Iowa State News

FAVOR BONDS FOR BUILDING OF ROADS

HARDIN COUNTY PEOPLE THINK THAT IT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET MONEY.

Iowa Falls, Nov. 16.—The sentiment in favor of a bond issue to handle the good roads question in this county is growing for many realize that, at the present rate of progress, many of the taxpayers will be traveling in celestial vehicles before the county roads are all put to grade and graveled. It is figured that it will take fourteen years to put the roads of Hardin county on a permanent basis and the present users of the highways figure that the next generation ought to help along the good roads movement by helping to pay the bond issue. Last year, six miles of the county roads were graded, and this year seventeen miles will be added to the county's permanent road asset. The county's income from road taxes and the automobile fund amounts to about $30,000 annually. Of this, it requires $10,000 to keep up the roads of the county, leaving $20,000 for permanent roads. It is figured by many of the taxpayers of the county that a bond issue that will rest on the future as well as the present will enable the county to realize permanent roads in a very few years and that the $20,000 now spent in grading a few miles each year would go a long ways in surfacing the graded roads. The present board of supervisors is saving the county a lot of money in road work this year, as the work is let by contract to the lowest bidder. Last year the county paid a little over 28 cents and this year less than 17 cents.

"AUNTY" WADE WANTS TO GO HOME TO DIE

Enterprise, Nov. 16.—"Aunty" Wade of this city, 85 years old, who, born in slavery down in Dixie, wants to go back home. She asks to spend her last days on the plantation at Westview, Va., and be buried with the white folks when she dies. "Aunty" Wade confided her cherished dream to C. M. Young, secretary of the Iowa Humane society. The county authorities have ordered her placed in the county poor house. Secretary Young promised the aged negro woman to get her back to her plantation home where she believes there are few of her kin living. Secretary Young will ask the miners at Enterprise to put aside a portion of their pay this month to buy her a railroad ticket.

CLUB WOMEN ARE AFTER CIGARETS

Des Moines, Nov. 16.—The temperance and club women of Des Moines have been waging a secret campaign against the tobacco dealers of Des Moines who are in the cigaret business. Particular stress in the campaign has been laid o ngeting evidence against the men who sell cigarets to minors. Considerable evidences have been secured on this point and also on the point that several of the dealers have not paid their special license tax which permits them to sell cigarets at all. The campaign has been on for six months, and will now be made public in an effort to wipe out a great share if not all of the cigaret business in Des Moines.

FALLS DEAD WHILE STANDING FISHING

Davenport, Nov. 16.—Albert Turner Clingan fell dead while fishing on Rock river near Milan. His body was brought at once to his home in Davenport. Clingan had been fishing there during the day and his wife came over after him in the afternoon. Shortly after she arrived, he fell and is supposed to have died at once. Heart trouble was the cause of death. He had suffered from the ailment for some time.

TRIES TO KILL RATS AND SHOOTS HIMSELF

Mason City, Nov. 16.—William Graney, a prominent farmer of near here will probably die as the result of accidentally shooting himself. While with a group of men who were shooting rats, his shotgun was in some unaccountable manner discharged in his face, and the left side was blown off in such a manner as will cause his death.

INJURED WHILE ON WAY TO SEE FATHER

Delta, Nov. 16.—Mrs. M. Z. Shaff and Mrs. Corbin Utterback, sisters, in going to Springfield, in a buggy to visit their sick father, Mr. Hubbard, who is over 90 years old, met an automobile. Their horse turned and they were thrown out. One bone in Mrs. Shaff's hand was broken and she sustained a three inch gash in her head. Mrs Utterback escaped with bruises.

BOND ISSUE OF $25,000.

Iowa City, Nov. 16.—The Iowa City council voted to issue $25,000 worth of bonds to cover the latest brick and bitulithic paving done here, and also gave a second reading to a resolution providing for the paving of many more blocks in the city. In all, more than $100,000 worth of work will be done.

DR. ROGERS LEAVES DEEP RIVER.

Deep River, Nov. 16.—Dr. H. C. Rogers, veterinarian, has sold his practice in Deep River to Dr. A. H. Kraus of Kansas. Dr. Rogers will remove to Audubon where he will continue to practice.

IOWA'S ELECTRIC SIGN IS PLEASING

CLEVER STUNT PUT ON BY ENGINEERS ATTRACTS CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION.

Iowa City, Nov. 16.—The flashing electric sign has found a new use. Electrical engineering students in the University of Iowa have adapted it to the football yell.

