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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. William Charlton of Centerville has returned home after visiting friends in Ottumwa and Batavia. Mrs. H. C. Murfin of Ponemah street, has gone to Des Moines to visit relatives. Mrs. B. F. Proctor of Oskaloosa, has returned home after visiting friends in the city. Mrs. J. Smith of Charlton, who has been visiting friends in the city has returned to her home. Mrs. M. E. Bussell, 308 Ferry street, has gone to Seymour to visit with friends. Miss Mary Llewellyn, 709 North Court street, will spend Sunday in Mystic with relatives. Mrs. A. L. Jones of Albia, who has been visiting friends in the city has returned home. Mrs. Joe Harsch of Sigourney has returned home after visiting in Albia and Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rouse, 206 Woodland avenue, have gone to Seymour to visit with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Tennant. Mrs. B. Winters of Douglas avenue has gone to Chillicothe, Mo., to visit relatives. Mrs. Kate Perkins, east of the city, has gone to Seymour to visit relatives. Harry V. Henness of Mansfield, Ohio is a guest at the home of W. S. Crips, 415 North Fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hervey, 101 South Willard street have gone to Thornburg to spend Sunday and to attend the funeral of Richard Watson. Miss Audrey and Master Ivan Caylor have returned to Centerville, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Replogie, 605 Ellis avenue. Roy Mellis, 721 Albia road went to Fairfield today, to visit his brother, Bruce Mellis and to attend the tri-state meet. Miss Hattie Wolf, who attends Iowa Wesleyan at Mt. Pleasant, arrived today to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wolf, 101 North Willard street. Mrs. Gusie Williams Prouty of Dallas, Tex., is the guest of Mrs. George Bullock, 1329 North Court street. Rev. A. L. Whitcomb and wife returned to University Park Thursday, after visiting Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Feurick, 805 Wabash avenue. E. A. Schworm, 835 Church street who has been out of duty for the past ten days returned to work Thursday. Miss Lorena Southwick of Oskaloosa spent today with Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Feurick, 805 Wabash avenue en route to Birmingham.

In Memoriam Henry A. Merner. Henry A. Merner the eighth child born in the home of Frederick and Philippa Merner, first saw the light of day at New Hamburg, Canada, December 27, 1870 and passed into the realm past our sight May 2, 1915, having spent forty-four years, four months and five days in his earthly pilgrimage. Seven of his father's family remain sorrowing over the loss of the departed loved one. They are Mrs. Jacob Ernst, New Hamburg, Canada; Mrs. Henry Evers, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. S. L. Zoeger, Toledo, Ohio; A. W. Berlin, Ontario; Oscar, New Hamburg, Canada; Frank, Aurora, Illinois and M. Y. Ottumwa.

When a child Mr. Merner went to Toledo, O., and made his home with his sister Mrs. Zoeger, until he ventured on life's sea of service. When a young man he went to Horton, Kans., and that city gave him a home for all his business life. There he acquired many friends and the real sorrow of this occasion is known there for when a young man is taken from the call of duty on account of disease only those whom know him and his interest in humanity can appreciate his value. Leaving Horton about two years ago, Mr. Merner suffered a nervous breakdown from which he never recovered. Since that time he has done everything medical aid could furnish and has traveled in hope of finding relief but failed, finding a complication of troubles instead; so on the above date the long became too heavy and his tired heart laid it aside. While living in Horton, Kans., the subject of this sketch won the heart of Miss Melinda Connell. She gave him her hand in marriage June 3d, 1897 and today among the suffering survivors. Mr. Merner was raised in German Evangelical church and received the thorough training that church gives its communicants. And we might add that the mother who was the best of all the trainers it furnished only a few months ago preceded him to the portals past our sight. So while it is with bowed heads we accept his untimely death, we also look to her God and pray the prayer she taught the "kline kinder" in her far off German home. The funeral was held at the home of M. Y. Merner at 3 o'clock p. m. May 7. Rev. C. A. Field had charge of the service and a quartet consisting of Mrs. A. F. Reusch, Miss Pansy Hartwell, C. E. Black and Rev. Field furnished the music with Miss Esther Millhouse presiding at the instrument. The remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Ottumwa cemetery.—Contributed.

