

LOST 7 MAIL ROUTES.

Appanoose County, Iowa, Had 28 Routes But Has Been Reduced to 21.

Appanoose county is to lose some of her rural routes, so says the officials from Washington, D. C. Instead of having 28 routes as before, it is reported that the number will be cut down to 21. Just what town this will effect is not known, but Centerville will at least lose one route, but which one has not yet been stated. The statement which Postmaster General Burleson sent out is as follows:

"We expect by utilizing the modern motor vehicles on improved highways to extend many existing routes at no additional cost. The average length of the routes is to be raised from 23.7 to 28.6 miles. The total length of routes is now 663.2 miles in this county. The new plan gives the county 600.8 miles. Nine-four families in the county will have to move their boxes from an eighth to a half mile, and service under the old plan in this county was \$33,288 a year. Under the new it will be \$25,248. Seven carriers will lose their jobs, and some offices are sure to lose some routes, probably the smaller offices."

This is said to be a part of a plan inaugurated in the interest of economy since the government is facing a continually growing deficit running far into the millions, and growing worse every day. The only other Iowa county to be affected is said to be Black Hawk. But the work will go on of re-arranging the service in many others.—Centerville Daily Citizen.

Origin of the Custom of Decorating Soldiers' Graves With Flowers.

It is eminently fitting that this custom of decorating the graves of our dead with flowers should play the leading part it does in the celebration of Memorial Day. For this day was flower born. Two years after the close of the Civil war the New York Tribune printed a paragraph simply stating that "the women of Columbus, Mississippi, have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to the memory of the dead. They strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers."

Whereupon the north thrilled with tenderness and Francis Miles French was inspired to write his moving lyric, "The Blue and The Gray," which has been the creed of the festival. In a famous address, Chauncey M. Depew very happily related the incident referred to above. He said: "When the war was over in the south, where under warmer skies and with more poetic temperaments symbols and emblems are better understood than in the practical north, the widows, mothers, and the children of the Confederate dead went out and strewed their graves with flowers; at many places the women scattered them impartially also over the unknown and unmarked resting places of the Union soldiers. As the news of this touching tribute flashed over the North it roused, as nothing else could have done, national amity and love and allayed sectional animosity and passion. Thus out of sorrows common alike to north and south came this beautiful custom."

The incident, however, produced no practical results until in May, 1868, Adjutant General N. P. Chipman suggested to National Commander John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, that their organization should inaugurate the custom of spreading flowers on the graves of the Union soldiers at some uniform time. General Logan immediately issued an order naming the 30th day of May, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village or hamlet churchyard in the land. It is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of the departed."

The idea spread rapidly. Legislation after legislation enacted it into law until the holiday has become a legal one in all states except Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas. Decoration Day, the earlier name of the festival, was soon felt to be too superficial to express the profound ideas and emotions to which the day is dedicated and the name was changed to Memorial Day. From Introduction to Schaffner's Memorial Day Selections.

"Cooning" Flowers.

In our exchanges we read the annual complaints of the "stealing" of flowers from the front yards. Is it not a strange anomaly that a "thief" should love flowers, or that a lover of flowers would "steal" them? It has been said that the way to end the annual raiding is to have more flower gardens. Usually it is the men, or women, or boys, or girls with no flowers of their own who climb fences and enter door yards to gather the blooms. If they were growing a few plants of their own they would not think of stealing from others. So there is hope. The present "clean up movement" and the "plant a flower garden movement" will, in time eliminate the flower and blossom "thief." Education will overcome evil, just as it is overcoming many others. All the laws in the world would not be as effective in ending this annoyance as would one little bed of flowers cultivated by the culprit. In fact, the more laws, the more piquant will seem the fun of breaking them. Many of us know what it is to "coon flowers." As youngsters we thought it great fun. But we know better now and it was not the law which taught us. What was it? Think it over.

When a president or king says a foolish thing, people take as much notice as they do when a prohibitionist gets drunk.

