

Iowa State News

EXTENSION ZONE IS ABOUT CLEARED

CONTRACTORS THINK HOUSES WILL ALL BE REMOVED BY NEXT MARCH.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—T. E. McCurdy, capitol extension representative, reported to state officials that he will have the capitol extension zone entirely cleared of houses soon after March 1, 1916.

There are only twenty houses remaining on the capitol grounds at the present time, McCurdy says. These can be razed and the material sold within the next two months in his opinion.

The work of clearing the zone was carried on a big scale during the past month. McCurdy had ninety men on his payroll up to last Saturday. He attempted to give as many men work as possible to permit in order that more of the Des Moines laborers' homes might be supplied with funds for Christmas. As the result of the big force, a large area was cleared in the last three weeks.

Locust street from Seventh street to the state house looks like a cyclone had struck it. Of about thirty dwellings which faced that street only three or four remain. The wrecked cellar walls and broken bricks mark the spots where the other structures stood.

Governors' square is now complete. The last house has been moved from the capitol zone to that location. There are thirty dwellings in all in the new addition. McCurdy says the property will be put on the market at private sale early in 1916.

He expects to pave the street, build garages and provide cement driveways for each of the houses before he considers the job complete.

The contractor grading the curving street through the south part of the extension tract has made rapid progress. The new thoroughfare is virtually at grade now. The big steam shovels are at work grading the side streets to meet the change.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MUCH MARRYING

Iowa Falls, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ethel Vicks Noble, who was arrested here this fall and who is claimed to be a multi-married woman, is to face the charge of bigamy in Judge Wright's court in an adjourned session of court. It is claimed Mrs. Noble has faced the matrimonial altar five times and has married a predilection for Iowa men. The majority of her husbands having been from the Hawkeye state. To indict Mrs. Noble pleads guilty.

FOR CONFINEMENT

Claiming that a indignity of which she is entitled to be confined in a hospital.

Another criminal case will be that of W. F. charged with practicing the necessary creation of a license. He applied for business "Rose's San-

SWAT THE SPARROW IS THE SLOGAN NOW

HEAD ZOOLOGIST AT AMES IS GATHERING INFORMATION FOR THE FARMER

Ames, Dec. 28.—"Swat the sparrow" this winter. A campaign waged now by any farmer against this pest will result in larger fruit, wheat and oats crops next year, will check the spread of chicken mites and lice and will probably do a lot toward checking the spread of hog cholera, of which the sparrow is a likely carrier. The source of many a cholera outbreak can probably be traced to the mud carried on the feet of the birds from infected yards.

Sparrows not only cost the farmer an enormous amount of fruit, grain, chicken and hog bill, but they molest the more valuable bluebirds, martins, phoebes and others.

Here's the best way to "swat the sparrow," as suggested by J. E. Guthrie, head zoologist at Iowa State college:

When snow has covered up all other food, bait the birds by feeding them what grain they will clean up each day in the same place. If chickens or pigeons are around, make an open coop with slats so close together that only sparrows can enter. After a few feedings, when large numbers have collected, feed them grain that has been soaked in strychnine and carefully dried. That kills them almost instantly and if done once or twice a winter, will greatly reduce their number on the farm. There is little danger that crows, cats or pigs will be poisoned by eating the dead birds.

HUSBAND LYING ILL SEES FAMILY DIE

Red Oak, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Scott Bryam, 20 years old, and her two-months old babe were found dead in their home here. Bryam, the husband, lay by their side, too ill from scarlet fever to call for aid.

The family was in reduced circumstances and had been quarantined for scarlet fever. The city had been caring for them for several weeks.

Mrs. Bryam's death had occurred during the night. The babe apparently had died of starvation.

Bryam probably will not survive.

Three children also are ill in the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry, parents of Mrs. Bryam, and one of the Henry children died last week.

BOY'S HEROISM IS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Nevada, Dec. 28.—An act of heroism of Ray Watson, a former Iowa, has been recognized and that substantially by the Carnegie hero commission recently. Young Watson, who at one time lived with his people near Stanhope, lost his life on March 1, 1913, in an attempt to save the life of another from suffocation in a well near Malta, Mont. He left a wife and three small children on a claim nearby. The Carnegie hero commission was advised of the occurrence and after a thorough investigation has awarded the wife a bronze medal and death benefits of \$25 a month during her life or until she remarries and \$5 a month additional benefits for each of her three children until each reaches the age of 16 years.

PAVING QUESTION UP AGAIN

Report, Dec. 28.—After having officially declared dead and buried some two weeks ago, the Kirkwood avenue paving proposition has resurrected itself and stepped before the city council with more strength than ever. The city solons sidestepped till next year by putting off until next meeting the resolution of necessity, but it is believed that the paving will go through when brought up for discussion again.