VALLEY JUNCTION WANTS NEW NAME

Des Moines, May 10.—Now comes Valley Junction, suburb six miles distant from Des Moines, and complains that its name is to its disadvantage and prays for relief in the form of a new name. The movement for the new moniker was given a boost by the new city council which has taken upon itself the task of selecting a new name. Once this is done no further action will be taken until the general election next fall. If Valley Junction decides it ought to be something else, something else it will be. The fault found with the present name is that the word "Junction" indicates that Valley Junction is a railroad crossing, not a thriving city. Valley Junction came into the limelight prominently a year ago last December when the Des Moines saloons were closed by the supreme court. Street cars and taxi-cabs were overcrowded with thirsty persons on their way from here to the grog shops of the suburb. When the saloons were closed the first of the year here the Valley Junction council closed those in that place.

SCHOOL CASES GO TO SUPREME COURT

RULING ON CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT LAW ASKED FOR IN THE APPEAL.

Des Moines, May 10.—In the case of the consolidated school districts of Webster and Jefferson townships versus P. H. Martin, treasurer of Polk county, which was submitted to the supreme court yesterday, construction of the law providing for the formation of consolidated school districts was requested. The court is asked to rule before May 15 in order that the district in question may proceed with the construction of a school building. If delayed, the district will lose considerable money by the expiration of present contracts, the attorneys said. The consolidated school act, the attorneys said, has many clouded points. Unless these disputed provisions are officially ruled upon, many districts will continue to stagger along in uncertainty as to their legality, it was argued. The court is asked to make clear what "ten days next preceding the election" takes in. It is also asked to rule on the matter of furnishing separate ballot boxes in towns and villages where the towns and villages appear only on paper.

PRIZE FOR CORN GROWERS.

Marshalltown, May 10.—The Marshalltown State bank of this city has started a corn growing contest for Marshall county. It has offered a free trip, worth \$135, to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco to the boy raising the best acre of corn in the county. Additional prizes of \$10 in cash are offered for the best acres of corn grown in each of the county townships. The contest is open to any boy in the county under 19 years of age.

MILWAUKEE TRAIN HITS AUTO.

Council Bluffs, May 10.—John Kirkhoff, aged 30, while crossing the Milwaukee railway track near Templeton in an auto, was hit by a train and dangerously hurt. He was brought to a hospital here by trainmen. The injured man was unable to talk of the accident.

Obituary

Lethia Davidson. Lethia Davidson passed away this morning at 2 o'clock at her home, 717 West Fourth street, after an illness of typhoid fever for the past two weeks. She was born in Batavia February 8, 1890, and is survived by her parents, two brothers Vernon and Donavan and one sister, Edith. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. Cudlipp. Interment in Ottumwa cemetery. —C. O. Clarence Robert Carnal. Clarence Robert, two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carnal, passed away this morning at 1:30 o'clock at the residence, 810 Clinton avenue. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence conducted by Rev. Daniel Williams of the Latter Day Saints. Interments will be made in Ottumwa cemetery. Young Grunwald is well provided with credentials carrying a certificate of identification from the Russian consul at New York, P. de Routskey, and three letters from F. O. Morse of the Jamestown, N. Y. Y. M. C. A. to persons in Denver, Colo., Ely, Nev., and Cheyenne, Wyo. He will travel along the Burlington tracks from Ottumwa to Denver. He speaks Russian, German, English, Spanish and Hindustani.

YOUNG RUSSIAN TAKES LONG HIKE

ALEXANDER GRUNWALD ON WAY FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO AFOOT.

SEEING THE WORLD

Ran Away From Home at 13 and Has Been Traveling Over Globe Ever Since; Leaves Here Tuesday. While millions of the czar's subjects are bearing arms for the Russian government and many have left the United States to take up the life in the trenches and field for their native land, one of the youthful subjects of Nicholas has deemed walking around the world more to his liking. This is Alexander Grunwald, aged 17 years, who quit the czar's land four years ago when but thirteen years of age and has since then been pretty much over the world. Most of the travel has been afoot. Walking Across Country. Young Grunwald is at present en route by the pedal method from New York to San Francisco and follows the railroad tracks most of the way. He left Twenty-third street ferry, March 25 on his continental hike and hitting the Burlington tracks at Galesburg, has tramped along this road into Ottumwa arriving here from Burlington Sunday morning at 9:45 leaving the river city at 3 a. m. He puts up at the Y. M. C. A. en route and will leave here for Albia early Tuesday morning. He sells post cards en route for the expenses of his trip. Grunwald expects to reach his destination on the coast in July. He does not expect to stay there more than a few weeks however, saying that the fair has no attraction for him and he will "Beat It" via the steamer route to Australia as soon as he can get a boat and work his passage across the "briny" to the antipodes. Youth though he is, young Grunwald is worldly wise and especially is he acquainted with the methods of travel and unafraid of adventure. In fact the latter seems his inspiration for he does not let the moss grow on his heels nor has the road any terrors for him. Dressed in a suit of khaki with leggings to match, heavy boot nailed shoes that have no less than eighteen metal plates upon them, a soft shirt, sombrero and blue neckerchief, belt, leather holster and pistol with canteen and small pack for his clothes on his back, young Grunwald is equipped for travel. He also carries a suit of oil skins for bad weather and rain or storm has no terrors for him. He spent some time at sea on passenger and tramp steamers and thus the oil skins.

