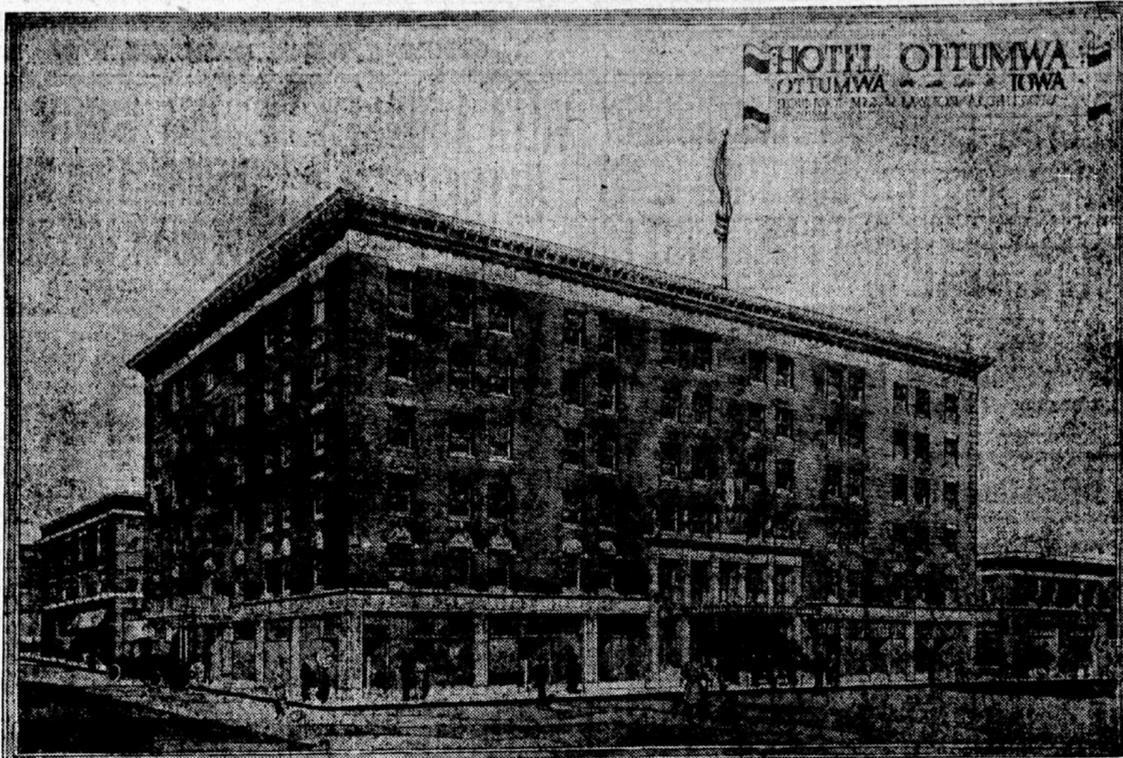


Iowa State News

ARCHITECT'S CONCEPTION OF THE HANDSOME NEW HOTEL OTTUMWA, WHICH IS TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR



The realization of a fond hope of many Ottumwans for several years, the building of a big and strictly modern hotel, is about to come to pass and this year will witness the erection of one of the finest hotel structures to be found in Iowa. The expenditure of nearly a third of a million dollars will be necessary before this up to the minute hostelry is complete and ready for use. Nothing has been omitted in its makeup that would add to its usefulness and convenience to patrons.

Equipped up to the minute and built for years to come, wisely providing for the addition of two more stories later if needed, this handsome building will be the pride of the city for some time and the subject of pleasing comment by visitors. The culmination of one of the biggest and most successful civic improvement campaigns, the new hotel bids fair to have started a movement for the general betterment of Ottumwa and her business property that will change the face of the city within the next few years.

The spirit of boost and willingness to help Ottumwa, has never had a better example than in the splendid manner the campaign for the new hotel was carried on to a successful conclusion. The tone of confidence and tendency to look forward to brighter and bigger things is evident on all sides. The fact that 300 people in Ottumwa participate as shareholders in the Ottumwa Hotel Co., shows how Ottumwans feel toward the project.

The building will be of reinforced concrete, concrete construction throughout faced with brick and terra cotta. The architects had in mind the beauty as well as durability of the hotel when drawing the plans that were accepted. Absolutely fireproof and fully equipped with modern hotel conveniences, the structure will serve a need here and make Ottumwa more able to handle conventions and big gatherings.

