

Semi-WEEKLY COURIER

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Joseph Collingwood, 138 North Willard has left on a business trip to Des Moines. Mrs. W. A. Moredock of Chicago is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. G. Adams, 308 North Benton street. Mrs. Emily Kain of Omaha, Neb., returned today after visiting her son, Joseph Kain, 535 West Albany street. Wallace R. Daggett left last night for St. Louis where he will attend the national convention of laundry men. Mrs. Charles Morgan and son, Joe, 525 Hamilton street, have returned from visiting relatives at Floris. W. B. Wycoff 412 West Fourth street, left today for an extended visit in Los Angeles, Calif. and other western points. Mrs. Henry Hervey and little daughter, 218 South Ward street, have returned from a visit at Delta and Oska-loosa. Mrs. C. T. McCarroll and Miss Laura McCarroll, 734 West Second street, have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Ames and Des Moines. Mrs. Edna Rudge of Grand Island, Neb., returned after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collingwood, 138 North Willard street. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Edwards of Albia spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil H. Waterman, 163 East Court street. Mrs. Charles Phillips and father, James Mendenhall, 602 Glenwood avenue, have returned from attending the old settlers reunion at Fairfield and visiting relatives at that place and Packwood. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, 501 Hamilton street, and Mrs. Florence Ede and daughter, Marion Maxine, of Dallas, Texas, spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Shields near Blakesburg. Mrs. Ede and daughter remained for a week's visit. Harold Slesman, clerk at the Burlington freight house, has returned from a few days visit in Marysville, Mo. Fred C. Stevens of Des Moines, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stevens, 714 West Second street. Mrs. James John and Mrs. Ben Hur Wilson of Mt. Pleasant have left after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sopher, 525 West Main street. Miss Helen Cummings, assistant cashier at the Burlington freight house, is visiting friends in Kansas City, Mo. Misses Lois King and Mary Heindel, who are attending college at Grinnell, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. King, 125 North Sheridan avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. George Heindel, 237 East Maple avenue. Mr. and Mrs. William Lowenberg, north of town, left Saturday to visit with relatives in Creston. Mrs. J. S. Griffin, 214 South Ward street, has returned after visiting in Okla-hoosa. Mrs. George Kilmehan of Albia returned Friday after visiting at the home of her son, Walter Chenoweth, 146 South Fellows avenue. Mrs. Mary Diggs of Portsmouth has returned after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schwartz, 425 Chester avenue. Mrs. J. W. Cliff of Denver, Colo., has lived for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cliff at their home, 924 Sen Ann avenue. Miss Mae Ditch, city librarian, 414 Center avenue, has returned from a City, where she has been attending the state library meeting. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor of Galesburg, Ill., have returned home after a visit at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Platt, 1622 East Main street, and Mrs. Lillie Allen, North Green street. Frank McIntosh is a guest at the A. E. Platt home, 1623 East Main street, enroute from Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant to his home in Keosauqua.

HUEY ASKS FOR MORE TIME

RAILWAY AND LIGHT CO., WOULD SUBMIT FIGURES ON OPERATION OF PLANT.

The Ottumwa Railway and Light Co. through its president, Arthur S. Huey of Chicago has petitioned the mayor and commissioners of the city of Ottumwa to be given a chance to submit figures on increased cost of operation before the council passes the proposed ordinance fixing the price of light and steam supplied by the company. The council a few days ago took action on an ordinance fixing the price that had been agreed upon between the city and the local gas and electric companies after requests had been made by the former for an increase in its rates and the latter the right to discontinue discount on the payment of steam and electric bills. The petition of Mr. Huey follows: "To The Honorable Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Ottumwa, Iowa: "Gentlemen: "This company has learned that your honorable body has under consideration ordinances affecting the rates for steam and electricity in Ottumwa, Iowa, which will injuriously affect the business of this company and therefore, respectfully petitions your honorable body for an opportunity, before said ordinances are passed, to prepare and submit to you information relating to the property operated by your petitioner, the increase in the cost of operations due to increase in the cost of labor, fuel and other materials and the decrease in the gross and net income of your petitioner. "Your petitioner feels confident that if afforded an opportunity to lay the facts before your honorable body, matters can be adjusted by mutual agreement to the entire satisfaction of your honorable body."