SCHOOL NOTES

LEAL BUCHANAN MARGUERITE DAUGHTON Editors

The pupils of Miss Colter's and Miss Crawford's rooms will give a very interesting program in the High School assembly room on Friday at 2:30.

The following people visited Miss Colter's room and Miss Crawford's room last week: Mrs. Geo. Pennell, Mrs. Ridgeway, Miss Swope, Miss Garris of Woodburn, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Minor. The eighth grade commencement exercises were held in the High School room last Wednesday evening. They held their class day program on Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd attended and the program was enjoyed by everybody present.

Mrs. Stookey and Miss Horner gave Miss Barnes, our popular domestic science teacher, a miscellaneous shower on Monday evening. The party was attended by all the teachers and several others.

The following people visited Miss Deck's and Miss Beavers' rooms last Tuesday afternoon: Mrs. Kimport, Mr. Williamson and Mrs.ONEY.

Mrs. Bowsher visited Miss Deck's room one day last week.

Harold and Wesley Reeder left for a visit to the northern part of the state on Monday.

The K. P. lodge organized a base ball team and defeated the High School boys on Monday afternoon. The score was 11 to 4. The proceeds went to the High School Athletic fund. About \$14.00 was realized.

The Seniors and High School teachers enjoyed a spread in the domestic science room last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Gass had a Junior guest.

Prospects for a bumper attendance in High School next year are bright. There will be 125 of the present crowd back. Thirty-five will come up from the eighth grade. And many rural pupils signified their intention of entering High School.

High School Commencement exercises will be held at the opera house on Friday evening at 8:30. The High School chorus will furnish several numbers. The address of the evening will be delivered by Judge H. M. Townner. There are 33 in the class. This is the largest number our school has ever graduated in one year. The admission charge will be 15 and 20 cents. Seats reserved at Kopp's after Wednesday morning.

A large audience attended the baccalaureate exercises at the opera house on Sunday evening. Many people went away not being able to obtain seats. The sermon by Rev. G. T. Ronk was one of the best ever heard in Leon.

The High School boys assisted in the program at the hall on Decoration Day. The grade children and their teachers marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves after the exercises at the opera house.

The Alumni Association of the Leon High School will hold their banquet at the Methodist church on Thursday evening.

The Senior class has left for the school a fine typewriter and a duplicator. This year's class and last year's class together have presented apparatus to the value of more than \$275.00 during the two years.

Free Tuition for Rural and Grade Teachers.

To help rural and grade teachers meet the conditions of the new law which requires them to teach home economics, agriculture and manual training after July 1, 1915, Iowa State College at Ames offers to give them the necessary training this summer, tuition free. To make it convenient for all the teachers, two sessions will be held, one beginning June 14, the other July 26, each running six weeks. This work at Ames is not taught in the usual college or high school fashion, but in such a usual way that teachers may take home with them the very practical things and methods that they need in their rural school rooms. Much of the work centers about the preparation of warm noon day lunches for school children, that having proved itself a most effective basis for teaching home economics in the country school. The instruction also includes the use of a specially devised domestic science cabinet for rural schools. The three or four hundred teachers who had this training last summer have written enthusiastic letters of endorsement of the helpfulness of this kind of training.

Not only is tuition free for these courses, but the grades are accepted direct on the certificate by the state board of education examiners. Teachers may come for either of the two six weeks terms.

Two Bankruptcy Petitions.

Bernice Denio and Edwin A. Denio of Lamoni, Decatur county, yesterday filed involuntary petitions in bankruptcy in the federal court here before Clerk J. C. Hunt.

In the former's petition she states that she is an employe of a millinery store in Lamoni and that her debts are \$4,055.82, and she has assets of \$500, which is household goods and claimed exempt.

The latter states in his petition that he is a clerk in a grocery store at Lamoni and that his debts are \$1,131.47 and his assets \$500, which he claims is household goods and exempt.

Attorneys V. R. McGinnis of Leon and B. M. Russell are appearing for both petitioners.—Creston American.

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LARGE BARN WAS BURNED.

Probably the Largest Barn in Clarke County Struck by Lightning Tuesday Night.

