

KEOKUK FREE FALL CELEBRATION ALL THIS WEEK

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THE WEATHER
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VILLISCA, Iowa, Oct. 3.—Notices have been served in a \$25,000 civil suit for damages by State Senator F. F. Jones, alleging that the detective, J. N. Wilkerson and eight local prominent citizens, including a Presbyterian minister, conspired to injure him in charging that he inspired and financed the famous axe murders of eight persons June 9, 1912, in the home of Joe Moore, a business competitor. The notices have been served on Rev. W. J. Ewing, W. H. Willer, L. B. Benton, J. L. Gourley, farmers; W. W. Arnold, railroad engineer; A. D. Silverthorn, implement dealer; Ross H. Moore, druggist, and Ed Northup. The whereabouts of Wilkerson are not known here. The others went free on their own recognizance, to await the action of the district court, opening in Red Oak, October 17.

Wilkerson failed to fasten the crimes upon William Mansfield, arrested in Kansas City several months ago. The detective then held public mass meetings in Montgomery county to raise funds to continue the investigation. Jones stated in his complaint that Wilkerson and his associates openly mentioned Jones' name as having caused the murders.

Jones hinted at extortion when he declared he once was approached by a man who suggested it should be worth \$25,000 to Jones to have documentary evidence in connection with the axe murders suppressed. Jones said he ordered the man out of his office.

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