

### RECEPTION GIVEN FOR MR. McELREE

Congregation of U. P. Church at Summitville Presents Retiring Pastor and Wife with Silver Water Service Set.

### SUPPER LAST EVENING

Pastor Leaves for Keota This Morning Where the Annual Session of the Presbytery is Being Held.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. B. McElree, of the United Presbyterian church, were the guests of honor at Summitville last evening at a farewell reception tendered them by the members of the United Presbyterian church there. The Rev. Mr. McElree has given considerable time to the Summitville church, and the people there showed their appreciation in a marked manner last evening.

The pastor and his wife were presented with a silver water service set. The presentation followed the supper which was served by the women of the church, and which included all of the good things that a menu for this sort of an occasion demands.

The Rev. Mr. McElree and his wife appreciate the sentiment of the Summitville church and will carry many pleasant memories of their associations with the people there to their new charge in Indianapolis.

The annual meeting of the United Presbyterian church of the presbytery of Iowa is being held this week in Keota. The Rev. Mr. McElree left for Keota this morning and expects to be released at this meeting in order that he may accept the call from the Indianapolis parish.

The last service in Keokuk will be held next Sunday if the presbytery grants the release, as it is expected it will.

### NEW POWER LINE COMING

Fort Madison Will be Served With New Wires When Remodelling of the Line is Completed.

How Fort Madison will get a new transmission line is told in the following from the Fort Madison Democrat: Work will commence in a few days on the construction of a new transmission line between this city and Montrose, according to an announcement made today by P. I. Robinson, manager of the Fort Madison Electric company. The work will also constitute remodeling of the present line between Montrose and Keokuk, and when completed will give Fort Madison a direct line up the Iowa side of the river. The new line will follow the county road from Montrose to this city.

At the present time Fort Madison is supplied with electrical power from the two Burlington lines traversing the Illinois side of the river to Fort Madison where the cross is made. With the construction of the new line Fort Madison will be in a position to command service from three lines, two on the Illinois side of the river and one on the Iowa side. This will lessen the chance for an interruption in the service as well as assure the highest possible efficiency.

Although the present voltage used for this city is only 11,000 volts, the new line will be a 33,000 volt line, as it is the expectation of the company to approximately triple its business in this vicinity in the next few years.

### MAIL AIRPLANE'S FATAL CRASH

All Metal Machine Falls and Burns to Death Two Carriers, Walter Stevens and Russell Thomas.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 15.—Postoffice officials were trying to determine today the cause for the mail airplane crash late yesterday near Pemberville, Ohio, in which Walter Stevens, 37, Oakland, Calif., and Russell Thomas, 23, Cleveland, were burned to death. The machine was the new all-metal type, recently secured by the postoffice department. Witnesses said the machine was apparently in difficulty when they first saw it flying at a height of 1,500 feet.

Was Stevens' Last Day. TOLEDO, Sept. 15.—Walter H. Stevens, of Oakland, Calif., one of the oldest pilots in the air mail service, and his flying partner, Russell Thomas, were burned to death when a coast to coast mail plane fell about twenty-two miles south of Toledo near the village of Pemberville, Ohio. The plane was west bound. Tuesday was to be Stevens' last day in the air mail service, and he was flying on what he thought would be the final lap of the coast to coast trip.

Telephone linemen working near the place where the plane fell, saw the accident. Most of the mail which was scattered over the ground, was addressed to Seattle.

Two Blocks Burned. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] RANGER, Texas, Sept. 15.—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed most of two business blocks here, causing an estimated loss of \$1,000,000. One fireman was seriously injured. The fire started in a rooming house.

### DEMURRER IN CASE SUSTAINED

Judge Wade Issues Order and Ruling in Des Moines County Drainage District vs. Power Company.

### MEASURE OF DAMAGES

Court Holds That Additional Pumping Expenses are All That Could be Asked for by the Plaintiff.

Judge Martin J. Wade has issued an order sustaining the demurrer in the case of George W. Campbell et al. vs. the Mississippi River Power company. The court holds that the plaintiffs can sue for damages sustained by the drainage district as district and cannot sue for damages coming to individuals. He holds that they can sue for only the additional expenses of pumping, as the measure of these damages.

In the Margison Putnam case which the court cites, he has held that a drainage district is not a municipal corporation nor even a quasi-corporation. It is not an entity with the ordinary meaning of the term with reference to the capacity to sue and to be sued. It is no more a corporation than is a sewer district in a city or a paving district. The legislation providing for the establishment of drainage districts did no more than to confer upon the board of supervisors new duties and new powers and any action adversary to the drainage district is merely an action to compel the board of supervisors and the engineer to perform certain specific duties imposed upon them by law.

For the purpose of providing the necessary machinery to carry the law into effect, it imposes various duties upon certain town officers, but in performing such duties, these officers act as agents of the law and not as officers of the town.

