

# ELDON FAIR PLANS READY

### BIG FOUR ATTRACTIONS THIS YEAR TO ECLIPSE PREVIOUS SEASONS.

Eldon, July 13.—Notwithstanding reports to the contrary the Big 4 Fair will be held as usual this year. Judging by the way things are now taking shape the 1917 effort will be better than previous exhibitions.

The directors and officers have contracted for a generous lot of high class free attractions. One of the big features will be a display of fireworks at night. While last season's fireworks were long on quantity and high in quality, this year's display is bound to make previous attractions pale into insignificance. This is explained by the advancement the originators have made in one year's time and the fact that the Big 4 Fair association bought a very much larger amount.

The speed department is actually head and shoulders above where it has ever been here at the date. Secretary H. R. Baker has been receiving heavy entries now for several days, and some of the fastest racing stock in the country is booked for a try out on the Big Four's half mile track.

Another thing that will be a big drawing card to this season's effort is the fact that premiums on nearly every thing and every article has been handsomely increased. The dates are July 31, August 1-2-3.

# DIES ON WAY TO MEET SICK SON

Shenandoah, July 14.—Dazed from the effects of blood poison, S. D. Gillespie, Essex farmer, died while on a trip to meet his son who was returning from an Omaha hospital.

Gillespie and his wife had made a trip to see a doctor regarding his injured hand. The physicians were all out of town and he started on to Red Oak to meet his son. On the way the car broke down and Mr. Gillespie walked the rest of the way.

When he reached the Charles Coates home he was in a dazed condition. He lapsed rapidly into unconsciousness and died. Seven members of the family have been in hospital recently.

# BUSINESS PART OF THAYER BURNS

Thayer, July 14.—The entire business section of Thayer has been wiped out by the explosion of a big oil tank which was owned by residents of Murray. The lumber yard was saved by heroic work of fire fighters.

Concerns burned out were: Field's hardware store, McGuire store and restaurant, the postoffice, Northrup stationery store, Garress feed store, Binniger cafe, optician and jewelry, Biven barber shop, W. T. Sandquist, general merchandise, Pratt & Zahner's garage, Claude Selley auto, house and barn.

# SET ASIDE MONEY FOR VARIOUS UNITS

Council Bluffs, July 14.—One thousand dollars of the funds of the Military Affairs bureau of the Chamber of Commerce was set aside as a joint fund for the benefit of Company L, Third Iowa regiment; the Dodge Engineers and Unit K of the Red Cross, at a meeting of the executive committee of the bureau Wednesday afternoon.

# HIRE MEN TO BOOST

Muscatine, July 14.—The \$8,000 fund which is being secured for the purpose of securing a paid secretary for the Greater Muscatine committee, according to the report, only \$400 remains to be secured for the purpose. Following the task of securing the fund, immediate steps will be made to secure an active secretary for the new organization, which will also be incorporated.

# SAW FLYING MACHINE

Iowa City, July 14.—Iowa City people attest to the appearance of a flying machine to the east of the city. It is said that the machine was plainly visible with flags and lights and that after sailing and maneuvering about for some time, it disappeared in the same direction from which it came. It is thought that the machine was probably a war plane from the Rock Island arsenal or from the Illinois Aviation training station, out on a trip.

# BOOZE DEALERS MUST PAY

Keokuk, July 14.—Twenty-seven proprietors of temperance bars, fined last December by District Judge Bank for maintaining liquor nuisances, must pay their fines immediately or go to jail. They were given six months to "come through" with fines ranging from \$150 to \$300, and failure to pay resulted in institution of new proceedings today to force payment or send them to jail.

# TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

New Sharon July 14.—New Sharon is making preparations for the coming dedication of the Christian church which will be held tomorrow. All day services are announced and the program includes talent in unusual array. The new structure is modern and has a basement of large dimensions. It has already been viewed with the thought that possibly this basement may be needed as an armory before the year is out.

