of a church that the Lord wants it to be then we can do the work that he wants us to do. Get the light that shines out from the face of Christ and burn that thought into your heart with living deeds."

Is It Running?

One of the features of Thursday's session was the rather unique address on "Is It Running?" by Warden J. C. Sanders of the Fort Madison penitentiary. The novelty of the subject inspired the audience to a great interest and the interesting personality of the speaker added force and magnetism to the address. He illustrated his ideas by a story of a watch and asking the question, "Is it running?" The utter lack of usefulness of the time piece if it was not running, was emphasized. The speaker then brought out the same idea in connection with the every day living of human beings. Their ideas and inspirations of usefulness, devotion of service to fellow men and love for the Christ and his men and women, if they are not used, are of absolutely no use to them if they are not kept going.

Thursday afternoon's meeting was opened by a short praise service in charge of Mr. Hackleman and the devotionals were handled by Rev. J. A. Waddell, the state treasurer. Rev. W. H. Emsign of Hopkinton, gave a splendid address on "Christian Endeavor Survey." It was followed by Rev. R. R. Newby of Des Moines, who spoke on "The Bible a Missionary Book." Rev. Fred Riggs of Morley, told of the Christian Endeavor as a missionary enterprise. At 3:30 the conference work was taken up and this was handled by several different members. The junior work was in charge of Mrs. E. L. Condon, state junior superintendent; the intermediate by Miss Jessie Lea, the prison work by Miss Belle Powers and the missionary by Rev. Mr. Emsign.

Adopt Resolutions.

The resolutions as adopted by the delegates were: Resolved that the interest and attention given to temperance and moral reform we recommend that for the furtherance of good citizenship in Iowa, that a good citizenship department be organized. That each society have a good citizenship committee. That each society place in its prayer meeting a poster bearing this motto: "A saloonless nation by 1920." That this department center its efforts for the coming year on making this a saloonless nation by 1920. That we as Christian Endeavorers of Iowa urge the state legislature to pass a law prohibiting capital punishment.

Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the press of the city for the excellent reports of the convention.

Resolved that we extend to the city our thanks for its kind welcome.

Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the county sheriff for his kindness and treatment while visiting the county jail.

Resolved further that we extend a vote of thanks to the people of Ottumwa for the manner in which they opened up their homes for entertainment.

So as we go from this convention may we leave with these people something that may be lasting, good to them and that may inspire them for better work for Christ and the church.

Band Concert Program.

The Fifty-fourth regimental band leader, Prof. W. Harold Kelly, has arranged a very fine program for the band. The program for the four days' session in Caldwell park beginning at 8 o'clock follows: 1—March, Semper Fidelis—Sousa. 2—Overture, Stabat Mater—Rossini. 3—Selection, High Jinks—Finl. 4—Cornet solo, selected—Edwin Rutledge. 5—Serenade, Dream of Autumn—Losey. 6—Waltz, Wedding of the Winds—Hall. 7—Reverie, Simple Confession—Thorne. 8—Sacred Fantasia, Joy to the

World or Love and Loyalty—Barnhouse.

- 9—Selection, America—Mose. 10—March, Onward Christian Soldiers. 11—March, Flag Day—Lake. 12—Selection—Faust or The Firefly.

MILLIONS LOST IN GREAT BLAZE

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and crying, others hailed the night's adventures as a lark.

Explosion Starts Blaze. From 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when a terrific explosion occurred in the factory of the Kora Leather Co., at Proctor and Boston streets, the flames raged practically unchecked until midnight. The explosion is thought to have occurred among highly inflammable chemicals used in the manufacture of patent leather. This factory stood near the foot of Gallova Hill, famous as the hanging place of witches in the early colonial days, at the western end of the city. A high wind carried the flames through the manufacturing district and thence southwestward to the main part of the city and across a thickly populated tenement district to the water front. A shift in the wind sent the fire northward along Lafayette street, where scores of the city's finest residences were burned. The fire spread out to another manufacturing center on the shore of the harbor and destroyed large factories. In the intervening area scores of business houses were swept away. The Salem hospital was among the buildings burned, but all the patients were safely removed. Great quantities of apparatus from neighboring cities assisted in fighting the flames and finally succeeded in checking their passage southward.

To the eastward they burned themselves out at the water's edge. The final stand was made near the Boston and Maine railroad station. Here several buildings were dynamited and the firemen at last gained the upper hand, saving the northeastern part of the city.

A separate fire which the police say was of incendiary origin, destroyed thirteen dwellings in North Salem and threatened the plant of the Salem Oil Co.

Sightseers Reach City.

During the forenoon train and trolley service was resumed today and thousands of sightseers thronged the city. Stores in the business section, which had been closed when the electric light plant was burned, reopened and that part of the city resumed a more nearly normal appearance.

Prompt response was made to public appeal for relief issued by Gov. Walsh. Henry C. Friel of Pittsburgh sent a check for \$25,000. Wagon and automobiles loaded with food began to arrive from surrounding cities at daylight and city officials supervised its distribution with the idea of best providing for those in actual want.