This time is to pave Kirkwood from a point 1,280 feet west of Dodge street to the street at the foot of Dodge street to the island viaduct is not included in the proposition now before the council.

ATCH RELEASED CONVICT

Moengo, Dec. 28.—Through the efforts of Robert N. Carson, working with Sheriff Reed, of Iowa county, Eugene Cahill, a released convict from a famous, has been captured at Cedar falls by robbing the Carson Clothing store at Ladora.

WILL HAVE WILD FINAL CELEBRATION

Dec. 28.—When the forty years of this city close up on December 31, they will be given a wild celebration.

The saloon men themselves announced to any disposition to do here anything. More will be the wildest orgy ever in this city, so the wise ones should liquor being laid out to this sort of celebration.

QUARREL

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—A quarrel over a Severt Ostrum, committed suicide in county court. Ostrum, a simple man, attended a dance at the home of her brother, Ostrum, and was killed in one of the quarrels.

TEAMSTER MAY BE HEIR TO \$30,000

WOMAN WHO DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO YEAR AGO IS THOUGHT TO BE A RELATIVE

Marshalltown, Dec. 28.—Fred A. Armstrong, a teamster of this city, firmly believes he is the sole heir of an estate of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 left by a woman known as Miss Margaret Thomas, formerly of Dubuque, who died in San Francisco almost a year ago.

A newspaper story sent out from Dubuque recently, which carried news of the visit to Dubuque of a San Francisco attorney seeking information concerning Miss Thomas and her heirs, attracted Armstrong's attention.

Armstrong thinks that the Miss Thomas referred to was in reality his mother, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong Thomas. He had not heard from her since 1898, or when he was serving in the Spanish-American war. Mrs. Thomas was then in San Francisco, and was teaching school. The Miss Thomas referred to was also a school teacher in San Francisco. The dead woman was about the same age Armstrong says his mother was.

Armstrong says he was born in Freedom, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1879, and that his name originally was Fred A. Thomas. The name Thomas, however, was later changed by a New York court to Armstrong. Armstrong knows nothing of his father, but presumes that some unhappy circumstance led to the separation of his parents. He was separated from his mother when he was about 12 years old and did not see her again until she came to Detroit when he was on his way south as an enlisted soldier. While he was in the army he heard from his mother several times, but later lost track of her. He presumed that she had lost her life in the San Francisco earthquake.

FREDERICK KLINGER DEAD AT ORMANVILLE

Bloomfield, Dec. 28.—Frederick Klinger died at the home of his son near Ormanville. He was 84 years old and is survived by three sons, George W. of Ottumwa; John, near Ormanville; and Silas Koons of Ottumwa; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Owens of Sargent, Neb.; Mrs. Ellen Eakins of Ormanville; and Mrs. Sarah Baughman of Bloomfield. Funeral services were held Christmas morning at the Ormanville church, conducted by Rev. W. H. Slack of Drakesville. Interment was made in the Klinger cemetery.

CHRISTMAS TREE SUCCESSFUL

Iowa City, Dec. 28.—Iowa City's first community Christmas about the tree at the corner of Clinton street and Iowa avenue was the big success that had been anticipated by those who arranged the program and celebration. The streets were crowded in all directions, and between 2,000 and 4,000 people must have participated in the exercises. The tree was ablaze with lights of many colors, and above all shone a huge electric star, most symbolical of the Christmas cheer and spirit.

Music for the evening was furnished by the boys band, and there was special singing by choirs and a new song of the city. The great crowd which was present joined in a great chorus to sing the old carols which made the community Christmas a home like affair.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH

Bellevue, Dec. 28.—Perry Damon, a farmer living near Green Island, met death in the flames that destroyed his home. Charles Mangies, his charred remains were found in the cellar on the springs of his cot which had fallen through the floor. It is presumed he was overcome by the smoke before he could be awakened. Other inmates of the house had narrow escapes.

HUNTERS FIND AN ARMADILLO

Mason City, Dec. 28.—An armadillo was found here yesterday by hunters who were shooting rabbits. When they fired they discovered peculiar tracks in the snow and following them up for about 60 rods found the armadillo frozen to death. That it had died only a short time before is evidenced by the plainness of the tracks in the snow. It is the only armadillo ever discovered within the confines of this county. Where it came from no one knows.

FARMER KILLED BY AUTO

Reinbeck, Dec. 28.—Ed Stevens, a prominent and wealthy farmer and popular, was instantly killed when his car skidded on the icy road and turned over. Mr. Stevens was caught under the car and his head was crushed. He was killed instantly.

CHILD IS BURNED

Manchester, Dec. 28.—Gerald, the 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, living near this city, was burned to death last week. The little tot set his clothes on fire while the mother was doing the family wash in an adjoining building. Practically all the clothes were burned from his body and no hope was entertained for his recovery from the outset.