The large barn on the farm of James Wade, five miles south of Osceola, was burned Tuesday night as a result of lightning striking the structure. A. L. Wade was on the place at the time. He heard the tremendous peal of thunder but was not aware that anything on the place had been struck by the vivid flash of lightning. One of the neighbors, who resides some distance away, saw the fire and hurried to the Wade farm. The barn was one of the largest in the county, being 100x102 feet. On Tuesday a force of men had just completed reshingling the barn and it required 75,500 shingles to cover the building. That same night the barn burned. The fire spread to adjoining structures, though much smaller.

Besides the barn being burned fifty tons of hay ready for shipment was burned; ten sets of harness, all the machinery, 500 bushels of wheat and other small grain, including 200 bushels of oats, went the smoke route. An adjoining hog house 18x60 with forty-two head of hogs followed the big blaze. A mare and colt were also burned.

The fire is one of the worst we have had in this county in many years. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$7,000, with only \$2,000 insurance.—Osceola Democrat.

You and the Paper.

The local paper is always hustling for you and yours. But what are you doing for it? The paper is always scheming, and planning, and laboring for a better community, for a more prosperous community.

Do you ever exert yourself to give the paper a boost? The paper is always pushing you and your people to the front, giving you a good word before your neighbors and the public, assisting you to build up a reputation which will be of inestimable value to you throughout the years of your life.

But what are you doing? Are you reciprocating in any way? Do you ever suggest to your neighbor or friend that it is a good paper, a loyal paper, and that it should receive their support? The paper devotes many hours and many pages in advertising the natural advantages of the community—of your community—and in seeking to enhance the welfare of your community and of yourself.

But what of you? Do you ever seek to advertise the paper, or to swell its subscription list, or to increase its general usefulness to the community? The paper is working six days of the week for the community, and for you, and yours. But do you ever devote a minute of your time to its material welfare? Have you ever done so? The duty of the paper is to supply you with the legitimate news of the community. But it does far more than this. Its labor in behalf of the community is endless and without end, and it will continue to advocate the cause of the community progress as long as it is a paper.

You are an important part of the community, therefore its labors are in your behalf. But are you doing your part to require the paper for all of its toil and expense in your behalf? You take the paper, you say. True, and you get more than value received each issue in the news items alone. The fund of information which the paper hands you each publication day for a cent or two would cost you many dollars if you went out to gather it up yourself.

But this is not a kick, nor is it a roan. It is just a little food for thought in a few of your idle moments.

Tried to Kill An Editor.

The great Burlington railroad made an unsuccessful attempt to exterminate Horace Barnes, the "little runt" who is managing editor of the Osceola Democrat one day last week, and had it been successful the Osceola would have lost the liveliest live wire newspaper man in southern Iowa. Horace escaped because he was a live one, and is thankful he is still a live one and not a dead one. He tells of his experience in last week's Osceola Democrat as follows: Dr. R. Calkins had a close call to going to the "happy hunting ground" last Thursday morning. He was driving his automobile and came from behind the big brick building which obstructs the view onto the south track. A freight train was doing some "flying" switching, and there was not the least sign of a warning given that a train was even in the city. The automobile was caught at the front wheels and skidded around to a post and rammed through a small space. There was some of the worst crunching that a fellow in such a close call will ever care to hear. The Democrat man knows for he was in the car. Dr. Calkins jumped over a fence after the big damage was done and sustained a broken hand. The car was smashed to smithereens, and the Democrat man escaped without even a scratch. Some person has said that when the Democrat man left the car he went like a flying squirrel, and we expect he knows what he was talking about. It was a wonderfully lucky accident, and you are right when you guess we do not care for any more of it.

When the people clamor for anything remember that they are clamoring because they have been told to clamor by leaders. There is almost no such thing as the people clamoring for a measure because it is right. Every reform measure in this country is based on the appointment of a commission to carry it into effect; the commissioners to be paid by public taxation.

Every writer loves to find a quotation he has never seen before, and try to create the impression with the reader that he knows the quotation by heart. Lugging in quotations is always a sign of a poor writer. The best men in the writing game do very little of it.