Red Cross on Job.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Ernest Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross, left today for Salem to direct relief work. The Red Cross has sent \$6,000 and is prepared to raise a large fund necessary.

Tavener's Democratic Congressional Gossip

The Courier will publish practically every day a letter from Hon. Clyde H. Tavener, democratic member of congress from the fourteenth Illinois district, happening to be in the present session of congress.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Representative M. E. Burke of Wisconsin sees in the new trust bills a safety valve which will save the United States from socialism.

"The tide of socialism has been rising in this country for the last decade until it now numbers about 1,000,000 voters, and its growth continues," said Mr. Burke. "I prophesy that unless these anti-trust bills or something similar are enacted into law and enforced, the tide of socialism will swell until it overwhelms all other parties."

The Cost of War.

That the per capita expenditure for wars, past and anticipated, is \$4.10 for each man, woman and child in the United States is the estimate of Representative W. W. Bailey of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bailey is making a party issue of the military and naval expenses of the United States. "Any party responsible for such a monstrous burden upon the toilers would be destroyed by the fury of the masses," he says. "Yet the burden is borne without a murmur, since the nature of it is not understood."

Representative Bailey has tabulated for each town in every county of his district the distributive share of army, navy and pension appropriations. The total for his district whose population is 313,568 is \$631,137.10. The little village of Coalhale with 311 inhabitants pays over \$1,275 into the federal war budget. The town of Logan, with nearly 10,000 population, pays \$39,839, while Altoona, with a population of 52,000, pays nearly \$214,000 each year for military purposes.

Mr. Bailey blames the indirect system of taxation for the existence of this system of "concealed taxes." He takes a slam at the popular fallacy that "putting money into circulation" is a good thing. "But sometimes," says Mr. Bailey, "it is well to inquire whose money and how it is put into circulation."

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.

Ft. Madison Penitentiary.

Editor Courier:

It was my pleasure to visit the penitentiary at Ft. Madison the 15th of June, and as I was raised in Ft. Madison and after serving three years in the 19th Iowa during the civil war and being unable to do manual labor, secured a position with Martin Heisey warden at that time, serving four years as guard and turnkey, and well acquainted with the life convicts had while confined there.

The terrible life of a convict while serving the time given him by the courts, was sufficient to make them worse men when they were liberated. No convict was considered anything but a brute and was treated as such. The old ways of prison life was given them, and the "cat of nine tails" was used on their backs. I was the man who took up the banishing of it and Warden Heisey was the man who ordered it laid away forever. I knew many young men who after serving time, cursed everybody and swore to have revenge. No man who served a sentence ever left the prison a better man.

I was introduced to Warden Saunders and his deputy and received all the favors they could give. When I entered the gate, the great differences were plainly visible. Instead of the old black and white stripes, the men were dressed in a plain suit and seemed to act like men should. They were working in the shops and other departments. The new cell room was a wonder, as it is truly modern and a man has all that is needed to make him comfortable. It is lighted by electricity, and has water in each cell, with a nice bunk and place to wash his face. There is a library and they can get books to read, and learn instead of being in the dark and not even allowed the privilege of papers.

When I entered the dining room I was surprised at its cleanliness and the look on the faces of the men at their tables. There was music, something to help cheer them up and help them on to good behavior. They get their suppers, instead of the old way of marching in single file and passing a table where a slice of dry bread with a cup of coffee on it, was reached for and then on into their cells. They have many days during the year for many entertainments and ball games. Very many are paroled to go outside and work on the state farm, and other duties assigned them.

Secure a parole for Orman McPherson, a life prisoner to attend the G. A. R. encampment at Burlington as he is serving a life sentence for killing a man in self defense, but an effort for his pardon is being made. Now to all who claim Warden Saunders is too good to these men, I wish to ask them if you wish to reform any body can you do it with a club? God bless Warden Saunders for his reform movement and hope it will be adopted by every state and instead of turning out men with curses against the authorities, they are reformed to a considerable degree. I believe his plan will be a help in reforming men and making them better citizens. Having been a guard four years under the old style treatment, and ten months in a confederate prison life, I am sure that confidence placed in prison and reformation, instead of clubs and curses, if there are any persons who read this and are against the reform plan of Warden Saunders, just make a visit and you will change your minds. Let us all sanction kindness to prisoners and also to everybody. It will help others and make you feel better to do a kindness to an enemy, instead of giving a kick. Remember we are all human and perhaps if we had our just dues we would not be against kindness to others.

BONAPARTE.

Mrs. W. B. White of Des Moines is enjoying a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Riggle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cullum and daughter of Sibley, Mo., and Mrs. Nell Lueckel and children of Farmington were recent visitors at the John McDaniel home.

Mrs. K. L. Meek entertained the whist club Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Marie Hickey and Master Marshall Corns of Willmette, Ill., are visiting here at the Dan Cresap home.

