

KEOKUK BOY WINS PRIZE IN CONTEST

Oscar Rein Awarded Second Honors For Essay on Insurance Subject—Will Receive \$60.

\$500 WAS DISTURBED

What Winner Has to Say Concerning "Uses of Old Line Insurance for the Farmer."

Henry Rein of this city has just been notified that his son, Oscar Rein, who is a student of agriculture at the state university, has been awarded the second prize for an essay on "The Uses of Old Line Life Insurance for the Farmer," in a prize essay contest conducted by the farm extension department of the W. M. Hornor agency of Minneapolis, representing the Philadelphia and Trust company of Philadelphia.

Five hundred dollars in cash prizes was distributed among contestants of the states of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. The contest was for boys and girls between the ages of ten and twenty-five, living on the farm.

Following is Mr. Rein's essay: "Uses of Old Line Life Insurance for the Farmer."

The modern business man with foresight carries enough life insurance to cover all the obligations which he necessarily incurs in the transaction of his business, so that in the event of his death, the business will remain unincumbered and ready to be carried on profitably by his heirs.

That no one can take care of a man's business as efficiently as that man can, and that no mind can carry out a campaign as well as the mind that planned it, are well known facts. When a farmer dies and leaves his farm in the hands of his widow and children, the chances for their success are greatly decreased because they are at a disadvantage in having an incomplete knowledge of the management of the business.

The older farmer who owns his land free of incumbrance is partially justified in thinking that he needs no life insurance, but the young farmer of today is in a different position. On account of increased land value he must either rent or go into debt in order to secure a farm.

Even though the farmer is in the best circumstances, a policy of the old line type is a paying proposition because the payments are small, and according to the testimony of many, this money would not otherwise be saved. Thus, these policies are really clever devices for the saving of capital as well as for the furnishing of protection.

Investigations also show that in a large per cent of businesses the return from investments are less than from money invested in an endowment policy; that a greater profit is realized by investing money in this kind of insurance than in many business enterprises.

Therefore, regardless of whether the farmer rents his farm, owns it free of incumbrance, or has it mortgaged, he will find old line life insurance a profitable investment for his capital while he lives and a guarantee of protection to his loved one in case of his death.

Petition Dismissed. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 2.—The state public utilities commission today dismissed the city of Kankakee's petition to establish a grade crossing over the right of way of the C. C. C. and St. L. at Kankakee. The commission also granted permission to the Kankakee Electric Ry. Co. to discontinue service on a spur track at Kankakee.

San Francisco's exposition receipts totaled \$12,524,090, of which \$4,715,523.05 was taken in at the gates.

LEE DOCTORS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY

Six Physicians, Three From Keokuk and Three From Fort Madison Will be on Program of This Society.

DELEGATION EXPECTED

Up River Physicians Will Turn Out In Force—Physicians Club Meeting on Next Monday Evening.

Dr. W. P. Sherlock, Dr. Wm. H. Hogg and Dr. Coral R. Armentrout of Keokuk will be the three local physicians to appear on the program of the Lee County Medical Society's semi-annual meeting in Keokuk on Thursday. The Fort Madison doctors who have part in the program are Dr. C. F. Wahrer, Dr. F. C. Roberts and Dr. W. C. Kasten.

Dr. H. A. Gray, Dr. J. R. Wedel and Dr. Charles H. Fegers constitute the committee on arrangements for the meeting.

According to word from Fort Madison there will be a big delegation of doctors from that city arrive here on Thursday afternoon for the meeting. The Keokuk doctors are making big plans to take care of their visitors and to give them proper entertainment.

The officers of the association are: Dr. J. M. Casey, of Fort Madison, president; Dr. F. M. Fuller of Keokuk, vice president and Dr. V. T. Doering, secretary and treasurer.

State Meeting Next Week. The meeting of the state society of the doctors will be held in Davenport next week, and a big delegation from here will attend at least one day of the three day session.

GERMAN NOTE READY TO BE SENT (Continued from page 1.) with the honor and integrity of the United States, was taken as a plain indication that he will not back down on the demands he has sent to Germany.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—German officials here believe the kaiser's expected note to President Wilson on submarines will temperize. That it will suggest if not actually request, further negotiations on the submarine issue—now a year old—is the anticipation at the embassy.

