

GOOD ROADS BOOM NOT MODERN IDEA

PRESENT DAY BOOSTERS CANNOT CLAIM CREDIT FOR ORIGINATING PLAN.

Let the good roads boosters including J. H. Morrill, F. A. Nimocks, H. B. Patterson, J. W. Hall, H. J. Lytle, H. H. Evans, C. A. Wellman, M. B. Hutchison, H. L. Bell, J. R. Stodghill, W. T. Archer, M. W. Poling, C. W. McCarty and J. N. Weidenfeller of Ottumwa, Joe Long of Des Moines, Fred Jones of Polk township, R. N. Carson of Iowa City, J. A. Ruter of Sewell, John Mulvaney of Highland, A. H. Dunlap of Williamsburg, D. W. Norris, Jr., of Marshalltown, George T. Sayre, of Marshalltown, Orville Griffie of Cowgill, Mo., and C. F. Adams of Chillicothe, Mo., all take notice of the following from The Courier of April 12, 1846, it shows that the men of today did not originate the good roads idea and were not the first to get down and hustle and contribute money in the interests of improved highways, despite the fact that they are now working at it as if they were the pioneers of a cause that the public does not yet understand. The files of The Courier for the above date contain the following account:

The stockholders of the Plank Road Co. from Ottumwa to Libertyville met on Wednesday the 10th inst. at Agency City pursuant to a call for that purpose, and it appearing that the requisite amount of stock had been subscribed and that an amount exceeding five per cent upon \$5,000 being paid in, the company proceeded to elect officers.

We learn that the following gentlemen were unanimously elected to wit:

Judge Biggs of Ottumwa, president; Dr. Wood of Ottumwa, Dr. Campbell of Agency City, Thomas Foster of Ashland and A. N. Bissell of Libertyville, directors, and John Beach of Agency City, treasurer.

J. W. Norris, esq., of Ottumwa has received the appointment of secretary.

The persons selected for these various responsible situations have taken a deep interest in this enterprise, are men of business experience and qualifications and every way worthy of the positions to which they have been called. Under their supervision we have every assurance that the work will go ahead.

NEVADA CONTRACTOR ENJOINS SUPERVISORS

Perry, July 28.—A temporary injunction has been granted, restraining the board of supervisors of Dallas county from closing a contract with Walter Birdsall of this city for the construction of a big drainage ditch which will affect the property of about two hundred people in this city. The objection to the completion of the work does not come from the property owners, however, but from a Nevada contractor named Haugsted, who alleges that the bid of Birdsall was not received by the supervisors until twenty-five minutes after the time specified by the board had expired.

SCHOOL CHILDREN BECOME THRIFTY

Des Moines, July 28.—The pupils of the West Des Moines schools saved pennies to the amount of \$10,275.77 during the last school year, according to the report of the Penny Provident association, which has just been made public. This shows a substantial increase over the \$6,398.34 which they saved in 1902, the first year of the association's existence.

FIND BIG BUNDLE OF MEN'S CLOTHING

Logan, July 28.—A bundle of gentlemen's furnishings was discovered secreted in the weeds at California Junction Saturday by E. O. Fiene, who watched and soon arrested a young man that came for the merchandise, and Deputy Sheriff M. O. Myers went to Missouri Valley, met the constable and brought the stranger to Logan where it is said the officers secured a confession that he found the goods near a merchandise car at California Junction, and had hidden them in the weeds and had on a part of the goods "found."

BUSMAN'S BARN AT BRIGHTON IS BURNED

Brighton, July 28.—The large barn belonging to E. R. Corrick, a busman at this place, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday. It is supposed that a lantern which had been left in the barn had exploded and ignited hay which was stored in the place. The local fire department combined with a bucket brigade of volunteers saved the blaze under control. The owner carried about \$200 on the buses which were stored in the building but which were successful in saving his horses. That a greater damage was not done can be attributed alone to the fact that there had been a rain the night previous and this saved many of the adjoining buildings.

PETER WINTER HAS LIVED IN COUNTY FOR FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS; CAME HERE IN WAGON

For the past fifty-eight years Peter Winter has been a resident of Wapello county and during the last fourteen years has lived in Ottumwa with his daughters, Misses Rose and Mary Winter at 2205 East Main street. Few of the pioneers have a richer fund of recollections of the early days in the county than Peter Winter whose farm lies east of the city near Sugar creek. The original homestead is with a few changes still in his possession although he has bought and sold much land since making his home on the original 116 acres which has been added to until at present 170 acres comprises what he still calls the home place despite the fact that in December 1900 he moved from the farm into Ottumwa.



