

# Iowa State News

## VACCINE MEN ARE WINNERS IN CASE

ACTION INVOLVED TECHNICAL POINT ON MATTERS OF SERUM TREATMENT.

Clarion, March 2.—The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant vaccine manufacturers in a most important case which occupied three days of the district court, a case which is thought to be the first touching the question involved to be tried in the state, and which will be a precedent relative to the liability of hog cholera serum manufacturers as to results from the use of their cholera preventatives and remedies.

The case is entitled J. H. Nitchem vs. the Ames Vaccine company of Fort Dodge, and Dr. E. C. Evers of Goldfield, the veterinarian who administered the serum to the Nitchem hogs. The jury was composed of farmers.

The incident of the case dates back to September 10, 1913, when hog cholera was very prevalent throughout the county. The evidence in the case developed that the plaintiff summoned Dr. Evers to administer the serum, which was purchased from the Ames Vaccine company, to his herd of hogs. Thirty brood sows which were with sucking pigs and eighty-five shoats and affected pigs were not submitted to the treatment owing to this condition.

### Treated Hogs Died.

The hogs treated immediately began to swell along the side and within twenty-four hours twenty-seven of the brood sows, eighty-three of the shoats and about 100 of the sucking pigs died. Plaintiff's petition charges the defendants with the responsibility of the death of the hogs, because of impure and poisonous serum used and contributory negligence in the administering of the same and asked for judgment of \$2,525 in payment for his loss. Several expert witnesses were on the stand and the evidence was very conflicting as to the condition of the hogs when treated, the condition of the premises and corn given the hogs after treatment, which might have contributed to this sudden death. The instructions of the court indicated that the burden of proof was upon the plaintiff to show that the serum was the more probable cause of death than four or five other possible causes. The jury has not yet returned a verdict.

The results of this case will be watched with keen interest and concern, as upon its result depends the future business of manufacturing and selling hog virus and serum. Before the case was submitted to the jury on motion of defendant's counsel the court absolved the co-defendant, Dr. Evers, as a party to the case and instructed the jury to consider the Ames Vaccine company only, as Dr. Evers could not be liable in any event.

## POSES AS OFFICER; ROBES SORORITY HOUSE

Iowa City, March 2.—Posing as a policeman, an unknown burglar escaped arrest after entering the Delta Delta Delta sorority chapter house, and being discovered by the girls. He had rummaged through the kitchen and the dining room, but had pocketed no silverware when discovered. He informed the fair co-eds that he was a policeman, sent up to investigate, as a man had been prowling about the premises. The girls, in turn, telephoned the police station to see if this was true, and the officers repudiated the intruder. Before, however, they could send a real policeman to the scene, the burglar bolted, as the co-eds could not hold him.

## RECORDS SHOW \$250,000 WORTH OF TRANSFERS

Fairfield, March 2.—Almost \$250,000 worth of Jefferson county land has been bought and sold during the past few days as shown by the records. Practically \$150,000 worth was entered for record Monday, March 1. Real estate men and attorneys say that there has not been the last minute rush this year that usually occurs about March 1, but there has been a goodly number of farms and residence properties bought and sold.

## LUMBERMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Iowa City March 2.—James P. Carroll, a member of the Dunlap Lumber Co.'s staff narrowly escaped being killed in an odd accident Monday. He attempted to drive through a narrow gateway, and his wagon bed and overboard, and was bruised, lacerated and wrenched, his back being injured. He was picked up, helpless, and carried home. Unless his spine is permanently hurt, he will be able to resume activities in a fortnight.

## DIES FROM A FALL.

Clinton, March 2.—Mrs. Albert Sells of Garden Plain, Ill., was shot distance east of Clinton, was instantly killed when she was thrown to the pavement at the Clinton end of the bridge over the Mississippi yesterday. She was thrown out upon her head and shoulders and her spine was broken.

