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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Chicken supper Dec. 22, at 109 East Second, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Tickets 25c. Benefit St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. William Miller of Eldon was in Ottumwa Wednesday. Mrs. J. Mummett of Eldon was a visitor in the city today.

The Misses Edith Locke and Goldie Winters of Selma were visiting in the city Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hoover of Creston passed through Ottumwa on their way home after visiting in Chicago. Mrs. R. R. McBeth of Keosauqua returned home Wednesday after visiting in the city.

Mrs. V. E. McCrary, 410 North Market street, left this morning for Centerville where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Joe Flint, for a few days. Mrs. A. W. Stuart of Omaha returned home this morning after visiting with Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, 235 West Fourth street.

Mrs. Ed Edmundson of Thornburg, visited in Ottumwa enroute to her home after visiting with friends in Eldon. Miss Vera Richardson of Mt. Hamill returned home Wednesday afternoon after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, 521 Williams street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ellsworth of Lincoln, Kas., passed through Ottumwa enroute to Marion where they will visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Yeoman of Fremont visited in Ottumwa Wednesday enroute to Croton where they intend to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Roy Franklin and children of Eldon returned home after visiting with Mrs. S. A. Kitterman, 1317 East Main street. Mrs. George Murphy, 906 East Main street, left Wednesday morning for Spokane, Wash., to visit with her mother and also with her sister at Phoenix, B. C.

Dr. F. W. and Margaret Mills have moved their office to the Telephone building on Second street. Mrs. H. A. Barless and son Jack of Des Moines are spending a week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sloan, 301 North Moore street.

Miss Lorene Poucher returned to her home in Des Moines Thursday after a short visit with Mrs. H. Fritchler, on Albia road. Charles Kirkland of Atchison, Kan., is visiting his daughter Mrs. John E. Baker, 101 North Davis street.

Mrs. S. P. Wolf returned to her home in Mt. Pleasant today after a short visit with her son H. E. Wolf, 425 Chester avenue, enroute home from a two week visit with relatives at Omaha, Nebr., and Kansas City, Mo. Byron Landes of Bennett, Wis., is visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. E. T. Tinsley, 202 South Adams street.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Charles and three children of Fairfield were in the city Thursday enroute to Blakesboro to visit relatives. Miss Opal White who resides south of the city has returned from Cedar Falls, where she completed her school course. Mrs. Selma Schwarzenbach who has been visiting relatives at Douds-Leandro is visiting Mrs. Joseph Kraus, 902 Finley avenue, enroute to her home at Blakesboro.

Mrs. E. M. Grimes and Mrs. G. W. Cusset of Agency were Ottumwa visitors Thursday. Mrs. John Moore of Keosauqua has returned home after visiting with Mrs. C. B. Gartin, 115 North Weller street.

Obituary

Dorothy Miller. The private funeral of Dorothy May Miller, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Miller, who died at her grandparents' residence, 1122 Hayne street at 2:45 Thursday morning, was conducted this morning. Mrs. Henrietta Sprague. Mrs. Henrietta Mason Laughery Sprague died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. F. L. Daggett, 116 North Wapello street, this morning at the age of 82 years. She was born near Beverly, O., December 22, 1852, and was united in marriage with Joseph S. Sprague at Coal Run, O., November 7, 1852. To this union, over born four children, Manly H. of Ottumwa, who died January 13, 1915; James A. of Goodland, Kas., who died May 15, 1914; only two surviving. Mrs. E. Leota Hardin of Arnold, Neb., and Edwin C. Sprague of Sidney, N. Y. Her husband preceded her in death thirty years. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The funeral services will be held from the Christian church in Eddyville tomorrow morning at 11:30. The services will be conducted by Brother W. C. Ross and interment will be made in Highland cemetery.

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SOCIALISTS AGREE WITH CHANCELLOR

SPOKESMAN FOR BIG PARTY IN GERMAN REICHSTAG EXPRESSES OPINION.