PETER WINTER, WELL KNOWN PIONEER.

Mr. Winter was one of the pioneers that came to Wapello county in a wagon. Born in Prussia east of Metz, March 29, 1824, the then sturdy young German saw possibilities in the new country and came to America. He landed in New Orleans in 1841. Making the trip up the states to the river, Mr. Winter who was then a lad of 17 years stopped enroute in Cincinnati but for a short time going on to Rush county, Indiana, where he arrived in the town of Madison, July 4, 1841. He made his home in the Hoosier state until December 1848 and went back to Cincinnati.

Was Married in 1847. May 31, 1847 he was united in marriage with Catherine Hirschauer and they landed in Cincinnati the following year the states that of waters. His wife consisted of a babe and \$7 in money. But he had youth and vigor, both of which remained with him for many years afterwards, and he was willing to work and got work to do. He was in Cincinnati when the cholera plague broke out in 1849 and was in the midst of it but was fortunate enough to escape its clutches.

Recalls Cholera Plague. The energetic young German found employment in the boiler making industry and this gave him considerable employment for some time. It was while working as a boiler maker that he was most exposed to cholera, for steamboats coming up the river from New Orleans would often have cases aboard and he has boarded the boats on which members of the crew and passengers died of the dread plague.

To make boiler repairs he has often been called to these boats and speaks of the cholera period with horror. The qualities that have characterized the well known pioneer since coming to Wapello county and which are responsible for his later success, had already been formed in the young man for it was not long after he entered the boiler making industry until he was made foreman of a gang and often had to work seven days a week for there was great need of the men of that craft in those days. He remained seven and a half years in Cincinnati and despite the fact that the first year's wages were employed at the business he received but one dollar per day for his services, he managed by careful and economical habits to amass \$2,000 before he quit the Ohio city.

Came Here in Wagon. Mr. Winter was not in any sense a nomad, but he could and did see possibilities ahead for the young man who came west in an early day, and upon April 22, 1856 he gathered his small family about him and all took passage on a boat which brought them to Keokuk, Iowa. They had heard of Ottumwa and set their course for this place. Having bought a new farm wagon for his use on the farm he expected to buy after coming to Wapello county, he loaded most of his effects in this wagon but found that he needed the second vehicle for the balance of his goods and employed a teamster who furnished four horses and a wagon and thus the Winter family made the journey from Keokuk to Ottumwa. The trip via prairie schooner cost \$56 and the party reached here May 3, 1856.

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Helped Build St. Mary's. Mr. Winter was one of the early members of the congregation of St. Mary's and he tells with clearness of the days when the historic old Catholic church that stands at Fourth and Court streets was built. He was one of the early day Catholics that give aid by personal work as well as in money toward the erection of the church. Mr. Winter had rock for four weeks from the bed of the Des Moines river at the foot of Green street, to the site on which now stands the old stone church. He aided in the building and saw it grow by little and little, for it was not all completed at once. The stone mason in charge of the construction was James Brady grandfather of City Engineer J. T. Brady.

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ARE PREPARING TO BUILD NEW HOME

UNITED MINE WORKERS WILL ERECT COMFORTABLE BUILDING IN NEAR FUTURE.

Albia, July 28.—As per the agreement at the last bi-annual meeting of the United Mine Workers of America, a new home will be erected in this city. The two lots of Dr. C. B. Powell, one block east of the public square and near many fine buildings, have been purchased, and plans are being gotten ready. It is not the intention to erect a great big building, but it will be such a building as will provide ample room for all the offices. The building will be made up in beauty as to what it will lack in size. The land purchased will allow air to enter from all sides, and there will be the surplus ground of twenty-two feet on the west side, which can later be sold if desired. The ground is a bargain at price and goes to show that the people of Albia attempt no "holdup" when there is the opportunity to secure such a building. The central location of the building will be one of the main things. It is near the Evans-Carnegie library, across from the opera house, near the hotels, and there is but one block to the public square. Appropriate inscription will be made over the doors. The building will be raised about four feet from the ground, and will be fitted for the business for which it will be put in use.

Cedar Rapids with the Great White Way and Lincoln trail, giving east and west connections across the country. The line will be marked from Blakesburg to Highland via Ottumwa. The third route is that recently organized in which J. N. Weidenfeller and H. J. Lytle of Ottumwa, assisted. This is the Great North and South Highway and is intended to reach from New Orleans to Duluth in an all-north and south direction. It is already laid out from Jefferson City, Mo., to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The mark for this route is three bands of four inches each, white, red, white. The territory to be marked is from Agency to Highland by way of Ottumwa.