Sent Money to Mother. The young traveler has not been un-mindful of his mother who resides in Petograd and recently sent her 300 rubles or \$150. "This is a lot of money" said he as he referred to it. His excuse for taking up the globe trotting is his dislike for Russia which he says he will never visit again. He ran away from home when thirteen taking passage to Germany and walked from Hanover to Bremen. Since then he has visited Italy, Greece, Spain, England, France, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, China, Japan, Egypt, Africa and the East Indies.

TEACHERS FORM CLUB FOR COUNTY

NEW ORGANIZATION IS STARTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF INSTRUCTORS. The Wapello County Teachers' club was organized Saturday afternoon in the office of the county superintendent at the court house, following the regular session of the Wapello county rural teachers' reading circle. The object of this new organization is to elevate the profession of teaching, advance the cause of education and to promote a feeling of fellowship and cooperation among the teachers of the county. Any instructor of Wapello county may become a member. It is especially to help the teachers in the rural schools and those who are instructors in the town schools outside of Ottumwa that this organization has been formed. The Ottumwa teachers have a club of their own known as the Ottumwa Teachers' club, and this new one is modeled considerably after it. The officers elected are Miss Elsie Harlan, president; Miss MAUDE O'Brien, vice president; Ray V. Sowen, secretary, and Miss Lena Dimmitt, treasurer. The executive committee which is to consist of the officers and three members, one to retire each year is made up of the following people: Miss Josephine Murray, three years; Miss Edna Adeock, two years, and Miss Julia Wellman, one year. There will be five meetings held during the year on the third Saturdays of September, November, January, March and May. There will be another meeting of the reading circle on Saturday, May 22, to finish up work left undone Saturday. There was an unusually large attendance last week.

WEST LIBERTY WILL PAVE ANYWAY IT SAYS

West Liberty, May 10.—The fact that Judge Barker in the district court has helped a portion of the suit for injunction against the proposed street paving for West Liberty, will not serve to deter the town council from its determination. The town, however, will not fight the case in the courts, but will retract all the previous bids and again advertise. It is figured that the delay in this preliminary work, will be much less than the time consumed by a legal fight. The court has held that the original resolution of necessity as well as the granting of the contract, was entirely valid, but the clause in the contract which gave the town engineer power to increase the amount of work, is held at fault, and the town's demurrer to the injunction petition was overruled on this account. The council proposes to take immediate steps toward second advertising, and hopes to be in readiness for actual work June 1.

GROUP NINE OF I. B. ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Charlton, May 10.—The annual meeting of Group Nine of the Iowa Bankers' association was held in this city Friday. The number of 105 guests were registered. A sumptuous dinner was served at noon by the Presbyterian ladies after which an adjournment was taken to the K. P. hall where addresses were made by J. L. Edwards of Burlington, president of the Iowa Bankers' association, and by J. A. Penick of this city. P. W. Hall and Clifford DePuy of Des Moines. An auto ride over the city was enjoyed, after which all attended a baseball game between the Charlton and Hite-man teams, the home team being victorious by a score of 8 to 1. In the evening a buffet luncheon was served at the K. P. hall, followed by a theater party.

ISAIAH BARGER DIES AT CHARITON

Charlton, May 10.—Isaiah Barger, one of Charlton's most respected citizens, passed away at his home in Charlton very suddenly on Friday. He was in unusual health when he retired the evening before, and about 3 o'clock his wife noticed that he was breathing heavily and he expired before his son could be summoned from an adjoining room. Death was probably due to paralysis, he having suffered a stroke a few years ago. He is survived by a wife and nine children, all of whom were present at the funeral services held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist church, which were followed by interment in the Charlton cemetery. A brother, Jasper Barger of Plattsmouth, Neb., and a sister, Mrs. Elva Anderson of Kansas City were also present.

DR. COGSWELL HONORED.

Iowa City, May 10.—The annual state convention of the Hahnemannian Medical association of Iowa will be held here in 1916. Dr. John W. Cogswell of Iowa City was elected state secretary and editor of the Homeopathic Journal, which will be published in Iowa City during the coming year instead of Des Moines.