Berlin, Dec. 9 (via London) Dec. 10.—Deputy Otto Landsberg, socialist democrat, in his speech in the Reichstag today after the imperial chancellor had answered the socialist interpellation on peace, expressed approval of the chancellor's address as a reasonable invitation to the entente allies to initiate peace negotiations, in which Germany was willing to join. Herr Landsberg declared that the socialist appeal for peace was based on no anxiety about the outcome of the war. He said he shared the opinion of Bethmann-Hollweg's opinion that the war had been forced on Germany and that guarantees were necessary to prevent a repetition. No true German, he asserted, was desirous of ending the war on any other terms. He repeated the declaration made earlier in the day by Dr. Philip Scheidemann, socialist, that the socialists never would consider a peace involving the retrocession of Alsace-Lorraine. Deputy Landsberg said that with Premier Asquith of Great Britain and Premier Briand of France both demanding the destruction of Prussian militarism, which was equivalent to the destruction of a strong Germany, he could understand the chancellor's attitude in his speech and was pleased that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in return had not demanded the destruction of Russian and French militarism or British "marinism." Regarding the acquisition of territory, the deputy expressed high satisfaction that the chancellor had made no mention of annexation.

WESLEYAN GLEE CLUB REHEARSES

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 10.—The first practice of the men's glee club of Iowa Wesleyan college was held Thursday evening. Never before in the history of the institution has there been such a wealth of material trying out for places on the club. During the past few years there has been but little competition for places, but this year it is just the reverse. With the material at her disposal, Miss Flora Baldwin who has always attained remarkable success with her glee clubs, should be able to send forth one of the best glee clubs that has ever represented Iowa Wesleyan. Those chosen for the glee club are as follows: First tenors, Oatman, Craver, Doe and Dickey; second tenors, Morrow, Melcher, Huebner and Ballew; first bass, Snyder, Kemble, Hunter and Logan; second bass, Venell, Moats, Davidson and Beck. Warren Huebner will act as reader for the club, while Miss Ruth Willis will be accompanist. The annual tour of the club will be held during the spring vacation. No definite arrangements have been made as yet in regard to the tour but Grant Venell who is managing the organization is in communication with several of the more important cities of southern Iowa and northern Missouri in regard to dates.

FALLS DEAD AND HOGS ATTACK BODY

Marshalltown, Dec. 10.—When he was stricken with apoplexy while in his hog lot feeding the swine, Ole A. Tonga, aged 73, a prominent farmer living near Northwood, was killed by the hogs. The man's body was fearfully mutilated. Tonga had informed his family that he expected to go to a neighbor's after he had finished feeding, and was not missed for a time. The family became suspicious that something was wrong, and found Tonga's dead body. He had probably been dead two hours.

RUNS AWAY FROM GERMANY; IN IOWA

Harlan, Dec. 10.—A young man arrived in Harlan recently direct from service in the German army. He is a native of Schleswig, one of the German provinces taken from Denmark in the war of 1864, it being the province lying right on the German border. At the time of his escape he was home from the German army on leave of absence. Having leave he also had a passport which permitted him to travel. He improved the time by taking his bicycle and wheeling toward the border; also went to crawl to land and into some hay stacks, which stood near the coast. He was found in the stacks the next day by the farmer and carried to the home of the farmer. He remained there, carefully cared for, until he got able to travel. Being well again he went to Copenhagen, took ship for America and here he is. Prior to entering the army the young man had a fairly good business in his home town. Upon entering the army he turned the business over to his father in case of his disappearance. Upon disappearing he notified his father of the fact and the father is now in charge.

MAKING IT EASIER FOR THE TEACHERS

Iowa City, Dec. 10.—When the Savage law was passed in 1913 requiring domestic science and agriculture to be taught in the rural schools of the state after July 1, 1915, the popular opinion was that another burden had been laid upon the already overworked teachers. Two research students in the home economics department of the state university of Iowa are now working out a plan to make the teaching of domestic science in the rural schools fairly easy. Their idea is to coordinate subjects in grammar, add up food values for arithmetic, and so on. By this system, the research students see a way to make the teacher's time count in two or more subjects at once.

