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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. J. L. Davies and daughter, Ida, and Esther McCain of New London were visitors in the city Saturday.
Mrs. J. A. Snow and Esther Anderson of Fairfield visited in Ottumwa Saturday.
Mrs. A. C. Kingsburg, 817 East Holt street, has gone to Mystic to spend a few days with relatives there.
Mrs. Ray Randall, who lives at 310 South Willard street, is spending a few days in Bidwell.
Miss Laura Bowen of Chillicothe who attends the Ottumwa high school, spent the week end at her home.
Rev. J. C. Kendrick, 654 North Court street, went to Knoxville Saturday for a few days' visit in the interests of Iowa Wesleyan college.
Mrs. O. E. Warner of Dudley stopped off in the city Friday and Saturday en route to Blakesburg to visit friends.
Mrs. S. M. Allison has returned to her home in Hampton after visiting her sister, Mrs. George Stevens, on East Main street.
Mrs. John Lawson of Davenport arrived Saturday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scully, 413 Finley avenue.
C. C. Atwood, 110 North Hancock street, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Atwood, a patient at the Bloomfield hospital.
Mrs. Pat Maloney, 336 East Second street, accompanied by her sister, Miss Alice Shea, went to Blakesburg Saturday to spend the day.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cook and daughter, Lucille, 541 West Main street, spent Saturday and Sunday in Bidwell.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Melcher of Chariton, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Melcher, 409 North Miller street, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bussing, who reside near Winnipeg, Canada, arrived Sunday evening to visit the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. S. Bussing, 120 North Moore street.
Miss Mildred Riley, 337 North Hancock street, has returned from Oskaloosa, to which place she accompanied her cousin Miss Eliza Killips, and was her guest over Sunday.
Mrs. Lewis Parcell and little daughter Grace of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Johnson, 334 North Weller street.
Arthur Seaburg, who attends the Iowa Success college, and his sister, Miss Mamie Seaburg, teacher of the Walnut Grove school, spent Saturday and Sunday at their home in Bidwell.
Miss Amy Zimmerman of Mt. Pleasant was a guest of Miss Anita Crips, 415 North Fifth street, en route to Hedrick where she spent Sunday with her father, Rev. A. R. Zimmerman.
Miss Bessie Randall, who has been a guest during the winter at the home of W. S. Vinson, 301 Oakwood avenue, went to Ames Saturday to attend a Phi Delta fraternity dinner dance. She returned Sunday night.
Mrs. Gertrude Lake and son, Herbert, have returned to Hitman after visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Wright, 324 South Moore street, and sister, Mrs. John Pearce, 113 South Moore street.

MISS CHIDESTER GETS DIAMOND RING
Fairfield, April 17.—County Superintendent of Schools June Chidester was probably one of the most surprised women Saturday afternoon that anyone ever saw, for all unknown to her the rural teachers of the county planned a little surprise for her in the shape of a gift of a handsome diamond ring, which was presented to her at the close of the reading contest, held at the court house. Rev. Wilber L. Keesey of the First Methodist church made the presentation in a few words and Miss Chidester was not aware of what was taking place until she was speaking.
According to the donors the gift represents in a very small way the degree of esteem in which they hold Miss Chidester, who is untiring in their interests; counseling, advising and laboring for and with them in a most unselfish manner.
In the reading contest which drew an audience that completely packed the two large rooms given over to that purpose, the winner in the third grade was Dorothy Horton, of No. 2 Center. Miss Cora Schafer, teacher; the fourth grade winner was Miss Zella Hoffman of No. 2 Liberty, Miss Ruth Ireland teacher.

YOUTH FALLS FROM A WINDMILL TOWER
Waukon, April 17.—Harold Brittain, 11-years old, met with a very serious if not fatal accident while playing on a windmill.
The boy fell from the twenty-foot tower, and was impaled on the sucker rod of the pump. The rod entered the boy's abdomen to the depth of four inches.
Physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Well Known Couple Recently Observed Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. JOHN JAGER OF EDDYVILLE.

Mr. Jager is a veteran of the civil war, a pioneer of Wapello county and Eddyville, and president of the Manning & Epperson State bank of that city. This estimable couple observed their golden wedding April 12 in the presence of their children and grandchildren at their home, featured by a dinner in the Knox hotel in Eddyville.