EACH GIVEN DEED

Nevada, Dec. 28.—When the four children of Daniel Alleman of northern Folk county looked into their stockings to see what Santa Claus had left them for Christmas, they each found a deed for a quarter section of land in the toe of the stocking. The children who received the bequest from their father were: W. W. Alleman, Otis D. Alleman, Mrs. William Conkle, and Mrs. George Hozenroff.

CORNELL TO HOLD COURT SHORT TERM

LIST OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY IS DRAWN.

Fairfield, Dec. 28.—The list of jurors for the year 1916 was drawn Monday by Auditor Turner, Clerk Ball and Recorder Samuelson.

Grand jury for 1916: Henry E. Danielson, Lockridge; Thomas Davies, Fairfield; W. S. Smith, Fairfield; R. F. D.; W. R. Gallup, Birmingham; R. F. D.; L. K. Wallace, Packwood; E. C. McElwee, Batavia; E. A. Hosler, Voo; F. C. McElwee, Mt. Pleasant; R. F. D. No. 3; R. L. Clark, Fairfield; R. F. D.; W. B. Yost, Libertyville; Louis Barrow, Fairfield; R. F. D.; C. C. Nelson, Fairfield; R. F. D.

The petit jurors for the February term of court, which begins in this city on Monday, January 31st, are as follows:

C. Sumner McCrackin, Fairfield; R. F. D.; Ed Sharpe, Fairfield; R. F. D.; R. C. Messer, East Pleasant Plain; H. L. Whitmore, Batavia; Ernest Snook, Perlee; Jesse Forest, Packwood; J. H. Coffin, Fairfield; R. F. D.; L. A. Peehler, Batavia; E. E. Harper, Fairfield; Elmer Metz, Fairfield; R. F. D.; John McDowell, Batavia; Fred Paxson, Packwood; R. F. D.; John Campbell, Packwood; W. W. Kracht, Fairfield City; A. J. William, Fairfield; R. F. D.; Geo. Marsh, East Pleasant Plain; C. O. Birmingham, R. F. D.; Isaac Shantstrom, Fairfield; R. F. D.; Frank Boy-sell, Batavia; J. M. Kyle, Lockridge; George F. Messer, Libertyville; William Roberts, Fairfield; E. Ray Parrott, Batavia; J. T. Humphrey, Salem, R. F. D.

At the February term of court Judge Seneca Cornell of Ottumwa will preside. The term is a short one, only three weeks, but will from all appearances be a busy one, as the grand jury will likely be busy at this meeting.

TREASURER GIVES UP HIS POSITION

Manchester, Dec. 28.—George A. Newman, who has been county treasurer for eight years, and prior to that time served in the same office as deputy, has been elected as assistant cashier in the Delaware County bank, and will retire from the office in the county building January 1. The supervisors will appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Newman. M. A. Richardson, who has been deputy treasurer for several years, is to be appointed by the board, according to reports at the court house.

WILL CELEBRATE SALOON CLOSING

Centerville, Dec. 28.—A union meeting will be held at the Methodist church Friday evening to celebrate the closing of the saloons in Iowa. A committee has been appointed from all the city churches to arrange a program. At 9 o'clock when the saloons close the church bells will be rung.

COMMUNITY BACKS ENGLER

Iowa City, Dec. 28.—The Commercial club and Iowa City is standing behind Manager Englert, of the Englert theater. Each year during holiday week there is a special effort to give the show playing a big and enthusiastic attendance of Iowa City people while the students are out of town.

CAUGHT BY POLE

Muscatine, Dec. 28.—Roy Litz, an employe of the Muscatine Lighting Co., was seriously injured when a telegraph pole on which he was working, broke near the ground and fell, carrying him with it and pinning him underneath when it finally struck the earth.

PRISONERS ARE FETED

Muscatine, Dec. 28.—A special menu was prepared for the sheriff's guests and appreciation was expressed by the prisoners for the opportunity to have tasted the holiday dainties, which they thought would fall to their lot to miss. Only six guests surrounded the laden festal board.

MANY CIGARETS SEIZED

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—More than 10,000 packages of cigarettes were seized in a raid on the United Cigar store, 322 Sixth avenue, by Deputy Sheriffs Henry Alver, Sam Henderson, Charles Miller and Edward Sunburg. The raid was made on a search warrant issued from the office of the county attorney. The manager of the store will be arrested on a charge of selling cigarettes, said George A. Wilson, county attorney.

FREMONT

Mrs. Josie Hibler and Miss Fern went to Hedrick Thursday to attend the Denver Dickey funeral.

Miss Erma L. Kroat came home from Ollie Thursday to spend her vacation.

Chester Lee and family of Lincoln, Neb., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Mollie Howell and children are visiting at the J. S. McClain home.