The embassy said today it was without official information from Berlin as to the nature of the kaiser's reply to President Wilson's demands. It was frankly stated, however, that from the character of the demands and the procedure always heretofore followed, the inference is drawn that Ambassador Von Bernstorff will shortly receive instruction to ask for a resumption of his "informal conversations" with Secretary Lansing.

This belief is strengthened, German officials said, in view of Count Von Bernstorff's past success in diverting what has appeared to be a serious crisis, by personal co-operation with Secretary Lansing in formal conversations.

They pointed out that American demands are in no sense an ultimatum, there being no time limit and therefore the U. S. undoubtedly will be willing to discuss the situation. In the meantime it is believed Germany will modify her submarine campaign to meet the American view, pending outcome of the expected negotiations.

Cryptical Statement. BERLIN, May 2.—Enroute to Berlin from the kaiser's headquarters Ambassador Gerard visited the American relief commission in northern France.

The Vlasche Zeitung said that the work of preparing the note was left to officials at Berlin, but that they acted on the basis of advice from headquarters. The Lokal Anzeiger made the somewhat cryptical statement that it has learned that Germany's last word was still undetermined, indicating either that the note does not carry Germany's final decision, or that there will be another delay for alterations, before it is dispatched.

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lacking sea ports, were preparing to build a merchant fleet to insure supplies of food stuffs reaching the little republic when other nations are at war.

OBSERVE NAME-DAY OF LOCAL PRIEST

Interesting Program Given Yesterday Afternoon in St. Peter's Hall in Honor of Father Gillespie.

GIFT FROM CHILDREN

Lace Surplice From Them is Presented by Ruth Martin, of the Kindergarten Department.

A very interesting program was given yesterday afternoon in St. Peter's hall in honor of the Very Rev. James J. Gillespie. The occasion was to celebrate his name day which coincides with the opening of the month of May, as also his patronal feast, St. James.

The opening number, "Tis Our Feast Day," was a chorus by the high school girls; this was followed by "Greetings," from the high school, original poems, written in praise of their pastor's continued acts of kindness.

"Our Lady of Good Counsel" was sung with much expression by Margaret Moeller. An extract of the word "Father" was rendered by the high school boys.

The "Little People" had a very appropriate selection. Their happy feast day greetings re-echoed throughout the hall and were taken up by the entire assembly.

Little Ruth Martin, a kindergarten girl, presented to the pastor a beautiful lace surplice, the gift of the children.

In happy and heartfelt expressions of fatherly appreciation, Father Gillespie thanked the sisters and children for their kind remembrance of his feast.

AMUSEMENTS.

Vaudeville at the Orpheum. If you want to enjoy a good laugh there is only one way that you can be sure to do it and that is to see "Skinney La Mont," the black faced comedian, at the Orpheum. It is impossible to keep a straight face when he comes on the stage in black tights to do the famous "hair pin" dance. "Skinney's" shape is his fortune as he is the skinniest, funniest man on the stage today and has refused many flattering offers from some of the big minstrel troupes. "Skinney" is to the vaudeville stage what Charlie Chaplin is to the pictures, and those who failed to see him last night will have the chance to do so today and tomorrow, in addition to the regular program of five reels of pictures. Today John Emerson will star in the Mutual masterpiece, "The Failure," in four acts. Bring your friends and see the best in pictures and enjoy a good laugh.—Advertisement.

"The Goose Girl." It is safe to say that the most popular little star in Keokuk is Marguerite Clark and it is equally certain that her best liked picture is "The Goose Girl." This combination is the attraction at the Grand for today and tomorrow with the usual matinees at 2:30 and 4 and night showings at 7, 8 and 9:15.

Harold McGrath wrote the story of "The Goose Girl," and it was made into a picture by Lasky Players on the Paramount program. The photography and settings for the picture are superb and the story is exactly suited to the mannerisms and attractiveness of the dainty, diminutive star that is beloved by men, women and children.