## DES MOINES IS FALLING.

Keokuk, March 2.—The Des Moines river has commenced to fall after having reached a dangerous stage that threatened overflow of the low Missouri land south of Keokuk. The Mississippi continues to rise but there is no danger of a flood stage in this stretch of the river.

## CLEMENT MILLER AT WASHINGTON

THE FAIRFIELD BOY AND OTHER YOUNG IOWA FARMERS VISITING CAPITAL.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The department of agriculture is acting as host this week to the farm boys and girls of Illinois and Iowa who have established records in competition as corn growers and hog raisers during the last year.

Clement Miller of Fairfield, Iowa, is one of the leading pork raisers in the country. He raised ten pigs with a net profit of \$48 at the time the contest closed.

The Illinoisans visit Washington as the guests of Congressman-elect William B. McKinley of Champaign. They include: Myron Cuskuden, Albert Felteck, Roy James, Clarence Fry, Dewey Morris, Orville Sampley, Eldo Mire, and Jacob Loomis.

The Iowa delegation consists of Miss Katherine R. Logan, in charge; D. J. Mack, Clement L. Miller, Ray F. Silwell, Eloise Parsons, Ruth Fleck, M. F. Miller, Earle Zeller and V. Crowell.

## FRATERNAL BODIES PLANNING TO BUILD

Waterloo, March 2.—Two Waterloo fraternal organizations have plans under consideration for the construction of new homes. The Masonic order has been contemplating the erection of a new building for some time, while the Elks have been discussing sites for several weeks.

The Masonic building association purchased a large tract of ground at the rear of the present Masonic temple several years ago, but it is understood that a majority of the membership is now opposed to using that site and an effort is being made to procure more desirable grounds for a temple and club rooms.

The Masonic association owns the building now occupied by that organization in addition to the property on Park avenue. The property is valued at \$88,000.

## WILLING TO MEET LINE TO THE LAKES

Ft. Dodge, March 2.—C. H. Crooks, general manager for the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern, declared while in the city recently that his road would be willing to confer with Col. Luce of Minneapolis about meeting Col. Luce's proposed road somewhere north of Fort Dodge with an interurban extension from this city.

Mr. Crooks also said that Homer Loring, president of the Interurban, has contemplated for some time running to Spirit Lake and that the road would be willing to meet the proposed line of Col. Luce south from Jackson, Minn.

E. J. Breen who has taken an interest in the work of Col. Luce, has heard nothing further about a visit of E. A. Roberts of the Luce lines here to talk over the proposed interurban with local business men.

## WILL NOT REPLACE STEAMER MAJESTIC

Keokuk, March 2.—Members of the Wisard Steamboat Co., say that they will not attempt to replace the steamer Majestic that sank last summer north of St. Louis, before next winter probably early in the spring of 1916. The G. W. Hill will handle all of the excursion business on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers for the Wisard people. Two steamers owned by the Streckfus company will be used on the Mississippi in the excursion business. This company, it is understood, is planning the purchase of another excursion steamer for next season. It is not known, however, whether the boat, if purchased, will be used in the trade north of St. Louis along the Mississippi or whether she will be placed in the trade on the Illinois river.

## HEDRICK MASONS HAVE BIG MEETING

Hedrick, March 2.—The local lodge of Hedricks held a big meeting Friday night at which the Oskaloosa Masons were guests. The third degree was conferred upon the candidate for the evening and the visitors gave the work. At the close of the ceremonies an excellent banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The following were those from Oskaloosa who attended: J. W. Craig, F. W. Glaze, A. C. Spurgen, F. L. Moore, Wm. Pomroy, S. C. McCann, J. D. Ridgeway, C. L. Dean, F. H. Strouse, John Ramsey, C. D. Huchings, F. E. Smith, R. K. Davis, C. E. Mason, H. C. Munsell, C. E. Hamilton, L. R. Perry, W. G. Eby, J. M. Price, Dr. J. E. Fleener, Pearl Sparks, C. C. Cone, Art Strouse, E. A. Bowen, F. S. Stone, F. A. Roberts, E. E. Gaffe, C. B. Morgan.