Iowa Congressman Condemns U. S. Bureau on its Quarantine Rules
By G. Gould Lincoln
The Courier's Special Washington Correspondent

Washington, D. C., April 17.—A vigorous attack upon the manner in which the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture conducted the quarantine against the foot and mouth disease of cattle in Iowa was made on the floor of the house by Representative Hull of the second district during the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. Representative King of Illinois, also joined in the criticism of the bureau and described the ruin and chaos which had followed in the wake of the quarantine in Illinois.
Mr. Hull is seeking to have the quarantine laws made more specific, so that the people will know just what they are up against in the event of the establishment of a quarantine again, and so as to restrict the amount of discretionary power given the authorities. He is also seeking to have an amendment to the bill adopted which would provide for the reimbursement of live stock owners whose stock dies while held in quarantine, whether death is due to the result of the disease against which the quarantine is enforced or to some other disease. He has in mind the case of Iowa where the farmers lost thousands of hogs last year because of the quarantine against the foot and mouth disease, although the hogs were not affected by that disease but died of cholera when, had the quarantine not been drawn against them they might have been shipped to the slaughter market and disposed of while healthy.
"No one of the comedy of errors which the present administration has staged has demonstrated the inefficiency of the bureau and has disregarded the rights of a state to deal exclusively with its own affairs more than that episode staged last summer under the name of the foot and mouth disease quarantine," said Mr. Hull. "The things that were done by the federal officers during that regime would have been ludicrous, if they had not been so pitiful, and would have been absurd if they had not ruined many a home, driven many a man into bankruptcy and an untimely grave and throttled the independence of the state."
"One benefit has been evolved. We have been taught that before the federal government can ever hope to be an important factor in the development of the great livestock industry it must thoroughly reorganize the department in control of this great source of wealth of the United States."
"One can only realize the magnitude of the blunder when he considers the millions upon millions that are invested in the live stock industry of the country. It is the greatest wealth producer in the United States.

Reorganization of the rural free delivery routes in Wapello Co., which took effect April 16, has been announced by the postoffice department, following the inspection of conditions in the county. Representative Ramseyer of the sixth district, was urgent in his demand that something be done by the department to remedy the conditions brought about by the wholesale eliminations and lengthening of routes. In reporting the new changes to Mr. Ramseyer, the department admits that it was not well informed when it made the earlier and sweeping changes.
The changes now announced are as follows: route No. 1 out of Agency has been reduced to 27.5 miles, thereby accommodating twenty-one families; routes Nos. 1 and 2 out of Eldon have been amended so as to equalize the mileage and improve the mail facilities of seventeen families; route No. 1 out of Dudley extends into the territory adjacent to Blakesburg and the patrons prefer Blakesburg as a base for their mail, so the department has issued an order directing the transfer of this route so as to operate from Blakesburg, seventeen families being benefited by that order; route No. 1 out of Chillicothe will be extended approximately two miles in connection with the transfer of the Dudley route No. 1 and ten families will be benefited; route No. 1 out of Eddyville to avoid duplication of work, will be changed into the vicinity of section 24, two families being accommodated and none inconvenienced; route No. 2 out of Floris will be reestablished, forty-two families being accommodated; routes Nos. 1, 4 and 9 out of Ottumwa will be amended and local service improved; route No. 3 out of Albia will be improved to the benefit of six families and route No. 1 out of Frederic will be changed to the advantage of ten families.

Representative Sweet of Iowa has introduced a bill for the establishment of a government munitions plant at Dubuque, Iowa, to manufacture all kinds of munitions for the army and navy. He proposes that \$5,000,000 be expended for this plant.

back to April 1, when the last two-year contract expired.
Operators can see the miners will get the demand of five cents increase on lump and three cents on mine run, while there will be some more increases in day labor, etc.
The difference of five cents the operators must pay increase the twenty-five cents advance to consumers to make up the loss in profit.