The full board of directors met Friday afternoon in the rooms of the Commercial association and discussed some of the details of the financing of the hotel project. The call for thirty per cent of the stock subscribed, has been issued for March 1. This will make fifty per cent or half of the amount of the subscriptions, twenty per cent having previously been paid. There are some details of the finance to be definitely decided upon later.

The figures on the construction cost have been authorized by the board although all of the contracts have not been awarded and considerable will be added to the cost when plans not contracted for at present are considered. The figures follow:

General contract including plumbing and heating and the electric wiring	\$200,000.00
Site	11,000.00
Items not considered in the above figures include, electric fixtures, elevators, wall paper and interior decorations, refrigeration plant, boiler and electric light plant.	

AD WRITING WILL BE TAUGHT NOW

BORNELL COLLEGE PLANS TO TAKE UP NEW COURSE AT ONCE.

Mount Vernon, Jan. 25.—Has the writing of advertisements reached the literary plane where it can be classified as one of the fine arts or the culture and the practical, ceasing their old warfare and acknowledging kinship in the field of letters?

Evidently Prof. Clarence J. Smith of Cornell college is ready to answer these questions in the affirmative, as he has just announced a new course in English to be given the coming semester, dealing with the writing of advertisements.

The demand for such a course came from embryo business men among the students who desired such instruction as a part of their work in English as will enable them to make good in the advertising field. Incidentally credit will be given in the course for ad material utilized in the college paper or other local publications. The course will seek to combine literary excellence with applied psychology in the field of business and commercial publicity.

CHILD BRAVES BIG STORM FOR DOCTOR

SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL RIDES HORSE THROUGH SEVERE WEATHER ACROSS PLAINS.

Webster City, Jan. 25.—Little Margaret Mickle, 7 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Mickle, formerly of this city but who now live on a farm two miles from Newark, S. D., recently won the right to be called a heroine.

Mr. Mickle was away from home and one night during a blinding rain and windstorm Mrs. Mickle became ill. Little Margaret arose, cared for her mother as best she could, then went out and saddled a horse and started for town, two miles distant. Her road lay in the direction from which the storm was blowing and while on the way the horse became frightened and threw the child off. The plucky little girl led the horse to a fence post, mounted and pursued her journey. Drenched with rain and shivering from cold, she finally got to the town and a physician was sent to attend Mrs. Mickle.

WEST LIBERTY IS HAVING HIGH WATER

RAINS AND THAWS HAVE CAUSED CREEKS TO RISE TO DANGEROUS HEIGHTS

West Liberty, Jan. 25.—The rains and thaw of the last thirty-six hours have brought high waters to this vicinity, which establish a record beyond the recollections of the oldest pioneers. The creek which divides north of town and sends its forks on the west and east side of town, has left its banks and threatens to take its bridges with it. The ice, which had formed to a depth of fifteen inches, crashes along on the surface of the swollen streams. Roadways are blocked, so that the farmers are cut off from the town. Rural route mail carriers are unable to be on their rounds.

The employees in the Rock Island railroad's pumping plant southwest of town, were compelled to leave their station, as the waters raised about them, but before leaving C. E. Peacock rescued a two-foot garter snake which had floated down the stream, atop a oak of ice. The snake was slightly numb, but still able to thrash about and dart its tongue. The roar of the swollen streams can be heard blocks distant.

RURAL CARRIERS REFUSE TO GO OUT

Jefferson, Jan. 25.—Patrons of rural routes out of Jefferson got no mail for five days because the three rural route carriers "struck" when the blizzard, with its snow and twenty below temperature, hit Iowa. The carriers said they could not and would not make the trips over their long routes in such weather. Overtures made by Postmaster Mogan had no effect on the carriers' decision.

Not until this week was the postmaster able to reach a solution of the difficulty. Then he hired three teams and drivers to make trips over the routes every other day.

The mail has hitherto been delivered in automobiles. Changes made by the postoffice department last fall lengthened the routes appreciably and made the task of delivering mail in such temperatures as prevailed last week a formidable one.

SUFFRAGETTES OF STATE CONFIDENT

LEADER MAKES PREDICTION BALLOT WILL BE WON BY WOMEN THIS SPRING.