WINS PRIZE WITH LOCAL CUT

THOMAS F. KEEFE GETS FIRST PLACE WITH PICTURE OF MERRILL'S OFFICE.

Contractor's Atlas, a monthly paper published by The Atlas Portland Cement Co. offers a prize each month for the best photograph of work done with their product sent in from any part of the United States and this month's prize goes to Thomas F. Keefe of Ottumwa for his photograph of the H. W. Merrill office building on Third street between Court and Market. Ten dollars is Mr. Keefe's reward for his efforts. The photograph shows the Merrill building in all its completeness. Keefe brothers are the contractors, George Kerns, the architect, George Capell, the carpenter, Mather Brothers, the plumbers, the Ottumwa Lime & Cement Co., who furnished the Atlas and Atlas-White Portland Cement, and Mr. Merrill, the owner, are all given mention in the article which accompanies the photograph. Unusual features about the Merrill building, which is recognized all over Iowa as one of the most complete one story structures used solely for an office, are the wide alcove entrance, the electric roundings of the doors and windows, the corner cutout of the basement wall to make entrance to the garage and the opening of the basement doors by the pressing of an electric button on the upper floor. The unique ventilator system in the building originated by Architect Kerns, is also given mention by Mr. Keefe.

WOMEN SELL LIBERTY BONDS

ORGANIZE LEAGUE TO AID DRIVE FOR LOAN—OTTUMWANS JOIN.

Mrs. J. G. Hutchison is county chairman of the newly formed Woman's Liberty Loan league that was inaugurated at Washington Wednesday at a meeting held on the steps of the treasury department building by women employees of that department. Mrs. W. W. Marsh of Waterloo is chairman for Iowa and the members of the league here who are working with Mrs. Hutchison in the county drive for the Liberty Bonds are as follows: Mrs. Homer Harris, Mrs. J. K. Dy-sart, Dr. Margaret Mills, Mrs. W. H. Mynard, Mrs. E. G. Barton, Mrs. D. C. Brockman and Mrs. Murdock Bannister. All May Be Members. Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, announced the formation of the league at the meeting held on the south steps of the treasury portico at noon, Wednesday. "Every woman in the nation may do patriotic service," said Mrs. McAdoo, "by helping in the sale of Liberty Bonds. It is not possible for every woman to buy a bond, but it is possible for every woman to help in the sale of a bond by calling the attention of her acquaintances who are able to make the purchase to the necessity of aiding the government by the loan of this money. Such service entitles a woman to membership in the Woman's Liberty Loan league, which is woman's way of serving the country at this critical time."

WANT NAMES OF SOLDIERS

VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR NOT ENLISTED IN COUNTY ARE BEING SOUGHT.

The soldiers' relief committee which is compiling a list of the names of all soldiers who enlisted in Wapello county for service in the civil war as well as the names of those residing here at present or who are buried in the county but enlisted from another county, to be inscribed on the soldiers' monument now being erected in the city park, is having much trouble getting a complete list of the men enlisting from other counties than Wapello. The complete list of 1,923 men given in the adjutant general's office report as having enlisted in Wapello county, has been secured by the committee, but the list of those residing in the county or buried here who enlisted in other counties, is still very incomplete, and the readers are requested to turn in the names of such men, in order that none may be omitted. The names should be sent to the soldiers relief committee composed of G. W. Nye, Agency; D. W. Van der Veer, Ottumwa, and Amos Gray Eddy, Velle, in care of the county auditor at Ottumwa.

BERLIN SHOWS WAR SCARS AFTER THREE YEARS OF HARDSHIP

On The Surface There Is Little Change Says Marie Bonini Brown, But Change Is Found On Closer Examination

SAW ONLY ONE NEW BUILDING

BY MARIE BONINI BROWN. (Exclusive publication rights obtained by The Ottumwa Courier.) (Copyright, 1917, By the Pittsburgh Press.)