Thursday and Friday nights from the upper part of the physics building there flashed continually the famous Iowa locomotive yell. Word by word, the electric lights blazed it in the drakness:

"Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah
Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!
Iowa Fights! Iowa Fights! Iowa Fights

When the student body gives the yell, it starts slowly and gathers momentum in much the same way that an engine puffs out of a railroad station, and ends in a drawn-out, crashing chorus on the "Iowa Fights" parts.

So accurately did the engineering students work out the yell for the sign that the time of the flashes is the same relatively as that of the voices in yelling, the words coming more rapidly toward the finish.

The sign was commented on here by students and visitors as the most clever device ever invented to express football spirit.

FAIRFIELD SOCIETY IN EISTEDDFOD

Fairfield, Nov. 16. — Members of the Fairfield oratorical society are being congratulated by their friends for their entrance into the contests of the Albia Eisteddfod association which are to be held in that city on Thanksgiving day. Forty voices of the local organization have been selected to compete for the prizes offered at the Albia contest. Prof. C. W. Mountain, who has been training the oratorio society is confident that those selected to represent Fairfield in the neighboring city will do justice to themselves and their home city. James P. Moorhead will act as accompanist for the Fairfield musicians. The local singers will enter three contests. The first for a mixed chorus for which a $200 prize is offered. The second is for a male chorus and the third is a female chorus. Practically all of the local society and a large delegation of friends will go to Albia to attend the contests on Thanksgiving day.

On December 7 the local organization will give its second annual entertainment rendering the great Christmas oratorio "The Messiah" at Barhyat chapel. The society will give the famous musical number entirely without aid from abroad. At the time of going "The Creation" by Hayden soloists from Chicago will be secured. This second number is scheduled for February 8.

IOWA PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY AT HOME

Fairfield, Nov. 16. — The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Fordyce, aged mother of Dr. Winfield Fordyce of this city were held this morning at nine o'clock at the residence, two miles west of Libertyville and the interment took place near Stockport in Van Buren county.

Mrs. Fordyce was the widow of Hon. Lewis Fordyce, who passed away about three years ago. Her maiden name was Newby and she was born and raised in Indiana. In 1846 after her marriage to Lewis Fordyce the home was established in Lee county, Iowa and later the couple moved to Van Buren county. In 1873 they moved to Jefferson county locating on a farm in Des Moines township. Mrs. Fordyce was ninety years of age last June and until the past few months had been enjoying good health. However during the weeks preceeding her death relatives became aware that the end was approaching and her death was no shock to her relatives and friends when it occurred on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Fordyce is survived by six sons, Dr. W. Fordyce of this city, Thornton and Lew who reside near Libertyville and Harry and Eugene, who are located in the far west.

SUPREME COURT TERM IS OPENED

Des Moines, Nov. 16.—The supreme court will open its November term today. Oral argumentss will be heard in cases appealed from the following counties: Pottawattamie, Harrison, Audubon, Page, Fremont, Crawford, Calhoun, Carroll, Ida, Sac, Greene, Marshall, Benton, Linn, Cedar, Jones and Dubuque.

The state board of control yesterday went to Woodward to look over the work being done on the state epileptic colony.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHILE WIRING HOUSE

Iowa Falls, Nov. 16.—Frank Bahr of the Bahr Electric Co., of this city narrowly escaped electrocution while wiring a house. Whether the accident was due to a "shot" or to some defect in running the service wires is not known. Mr. Bahr was knocked from the step ladder on which he was working and the thumb and forefinger of the right hand badly burned. His right side was also paralyzed for a time. The wire carried 2,300 volts.

PLAN TO PUBLISH CHANGES IN LAW

SECRETARY OF STATE ALLEN TO GIVE COMPLETE INFORMATION IN BOOKLET.

Des Moines, Nov. 16.—Important changes made by the thirty-sixth general assembly in the election laws of Iowa, will be featured in the revision of the pamphlet giving the primary and election statutes of the state, which will soon be distributed by W. S. Allen, secretary of state.

By a change in the law, made by the last legislature, candidates will be required to file nomination papers earlier. Persons running for state, judicial, congressional or legislative office, will be required to file candidacy petitions with the secretary of state not more than sixty days or less than forty days before the date of the primary.

Under the old law the filing could be made as late as thirty days before the primary.

Candidates for county office may file nomination papers with the county auditor not more than sixty days and not less than thirty days before the primary. Formerly county candidates had until twenty days before the primary to officially cast their hats in the ring.

Candidates for city offices must file with the city clerk not more than forty days and not less than fifteen days before the primary. The limit formerly was ten days before the primary for the filing of nomination papers for municipal office.

The change in time of filing is for the purpose of lengthening the period for the proper officers to prepare the ballots. In some instances the officials had great difficulty in getting ready for the primary under the old law, it is said.