# CLARINDA WOMAN HURT

Clarinda, July 14.—Miss Maude Miller of Clarinda is in a serious condition as the result of an automobile accident which occurred near here. The car in which she, Asa Archibald, N. Wade and a girl friend from Kansas City were riding turned turtle near here and pinned the two young women underneath.

# HOLD PARENTS FOR HELPING SLACKER

Osceola, July 13.—Charles and Ida Smull of St. Charles, a small town in Madison county, just north of Clarke, were bound over to the grand jury by United States Commissioner Fitzsimmons, on charge of perjury.

They are accused of false swearing in giving the age of their son, Arthur, who was arrested June 15 for failing to register. Smull and his wife declared on oath that Arthur was 20, but records proved him to be 21.

Smull is held on a \$500 bond and his wife on one for \$1,000. Arthur is held on \$1,000 for the perjury case and is also on \$5,000 bond for his appearance at his trial as a slacker.

# PHONE MANAGER IS NOW A MAJOR

Davenport, July 13.—An announcement from Washington, D. C., states that Fred W. McDougall of Davenport training for the officers' reserve at Omaha, Neb., has been commissioned by the war department, along with other Iowa men, major in the signal corps under the present act. His commission yesterday, Mr. McDougall is the only Davenport mentioned to have received a commission in the signal or engineer's corps.

Mr. McDougall was formerly district commercial manager of the Davenport district of the Iowa Telephone company.

# CURFEW RINGS NOW AT IOWA'S OASIS

Ft. Madison, July 14.—After today curfew rings at Nauvoo, Ill., the oasis of southeastern Iowa, at 9:30 p. m. with reveille, as far as thirteenth emporiums are concerned, at 6 a. m. The action comes at the request of numerous Nauvoo residents who state that under the present act night saloon schedule the constant parade of Iowa auto parties through the city leaves no time for sleep. Nauvoo is untouched by any railway line and the war tied up the materials ordered for an interurban from Ft. Madison. One enterprising auto owner has started an evening bus line.

# COMES 6,000 MILES TO MARRY

Clinton, July 14.—Upon her arrival in Clinton this week, after an adventurous 6,000 mile trip from her home in Tula, Russia, Miss Margaret Lobe was united in marriage here to John C. Menzel, a bookkeeper for the Clinton Sugar refinery and well known Clinton young man, whom she first met in Russia several years ago.

# SNODGRASS FARM PURCHASED

Milton, July 13.—Homer A. Miller of Des Moines and Henry C. Taylor of Bloomfield have purchased the right of redemption to the Snodgrass farm near Milton and proceeded to redeem it. The transaction was one of the largest ever recorded in the court here. The farm comprises 672 acres and was redeemed at an approximate value of \$82,000.

# BIG RED CROSS BENEFIT

Fairfield, July 13.—Those in charge of the seat sale for the Red Cross benefit, "Joan the Woman," at Chautauqua park, Friday and Saturday evening of this week, anticipate a crowded house each evening, as calls are coming in from all over the county for seats.

# OFFER \$20,000 SETTLEMENT

Ft. Madison, July 13.—The Mississippi River Power company has offered to adjust the sewer system problem at Ft. Madison at a cost of \$20,000. The city council met Eugene Maxwell Monday evening, but as all members were not present the matter was not decided at the time.

# ENROLL RED CROSS CLASS

Mt. Pleasant, July 13.—The secretary will be at the Red Cross rooms every afternoon for the purpose of enrolling members in the Red Cross class of instruction, which will open on Monday with Mrs. Bloom of Iowa City in charge.

# TO VOTE CONSOLIDATION

Boone, July 13.—Voting will take place Monday in the Consolidated Independent school district of Jordan, on the question of whether a \$200,000 building will be erected in the district which was consolidated last winter. The women may take part in the voting on the bond question.

# GUERNSEY COMMISSIONED

Bloomfield, July 13.—Dr. P. F. Guernsey received his commission from the government, the latter part of last week. He has not as yet been called out for service, but is momentarily expecting to be. Dr. Guernsey will be in the medical reserve corps and his commission gives him the ranking of first lieutenant.