MAKES OFFER FOR CLEVELAND CLUB

CAPITALISTS HAVE TAKEN PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARD PURCHASING.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—A tentative offer for the purchase of the Cleveland American baseball club has been tendered the bankers' committee in charge of the financial affairs of C. W. Somers, present owner by Ben F. Hopkins, local capitalist. Hopkins, who is promoting the Cleveland subway and is chairman of the committee appointed by Mayor Baker to look after the affairs of the Cleveland Amateur Baseball association, declared last night that the preliminary steps towards his gaining control of the Cleveland club have been taken. However, before important details must be settled. Hopkins insists upon several radical changes in the terms of the sale as proposed by the bankers' committee.

APPROVE PLANS FOR NEW HOTEL

BIDDERS TO BE GIVEN SPECIFICATIONS TO FIGURE ON BY NEXT TUESDAY.

The meeting of the board of directors of the Ottumwa Hotel Co. with Lessee F. G. Warden and Architect H. D. Rawson Thursday lasted until 11 o'clock at night and today the visitors left for their homes. Both expressed themselves pleased with the result of the meeting. The few changes made in size and location of some of the rooms will necessitate some work on the part of the architect to make the plans ready for the bidders. It is expected that the plans and specifications will be in the hands of the contractors by Tuesday of next week. The time for beginning the work of razing the present structures that occupy the site will depend upon just when the bidders are heard from and their bids accepted. The changes ordered at Thursday's meeting are minor and will not alter the appearance of the building. The type of construction decided upon is largely concrete and brick with terra cotta trimmings will be used. Both Messrs. Warden and Rawson expressed themselves flatteringly on Ottumwa's enterprise in the beautiful Christmas tree decorations and lighting of the streets which began last evening.

The Churches

Madison Avenue chapel: The revival meetings will continue tonight, Saturday night and over Sunday. All are welcome. Agency Christian Church: Sunday, Dec. 12, Bible school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by E. A. Hastings, pastor. Evening services 7:30 p. m. The weekly prayer service at High Point chapel will be held this evening at 7:45 o'clock, led by the pastor, Rev. Carl A. Montanus. Miller church: Sunday school at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon followed by preaching service at 3, with Ellis Odell in the pulpit. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

ELDON.

Mrs. Elmer Demaree is on the sick list today. Mrs. J. Ed Easton and son Edward leave for Des Moines to visit at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross. The Degree of Honor gave a variety shower at the home Mrs. Dee Eschelman Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Eva Hardip whose marriage to Roy Rupe will take place in the near future. Miss Harding was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts. Mrs. Ross Hammond and son Harry L. are being entertained at the Mike Russell home today. The Christian Ladies' Aid society met at the Dee Eschelman home today. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isbell and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Weber drove to Ottumwa today. O. A. Hootman received word that his brother Dave Hootman of Birmingham had been seriously injured this week when a passenger train struck him as he was crossing the tracks in his car. Rolla B. Wells of Birmingham is here visiting friends today. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ritz went to Ottumwa this evening. Miss Emma Gardner of Selma visited with Mrs. Shane today.

TURNER IS SUING POND FOR DAMAGE

FATHER OF YOUNG MAN MURDERED LAST SPRING ASKING FOR \$5,000.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—Although Truman Pond was acquitted last fall of the murder of his friend Karl H. Turner, whom he shot at his home on the corner of Main and Angular streets, last March 17, he is now defendant in another trial arising from the same case. The dead man's father, Charles E. Turner, administrator of the estate of Karl H. Turner, is suing Pond for \$5,000 damages on account of the death of his son, which he claims was caused by the carelessness of the defendant, and also demands an additional \$150, the cost of his son's funeral. The case was started yesterday morning in the district court with Judge Hale presiding. The case progressed very rapidly during the afternoon session, all the witnesses for the plaintiff were heard, and court was adjourned at 4:30 until 10 o'clock this morning. The first witness was the plaintiff, Mr. Turner, father of the decedent. He testified that Karl was 28 years old at the time of his death and was earning \$100 a month at his trade of a butcher. He also testified regarding the funeral expenses. Mrs. Turner, the mother, was the next witness, and corroborated the testimony of her husband. Karl's two brothers, Eddie and Arthur also testified. The last witness was Elmer Amis, deputy sheriff, who told about a conversation with Pond at the county jail after his arrest, in which Pond said the shooting was an accident and expressed great sorrow over the tragedy.