The absent voters' law will be printed in the new pamphlet. This statute will be put into use for the first time for the presidential preference primary next April. The only election in which this measure will not apply will be the school election. It specifies that the law applies to general, special, primary, county, city or town elections—but omits school elections.

The measure contains instructions to the proper election offices to prepare ballots for the use of the absent voters. These ballots can be procured not more than fifteen days or less than three days before an election, by applying to the county auditor or city clerk, according to the character of the election.

There were a number of minor changes in the election laws which concern the election officials.

Although there was considerable talk during the session of the legislature of desired changes in the non-partisan judiciary law, the statute was left as it was. However, the ruling of the Polk county district court also stands. This provides that in addition to placing the non-partisan judiciary ballot on the party ballots, a separate ballot is to be prepared for persons who do not affiliate with any political party.

ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Chariton, Nov. 16— The county clerk has issued a marriage license to Ralph R. Wright, 23 and Lizzie L. Davis, 20, both of near Russell, who were married at the U. B. parsonage in Cedar township on Sunday, Rev. Geo. J. Cornford performing the service in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride was attired in a dark blue silk dress. They will reside in Russell.

Horace E. Marshall, 23, and Miss Rea Fay Wilson, 22, both of Des Moines, were united in marriage at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this city on Saturday afternoon, Rev. E. E. IlgenFritz performing the ceremony.

MORE THAN $1,000,000.

Iowa City, Nov. 16.—With the new gymnasium for Iowa women, dedicated by the men and women of the state who attended social sessions therein, the university has added more than a half million dollars' worth of buildings to its equipment the past year. The total is $543,000 and the list includes a "gym" for men and one for women; a hospital and nurses' home; chemistry, dental and isolation hospital buildings; a hydraulic plant, and a heating plant. With city, corporation and private individuals building freely, the grand total for the year, in improvements, is $1,113,320.

KIDNAPPER ARRAIGNED.

Boone, Nov. 16.—Rev. John Mayer, a priest at Exira, charged with attempting to kidnap two children, appeared before Justice Carswell and waived examination. His case will go to the grand jury this week.

WOMAN ELECTROCUTED.

Bedford, Nov. 16.—Mrs. E. R. Dobbins, aged 52 years was electrocuted while turning out an electric light. Heavy winds had caused high voltage wires to become connected with the light wires running into her home.

GOSPEL TEAM BUSY.

Victor, Nov. 16.—Gospel teams from Guernsey and Deep River have begun a series of revival meetings at Victor. The opening meetings have been quite successful and it is anticipated that much good will result from the revival.

HURT IN CIRCULAR SAW.

Cascade, Nov. 16.—Frank Pierce, a well known farmer residing just south of Cascade, is slowly recovering from an accident sustained while gumming out a circular saw, using an emery wheel in the work.

The wheel broke, tearing a large gash in his right side, carrying away a portion of three ribs.

GOVERNOR FAVORS CONSOLIDATION

Wilton, Nov. 16.—Consolidated schools are best for Iowa's country districts, according to Governor Geo. W. Clarke, who spoke at the dedication of Wilton's remodeled grade and high school building. The governor said he based his belief in the consolidated schools upon the results of the work of these schools in counties in the state where they have been established.

He complimented Wilton upon the fine building and declared it is one which would be a credit to a much larger city. The high school auditorium was so crowded that many were unable to get in.

The address of welcome was given by F. C. Wickes, president of the Wilton board of education. John Foster of Des Moines, state inspector of secondary schools, also spoke. Music was furnished by the R. T. F. orchestra and by the Alpha quartet of the high school.

All of the rooms in the building were visited. The basement contains the manual training department, the lockers and boiler room; the first floor contains the grade rooms and the second floor the high school rooms. The building was remodeled at a cost of $30,000.

GERMANS TO READ ALLIES' REPORTS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—The German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, announced today that he had been informed that German censors had been instructed to insist on the publication in full in Germany of war reports issued by the allies. An announcement at the embassy, quoting the instructions of the German chief bureau of censors, said:

"We have the less reason to fear the unabridged publication of reports circulated by our enemies, as our own war reports are strictly according to the truth, giving everybody the opportunity of forming a correct conception of the situation. The fear that the official reports published by the enemy might sometimes cause uneasiness is counterbalanced by the consideration that facts can never be concealed for any length of time and that lies are always recognized as such in the end."

OFFENDING "P. M." TO BE REINSTATED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—Definite instructions went from the white house to the postoffice department today to reinstate George Burkitt as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., regardless of what other charge, in addition to that of criticizing the president for his engagement, were pending against him.