One thing surprised me, in Berlin, and that was the slight difference if you looked only on the surface between the appearance of the city before the war began and after it had continued for three years. On the surface everything appeared the same. Despite the fact that three-fourths of the man labor had gone, the streets, houses, parks and public buildings kept their epic and span appearance. There were fewer soldiers in the streets than before the war, for in peacetime Germany is overrun with soldiers. There were no young men to be seen, of course, nor even middle-aged men. But there was no universal spread of mourning in wearing apparel, for, although practically every woman in Berlin had seen death enter her family at least once, and the majority of them had felt its bitterness many times, yet little black was worn. There was no appearance of universal sorrow, either, although there was a deeper gravity in the air than before the war. The amusements kept up, although no musical comedies were billed. The cinematographs kept open only from 6 to 9 p. m., so as to save the light. The price of admission at the cheapest cinematograph was one mark, about a quarter. One heard no popular songs on the streets or in the theaters—only patriotic airs. Few grand opera performances were given. In the cafes what few cabarets they had were rather despoiled. THINGS ARE WEARING OUT. But, when you looked closely, you saw that "things were not what they seemed." All the buildings, the bridges and other structures which depended on paint to keep them fresh looking were looking shabby and worn. In the homes the carpets were wearing out, the curtains were getting shabby. There was no attempt at refurbishing or re-painting inside. The floors lost their gloss and showed the needs of the paint brush. When we moved into the flat this spring it was very shabby. I asked the woman from whom we rented it she could paper it and have it freshened up. She said no, not until after the war. It is hard even to keep things clean, let alone keep them in repair, without soap. And there was no soap to wash one's face, not to speak of floors and walls and chairs. The furniture in the stores is becoming exhausted and no person is making any more. Leather of course is terribly scarce. Sometimes when I would go to have the heels on my shoes straightened the cobbler would say he had nothing to fix them with. He would take off the broken layer but had no more leather to put a new layer on. When you had your shoes half-soled (and when you are allowed, only two pairs a year, you are very glad to have this done), the cobbler would use a thick paper specially prepared. VERMIN CAUSE TROUBLE. There are few pets in Berlin now. I had a beautiful bird, but it died. I think because I was giving it the wrong kind of food. I could not get regular birdseed and I gave my bird a substitute they sold me. Evidently there was no nourishment in it, or the wrong kind, and the bird died. There were few birds in the parks. Whether they died or were killed for food I do not know. I heard them say that, always, Berlin had a species of bird which destroyed the mosquitoes. This bird evidently died or migrated, for last summer the mosquitoes were terrible there. Of course every person who knows anything about European travel knows how the fleas plague the traveler. They were bad in Berlin. They seemed to be so much worse after the war. And, after the war, a re-

MAKE CLOTHES FOR BELGIANS

WOMEN WORKING AT RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS FOR CHILDREN.

This afternoon a large corps of women gathered in the Red Cross headquarters to make garments for Belgian children. Complete outfits will be provided by contributions, and sent to the central division headquarters at Chicago from where they will be sent on to Belgium headquarters for distribution. All persons having material on hand suitable for making children's garments or who have children's garments ready for use, are urged to send them to Red Cross headquarters as soon as possible. The time for the work to be completed is short and all the women of the city are asked to come to headquarters every afternoon this week. Of course, those that cannot come every afternoon are urged to come one afternoon at least. A letter written by a soldier, evidently a chauffeur in the English hospital in Belgium leaves little doubt that any aid that can be offered to the Belgian children is in a worthy cause. Land Is Devastated. In the letter he speaks of Belgium as a land of devastation and destruction. Complete outfits will be provided by homes ruined and deep holes torn in the earth, everything appearing as if some terrific cyclone had struck it. Three hundred little Belgian children were brought to the hospital where the soldier who wrote the letter was stationed, all naked, sick, wounded little kiddies, from less than one to twelve years old. Half did not know their own names. The big boys, girls, women and men, he writes, are taken to Germany and put in the munitions factories, leaving the little ones and the very old ones to starve. They are as dear little children as are found anywhere. Children Wear Bags. So destitute for clothes are they that holes are cut in bags and they are chafed around the children's necks. Many must stay in bed to keep from freezing, and because they have nothing to put on. Prices for food are exorbitant, with meat at \$3.20 a pound, butter at \$2.25 a pound and rice at 25c a pound. Old men and women and tiny children stand in line for hours to get a little bit of potato or meat just to keep themselves from starving to death. CATTLE \$300 A HEAD. West Liberty, Oct. 15.—Forty-three head of Shorthorn cattle were sold for an average price of \$300 per head by J. L. Peters. The event was held at the stock pavilion and was attended by hundreds of out of town buyers. The highest price paid for a single cow was \$760.