EXILE QUINTET TO PLAY AT FAIRFIELD

The Ottumwa Exile basketball team is scheduled to play Parsons college at Fairfield this evening. The game was arranged this morning and the players will leave on Burlington No. 4 this evening. Slutz, Oslar, Leisenring, and Stutzman of the old Exile team will probably make the trip. The men have not had much practice this year but are in fairly good condition. It is probable that Parsons will play in Ottumwa a week from this evening for the benefit of the Alumni Athletic association. Mrs. May Turnbull and Mrs. Osa Turnbull of Batavia, returned home after spending Thursday in Ottumwa.

CONVENIENCE IS CALLED A DISEASE

MISSIONER AT TRINITY CHURCH DWELLS ON DANGER OF PUTTING OFF TASKS.

Branding the habit of convenience as a disease which is fast becoming world wide in its spread, Rev. F. G. Budlong spoke interestingly on the common tendency of people to put off until later the things that make for better men and women. The series of sermons delivered by the missionary at Trinity church this week are attracting large numbers at the evening services. The subject last night was "Convenience as a Disease." He spoke in such a convincing way that he was followed by the speaker, who spoke as follows: "And as St. Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee." "You remember the occasion for this conversation of the Roman governor with St. Paul. The convenient season never came. There has never been an age when the convenience idea has been so overworked as the present. We go at such a tremendous pace, there is so much to be done, so many things to accomplish that many important things are put on the waiting list. We fall to rest and relax and the result is we grow cross and irritable because we are under such a strain. We are still waiting for the convenient season. "Friends no longer seem to be loyal, God is a long way off, when we try to sleep the mind keeps going round and round and still we persist in going faster and faster under a tremendous pressure and the result will be we'll die before the convenient season for rest comes. "We must see the trades journal, we must read the newspaper. Some time we will read the classics and cultivate a little taste for art and literary culture. We'll read this book and that, too, and this will be done when the convenient season comes. "In friendship and our consideration for others we'll give more time, we'll know this person better, we'll do something that will benefit ourselves and others, but they move away or they die and it's too late. We are like ships that pass in the night. We have robbed ourselves of the things that would have made us so much happier than the things pursued. The vital friendship is lost. We might have gained something for ourselves and brought something to others but the convenient season never came. "Religion has to do with the highest things in life but we grow so weary and more and more irritable and consequently disagreeable. When weary the spirit has to struggle to be heard at all. Our chronic condition of fear prevents the soul to speak to God or to hear his voice. "If the spirit is not attuned with God, if not in control, because we are made that way, the whole man suffers. No difference what we start out to be or accomplish convenience interferes. We intend to repent, we never do it. We find no convenient season. We admit we need God, that we owe something to God. He has kept us safe throughout the night and guarded us from dangers of the day, we owe him a word of thanks, but we are so weary at night, so tired and rushed in the morning that we'll wait for a more convenient season. "You meant to but you have formed the habit of letting God wait for you to tell him. You have no argument against prayer its normal exercise but

CLERGYMEN WILL NOT BE LABORERS

AT LEAST NOT UNDER RULING MADE UPON IOWA'S COMPENSATION LAW.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—Clergymen may be laborers in the vineyard of the Lord but they are not workmen—at least not under the Iowa workmen's compensation law. That is the opinion of Henry E. Sampson, assistant attorney general, and which he expressed when he stated "pastors of churches are not workmen." A minister may tend the church furnace because a janitor is a luxury beyond the slender means of his flock, repair the church roof so that it will be kept more or less waterproof, study six or seven hours a day, call on a dozen or so sick persons, perform countless works of mercy during his spare moments, baptize, marry and bury, but he does not work. The thumping ranks of ministers in Iowa may be expecting reinforcements as a result of the opinion. For the Iowa law plainly says that preachers in this state do not work. The decision of the assistant attorney general was made in reply to an inquiry from a preacher in a small Iowa town in the northern part of the state. The minister was injured while performing duties, which he thought were work. The congregation would not pay him compensation under the law.