Abbie Buell Brooks.

Abbie Maryette Buell was born in Ellston, Iowa, Jan. 30, 1891, and passed away in Des Moines, on May 23, 1915, aged 24 years, 3 months and 23 days.

In August, 1911, she moved with her parents to Davis City. Her illness began with a slight cold, but alarming symptoms developed, an abscess formed on her lungs and also in her head, the final diagnosis being peritonitis. She was taken to the Methodist hospital where she remained four weeks prior to her death. She was united in marriage to Claude Brooks, Oct. 13, 1913, and had resided with her husband in Des Moines, since that time until her death. She frequently returned to Davis City for visits with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Buell, and her last visit was only about three months ago, at which time she seemed in perfect health, which makes it hard for those who knew her to realize that she has passed away—taken in the springtime of life. But we cannot question God's will and must submit to the inevitable. Some day we shall understand.

Mrs. Brooks was a charming and lovable young woman, held in high esteem by all who knew her, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the parents, whose only daughter she was, to the young husband, and brothers in their sorrow. The brothers are Alonzo, Dale and Blaine of Davis City, Harry of Des Moines, Will of Kellerton, and Homer of Grand River. A host of other relatives and friends mourn her sad taking away.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in Davis City Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the body arriving from Des Moines on the noon train, accompanied by Mr. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Buell and son Harry, who moved to Des Moines a few weeks ago.

Rev. Partridge conducted the funeral services and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The pall bearers were Clarence Marble, Curtis Burrell, Erald Scott, Jud Maxwell, Ovid Shoemaker and Burtis Howell.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Mrs. W. N. Primm.

Mrs. W. N. Primm died at the Primm home in this city last Friday night, following an illness of several weeks. Until the evening of her death Mrs. Primm had been improving nicely and it was believed that her complete recovery would be but the matter of a few days. A short while before her death she complained of feeling tired and went to bed and then requested that a doctor be called. Within a few minutes life was extinct.

Mr. Primm was at the Primm ranch in Brown county and did not reach here until Sunday. Funeral services were held from the Christian church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge of which Mr. Primm is a charter member, and interment made in the Kenesaw cemetery. Rev. G. M. Andrews, chaplain of the local lodge was in charge of the services.

To the bereaved family and relatives the Sunbeam extends the sincerest sympathy of the community.

Stella Edith Brown, daughter of J. A. and M. A. Brown, was born January 17, 1879, at Decatur City, Iowa. She was married to W. N. Primm August 21, 1898, and during the same year united with the Methodist church. She died April 23, 1915, at the age of 36 years, 3 months and 6 days. Besides the husband, three children survive the mother, Gladys, Tommy and Maude.—Kenesaw, Neb., Sunbeam.

We can begin to bid farewell to the herd of deer, ranging between Avoca and Harlan, whose presence have made this section of the Botma river valley famous throughout the land. C. Ward, a deputy game warden and farmer near Avoca shot and killed a deer early last year. He was arrested and fined \$50 for violating the state law. His excuse was the deer was destroying his crops. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court which holds that he had a right to protect his property. Mr. Pritchard, who protects the largest band of deer on his fine farm, east of Avoca, has always ridiculed this plea. The excuse of protecting his property is broad enough to justify everyone who has been crazy to slaughter these beautiful animals since they broke out of Cuppy's park fifteen years ago.—Harlan Tribune.

"Uncle" Henry Gilreath says that he has Selby Stanley beat a country block when it comes to productive horse flesh. His mare Maude, has raised 14 colts, 12 of them having been sold for \$1,121.00, with two more to be disposed of. In the first place Mr. Gilreath's filly had a record for cheapness that is hard to equal. He was at a public sale years ago and Clell Collier sold the filly to a fellow who had bid on her just for the fun of it, not expecting but what she would bring twice or three times his bid. When it was found out that he did not want her, Clell went to Uncle Henry and told him there was a big bargain in her, and he bought her at the price the other fellow had bid. You're next.—Grand River Local.

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