WOMAN DROPS DEAD AT HOME

HEART FAILURE THOUGHT TO HAVE CAUSED DEATH OF MRS. JOHN MOSS SUNDAY.

While occupied with her household duties yesterday morning, Mrs. Lucinda Moss, wife of John Moss, residing at 553 South Ward street, was suddenly stricken and fell to the floor unconscious. A physician was called at once but she died before his arrival. Heart failure is believed to have caused her death. Mrs. Moss was born in West Grove, Davis county in 1868. She is survived by her husband and a son 9 years of age. The funeral service will be held at the residence tomorrow at noon, and at the Hopewell church southwest of this city in Davis county at 2 p. m. Both services will be conducted by Rev. Isaac Bussing of the Davis Street Christian church. Interment will be made in Hopewell cemetery.

DELAY COURT FOR ONE DAY

DAVENPORT CASES HOLD UP JUDGE WADE'S COMING UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

The regular fall session of United States district court, scheduled to open here tomorrow, will not convene until 10 a. m. Wednesday. The trial of Drs. Henry and Walter Matthey, attorneys, Fred Vollmer, Charles Weise, Earl C. Willis and Albert H. Miller on the charge of conspiracy under the espionage act, which is now in progress in the Davenport federal court, is detaining Judge Martin J. Wade from arriving here tomorrow. Everything has been done to hurry the case at Davenport. Night sessions have been held in that court since Friday. In the absence of Judge Wade tomorrow, court will be opened by the marshal and immediately adjourned until the following day. The first case scheduled for trial here is that of the United States vs. Robert B. Loudon, Jr., of Fairfield, on the charge of violating federal commerce laws. H. B. Duncan, special counsel for the interstate commerce commission, who will assist U. S. Attorney Claude Porter in the trial of this action, arrived today. The jurists and witnesses, who have been summoned for tomorrow, as well as the out-of-town court officials, who are not in the Davenport court, will begin arriving this evening.

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West End Items

Mr. and Mrs. Mingus and daughter Mary of Milton have returned home after visiting at the Mose Jones home, North Graves street. E. D. Lewis and daughter Hannah, 112 Park avenue, are visiting the former's brother in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hagsdale of Fairview have gone to Highbridge to make their home. Mrs. Robert Zollinger and daughter Caroline, 899 West Main street, are visiting in Farson. John Lundson, Grand avenue, has gone to Meicher to make his home. Samuel Lundson, Grand avenue, has gone to Highbridge where he is employed. D. R. Richards of Bear Creek has returned home after visiting at the Richards home on North Caldwell street. Mrs. William Haseltine, Randolph street, has returned home after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thorne of south of the city. Mrs. Charles Dimmit and sons Gordon and Lester and daughter Garnet, North Graves street, have gone to Brodview, Mont., to make their home. Peter Haseltine, who is attending school in Mt. Pleasant, has returned after visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Haseltine, North Graves street. Ernest Timmins has gone to Warren Mont. for a short visit with his brothers, Isaiah P. and Samuel C. Timmins. Mrs. Vern Dimmit, Grand avenue, has gone to Brodview, Mont., to make her home.