PIN CAUSES DEATH.

Cedar Rapids, May 10.—Merrell John Koehn, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Koehn, died at the family home in Atkins as the result of a peculiar accident. About two weeks ago the boy swallowed a pin, and although he was taken to Iowa City to the State University hospital and the pin removed, death ensued as a result of the shock.

DEGREE OF HONOR MEETING.

Iowa City, May 10.—The annual spring convention of district No. 10, Iowa Degree of Honor, will be held in Iowa City, Friday, May 14. A large delegation of Hawkeye sisters, and some state officers are expected here.

TEMPERANCE MEN WANT INJUNCTION

DELEWARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMMENCE ACTION AGAINST PHARMACISTS.

Manchester, May 10.—The Delaware County Temperance association has filed petitions with the clerk of the Delaware district court, asking for a temporary injunction, restraining the druggists and their registered pharmacists from selling intoxicating liquors. The druggists who are defendants in these eleven actions are: N. A. Gearhart, Hopkinton, L. M. Barnes, C. A. Kendall, Earlville; J. V. Zastera and R. A. Barry of Ryan; A. M. Solvie of Masonville, T. M. Armstrong of Greeley, W. C. Amsden, A. C. Philipp, H. C. Smith and B. W. Grems of Manchester. The petitions were filed on Wednesday afternoon, and will be considered by Judge Geo. W. Dunham on the opening day of the May term which convenes on the 17th day of the month. The wholesale filing of the petitions has caused an unusual amount of interest in the county, and the outcome will be watched with keen interest. It is rumored that the officers of the temperance association has facts in its possession which will add much interest to the case.

WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE WITH RAZOR

Nevada, May 10.—One of the saddest tragedies that has occurred in this city for years was the suicide of Mrs. Oliver Batman. No reason for the act has been brought to light, unless it be on account of family sickness. Mrs. Batman used a razor for the deed and died about an hour later. About 7 o'clock the husband went into her room to call her and found her lying on the bed bleeding copiously from the wound. Dr. F. P. Winsett was the first man on the scene, and other doctors arrived soon after but nothing could be done to save her. Dean Batman, the son of the parents, was operated upon a few days ago for a severe case of appendicitis and was to be taken home today.

ORDER IOWA EGGS FOR FOREIGN LANDS

Sioux City, May 10.—Sioux City eggs are being ordered in twenty-five car lots to supply food for the armies of France and England. The first shipment has been ordered of the National Bakers' Egg company by William Ramage of London, who is spending two months in Sioux City studying packing methods and the system in use for preserving foods in this country. The eggs that have been ordered here are to be evaporated for shipment and when ready for sending out, which will be about June 1, will weigh 100,000 pounds, according to Albert Fullerton, head of the egg concern. The eggs are treated in such a manner that the water is withdrawn and the dry substance packed for transportation. When it is desired to make use of the eggs water is added to the required amount.

GRANT IOWANS PATENTS.

Des Moines, May 10.—The following patents were granted to Iowans during the week ending May 4, 1915, as reported from the office of Wilfred C. Lane, 612 Crocker building, this city: Fire extinguisher, Albert E. Allen, Spirit Lake. Internal combustion engine, Wm. Backman, Beacon. Pulverizing attachment for plowshares, Dixon S. Carter, Davenport. Time controlled advertising device, Frank R. and C. P. Davis, Des Moines. Cold storage well system, Frank M. Dunn and R. G. Kroh, Newton. Anchor, Chas. W. Edwards, Maquoketa. Loose leaf binder, John C. Hedges, Des Moines. Vehicle tongue draft appliance, Robt. T. Janney, assignor to the Hall Manufacturing Co., Monticello. Operating mechanism for washing machines, Jas. E. Kelley, Mason City. Reinforced concrete post, Jas. P. Kimble, What Cheer. Sash fastener, Wm. H. Nelson, Hasketon. Ice cream container, Christopher Ottosen, Ottosen, and H. R. Wright. Tire filler, William N. Oursler, Odebolt. Sparking device for engines, Waldemar M. Sempel, Ft. Madison. Gate latch, Emmet J. Taylor, Guernsey.

GETS \$2,500 IN TWO HOURS.

Cedar Falls, May 10.—A corps of over one hundred men making a house to house canvass of the city inside of two hours secured a guaranty of about \$2,500 per year for three years for the support of a local Y. M. C. A. This was done at the suggestion of W. M. Parsons of Des Moines, state Y. M. C. A. secretary for Iowa. A committee is now arranging for the engaging of a Y. M. C. A. secretary to organize the local branch.