Des Moines, Jan. 25.—Miss Flora Dunlap, president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage association, in a signed statement issued here today, declared that equal suffrage would win in Iowa at the June primary this year because "the men and women who live in Iowa are back of the movement." Her statement was intended to encourage the suffrage workers of the state.

"The organized women of the state are solidly for suffrage," said Miss Dunlap. "The biennial meeting of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 17,000 women, not only endorsed suffrage but urged its members to active work in the campaign. There are 25,000 women teachers in Iowa. The last Iowa state teachers' convention adopted a strong set of resolutions calling upon members of profession to help in the campaign. The registered nurses' association; the state grange, with a large membership of women; the state federation of labor, and many other state-wide organizations have endorsed suffrage.

"Eighty-four counties in the state have women's suffrage organizations, made up of both men and women, and working for a favorable vote in June. The officers of the equal suffrage association are much pleased with the responses from every county in the state, and believe that Iowa will be the twelfth of the progressive states to give the ballot to women."

Miss Dunlap said that a recent canvass of Des Moines, the largest city in the state, on the question of suffrage, had revealed the following: for equal suffrage, 21,284; against, 2,509; neutral, 5,995.

FRANCHISE WINS BY BIG MAJORITY

LIGHTING PROPOSITION WINS IN ELECTION AT BATAVIA; CELEBRATE WITH BONFIRE.

Batavia, Jan. 25.—(Special)—The proposition voted on here Monday whereby this city will have electric light and power by June 1 was given an overwhelming majority by the voters and a bonfire and general jubilation marked the occasion in the evening after the vote was announced. The vote stood 106 for the proposition and only 3 opposed it while 1 ballot was spoiled.

The proposition submitted to the voters was the voting of a franchise to the R. M. Burtis Co. of Chicago to run a transmission line from the Fairfield Public Service Co. plant in Fairfield to Batavia. Twenty-four hours service for both light and power will be supplied and the improvement is to be completed and in operation by June 1.

MONTEZUMA JURY MAKES ITS REPORTS

Montezuma, Jan. 25.—As a result of the present session of the grand jury here, Sam Smith was indicted on a charge of assault with criminal intent on Miss Iva Wolf, and entered appearance. The case was continued and bond fixed at \$2,500.

Smith Redd was indicted for bootlegging. He was before the court, plead guilty and was given a fine of \$300, which he will pay out.

Frank Arnold, in jail, was indicted for carrying concealed weapons, came before the court and demanded trial. Jack Noble, also in jail awaiting grand jury action, was indicted on a charge of maintaining a liquor nuisance. He also plead not guilty and demanded trial. The last two will probably be the only jury trials this term and will come up next week.

Original Notice, State of Iowa, in and against Wapello county, March term, 1916.

Milton D. Wilson, Plaintiff.
V.
Francis F. Steele, Original Notice, Steele, his wife, Doris, Francis of Moore, his wife, G. W. Hayden and Mrs. G. W. Hayden, his wife, John Hardin and Mrs. John Hardin, his wife, M. M. Lane and Mrs. M. M. Lane, his wife, G. B. Ulrich and Mrs. G. B. Ulrich, his wife, Charles Ulrich and Mrs. Charles Ulrich, his wife, Elias Dresser and Mrs. P. S. E. Griggs, wife and husband, and the heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, wives and husbands of the aforesaid defendants, and each of them, and the unknown defendants, heirs and unknown heirs of each and all of the said defendants, and unknown claimants to the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. four (4) in block No. five (5) and lot No. six (6) in block No. five (5), and lot No. five (5) in block No. five (5), all in the city of Agency, Wapello county, Iowa, Defendants:

Original notice directed to the above named defendants.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff, Milton D. Wilson, is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Wapello county, claiming that he is the absolute owner in fee simple and in possession of the above described premises, situated in Wapello county, Iowa, and that the interests of the defendants herein have been in actual, open, notorious, peaceable and uninterrupted adverse possession of said premises under claim of right and color of title for over twenty years last past, that the interests of the defendants herein have long since been transferred to the plaintiff's grantors by conveyances and warranty deeds which have not been placed of record, and that tax deeds have been issued and cut off the other defendants interests, and all of the said defendants have delivered possession and received consideration for said premises, and that they have no right, title or interest therein adverse to said plaintiff, and that all of the defendant's interest are barred by the statute of limitations. Said petition asks that the title to said premises be quieted in plaintiff and that the defendants and each of them be barred from having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the said premises adverse to the plaintiff, and plaintiff has made diligent search to find the residence and post office addresses of all defendants and could not find them.