### No Power to Maintain.

The court cites a number of cases and then says with reference to this demurrer, "I am still of the opinion there expressed. I do not believe that the trustees of the drainage district have any other power to maintain this action. In any event, consent that the power of the trustees would extend beyond a recovery for the additional expense of pumping and upon this issue the facts set forth in the petition are not specific enough to show there is any cause of action. There is no showing as to the manner in which the cost of pumping is handled, nor the amount thereof, nor how the fund is raised nor anything of the kind." Continuing, the court says: "It cannot be said that there is cause for action for the additional expense of pumping. I shall, upon application permit an amendment to the application . . . but at the present time it is my view that the action cannot be maintained at all."

At the time the demurrer was filed the attorneys for the power company held that the plaintiff has no legal capacity to sue, that the Des Moines county drainage corporation is not a corporation, or quasi-corporation, and has no authority to sue and that the right of action rests with the individual property owners.

### Cattle for Germany.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 15.—One hundred and fifty thousand head of Texas cattle, representing an expenditure of more than \$10,000,000, are to be shipped to Austria and Germany during the next six months, according to an announcement by the Catholic Central society in session here. The first eight hundred of these cattle which will be used for the rehabilitation of dairy herds in the two central European countries will be shipped from Galveston within ten days, it was said.

### PLENTY OF "PEP" AT FIRST SESSION

Keokuk High School Football Rally Was Held Last Night With Every-one Enthusiastic Over Outlook.

### SPEECHES ARE ROUSING

Letter is Read from Former Captain Edward Ebersole Telling of His Success and "Pulling" for New School.

There was a "Peppy Pep" meeting last night at the high school auditorium. Although the number wasn't as large as had been expected, those there made up for it in enthusiasm. The school is trying to sell 500 tickets for the football season and this will not be hard to do if everyone enters into it like the hundred present at the meeting.

Dr. R. L. Reed, principal, introduced the speakers, who were real enthusiasts themselves. They were James Hollingsworth, John Crimmins, Jr., J. F. Dilbeck, O. E. Hauley, and John Landmann, the captain of the team.

An interesting letter from Edward Ebersole, last year's captain, who is now at West Point, was read by Dr. Reed. He is playing half back on the West Point team, having won out over several college men who tried for the place. The team is putting forth every effort to defeat the Navy this year and if Ebby's playing continues to be like it was in Keokuk, he will be a help to the team. In his letter he told about how crowded West Point was, but said he supposed it had nothing on K. H. S. and he hoped they would soon have their new high school building here.

One of the new and interesting features of the high school athletics is the addition of two girls to the yell leaders' quartet. Everybody just had to yell last night when Edith Kleidtsch, Fame Bell, French Birch and Bert Hemmway were there to lead them in all their new and lively yells.

The high school orchestra, under direction of P. C. Hayden, played several numbers during the evening, and as usual, was very good, especially considering the short time they have been playing together this year.

### RUPERT HUGHES VISITS IN CITY

He is Visiting With Judge and Mrs. F. T. Hughes on His Way From California to New York City.

Rupert Hughes is in Keokuk today visiting with his father and mother, Judge and Mrs. F. T. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes is enroute from California to New York and his visit here is a brief one.

Keokuk people are always glad of the opportunity to welcome Mr. Hughes "home again."

### PRESIDENT OF FRANCE QUILTS

Deschanel to Resign This Week as Result of Illness, Which Has Impaired His Mind, as Well as Body.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Sept. 15.—President Deschanel is to resign this week, the French foreign office admitted today. The president is suffering from neurasthenia, it was said, and his mental condition is worse than his physical. A meeting of the cabinet was expected to be called immediately upon the return of Premier Millerand from Switzerland to consider Deschanel's successor.

The cabinet, it was believed, would be summoned Friday. That body would then call an extraordinary session of the senate and chamber of deputies to receive Deschanel's resignation, instead of waiting for the regular October session. Various constitutional amendments would have to be considered in connection with this course.

The Echo de Paris declared that Millerand has assured his friends he is not a candidate for the presidency. Among those mentioned for the post are General Castelnau, Senator Leon Bourgeois, Senator Charles Jonnard and President Peret, of the chamber.

Following confirmation by the foreign office that Deschanel will resign, Paris newspapers urged Marshal Foch to become a candidate for president.

Paul Deschanel, at the age of sixty-four, was elected president of France. It was the climax of a long public career in which he had served in minor capacities in several departments. Before election he was a member of the chamber of deputies and presided over that body. He had also done much literary work.

His election as president aroused little enthusiasm. It was regarded largely as a rebuke to his opponent, Premier Clemenceau.

Deschanel's former mental vigor appeared lacking after his election and there were many rumors as to his real physical condition. Recently he has been in the country near Paris under care of a physician.

Shortly after his election, Deschanel was found by a railway track walker wandering along the road in his night clothing. He explained he had either walked or fallen from a moving train in his sleep. He was not injured. The president was regarded as a handsome and magnetic man.

The Saturday Evening Post in its issue of May 29, 1920, had the following to say with reference to

## "ICELESS ICE BOXES"

all of which is very pertinent and appropriate in connection with the Simplex Refrigerating machine.