Mrs. Fred McClain and son Max are visiting in Ottumwa.

A good program was given Friday night by the Baptist Sunday school. A log cabin was placed on the platform and it was quite realistic. The treat was in the form of various colored star boxes. The usual Christmas decorations made the room very pretty.

Jas. Cosby, Jr., went to Hedrick on a hunting trip Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roquet have a new daughter, born recently.

Mrs. Nelly Martin is spending her vacation in Chicago.

Fred Beck and Howard Goehring were Mt. Pleasant visitors this week. Carl and Rex Wolfe of Fenton are visiting relatives here.

Guy Davis of Iowa Wesleyan is visiting at home.

WOLVES KEEPING GUNMEN GUESSING

SMALL AND VERY FLEET FOOTED VARIETY IS DISCOVERED NEAR SOAP CREEK.

Belknap, Dec. 28.—Wolf hunting is on in full blast in the Soap creek country northeast of Unionville and extending down to the Bunch neighborhood. Two of the crack hunters of the Southern Iowa association, Newton Garner and J. H. Swalm of Ash Grove, have been having some very exciting races. W. J. Stekel offers to turn the full bounty for all they catch on his farm, but can't afford a stopping place while hunting them.

The species of wolf that the hunters are having trouble with is a little peculiar and different from any that have ever been in this country. They are very medium sized wolves, some uncommonly small, rather a darkish color, some having a red appearance, sort of black in the face, short sharp ears, with large white spot in the breast, with black legs from knees down, with a very heavy tail having about two inches of white tip. The boys say they are the most fleet footed wolves they ever struck and they think it doubtful whether they will be able to catch them.

If, after trying these wolves another route or two they don't succeed in catching them they are going to call on their neighbors, Lewis Swalm and W. E. Hopkins of near Unionville, as they keep the dogs that will catch them. Swalm's dogs do the killing and Hopkins' dogs do the killing. These two men get every wolf they go after, but they only care to try where other hunters fail.

CANTRIL

Married, Wednesday evening Dec. 22, Miss Blanche Roberts, to John Meade. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberts and is well known in this community where she was born and raised. The groom is an industrious young man who is worthy of the bride he has won.

Ward Cretcher, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cretcher east of town.

John Helpert has returned from Spirit Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Suite and Emma spent Christmas with relatives in Mason.

Paul and Pearl Yeager who are attending school at Kirksville are spending their vacation with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. McLane.

The Bachelor Girls club met Thursday evening at the home of Neva Creath. The house was beautifully decorated, and a Christmas tree added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cassidy of Mount Sterling spent Saturday at the J. H. Cassidy home.

Charles Tractsel, former superintendent of Cantril school, spent a few days here recently.

Mrs. Sara returned from the Graham hospital Tuesday.

Darrel Stonebraker spent Saturday with Verne Arnold at the Ottumwa hospital.

Frank Silvers spent last week at Des Moines returning home Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Cassidy left Thursday for Emporia, Kans., where she will visit her daughter.

BIDWELL

Elmer Rose and family of Pleasant Home visited recently at the C. R. Chisman home.

Claude Rowe and family visited on Sunday at the parental Will Rowe home of Blakesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Canfield visited relatives in Ottumwa Saturday.

Willie Anderson of Ackley who is visiting his mother Mrs. Eliza Taylor is ill, suffering with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston and Miss Winnie Giffioen visited Saturday at the George Johnston home in Chillicothe.

Evelyn, the little daughter of Mr. and

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All \$22.50 overcoats reduced to only	\$16.65
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Mrs. Eli Murray who was ill, is improving.

Alfred Gustafson is quite ill with the grip.

Dr. Howell of Ottumwa was a visitor here Tuesday.

Thomas Murray visited recently at the John Smith home in Bladensburg.

Mrs. Milton Robert who has been ill is slowly improving.

Clarence Patrick and family of High Point visited Saturday at the Omer Johnston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harlan of Pleasant Home were entertained at the Henry Oswald home Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson who has been ill is better.

Mrs. Lottie Williams and daughter Miss Lulu Williams visited Saturday at the Elmer Williams home at Blakesburg.

Mrs. John Smith and daughters Ida and Anna Smith of Bladensburg visited Sunday at the Eli Murray home.

Albert Peterson delivered an eloquent sermon at Christ's church Sunday.

Dr. Rambo of Chillicothe was a visitor here Sunday.

DISCIPLES TO MEET AT DES MOINES NEXT

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—National secretaries of the Disciples of Christ (Christian church) met here today to plan for the national convention of the church to be held in Des Moines Jan. next October.

At a meeting last night A. M. M. Lean was elected chairman of the executive committee of the church Grant Lewis, treasurer, and R. H. Miller and A. E. Corey, secretaries. A four-lie in Cincinnati.

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