The instructions sent to the postoffice department yesterday were that Burkitt should be reinstated if no other charges were pending against him. Today the question was taken up again and as a result orders were issued that he be reinstated unconditionally without further delay. Any other charges against Burkitt probably will be investigated by postoffice inspectors later.

TWO HIGHWAYS TO CANADA PROPOSED

New Orleans, Nov. 16.—Two routes are being considered for the Jefferson highway from New Orleans to Winnipeg, for which good roads advocates here today were organizing to carry out. One would pass through Shreveport, Denison, Texas; Muskogee, Parsons, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Fargo and Grand Forks. The other would touch Alexandria, La.; Fort Smith, Joplin, Kansas City, Des Moines and St. Paul. The choice will be decided today by the board of directors, which, with other officers, will be elected.

HARVARD SENDING HOSPITAL UNIT

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 16.—Thirty-six surgeons and thirty-six nurses, comprising the second Harvard unit, will leave here late today for New York and will sail tomorrow on the steamship Noordam for hospital service in the war zone. Dr. David Cheever of the Harvard medical school is in charge of the party, which will be accompanied to New York by Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of the university.

CARLOAD OF FISH PLACED IN RIVER

Maquoketa, Nov. 16.—After a most strenuous effort the labors of Deputy State Game Warden T. J. Lancaster of this city have been rewarded. A carload of game fish has arrived on the Milwaukee road in charge of Assistant State Game Warden Alberts and were placed in the Maquoketa river above the Pinhook dam by Mr. Lancaster, assisted by John Macomb and Carl Hinkelman. The past few weeks have brought much sport for local nimrods who have been catching the finny tribe in large numbers. Mr. Lancaster deserves much credit for securing this large consignment which will provide the waters of the old Maquoketa with plenty of game fish.

HOLLAND APPOINTS CONSUL FOR IOWA

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—Henry Visscher today was appointed consul for the Netherlands for Kansas, Iowa and western district of Missouri His headquarters will be in Kansas City:

CASE TOO NEAR WINDOW.

Sioux City, Nov. 16.—The residence of Dr. W. J. Stewart in Morningside was robbed of a jewel case containing $300 worth of jeweled rings, necklaces and $15 in gold. The bureau was standing near a window on the first floor and the prowler had only to cut a small hole in the screen through which he extended his arm.

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VALUABLE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—One man was burned to death and three others were probably fatally injured as the result of a fire at Benning race track, in the suburbs of Washington, last night, which in addition to destroying fourteen of the stables and other structures, burned at least twenty valuable horses to death. Estimates today placed the loss on the buildings, horses and equipment at about $135,000.

The fire started from an unknown cause on a fence and was fanned by a high wind.

For years Benning track was the meeting place for the best horses of the country, well known horsemen, breeders and track followers and furnished annual society events for Washingtonians. Since 1908 it has been used as a winter home for race horses.

TIME FOR PEACE MOVE IS NOT RIPE

London, Nov. 16.—The Dutch government has no present intention of mediating for peace, says a Reuter dispatch from The Hague.

The government declares itself fully cognizant of the fact that the termination of the war would be beneficial to Holland but asserts this is not sufficient reason for mediation, the dispatch says.

WILLIAMSBURG MAN SELLS BIG FARM

Williamsburg, Nov. 16.—Charles Hastings last week sold his 110-acre farm 3½ miles east of Williamsburg to O. W. Perry for the sum of $27,610 or $251 per acre.

OPEN SERVICES AT CHARITON.

Chariton, Nov. 16. — The evangelistic services, conducted by Luther Knox Peacock and party, opened Sunday at the tabernacle, which has been constructed for the occasion and which will seat about two thousand people. The large chorus choir is a pleasing feature, and adds zest to the services. Evangelist Peacock is a powerful speaker and it is expected that great good will be accomplished at these meetings, which will continue several weeks.

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NEGROES PLANNING NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 16.—Negroes of this city under the leadership of Prof. R. R. Wright, president of the Georgia industrial college here, have launched a movement for an annual national negro holiday in memory of Booker T. Washington. As there is some uncertainty as to the date when Dr. Washington was born, it is their purpose to have a specific day set aside on which to pay yearly tribute to the educator.

WHEAT LADEN SHIP ON LAKES BURNED

Calumet, Mich., Nov. 16.—The steamer Alfred P. Wright, 275 feet long, downbound, from Duluth, with wheat, burned to the water's edge today in Harbor of Refuge at Portage entry, blocking the canal. The crew is safe at Houghton.

The Wright, which was bound for Cleveland with 106,000 bushels of wheat, lies in twenty feet of water. The hull can be salvaged.