Marguerite Clark appeared in "The Goose Girl" at the Grand last night, a record breaking attendance greeted her the first night, but on the second night very bad weather conditions cut the attendance down. Those who saw the picture then will want to see it again and those who didn't should surely not miss this opportunity.

A powerful drama, "For the Defense," featuring Fannie Ward, is the Grand's offering for Thursday.—Advertisement.

At the Hippodrome. Every theatre goer of this city should by all means take advantage of witnessing the most brilliant photoplay program of the year, which is to be presented at the Hippodrome theatre tonight.

The program offered by the management of this theatre consists of two of the best Triangle plays. First is "The Beckoning Flame," a powerful romantic drama in five acts, featuring the famous actress, who starred for so many years in "The Prince of Teutonia." The comedy play which is to be shown in conjunction with "The Beckoning Flame," is Mack Bennett's latest and greatest comedy triumph entitled "A Modern Enoch Arden," starring the famous vaudeville comedian Joe Jackson, supported by Mack Swain and the whole Keystone comedy company.

"A Modern Enoch Arden" is one of the longest comedies ever staged. It is in four acts and contains 4500 feet of film and as many laughs. Those persons wishing to be highly entertained and amused should not fail to attend the exhibition of the two above mentioned photoplays at this theatre tonight. There will be no increase in prices of admission for this brilliant program, all main floor seats at 10c and balcony seats at 5c. First show will start promptly at 7 p. m., and second at 9:15. Come early and avoid the crowds that will surely turn out to witness this unusual program.—Advertisement.

BUILDER OF KEOKUK DAM IS GRATEFUL

Expresses His Increased Indebtedness to Keokuk and Lee County People for Keeping Faith in Tax Exemption Matter.

NEW YORK CITY, May 1.—C. F. Skirvin, President of The Gate City Co., Keokuk, Iowa, has just read over in detail the names on the petition to the council in the exemption matter in your issue of the twenty-ninth ultimo. I cannot express in words the deep gratitude I feel to every signer of the petition. When the promise of tax exemption was made way back in the days when the hill ahead of us looked like a mountain capped with an unsurpassable glacier of opposition, I told everyone in the east that the promise was worth par and always would be worth par. I have never worried in the past as to what the people would do in this matter and I never shall inasmuch as this splendid exhibit of good faith has been accomplished without solicitation. I want to express through The Gate City my feelings of hearty appreciation and increased indebtedness to Keokuk and Lee County, Iowa.

HUGH L. COOPER.

NINETY-SIX HAVE ALREADY LINED UP

Bethel Revival Continues Strong—Meetings to be Held in Large Audience Room.

Revival services at Bethel church have outgrown the assembly room, and Rev. Butler, pastor, announced that the meetings hereafter will be held in the large audience room, where seats are plentiful and ventilation better.

While old-fashioned conversions are coming a little slow, ninety-six have now bowed at the consecration, and lined up for service. Last night was Mrs. Wilson's most enthusiastic service, and for one hour and five minutes she sat in, hip and thigh. As she hurled bomb after bomb into the hearing of the modern church Pharisee, the vast audience cheered her to the echo. Pointing at an imaginary sea of hypocrites, she said: "I don't believe in pulpit slang, but you mothers and fathers who set card parties and beer parties in your homes for your sons and daughters—you are not only losing your influence with them, but hitching up a cart that will haul them into hell unless God Almighty, by some means condescends to interfere. Hear me, children: If you don't kill sin, sin will kill you. You let your daughter go to the public dance, where every Tom, Dick and Harry can take a peep at her featherless form, then wonder why she can't get married and hold her husband. This half-dressed 'business' was fatal to Mollie or Eva, and she was perfect—tell me where in the name of God do you come in at? Hear me, parents: Some day these children will curse you black and blue. If you wives want to have influence with your families, and want your husband saved, live right before them. Cut out the nagging and brow-beating—keep sweet, keep smiling. Come on children, say Amen! Oh yes, these preachers who tell you you can play cards, drink and dance, and in fact do almost anything and get to heaven, are flagging your train in the dark. They are ecclesiastical bandits taking your bonds and life in real Jesse James fashion."