And that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term of said court, to be held on the 20th day of March, 1916 default will be entered against you and decree and judgment rendered as prayed for in said petition.

Dated at Ottumwa, Iowa, this 5th day of January, A. D., 1916.

A. W. Enoch, Attorney for Plaintiff.
(Order on file for the publication of this notice as prescribed by law.)
Dated at Ottumwa, Iowa, this 5th day of January, 1916.

W. T. Wilson, Clerk District Court.

ELDON

Mrs. Pearl Johnson returned home Saturday from Ottumwa where she had been visiting her daughter Mrs. George Carlisle.

Mrs. Joe Roberts and daughter Vera spent Friday at the A. W. Roberts home.

Mrs. Beaul Leach and Mrs. Pearl Mungler went to Ottumwa on business. E. E. Hills of Keosauqua is in the city today.

There will be an old time dance at the skating rink this evening.

Miss Pearl Kneeder of Floris is visiting her sister Mrs. A. Grant this week.

The local order of Moose are going to have a supper, card party and dance at their new hall Wednesday evening for the members and their families. The association is able to be at work again after a two weeks' serious illness.

Mrs. Wely Lutz went to Des Moines Saturday evening to visit her daughters there.

Mrs. John Hendricks is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. C. W. Finney spent Sunday in Ottumwa with friends.

Miss Esther Millard attended White Shrine meeting in Ottumwa Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Finney is in Washington taking medical treatment.

Wm. T. Burns is improving at this time.

LOOKING FOR HEIRS OF JOHN NICHOLS

Marshalltown, Jan. 25.—Heirs of John Nichols, Civil war veteran who died in the soldiers' home here August 11, 1903, are being sought by W. E. Moses, attorney of Washington, D. C., who says that financial rewards are being offered to anyone who can identify the heirs. Nichols was admitted to the soldiers' home from Des Moines in 1898 and was 73 years old when he died.

He was a widower and at the time he was admitted to the home he gave the names of his three daughters at Mrs. Josephine Doyle, Mrs. Jennie Zittman and Mrs. Mary Wheeler. Their whereabouts are now unknown.

OVER SIX FEET TALL.

Fort Dodge, Jan. 25.—A Cardiff Giant in flesh and blood has been discovered in Gerd Rosendahl, a young farmer living near Clare. Rosendahl created no small commotion in Fort Dodge on a recent visit because of his six feet eight inches height. He weighs considerably over 200 pounds. His wife is six feet tall, but looks rather small beside him, and he looks every man whom he passes on a thoroughfare.

TO OBSERVE PAY-UP WEEK.

Marshalltown, Jan. 25.—Marshalltown will observe national "Pay-up week." The observance is to be during the week of February 21-26, inclusive, when everybody in the community will be expected to square up his accounts and start with a clean slate.

SUES CITY OF DES MOINES.

Iowa City, Jan. 25.—As a result of a fall on the sidewalk in front of the Savory hotel in Des Moines in November, 1914, Miss Emily Dell Davis of the instructional staff of the Iowa City public schools has filed a claim against the city of Des Moines for \$1,500.

CARRANZA WILL MAKE EFFORT TO PARCEL OUT LAND

AGRARIAN REFORMS PROMISED DEFACTO LEADER ARE TO BE MADE EFFECTIVE.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 25.—Efforts are being made by the Carranza government of Mexico, according to information made public here today, to establish the land reforms promised by the constitutionalists.

Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul here, said that a commission already had been appointed to put into operation the Carranza land distribution scheme, which contemplates the return to government control of municipal lands taken by private parties during and after the Diaz regime. When this is accomplished, it is said, the Carranza government will divide the vast areas of uncultivated lands comprising some of the largest estates in Mexico. Soldiers who have fought for Carranza will share first in this distribution of small farms, it is announced.

RESEMBLANCE CAUSES ARREST.

Fort Madison, Jan. 25.—His resemblance to another man came near causing Frank Williams to spend three years in the state penitentiary here. Williams was caught at Cheyenne, Wyo., a short time after the escape of Mada A. Chaon, parole violator from the penitentiary.