ROAD DETECTIVE IS FOUND KILLED

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 10.—Hugo Alvine, 37, a special agent in the employ of the Rock Island road, was found dead with a bullet hole in his head late yesterday at Carbon Cliff, a village east of here. Dan Chaston, formerly employed as a switchman by the road and who is said to have been dismissed on the strength of evidence supplied by Alvine, has been arrested in the belief that he knows something about the murder. Referee's Sale of the Leasing Farm. Notice is hereby given that the sale of the northwest quarter of section fourteen (14) township seventy-three (73) range fifteen (15) Wapello county, Iowa, known as the "Leasing Farm" heretofore advertised to take place at the front door of the court house at Ottumwa on the 18th of December, 1915, at 1:30 p. m., will, by order of the court, take place upon said farm on the 18th of December, 1915, between the hours of two o'clock and three o'clock p. m. and the purchaser at said sale will only be required to pay or thousand dollars (\$1,000) on the purchase price at the time of his bid being accepted to secure the consummation of the contract, the balance of the purchase price to be paid when possession is given on March 1, 1916, 1916. Said sale to be subject to approval by the court. This farm is on the road between Eddyville and Kirksville station. H. H. Harrold, Sole Referee.

DE WITT GUN CLUB WILL HAVE A SHOOT

The DeWitt Gun club will give a grand holiday shoot Wednesday, Dec. 22, at that place. Ten events of fifteen targets each will be shot and there will be four equal money prizes. The shoot will start at 10 o'clock and will be cashed by Fred C. Whitney of Des Moines. A large tent will be on the grounds and warm lunch will be served during the day.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

FOR YOUNG --- FOR OLD Free Souvenirs for the Children

Our Toys, Dolls, Books, Games, Jewelry and useful articles are all new clean goods, as we were fortunate enough to CLOSE OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF HOLIDAY GOODS last season, therefore no leftovers. Your time will be well spent, also appreciated, if you buy or only look around. We especially invite your children to come in and look over the pretty things. They are always welcome at our store. 69c china salad dish at 48c 90c real fine china salad dish at 75c 35c grade in fancy salad dish at 25c 69c large size lamps at 49c 35c size in lamps at 25c \$4 extra large fancy lamp at \$3 35c fine china cup and saucer at 25c \$2.25 rocking horse at \$1.89 \$3.50 rocking horse at \$2.89 \$1.25 real large shoe fly at 98c 90c toy drums at 75c 65c toy drums at 48c \$3 extra large tool chests at \$2.25 \$2.50 fine tool chest at \$1.98 \$1 quality in men's caps at 98c Regular \$1.25 men's caps at 98c 75c men's heavy warm caps at 48c All sizes in knit caps 48, 24, 10c Steam engines, building blocks, magic lanterns, toy trains. \$3.50 ladies' hand bags at \$2.89 \$2.50 ladies' hand bags at \$1.89 \$1.25 grade in ladies' hand bags at 98c 65c value in ladies' hand bags at 48c Men's 50c silk ties, our price 24c 75c ladies' or gents' mufflers at 48c \$2 grade in gents' slippers at \$1.48 \$1.50 ladies' or gents' slippers at \$1.25 \$1.25 ladies' or gents' slippers at 98c Ladies' \$1.25 kid mittens at 98c Yarn mittens and gloves 48c, 24c and up to 10c 48c Fancy handkerchiefs 5c, 10c and up to 48c Ladies' 75c silk hose at 48c Ladies' 35c wool hose at 24c Ladies' fleeced hose 24c, 15c and 10c 75c grade in ladies' fine wool hose at 48c Boys' and Girls' books at 24c and 10c Toy dishes, toy stoves and toy pianos. Gold filled 75c rings at 48c 50c gold filled rings at 24c

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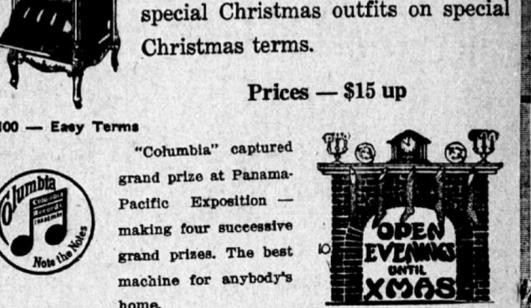
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