Mrs. Wilson told how a certain dancer caused the beheading of one of God's prophets to clinch her claim that the modern dance is an evil from which we should hitch away. Mrs. Wilson told several life stories and sang a few glorio songs that warmed her audience up to her in revival style. Miss Dorsey played the consecration prayer. The meetings will last twelve days longer ending with a "feast in the wilderness."

Colored Women's Club.

DETROIT, Mich., May 2.—Members of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs will refuse to accept membership in the national federation unless the Detroit Study club, an organization composed of thirty negro women, is permitted to affiliate also. This was the ultimatum handed to officials of the national federation today by officers of the Detroit body.

Detroit club women believe that the controversy will be one of the big issues at the annual convention of the federation to be held in New York soon. A tentative offer of officers of the Study club to withdraw the negro club from membership of the Detroit club, met with the response that the federation would not permit such action.

Suspect is Discharged.

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 2.—Magistrate Norton today discharged Ross Waggoner, the youth held in connection with the death of Lillian Kjellstrom, Rockford's "goody, goody girl" who died of poison following the discovery that she was about to become a mother. Norton held the evidence against Waggoner was insufficient. Officials today generally believed the girl committed suicide.

Why Shamed by Blotchy Skin. If you are a sufferer from Eczema or unsightly pimply skin, you know just what it is like. The humiliating, itchy, burning, stinging, and smarting, and the way you feel about meeting strangers and offending friends. Many a time you have looked into the mirror and wished that your skin would be like other people's that you know, "without a blemish." This wish can be yours for the asking. If you will go to the drugist and procure a bottle of D. D. D., the greatest of all skin remedies, apply it according to directions. In a short time your skin will be as soft as velvet. Come in and ask for a bottle today on our money back guarantee. Ask also about D. D. D. Soap, that keeps the skin healthy.

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OFFERS BIG PRIZE FOR ROAD PHOTOS

Cash Amounting to \$2,600 Will be Given for Best Pictures Which Will be Submitted Before Nov. 7.

DU PONT MAKES OFFER

In View of Lee County Agitation for Better Highways, Contest May be of Interest Here.

General Coleman Du Pont of Wilmington, Del., and Charles Henry Davis, C. E., of South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, Mass., have offered \$2,600 in cash prizes for the 166 best road photographs submitted by November 7th. Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Sullivan and Ida M. Tarbell will judge the entries. In view of the good road agitation in Lee county this contest should have special interest hereabouts.

The photographs will be judged first upon their merit in showing road conditions (good or bad); second, pictorial interest; third, photographic excellence. The contest has been instituted to stimulate an interest in good roads throughout the entire United States. Entries may be sent to the National Highways association, Washington, D. C.

Following are the conditions of the contest:

1. A contestant may submit any number of photographs, any one or all of which may receive a prize. 2. All photographs must be of some road within the United States. 3. Photographs receiving a prize shall thereby become the property of the National Highways association with full legal title and copyright vested therein. 4. The full name (do not use initials) and full address of the contestants must be upon the back of each and every photograph submitted. 5. No photographs can be returned. But none will be published by the association or allowed by them to be published by others, save such as win prizes and are purchased by agreement after the contest is over. 6. Photographs should be addressed to "Good Roads Everywhere," Photograph Contest, National Highways association, Washington, D. C. 7. Contest closes at noon, Tuesday, November 7, 1916. Prizes will be awarded as soon thereafter as physically possible.

There are no other conditions. There is no limitation as to the kind of photograph, size, when taken, by whom; details shown, or number submitted by any contestant (man, woman or child). No letters should or need be written by any contestants, and no correspondence will be entered into about the competition.

LARGEST CLASS IS TO BE GRADUATED

Bachelors Degrees to be Granted to 335 Students at Iowa State College at Ames.

AMES, Ia., May 2.—The largest class in the history of the institution will be graduated at Iowa State college in the coming June. Bachelors' degrees will be granted to 335 students in the various lines of agriculture, engineering, industrial science, home economics and veterinary medicine. In addition other honorary degrees and certificates will be granted to two year students to bring the total to 450. That is an increase of 40 over last year.