# LOGAN PASTOR STILL MISSING

Logan, July 13.—Though sympathetic friends are co-operating in the search for the Rev. C. C. Payton, pastor of the Baptist church here, who disappeared a little over a week ago, no trace of the missing pastor has been found.

# TO HONOR MONTGOMERY

Fairfield, July 13.—The Fairfield business men and others will hold a luncheon this evening at the Leggett house at 7 o'clock in honor of Dr. R. Ames Montgomery, the newly elected president of Parsons college.

# COUNTY LOSES CHANCE

Mount Pleasant, July 13.—Henry county has lost its chance and will not participate in the federal road appropriation although two neighboring counties—Des Moines and Jefferson—will be beneficiaries of this great road improvement. No one is to blame except the county itself.

# LAIN IN CHEWING GUM SUPPLY

Marshalltown, July 13.—It was evidently a crowd of gum chewers who burglarized the grocery store of Burdick & Yorkum. They made way with between \$10 and \$15 worth of chewing gum, cigars and tobacco and secured a few pennies from the cash register, dropping part of them on the floor.

# BIG PROGRAM AT S-I NORMAL

### THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL.

Bloomfield, July 13.—The forty-third annual commencement of the Southern Iowa normal will take place next week.

The first program of the commencement period will be a play given by the graduates under the direction of Mrs. Buell McCash. This will be presented to the public in the normal chapel Friday evening, July 20. An admission charge will be made and seats will be reserved.

The second will be the class day program on Saturday afternoon. The program will be given by the graduates in all courts. The program will be given at 2 o'clock.

Sunday evening, July 22, will occur the baccalaureate sermon, which will be preached by Rev. G. E. Purdy at the Christian church.

Monday evening the graduation exercises of the normal will be held. The name of the commencement lecturer has not yet been announced. The address will be given at the Christian church, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The graduates number thirty this year, twenty-three in the normal course, five in the commercial course and two in the musical department. The normal has been very successful under the direction of Presidents H. W. Christy and C. E. Darnielle.

# RAILROADS FILE EARNINGS FOR YEAR

Des Moines, July 13.—The state executive council completed hearings of railroads and express representatives upon taxation estimates and now will hear from telephone and telegraph companies of the state.

The representatives are asking few decreases in valuation, the chief arguments being based upon comparisons of values of their properties.

Reports filed by thirty-three railroads and express companies show net earnings in 1916 of \$27,445,263, an average of \$2,773 per mile.

The Northwest earned \$6,236,275 last year in Iowa, the Rock Island, \$5,521,035, and the Milwaukee, \$5,169,654. The Burlington, with \$4,885,582, and the Great Western with \$2,198,490 are next in order.

# SIGOURNEY

A big real estate deal was recently closed here whereby George H. Paul of Washington became the owner of several of J. F. Bray's properties in the city of Sigourney and in return Mr. Bray took over a 200 acre farm one mile south of the city. The entire transaction involved property to the value of about \$40,000.

Prof. L. L. Toomey arrived in the city from Seattle Tuesday evening and today will be married to Miss Rose Kelly of this city. Mr. Toomey a number of years ago was principal of the Sigourney high school and has many friends in the city. Miss Kelly is the daughter of Thomas Kelly residing in the south part of the city and is one of the popular young ladies of the town. They will make their home in Seattle, where Mr. Toomey is engaged in school work.

Attorney and Mrs. E. H. McCoy of Waterloo arrived in the city Wednesday and are at the Kelly home for the Kelly-Toomey wedding.

# CHARITON

Mrs. Ray Reed left yesterday for a visit with relatives at her former home in Shenandoah.

Miss Carrie M. Bently was the victim of a pleasant surprise yesterday perpetrated by about thirty of her relatives, the occasion being her birthday. A sumptuous dinner was served and a most enjoyable time was had.

Mrs. C. Montgomery, of Eagleville, Mo., came yesterday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Perkins.

Miss Ruth Rose, of Des Moines, is spending a week in this city, a guest of Miss Florence Williams.

Samuel Carpenter has returned from Des Moines where he resided in the dental corps. He passed the required examination and is expecting a call to active service.