Miss Helen Bradshaw enjoyed a visit last week with Keokuk relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Cummings and children and Mrs. Adella Burnworth have gone to Mason, Mich., to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Stemple visited relatives in Ft. Madison last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Custer of Kirksville, Mo. are visiting here with the C. E. Miner and J. M. Burr families.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schreffer and baby of Ottumwa were visitors here last week at the Fred Schreffer home.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell was in Pella recently attending the commencement exercises. Her daughter was a graduate.

Geo. B. Johnson of Ft. Worth, Tex., visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Ella Mitchell of Pueblo, Col., came recently to visit her brothers, Phil and Joe Whiteley.

Hubert Slum of Ottumwa visited here last week.

The Misses Margaret and Georgia Easter are visiting relatives in Des Moines.

H. C. Gilbert returned last week from a trip to Norvata, Okla.

Wm. E. Parker of Bloomfield visited here recently with his sister, Mrs. Emma Bridge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark returned recently from an extended visit in Terrell, Texas.

KEOSAUQUA.

Mrs. Geo. F. Smith has returned from Chicago where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Ward. The latter formerly resided in Van Buren county and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Bonaparte.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Vance have returned from Biggsville, Ill., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Rankin.

Leo Jackson left Thursday for Colorado for an indefinite stay.

Otto Brown is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown.

Mrs. J. D. Gullick of Bentonsport came Tuesday to attend the chautauqua and to visit friends.

Miss Mary Day of Waterloo is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Day.

Alva DuMelf of Colorado Springs, Colo., is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. James Duffield, and other relatives.

OTTUMWA MAN'S MOTHER DROPS DEAD

Oskaaloosa, June 26.—Mrs. Mary L. Burris, 806 East Seventh avenue, dropped dead of apoplexy while in attendance at the annual Globe Correspondents' picnic on Penn campus. She was 58 years, 11 months and 12 days of age. Mrs. Burris had seemingly been in perfect health during the day and the end came without the slightest warning. The body was immediately removed to the Cheesman Funeral Home. The deceased leaves a daughter, Mrs. F. L. Mathews, Eddyville; a son, Clarence Coffin, Ottumwa; a brother in California, and two sisters.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Des Moines, June 26.—The supreme court has rendered the following opinions: Julia Julia Lurg vs. Marshalltown Light, Power & Railway Co., appellant, Marshall district, reversed.

C. H. Wolf vs. the Great Western Railroad company, appellant, Polk district, reversed.

C. B. Schultz vs. Walter Boyd Saddy Co., appellant, Polk district, reversed.

Addie M. Hicks vs. the Northern Mutual Life Ins. Co., appellant, Clarke district, affirmed.

Chas. Lockard, appellant vs. E. R. Clarke, sheriff, superior court of Oelwein, certiorari action on conviction, affirmed.

Farmers & Merchants' state bank, appellant, vs. J. R. Shaffer, Hamilton district, reversed.

P. D. McMahon, appellant vs. H. C. Plummer, Crawford district, affirmed.

The Rock Island Plow Co. vs. J. A. Bixby, appellant, superior court of Council Bluffs, affirmed.

ARRA W. EPPS WEDS BERYL F. KENDALL

Fairfield, June 26.—Arta W. Epps of Ottumwa and Miss Beryl F. Kendall of Rock Island, were married in this city June 20 by Rev. A. H. Lathrop.

PROBE INTO WRECK NEARING A CLOSE

Quebec, June 26.—In about two days the judgment of the commission, which since June 16 has been investigating the sinking of the steamship Empress of Ireland with a loss of more than a thousand lives, should be known. The testimony is all in and counsel for the Canadian Pacific railroad, owners of the Empress were to sum up today. On Saturday counsel for the owners of the collier Stordstad which sank the liner, will be heard as will be E. S. Newcombe representing the dominion government. This will bring the inquiry to a close.

FARMINGTON.

Mrs. Caroline Good, an aged and respected resident of this place, passed away Wednesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Coulter. Mrs. Good suffered a stroke of paralysis and was ill only a few days. She had been a resident here for many years, coming from Ohio in the early forties, and is survived by two children, Chas. Good of Chicago and Mrs. F. E. Coulter. Funeral services were held from her home Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. W. Phillips.

John Heath of Fort Madison spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson of Bonaparte visited Friday at the home of Rev. M. C. Alexander.

Miss Mamie Kirkpatrick has returned home from Ames where she completed the four year course in home economics. She was accompanied home by Miss Elsie Corwin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Noske and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Traynor are spending a few days at the former's cottage at

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Bluffs Park. Mrs. W. H. Mott pleasantly entertained the Kensington club Tuesday evening. Chapter, P. E. O. met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. H. E. Folker. This was the last meeting before the summer vacation. Misses Cora Stevens and Gladys Knott were initiated into the sisterhood. At the close of the business session a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

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