Commencement week at Ames has been set for June 2 to 9, beginning with the senior promenade Friday, June 2 and ending a week later with the conferring of the degrees. President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State university will come from Columbus, Ohio, to deliver the commencement address on June 8. Rev. Burris A. Jenkins of Kansas City, Mo., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on the Sunday preceding. Tuesday will be Senior day, with the class play "Under Cover" in the afternoon and evening. The dramatic club of the college will present the play "Prunella" out of doors Wednesday evening, June 7. Conferring of degrees will take place Thursday morning, June 8 after which the senior class will be received by President R. A. Pearson at his home.

This year there will be especially large returns of alumni during commencement week. Alumni Secretary Ward Jones has heard from old grads from all parts of the country and they are coming in larger numbers than ever. The alumni association has taken on new life in the past few years.

Miss Maude Sterrett of Mexico, Mo., Passed Away After Three Weeks of Suffering.

Miss Maude Sterrett of Mexico, Mo., died at a local hospital at 7:30 o'clock last night from severe burns received three weeks ago. While burning brush on the family farm near Mexico, her clothing became ignited and she was terribly burned on the arms, legs, back and abdomen. She was brought to the hospital here about a week ago.

Miss Sterrett was thirty-eight years of age. The body was sent home this morning and the funeral will be held at Mexico. She is survived by her mother, a brother, William Sterrett, and a sister, Clara Sterrett.

Friends and acquaintances in Mexico and vicinity will all regret to hear of her death which came after days of suffering, and all will extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

KEOSAUQUA.

The Woman's Civic club of Keosauqua today decided to build an auditorium annex to their club house, to cost about \$1,200. This society was organized in 1910 and already has a building and fine lot valued at \$2,000, with rooms all furnished for public use. Equal suffrage is fast gaining adherents in this community. Miss Stearns, an active worker from Wisconsin, spoke to an audience of representative people here on Saturday evening.

DONNELSON. Mrs. H. Gompf was an over Sunday visitor in Keokuk.

Miss Josie McGellan of Centril, visited at the L. E. Barnes home Monday evening, enroute to LaCrew for a visit at the O. S. Barnes home. Misses Winona Barnes, Arnes and Maisie Lowenberg, visited at the E. H. Wiegner home in Farmington, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wagner shipped their household goods to Ft. Madison

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APRIL WAS NORMAL MONTH REPORT SAYS

Was Only One Degree Cooler Than Average for Forty-five Years—Not as Wet as Usual.

April was only a degree cooler than the normal month and was considerably drier than the average, according to the monthly meteorological summary issued by the local weather office. The mean for the month was 51, while the normal for the month for forty-five years was 52. The hottest April on record in this time was the month last year when 60 was the mean temperature.

The total precipitation for the month was 2.44; the average being 3.34. The prevailing direction of the wind was northwest. The maximum velocity (for five minutes) was attained on April 19 when the wind blew at the rate of forty-five miles from the southwest. There were twelve clear days, eleven partly cloudy and seven cloudy days in the month. Thunderstorms occurred on the nineteenth and twenty-fifth and light frosts on April 22 and 23 with killing frosts on April 6, 7 and 9.

COMMISSION PLAN BOOSTERS' PICTURE

Interesting Group of Men Behind This Movement in Keokuk, Perpetuated by Camera.

Commissioner Fred Hilpert Jr., has on his desk at the city hall a group picture which has an interesting little history. There are seven in the picture and they are the men who started the agitation here for the commission form of government. The group includes John H. Cole, Frank Swan, T. J. Landman, Dr. F. C. Smith, Ralph B. Smith, Fred Hilpert Jr., and Burton Wilkinson.

The plan was agitated by members of this group in 1909 and when put to a vote of the people carried. This organization which was behind the first vote found that it had some money in the treasury and decided to have the picture taken. The surplus will be given to a charitable organization here.

DIED LAST NIGHT FROM SEVERE BURNS

John H. Gerard died at his home in this city on Walnut street, Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m., aged fifty-eight years and three months. He had been a very great sufferer for a number of years of Bright's disease, and a complication of diseases. His daughter, Mrs. Grace Fulton, of Oklahoma City, Okla., has been with him and helping to care for him almost a year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Williamson and daughters spent Sunday in Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Armknecht and Kathryn Walter autted to Ft. Madison Sunday.

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