Miss Lois Steele left a few days ago for a visit in Chicago with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Stahl, and where her marriage to Mr. Thoms will take place in the near future.

Miss Fern Umbenhower, of Pleasant township is spending the week in this city with her sister, Mrs. Mary Agen.

C. T. Andrews and family are enjoying a visit from his brother-in-law J. C. Reynolds, and son, Harley, and daughter, Cleo, and from Mr. and Mrs. C. Buckles and four children of Chicago, who made the trip by the auto route.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nalden and son Jimmie of Adel have returned home after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Abernathy and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Eaton and baby, Gretchen, of Vinton, are guests at the parental Dr. T. M. Throckmorton home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Neptune of Mt. Airy are visiting in this city, at the home of the former's father, Samuel Neptune.

Capt. and Mrs. J. H. McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gookin and two children have gone to Kansas City via the auto route for a visit with their son and brother, Eugene McFarland and wife.

# CEDAR ROUTE NO. 1

Daisy and Dolly Allison and Margaret Fuhs visited a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Allison.

Mrs. Isaac Cook who has been on the sick list has recovered.

Mrs. Sharley Allison of near Chillicothe visited relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Myrtle Chick is working for William Graham in Kirkville.

# CANTONMENT WIPES TOWN OFF THE MAP

Des Moines, July 13.—The incorporated town of Andrews in Polk county has been wiped off the map by Uncle Sam's big cantonment.

It has settled forever a school location feud between Andrews and Herold and averted legal procedure to dissolve a new township consolidated school district.

The board of directors are out of a job. Andrews is a regularly incorporated town. On paper it is laid out in lots. In reality it is nothing but a dusty corner.

# HOSPITAL CORPS FULL

Davenport, July 13.—A telegram to Chief James Sullivan, head of the Davenport navy recruiting station, states that the hospital corps for the navy has been closed. The message, which comes from the head station at Des Moines, adds that no more applicants should be accepted in this rating because the division has been filled.

# BEES STING MAN TO DEATH

### HENRY HOOK, WELL KNOWN AT FAIRFIELD, DIES UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Fairfield, July 14.—Henry Hook, 50 years old and formerly porter at the Court hotel was stung to death yesterday by a swarm of bees at the Frank Kartz home near Pleasant Plain. The funeral was held today at the home of his brother, Albert Hook, near that place.

Hook, who was employed by Frank Kartz, was plowing corn when his plow tipped up a nest of bees which were in the act of swarming. When the machine disturbed them they turned upon Mr. Hook in a mass and covered his face and body within a second's time.

Kurtz saw Hook fall from his seat on the plow and rushing to his side supposed him to have fainted from the pain. He carried him into the house and summoned physicians, who, when an examination was made, declared that the man had probably been dead when he fell to the ground, as he was badly stung all over the body.

# BLOOMFIELD

The marriage of Miss Ruth Scoles, daughter of E. and M. H. B. Scoles of this city to Carl Edholm, of New London will be solemnized this afternoon at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Edgar Fletcher and little son Francis of Ottumwa are expected for a short visit at the parental Frank Rominger home.

Miss Maggie Bradbury left Thursday for a month's visit with friends in Des Moines.

Mrs. Cliff Barnett and little son returned yesterday from a week's visit with relatives at Lancaster, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Will Linhart of Ottumwa spent the first of the week here with relatives.

Pug Smith has left for Davenport with the expectation of locating there.

Mrs. Jennie Norton of Lush, Wyo., is the guest of her brother, A. J. Wisdom, of near Mark.

Mrs. Frank Wray of La Crosse, Kas., is visiting the Wray families here this week.

Miss Dollie Owens left yesterday for a visit at Kirksville, Mo., after a week's visit at the L. E. Goode home, the guest of Misses Dimple and Dorothy.

Mrs. Clay Grant departed Thursday for Shenandoah, Wyo., where she and Mr. Grant will make their future home.

Mrs. S. Campbell returned yesterday to her home at Hillsboro after visiting at the H. B. Campbell home of this city.