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SUMMONS SISTER BEFORE DEATH

MISS JUNIE SCHERTZ CALLS SISTER ON PHONE TO COME AT ONCE; FOUND DEAD

Miss Junie Schertz, aged about 30 years, and living with her brother one mile north of Dablonaga, died at her home Tuesday about 9:30.

Miss Schertz and her brother, Phil Schertz, lived together and earlier this morning she went to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Schertz, who lives probably a quarter of a mile farther north on the same road. The woman went to her relative's home for the purpose of taking some household articles and cooking utensils which would be of assistance to Mrs. Schertz in preparing for threshers, whom she was expecting today.

In about the time that it would take Miss Schertz to arrive at her home her sister-in-law received a telephone call from her, saying for her to come at once. Mrs. Schertz hurried to the house and when she arrived there she found Miss Schertz lying across the bed in her room, apparently dead. A physician was called at once but his efforts were of no avail as the woman had passed away.

RED OAK AUDITOR IS BADLY INJURED

Red Oak, July 28.—County Auditor Peter Ostrom met with a serious accident recently as he was returning home from an ice cream social at the Sture Sandholm farm. He was riding on his bicycle and as he neared the cemetery the light from his wheel frightened a team belonging to A. J. Landstrom. The horses plunged and threw Mr. Ostrom off and ran over him, breaking several ribs and apparently inflicting internal injuries. Mr. Ostrom is in quite a serious condition today.

BLOOMFIELD WINS ON SUIT OF PAVING

Bloomfield, July 28.—City Attorney Scarborough has just received word from Judge F. M. Hunter that the three city cases that were tried jointly at the last term of court had been decided in favor of the city. These cases were brought into court to compel three men to pay for the paving along the side of their property, which they refused to do, claiming illegality as their excuse. The parties to the suit were S. S. Standley, J. P. Tombs and T. A. Dunlap.

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DROUGHT BROKEN IN WESTERN IOWA

Humboldt, July 28.—The long continued drought in this section of the state, which was beginning to show on the corn, has been most effectively broken by a rainfall of over three inches, one of the heaviest falling here in a long while. It has practically made the corn, while the pastures are picking up rapidly. Late potatoes have been very materially damaged by the drought. The harvest of oats was done under most favorable circumstances, although the yield will not be heavy owing to the heat at the time the grains were forming, making them rather light. Fruit will be scarce about here.

EDDYVILLE.

Misses Abbie and Nellie Sullivan went to Des Moines Thursday to spend a few days visiting relatives. Ray Odem of Charlton is visiting at the E. W. England home, west of town.

Miss Lola Carson of Roundup, Mont., who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, Miles Richards left Saturday morning for a couple of weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Terrell and son, after spending a week at the parental L. V. Terrell and A. L. Surber homes returned to Wright, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker of Richmond came Friday for a visit with their son, R. H. Walker.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Burton Saturday July 25, a daughter.

Miss Gwen Luscombe of Beason is spending this week with her friend, Miss Neva England.

Mrs. Jennie Crosson, Mrs. Pearl Hall and daughter, Vera returned to Minneapolis, Saturday night after a month's visit with Eddyville relatives.

Miss Mamie Roberts of Rose Hill who has been spending a few days with Miss Vina Saville returned home Saturday.

Will O'Brien departed for St. Louis Sunday morning on a business trip.

LIBERTYVILLE.

Elmer Anderson has returned to his home in Nevada after a week's visit here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn of Delta, Iowa, were guests of friends here last week. Mr. Dunn was operator for the Rock Island here twenty years ago.

Miss Berta McGraw and Dick Crail of Fairfield spent Sunday at the C. Vaught home.

The Epworth league realized \$88 from the county fair Friday night. It was a success in every way. Miss Genevieve Ferrell received first premium of \$1 on best angel food cake and Prudence Bishop, second, fifty cents.

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Some Men Insist on Having Our Suits at Any Price. Small wonder, then, that the announcement that lower prices will prevail for a short time induces such fast and liberal buying. The advantage in quality is well worth while, and you'll find many especially attractive price reasons for buying right now. \$27.00 and \$25.00 Suits now \$18.00 \$22.50 and \$20.00 Suits now \$15.00 \$18.50 and \$18.00 Suits now \$12.00 \$15.00 and \$13.50 Suits now \$10.00 Come and See How Cheap You Can Buy a Good Suit Now Doty Clothing Co. JERRY SHEA, MANAGER 209-211 E. MAIN ST. OTTUMWA, IOWA We Pay Railroad Fare According to Rules of Retail Merchants' Association