## HARPER HEARING BEFORE WILSON, J. P.

Fairfield, March 2.—J. Harper, a young man of about thirty years, was arrested Sunday afternoon by Sheriff Stan Campbell, on a warrant sworn out by Fred Edler, charging him with assault with intent to commit great bodily injury. The alleged assault occurred three weeks ago, immediately after which Harper left town. He returned only a few days ago. He will be given a hearing in Justice D. B. Wilson's court Wednesday afternoon. It is said that he will ask for a change of venue, in which case Justice A. W. Jaques will hear the evidence.

## WADE FAMILY NOT PLANNING TO MOVE

FRIENDS OF NEW FEDERAL JUDGE SAY THAT IOWA CITY SHOULD BE IN DISTRICT.

Iowa City, M. J. Wade, who was in Washington, D. C., when President Wilson sent to the senate the noted Iowa democratic leader's nomination as successor to the late Judge Smith McPherson of Red Oak, is expected home soon. No statement has been made here for publication by Judge Wade as to his intentions, but his family admits that there is no removal from Iowa City planned in the Wade home.

This indicates that Judge Wade has assurances that the transfer of Iowa City to the southern Iowa district is promised along with the honor that has been accorded him by the administration. Iowa City was in the southern district originally and was gerrymandered out of it, to make Cedar Rapids court affairs satisfactory, it is said. Therefore, a restoration of the university city to the southern bailwick would not only make things pleasant for the new appointee, but would be simple return to a condition that once existed.

It is announced by the firm of Wade, Dutcher & Davis, that Judge Wade will retire from the partnership, and the younger members, Charles M. Dutcher, formerly for years secretary of the Iowa State Bar association, and Walter M. Davis, president of the Johnson County Savings bank, will continue the practice of law under the name of Dutcher & Davis.

## IOWA CITY MAN IS IN DOUBLE TROUBLE

Iowa City, March 2.—With his wife dead, Fred Grimm, a pioneer of Muscatine, is in the University hospital here, and was unable to attend the funeral. He broke his left leg some time ago, and an operation was necessary here. He came to the hospital and while here, the message came, announcing his wife's death. Mrs. Grimm was buried yesterday. Surviving are the husband and one son, Scott. Mrs. X. Grossjean and Jacob Hohenadel of Muscatine county, are sister and brother, respectively, of the dead woman.

## FILTERING SYSTEM IS BEING PLANNED

Clear Lake, March 2.—At this time it looks as if the permanent water supply for this city was settled. The city council has contracted with the National company, West Bend, Ind., for a high pressure filter which will be placed in the lake. Pumping from this will be done by electricity. A bond has been given by the National company, guaranteeing the water to be of sufficient purity as to be approved by the state board of health. The maximum cost for pumping is not to exceed five cents per one thousand gallons. The water supply question has been a perplexing one for a long time and the general feeling seems to be the council has settled it about right. The cost will be met by bond issue.

## RED CROSS SOCIETY PREPARES SUPPLIES

Davenport, March 2.—Although organized but a little more than two weeks, the Steuben Red Cross society has finished sewing over 1,000 articles for the war hospitals of Europe, and has six big boxes, containing 700 articles, packed and ready for shipment. The work of packing is continuing, and by the early part of next week it is expected that 1,000 articles will be on their way from Davenport to New York to be sent to Europe. The articles include Blankets, convalescent robes, pajamas, abdominal bands, bed shirts, surgical shirts, knee warmers, stockings, bed shoes, absorbent cotton, arm slings and thousands of yards of bandages. Each article represents hours of work on the part of the women of Davenport, and many outside the city who have been helping. Many bales of absorbent cotton were sent by women at Ft. Madison, and the same women are busily engaged sewing articles which will be included in the shipment.