Miss Marie Selman leaves Thursday for a month's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Forker of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wray returned Thursday from Kalama after a short visit.

Samuel Wray departed Tuesday for Ft. Riley, Kas., where he is a member of the hospital corps.

Dr. Grant Giles and wife of Stiles are soon to locate in this city.

J. T. Dabney of Kansas City is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Henry Wray and family. Mr. Dabney was formerly chief of police of Ottumwa.

Charles Beckley, one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys, is here visiting his brother and other relatives.

Mrs. Sarah C. Brier and Mrs. Leno Brier left Wednesday for Manhattan, Mo., accompanied by Mrs. Ellen Potter of that place who came back after her mother, Mr. Brier will join them at Gillette, Wyoming.

# ROMANCE FROM CARD

Muscatine, July 14.—The engagement of Miss Florence Nolte of this city to Norman C. Bear of Reading, Pa., a member of the national guard company of that place, has been announced.

Their engagement is the culmination of a romance which began when the young soldier dropped his card from the window of a train as he passed through Muscatine last summer, enroute to the Mexican border.

Miss Nolte found the card and a correspondence commenced. The couple will be married prior to the young man's departure for active service in France this fall.

# HAVE CIRCUS FOR RED CROSS

### TWO WASHINGTON LADS GATHER ANIMALS AND CHARGE A PENNY.

Washington, July 14.—Three enterprising youths of about thirteen summers, Charles McLaughlin and Theodore and Henry Bailey, too young to join the army or buy Liberty bonds, yet teeming with patriotism and a burning desire to help their Uncle Sam manage his Red Cross were inspired by Hagenbeck's bog show here last week, to try the circus plan.

Their effort and unlimited energy were expended in securing the unrivaled menagerie, captured in the jungles of West Washington, and the training of which would have taxed any but the most skilled and experienced professionals. The question of money was not considered in procuring high-class trapeze artists, tight rope walkers, pole climbers, jugglers and acrobats. Another notable feature "McLaughlin & Bailey, two shows daily" circus was its awe-inspiring band.

The great tent was pitched at the rear of the Dr. McLaughlin home and its many colored posters promised all the thrills and chills the most fastidious circus fan could desire.

Tickets were one cent each, entitling the holder to a reserved seat. Each of the performances were packed to the seating capacity and today the managers of this estimable attraction were proud to present the Red Cross with \$5.25—their bit to the cause of humanity.

# BONAPARTE

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw and son of Burlington came last week for a short visit with Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vickers and family and other relatives and friends.

Clarence Cummins returned from Chicago last week and is now employed here.

Mrs. Herbert G. Donnelly and two sons, and sister, Mrs. Oliver Sargent, went to Hankov, Wisconsin last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

The draft numbers for those from this locality were received here Tuesday and posted in window of the Farmers and Traders Bank. Everybody is anxious to know his number, and thus be prepared for the draft news.

Fred Schmidt recently visited his brothers in Kansas City.

Mr. Charles L. Baker of Des Moines is here the past two weeks working up interest in the oil boring business. Mr. Baker in confidence there is an oil vein between here and Bentonport, and he intends boring there soon.

John Saunders of Stronghurst, Ill., was a recent guest of relatives here.

W. A. Packer of the Bonaparte Produce Co. bought 1000 lbs. of cream at this station last Saturday July 7. Pretty good lot of cream to receive from the near-by farmers on a July day.

William Blackburn and Mrs. Poaige of La Grange Mo., Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore of Des Moines, W. E. Daniels and E. Ross Baker families of Keokuk, Mr. and Mrs. John Middle ton C. W. Blackburn and Charles Williams of Ottumwa, and Mrs. O. G. Corns of Chicago, attended the Marshall funeral services here last Thursday afternoon.

Jacob Eich was quite sick all last week. He is about eighty-five years old.