PRICE OF COAL WILL BE BOOSTED
INCREASE IN WAGES TO THE MINERS IS GIVEN AS CAUSE FOR HIGHER PRICES.
Des Moines, April 17.—The price of coal will be boosted here from \$3.75 to \$4 ton this week.
That well known reason, "the war" is given as the cause although coal men conceded they must go a long way to make the logic apply.
The direct reason is the increased wages to be paid the coal miners, representatives of whom are in conference with a committee of operators on the new wage agreement to date

EFFORT MADE TO BURN A BUILDING
Dubuque, April 17.—Joseph Reinfried, chief of the fire department, is convinced that an effort was made to burn the three story building in which the Dubuque National bank is located. An alarm called the department to the building at 10:30 o'clock. A slight blaze was found in a hallway on the second floor.
Oil had been poured or spilled on the floor and a match had been touched to it.
A number of families live in rooms on the upper floors of the building, but none of them could account for the oil on the floor.

KEOKUK CO. COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS

MR. AND MRS. UTTERBACK ENTERTAIN THEIR NINE CHILDREN.

Sigourney, April 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Utterback celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday evening at their home in northeast Sigourney. Only their immediate relatives and friends were invited to be present besides their children, of whom there are nine and all living. Mrs. Josiah Utterback of Los Angeles, Cal., was the only out-of-town guest. Mr. and Mrs. Utterback were married fifty years ago in Keokuk county by Elder W. H. Brunt and have resided in the vicinity of Sigourney during all these years. An elegant six course dinner was served at 6 o'clock and after the repast the Rev. Mr. Hodge presented the bride and groom of fifty years with a large number of handsome gifts to commemorate the event. Mr. and Mrs. Utterback, although advanced in years, are still enjoying the best of health.

Obituary

Infant Orman.
The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Elzlie Orman died at the Ottumwa hospital Saturday night at 12 o'clock. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. G. Gilkison. Interment took place in Shaul cemetery.

Pauline Pearson.
Pauline Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pearson, 526 West Second street, died Saturday at the Ottumwa hospital at the age of one year. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m., at Seymour, with interment in the Seymour cemetery.

John Erbacher.
John Erbacher, a former resident of Ottumwa, died at Des Moines at noon today. His remains will be brought to this city and the funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sacred Heart Catholic church, conducted by Rev. James Foley. Interment will take place in Calvary cemetery.

John Johnson.
Funeral services of John Johnson who died Friday afternoon at his home 409 North Jefferson street, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and at 2:30 from the Swedish Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. P. O. Bersell. Interment took place in the Ottumwa cemetery.

Mrs. Albert Conwell.
The funeral of Mrs. Albert Conwell, 261 South Ward street, who died Friday morning at the Ottumwa hospital, was held Sunday from the residence at 1:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. M. E. Reusch of the Willard Street Methodist church and at 3 o'clock at the M. E. church in Chillicothe. Interment took place in the Chillicothe cemetery.

Baby Jarvis.
The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jarvis, 414 Hamilton street, who was born Saturday, April 8, died Sunday evening, April 16, at 7 o'clock. The private funeral service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, Rev. M. E. Reusch of the

ADAMS TOWNSHIP BECOMES ACTIVE

PRIZES ARE GIVEN FOR CORN AND PIG CONTESTS AND GREATER IOWA BOOSTED.

The Commercial club committee in charge of Greater Iowa association and corn and pig contests, are organized. A visit was made to Adams township with gratifying results. D. A. Jay subscribed \$10 as a member of the Greater Iowa association, and accepted the township chairmanship. The following Blakesburg business men donated prizes for the successful contestants in the corn and pig contests in Adams township:
Walter Abegg, \$15; Peoples Savings bank, \$15; William Fritz, \$7.50; Martin Huber, \$7.50; Lester Jay, \$7.50; Blakesburg Lumber Co., \$7.50.

These prizes supplement the county prizes of \$50 each, donated by the Ottumwa business men.
A call was made at the Blakesburg school and through the courtesy of Superintendent Cassil, short addresses were made to the pupils regarding this work. It was explained that some of the farmers' organizations seem to be laboring under a misapprehension as to hard roads. The Greater Iowa committee stated it is not advocating hard roads or any style of road of high cost, calculated to increase the taxes, but good dirt roads or any other kind of good roads that the people want.
The preliminary work in the corn and pig contests done by county superintendent of schools was found to be very helpful.

Willard Street M. E. church officiating. Interment took place in Shaul cemetery.