## ILL FATED FIREMAN FOUND IN THE MUD

Creston, March 2.—The huge locomotive which pulled passenger train No. 1 on the Chicago Great Western railroad on the morning of the 22nd, when the engine and two cars left the rails two and a half miles north of Atton Junction and rolled over into the ditch, carrying the engineer and fireman to their death, has been lifted and put back on the track. When the big mass of steel, weighing over ninety tons, was picked up by means of two mammoth derricks the body of the ill-fated fireman, Hickok, who without warning and in the twinkling of an eye was scarrified to a muddy grave, was not at once begun and it was finally found three feet under the surface, with the face upward, both arms outstretched, and one hand almost on the surface.

## ROGERS-SHERMAN WEDDING.

Fairfield, March 2.—Many Fairfield friends were surprised to learn of the wedding of Miss Margaret Sullivan and Homer Rogers, which occurred Saturday evening at 8 o'clock with only the relatives knowing of the event. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan. Mr. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers who live north of this city.

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## A CONGREGATIONAL JUBILEE, MAY 8

CHURCHES WILL COMMEMORATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING.

Des Moines, March 2.—The Congregational churches of Iowa will celebrate the diamond jubilee of the founding of the Congregational church May 18-20. The local church had the honor of entertaining the Iowa churches on the fiftieth anniversary, when Dr. Alvah L. Frisbie was its active minister, twenty-five years ago. All of the Congregational churches in the city will unite with Plymouth in providing entertainment for the members of the visiting churches.

Notable men of the denomination who will be on the program are Dr. H. P. Dewey of Minneapolis, Dr. H. A. Bridgman of Boston and Dr. Frederick Lynch of New York.

Reports of the church work in Iowa for the past year will show that it cost \$468,000 to maintain the 290 congregations. New churches were built costing \$226,15. The churches gave to missions \$77,226, and at the same time met an increase of \$90,000 in home expenses and voluntarily

increased their benevolent contributions \$21,340. There are 36,030 members enrolled. Approximately 3,000 of these were added last year.

The Congregational church points to Grinnell college with pardonable pride, as its child. The school is recognized as being among the leaders in the educational field. The indorsement of the local Congregational hospital was one of the latest moves of the denomination.

## HOMER CAUGHLIN DIRECTOR OF CONCERT

Chariton, March 2.—A sacred concert of unusual merit was given at St. Andrew's Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon, under the direction of the chorister, H. A. Coughlan. Many were unable to gain admittance and the concert will be repeated next Sunday afternoon.

## RETRIAL OF DAMAGE CASE.

Glenwood, March 2.—The case of the Johnson heirs against Page county is before the district court here. At the recent term of court, under Judge Arthur, the jury brought a verdict for plaintiff and fixed the amount of recovery from Lee county at close to \$20,000, half of it to be paid by Page and half by Fremont county, the defective bridge being on the county line. Judge Arthur later considered a motion brought by the attorneys for the two counties for a rehearing, meanwhile setting aside the jury's verdict, and this is the case which is now being heard before Judge Rockafellow.

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## GETS BIG SALMON.

Columbus Junction, March 2.—Attorney E. B. Tucker of this place was the recipient a few days ago of a good fish feast, which was a two and a half foot salmon, which had been sent him by his son, Attorney Will Tucker of Aberdeen, Wash. It came packed in ice and was in splendid shape when received.

## KEYSTONE SHOWS GAIN.

Keystone, Iowa, March 2.—According

ing to the figures just turned in by the town assessor, Keystone now has a population of 490, a gain of 20 per cent over the figures of five years ago. Keystone is recognized as the third best town in Benton county and is now the largest town on the Milwaukee main line between Marion and Tama. From the number of contemplated improvements announced for coming year, it is safe to say that the gain in population in the past five years will be more than equaled in the next five.