H. C. Page and wife and Robert Meek and wife were recent guests of Ft. Madison relatives.

S. E. Irish of Keosauqua made the 4th of July address at Christy park, and it was an excellent oration.

Mrs. Leonard Harris of Keokuk has been guest of her mother, Mrs. F. Chase the past week. Mr. Harris spent the Fourth with her here.

Mrs. N. S. Moody and daughter came from Keokuk last week and is now a home with her husband here. The Moodys are moving from the Ketchum cottage on Bridge street in at the Carter house on Madison street.

# HILLSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter spent the first of the week in Fairfield.

Ruth Boley is spending the week with her parents at this place.

An ice cream social for the benefit of the Red Cross will be given by the Young Ladies class of the Baptist Sunday school Saturday evening July 14.

Mrs. Joe Pope went to the Ottumwa Hospital a few days ago for treatment. Miss Sult of Cantril was quite badly injured Sunday in an automobile, and was taken to Ottumwa for treatment.

John Ryan returned Tuesday from a visit to his farm in Missouri.

Mrs. Sarah Campbell visited her son Heng and family of Bloomfield the latter part of the week returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Isanan entertained the Ladies Aid Society Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thornton are the parents of a daughter born Monday July 9.

Mrs. Allie Kennedy of Los Angeles Cal. is visiting her niece Mrs. Birdie Teter Shulmar.

Mr. Tracy of Burlington will address the Red Cross Boosters Meeting at the Christian Church.

Several from here went to Harrisburg Wednesday to hear Rev. Hawk of Farmington.

# RESERVE DECREASES

New York July 14.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$36,144,940 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$242,308,050 from last week.

# HEN TRAVELS FOR LAST EIGHT YEARS

Greenfield, July 14.—Eight years ago, Oren Coon secured a bantam hen which at that time was at least two years old. Since that time the family has made five changes and have taken the pet with them to Galesburg, Ill.; to a ranch near Caspera, Wyo.; to Vancouver, B. C.; back to the Montans ranch and last week brought her back to Greenfield to spend her old age. She seems to be in as good condition as when she left eight years ago. She has raised several broods of chicks.

# MINERS' MOB STONES MEN

### FLAT RIVER DISTRICT IN MISSOURI SCENE OF RIOTOUS CONFUSION.

Flat River, Mo., July 14.—A mob of 3,000 American miners formed here last evening and stoned foreign mine workers, most of them shovelers, until a score or more of the latter were injured, one critically. A report that one foreigner had been killed persisted, but could not be certified as a decisive effort and unlimited energy were expended in securing the unrivaled menagerie, captured in the jungles of West Washington, and the training of which would have taxed any but the most skilled and experienced professionals. The question of money was not considered in procuring high-class trapeze artists, tight rope walkers, pole climbers, jugglers and acrobats. Another notable feature "McLaughlin & Bailey, two shows daily" circus was its awe-inspiring band.

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The Americans stoned every foreigner sighted and marched from shaft house to shaft house with the avowed purpose of driving out every foreign mine worker. Most of the gunfire, however, was for effect, as only one man is known to have been wounded by a bullet.

Dissatisfaction among the miners has been apparent for the last three days owing to the alleged preference of the employers for foreign labor. Agitators have made a canvass of the men and have urged, it is said, the elimination of all but American labor. Reports that the outbreak was incited by agents of the Industrial Workers of the World were current, but could not be verified.

# EVERY WOMAN CANNING CHERRIES

Clinton, July 14.—Almost every housewife in Clinton county is busy canning cherries. This year's cherry crop in this vicinity is one of the heaviest known for many years, the trees being heavily laden.

Other fruit crops are very promising, though it is too early to judge positively of peaches. The condition of corn in this part of Iowa, too, is excellent, although the golden grain is a little behind the usual season. Early potatoes show up well and a bounteous yield is expected.

# JAPAN WILL SEND NO ARMY TO RUSSIA

Tokio June 20.—(delayed)—Answering a question at a meeting of the diet, Viscount Motono characterized as untrue the report that Japan intended to dispatch troops to Russia. He declared that the rumor was a pure invention and that the government has received no such proposal or request from any of the allies.

# ADOPTION IS EXPECTED