STUDENTS DAMAGE PROPERTY.

Iowa City, May 10.—Six students at Iowa City high school have been put on the carpet charged with insurrection, cutting electric wires at the school, etc. The school authorities aver they have positive proof as to the young men's guilt, but are not ready to state what penalty will be imposed, or whether steps will be taken under the law to prosecute.

WOULD SWAT FLIES.

Des Moines, May 10.—Grocers and food products dealers in Iowa will receive "swat the fly" bulletins from W. B. Barney, state dairy and food commissioner, before the week is out. Although the dangers from flies are pretty well known, Mr. Barney thinks warnings should be sent out each spring.

CRIMINAL CASES BEING TAKEN UP

ACTION OF STATE AGAINST OLIVER BROOKS IS FIRST TO BE CALLED FOR TRIAL.

CORNELL HOLDS COURT

Ottumwa Judge Who Has Been at Centerville Comes Here for Three Days to Relieve Judge Hunter. The criminal assignment for the term was begun in district court at 1:30 this afternoon when the case of the state vs. Oliver Brooks, charged with a statutory offense, was called for trial. The second motion for a continuance in this case was overruled by Judge Hunter on Saturday. Judge Seneca Cornell will hold court here until Thursday. He is taking the work for Judge Hunter, who will be absent for three days. On Thursday Judge Cornell and his reporter, Adolph Sander, will return to the Appanoose county capital to finish work they left on Saturday of last week. The Oliver Brooks case is to be followed by that against Alfred Brooks, charged with a similar offense. Motions were made to continue the cases and to have a commission of physicians appointed to examine the complaining witnesses, both of which the court overruled. Cherry is Paroled. Leonard Cherry, who pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury, has been paroled by the court into the custody and under the care of John Cherry, and the chief of police of the city of Ottumwa. He is to report every thirty days as to his conduct, condition of education and industry. In the estate of Samuel and Sarah Cramblit, the application of Sadie C. Kent has been dismissed on the motion of her counsel. In the case of the state of Iowa vs. Robert Rodbush et al charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, the defendant, Thomas Mulvaney, was in court Saturday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. The same plea was entered by Walter Crook in a similar action. Decrees are Signed. Judge Hunter has signed the record of the thirteen decrees in the liquor cases which he decided last week. Proclamations are issued in all of about 15 some of the actions several of the defendants are restrained and in others the property involved is enjoined.

PLAN TO CONSTRUCT FORTY TWO BRIDGES

HENRY COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND ENGINEER ARE TO BE VERY BUSY. Mt. Pleasant, May 10.—The board of supervisors at a recent meeting officially ordered the immediate construction of forty-two permanent cement bridges in various parts of the county. Practically every township and important thoroughfare in the county will be benefited by this action of the board. This order does not include the many small culverts that will be put in, but real bridges up to a span that is the limit of concrete construction. Mt. Pleasant will benefit in this bridge building program. The bridge over Saunders creek on West Washington street will be taken out and a fine new concrete structure put in. This is the last bridge in the city limits that needs rebuilding. All others have been put in. Every street cross-run in the city limits are now provided with wide permanent concrete bridges or will be when the West Washington street bridge is put in. Among the new bridges scheduled, and which will be of interest to Mt. Pleasant is one on the Blue Grass road at Ross' spring east of town. The present bridge is one of the narrow ones and with a considerable hump. The old bridge will come out and a new wide one of easy grade will take its place.

CHARITON.

Rev. Theodore H. Aszman will preside at the installation of the Rev. Mr. Morton as pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Centerville tomorrow. Miss Myra B. Dungan left last evening for Waterloo to attend the convention of the Central Commercial Teachers' association. Mrs. Bun Graves and baby left last evening for a visit in Milo at the home of her father Dr. Price. Wm. Haven of Ottumwa, formerly of this city was here yesterday visiting his son Cushman and old friends. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stiolet of Lovilla and grandson Donald Violet of Madrid, visited in Charlton a few days this week with her brother W. C. Butcher and family. Mrs. A. Johnson is expected home this evening from a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Albia and Hite-man. Mrs. B. A. French and son Dean left yesterday for a visit to three weeks with relatives in Skidmore and Mound City, Mo. O. L. Mace departed yesterday for Asherville, Kans., in response to a message announcing the sudden death of his brother J. G. Mace which occurred Tuesday. Mrs. H. W. Gridley of Villisca came yesterday for a visit with her brother S. L. Smith and family enroute home from a visit to Kirkwood, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry departed yesterday for Lovell, Mich., where they have a ranch and where they will spend about three months.

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