East End Items

John Lowe of the United States regular army returned to Chattanooga, Tenn., last Tuesday after a visit with relatives here. Mr. Lowe was assistant timekeeper for John Morrell & Co. before the war. Night Engineer H. D. Robinson is enjoying his vacation this week. William Shepherd of the Salvation Army will speak at Riverview chapel Sunday at 7:45 p. m. T. B. Mahoney, superintendent of the East End Presbyterian Sunday school resigned at a recent meeting and will be succeeded by Lyle Mosher, former assistant superintendent. C. Carnes is nursing a sore foot, the accident being caused by one of his large horses stepping on the injured member. Tom Spilman, C. E. Rhodes, Mrs. V. Trutt and Miss Besse Shepherd are on the sick list this week. Frank Carson, formerly an employe of the packing plant, who is at Sunnyslope sanitarium is doing nicely. W. B. Ward, who was in the hospital a few weeks ago, is again on the sick list. The "first aid" room at the packing plant is undergoing a thorough cleaning. Walls and ceilings will be freshly plastered and painted. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baker, 313 North Van Buren avenue, are in Minnola, L. I., visiting their sons Will and Kenneth who are with G company, 168th U. S. infantry. James Huink has been appointed on the extra night watchman list at the packing plant.

LAW FIRM MADE DEFENDANT IN CASE

The firm of Roberts and Weber and others are made the defendants in a \$20,000 damage suit filed by Chester J. Eller of Des Moines in the district court Saturday. Mr. Eller, who is one of the attorneys representing the contestants in the James Timonds will case, seeks this amount from the defendants, whose attorneys for the proponent in the same action, for an alleged slanderous article appearing in the Ottumwa Daily Review December 22, 1916.

WIDOWS WILL GET BIGGER PENSIONS

The pensions of widows of men who fought in the civil war, Spanish American war and Philippine insurrection will be increased from \$5 to \$13 a month beginning with the disbursements of November 1. The widows of men of the war of 1812, the Mexican war or the Indian wars are not included in this increase which was provided by an amendment to the pension law attached to the sailors' and soldiers' insurance bill. Those affected by the amendment are not required to send in applications to the pension bureau.

OTTUMWAN PROMOTED.

William Meany, 917 Sheffield street, for the past six months employed at the Wabash freight house in Detroit as clerk in the car record department, has been promoted to chief clerk of this department. Mr. Meany formerly was clerk at the local Milwaukee freight house.

Railroad Notes

Switchman C. S. Scott of the Burlington has reported for work. Burlington Night Yard Master J. W. Graham has returned to work after a short leave of absence. Burlington Switchman P. J. Collier has returned from a fishing trip in Burlington. C. F. Graham, day chief clerk at the Burlington yard office, has returned from Chicago where he attended the world's series games. Switchman William Blount of Burlington is on a leave of absence. P. Schmitt, yard clerk at the Burlington yard office, has been transferred to the round house. Burlington Switchman J. P. Tracy has reported for work after a lay-off on account of sickness.

KREINER WINS FIRST CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Robert Kreiner won the first cross-country run staged by the Y. M. C. A. this fall when he led the prep class in its run Saturday. The start was made at the Y and then completed there. The last half of the distance was a neck and neck race between Kreiner and Allan McCune, with the latter finishing second. Roy Rupert was third.

COOK'S ASSISTANT GOES TO FRANCE

H. E. Rist of Marshalltown, who has been one of the assistants to County Engineer Henry Cook for the past few months, has enlisted in the newly organized Twenty-third Regiment of Highway Engineers. He goes from here to Annapolis, Md., and then directly to France. The regiment includes engineers, surveyors, draftsmen and others and its work will be the construction of the railroads back of the lines. German prisoners are used in this work.

PAPERS CONSOLIDATE.

Webster City, Oct. 15.—The consolidation of the Freeman-Tribune and The Journal is simultaneously announced in this city by those newspapers to take effect today. The merger has been effected because the high cost of production has made individual plants unprofitable.

PETEY DINK—WHY FRET ABOUT CUT GLASS?



BY C. A. VOIGHT