The two men bore a resemblance in features and three small scars on the face of each tallied exactly. The Wyoming officials were positive they had caught Chaon and Guard Cy Kenney brought Williams here. It was only after a careful examination was made at the prison here that the mistake was discovered and Williams released.

KENYON RENOUNCES BEQUEST BY WILL

Fort Dodge, Jan. 25.—Senator Kenyon, who was bequeathed \$2,000 in the will of the late I. S. Coffin, over which a legal controversy is now being waged, has renounced his bequest. Mr. Coffin willed much of his large estate to friends and educational institutions and the heirs are making a contest of the will. Senator Kenyon was a close friend and legal adviser of Mr. Coffin during the latter's lifetime.

WILSON ITINERARY IS ABOUT READY

GRINNEAL CITIZENS ARE PROMISED THAT EXECUTIVE WILL SHAKE HANDS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The cabinet today discussed the proposed speeches President Wilson will make on his coming trip and it was agreed he should treat the national defense question with frankness and tell the country the United States needs a large army and navy because of present troubled conditions in the world.

PLAN IS OPPOSED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—A committee of the national executive committee of the socialist party asked President Wilson today to support Representative London's resolution for the calling of a neutral conference to end the European war.

The president was also urged to use his influence for the protection of the Jews, particularly those in Poland, at the conclusion of the war.

Members of the committee told the president they were opposed to his preparedness program.

FREMONT BANK HAS ANNUAL MEETING

Fremont, Jan. 25.—The stockholders of the State Bank of Fremont met at the directors' room of the bank in annual meeting. The statement for the year's business showed up most favorably and after declaring the usual dividend, \$4,000 was left to surplus, making a surplus fund of \$30,000 with a capital stock of \$40,000. The following directors were elected: D. K. Unsicker, M. F. Triplett, H. N. Hamilton, George W. Akerman, E. E. Austin, J. E. Kennel, M. E. Votaw and Jay Forbes.

Following the meeting of the stockholders the directors met and elected the following officers:

President—D. K. Unsicker.
Vice president—M. F. Triplett.
Cashier—E. E. Austin.
Assistant cashier—Jay Forbes.
Bookkeeper—Miss Edna Van Winkle.

HAVE NO CLEWS ON ROBBERY AT NEWTON

Newton, Jan. 25.—No trace has been found of the robbers who stole a mail pouch containing more than \$70,000 in bank paper and cash here. Railroad detectives, postoffice inspectors, the local sheriff's office and the city marshal are working on the case, but all admit they are baffled for the time being.

The officers believe the robbery was done by somebody familiar with the practices of local banks in sending out drafts for large amounts at certain times of the week. The only pouch taken was the one that contained all the money destined for the outgoing mail. Several pouches were undisturbed.

Five suspicious characters were arrested shortly after the robbery but all were released, there being no evidence against them.

GREAT WESTERN AGENTS MEETING

Des Moines, Jan. 25.—Nearly 200 Iowa agents of the Chicago Great Western railroad held their annual meeting here today. Addresses were delivered by officials of the road, including A. C. Irons and George H. Hunt, Chicago; P. F. Bonarden and B. J. de Groot, Omaha; Ewing Duval, Kansas City, and O. F. Spindler, St. Paul.

ICE THREATENS TO DAMAGE BRIDGES

Davenport, Jan. 25.—The ice in the Mississippi river here started to move last night and the stage was nearly two feet higher than 7 o'clock last night. It had reached 14.1 at 7 o'clock this morning and was still rising. The approaches to the Milwaukee and Burlington railroad bridge were piled high with ice and several buildings on the levee were dislodged. A wagon bridge over the Wapsie river above Princeton was washed out.

SUFFRAGISTS ORGANIZE

Albia, Jan. 25.—The equal suffrage campaign started here this week when a county organization was perfected. Miss Anna Curtle of Des Moines headed the organization. A number of Monroe county women interested in the suffrage movement met at the business men's association rooms and made plans for the campaign. Mrs. W. H. Kreger is county chairman and Mrs. Helen Townsend was elected secretary-treasurer.

HEAD PRINTER DIES

Chicago, Jan. 25.—W. B. Prescott, former president of the International Typographical union, died at his home here today of apoplexy. He was active for years in the organization of which he served as head and was well known throughout the country in labor. Mr. Prescott was born in Toronto, Can., in 1862.

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