George A. Kaiser.
The funeral of George A. Kaiser who died Friday evening at the Ottumwa hospital as a result of injuries received while employed at the packing house, was held from his residence, 411 North Birch street, this morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. James Foley and interment took place in Calvary cemetery.
The pall bearers were, John Denefe, John Kelly, John Hahn, William Barnes, Harry Briggs and Abe Clark. Interment took place in Calvary cemetery.

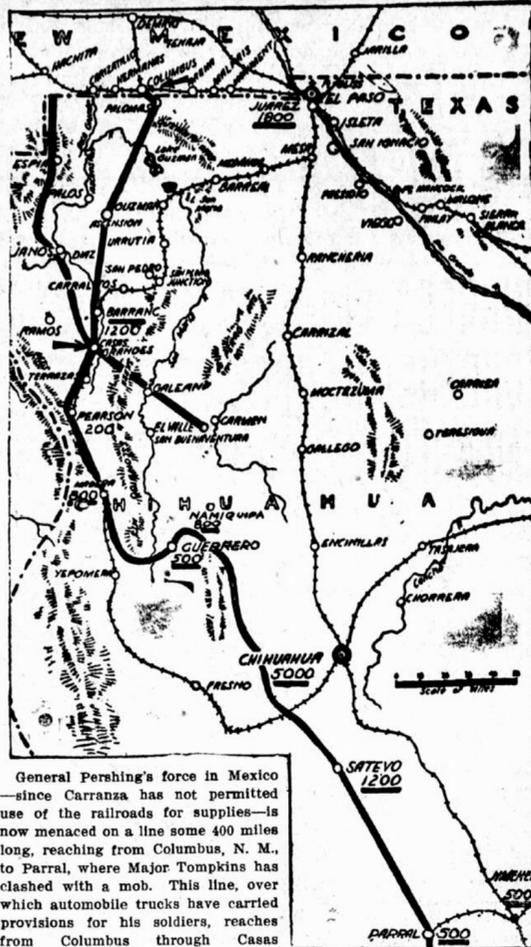
CONFIRMATION OF DEATH TALE AWAITED

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Identification of the body at this time may prove baffling. According to the reports from Mexico City, Villa has been dead over two weeks and physical changes may be such as to preclude any positive proof that the dead man was Villa. Mexican officials here said that the U. S. government undoubtedly would accept the identification made by responsible Mexican citizens and officials who knew Villa.

MUST IDENTIFY BODY.
San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—Unless the body reported to be that of Francisco Villa is brought to El Paso, the matter of identification probably will not come to the attention of the military officials, it was announced at Gen. Funston's headquarters today.

LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS MENACED



General Pershing's force in Mexico—since Carranza has not permitted use of the railroads for supplies—is now menaced on a line some 400 miles long, reaching from Columbus, N. M., to Parral, where Major Tompkins has clashed with a mob. This line, over which automobile trucks have carried provisions for his soldiers, reaches from Columbus through Casas Grandes, Chihuahua and Satevo.

Carranza has many thousand soldiers scattered through this territory. They would be used at once against American troops if the clash came. They are distributed as follows: At Chihuahua, General Gutierrez with 5,000; at Parral, 500; at Jiminez, 500; northern Sonora, General Calles with 12,000; at Satevo, General Herrera with 1,200; at Juarez, General Gavira with 1,800; at Madera, General Barzani with 800; at Namiqipa, General Cano with 800; at Guerrero, General Cavasson with 500, and at Casas Grandes, General Davilla with 1,200. At Torreón, southeast of Parral, General Trevino has 4,000. The Arrietas brothers are operating in Durango with about 3,000 men and then there are the Villa bandits.

MINERAL IS FOUND ON STOCKTON FARM

Stockton, Ill., April 17.—Mineral has been found on the B. A. Hammond farm just half a mile south of Stockton. The Big Six Mining company of this place, composed of C. A. Hammond, R. M. Hammond, W. G. Siemen, Rube Isbell, E. R. Brown and F. J. Dickinson have engaged experienced miners to do the digging and they expect a big find before long.

G. A. Snider, 114 South Ward street left this morning on No. 3 for Stratton, Neb., where he was called by the death of his mother, Mrs. Arlina Snider.

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