"ONE OF THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE IS THAT WE CAN TAKE THE HEAT ENERGY OF COAL AND CONVERT IT INTO ICE TO PREVENT THE DECAY OF FOOD."

"The evolution of the domestic refrigerator has been a matter of years. Tens of thousands of dollars have been expended in carrying on experimental work which has SLOWLY BUT SURELY ELIMINATED the principal obstacles that were early encountered. As a result of the progress that has been made the skilled engineer working in the central electric station is coming to take the place of the ice man with his dripping load, and the householder is only obliged to turn a switch in order to produce winter's cold in the same old ice box that holds the family's food.

"This achievement of securing mechanical refrigeration from energy carried over the same wires that bring electricity to light the home is a SCIENTIFIC TRIUMPH WHICH DAILY WILL BE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE. Investigators tell us that very few household refrigerators can be maintained with an inside temperature of less than fifty degrees when natural or artificial ice is used as the cooling medium. Our various types of new electric refrigerators will keep the air in the ice box down to the FREEZING POINT OR EVEN LOWER if such a condition is desired.

"Ice refrigeration produces a DAMP ICE BOX and provides a variable temperature if the door of the refrigerator is frequently opened and closed. Iceless refrigeration eliminates the humidity in the air and produces a DRY BOX with an unfluctuating, crisp cold that PREVENTS THE CONTAMINATION AND DECAY OF FOOD.

"Students of food preservation have learned of late that in order to preserve food properly, careful attention must be given to regulating the moisture content of the air in the ice box, as well as to the maintaining of a low temperature. NOT ONLY MUST THE AIR BE COLD, BUT IT MUST BE COMPARATIVELY DRY. Food spoils rapidly, due to germ growth, at temperatures above fifty degrees. In the average refrigerator cooled with ice the temperature always rises as the cake of ice melts away. This is due to the fact that the degree of cold in the box depends upon the surface area of the cake of ice.

"With electric refrigeration there is relatively no dampness in the box and as a consequence NONE OF THE FOOD BECOMES MOLDY. The bacteria of decay are always present in food products, but they should not be confused with the germs of disease, though both are microscopic in size and are possessed of practically the same habits. In a temperature of less than fifty degrees the decay bacteria become dormant and do not multiply, though the freezing does not always kill them. If the temperature is permitted to rise to more than fifty degrees some of these bacteria become active and start to reproduce. As the temperature continues to increase, the activity of these agents of decay becomes greater. It is therefore evident that

a uniform cold of less than fifty degrees is essential to the preservation of foodstuffs.

"Some of the new electric refrigerators are furnished as complete equipments, with the cooling apparatus already installed in an ice box. Other types of machines are so designed that they can be placed in any standard type of refrigerator, which makes it unnecessary to purchase a new box. In this latter case the brine tank or a copper coil is placed in the same compartment of the ice box that is ordinarily filled with ice. Brine tanks or coils are built to suit the size of the box that is to be cooled. If a refrigerating system is used that employs a brine tank the latter is usually provided with a small ice-making chamber in which cubes of ice are made in sufficient quantities to supply the table demands of an average family.

"A fairly uniform temperature is maintained in the refrigerator by means of a thermostat which automatically controls the motor. When the temperature in the ice box has risen to a certain predetermined maximum point the thermostat closes a quick-acting switch which starts the motor that drives the compressor. The machine continues to operate until the temperature in the box has been reduced to a predetermined minimum point, when the electrical circuit is again broken and the machine stops. The general practice is to set the thermostat so that the difference between the maximum and the minimum temperature in the refrigerator will never be more than four or five degrees.

"The temperature of the brine in the ice compartment of the box is never more than twenty-five degrees, and the air that is always circulating inside of the refrigerator is not only chilled by contact with the brine tank but is forced to deposit a large percentage of its moisture on the tank in the form of frost. It is this latter action that keeps the ice box so dry that salt or matches can be kept inside of it without being damaged by dampness.

"Few materials have rendered greater service in providing health and comfort for mankind in recent ages than those benefactors, natural and artificial ice. However, as a cooling agent in the household refrigerator, ice has many shortcomings, and a lot of folks will not look upon the demise of the old-fashioned ice box with any high degree of dread. SCIENCE IS SURELY LEADING US TO A NEW DAY, when we can practice the economy of purchasing larger supplies of certain foods without having to fear that they will spoil on our hands. It is also likely that in this NEW ERA we shall come to know that pure food and good digestion are more closely related than we have ever imagined. The great trouble in handling perishable products is NOT IN THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY ARE KEPT, BUT IN THE WAY THEY ARE KEPT.

"The iceless refrigerator in the home is but the forerunner of iceless refrigerators in great apartment houses, all operated by a single plant in the basement of the building. In other words, we shall soon be sending cold to the points where it is needed, just as we now convey heat to the most distant rooms. It has been our custom in the past to speak of things as being "as cold as ice"; in the future we shall talk of temperatures as being "as cold as brine." And all this will come as a result of our having learned to produce cold by evaporating, within a system of pipes, a liquefied gas that commences to boil at a temperature lower than the freezing point of water."

## Giant Enterprises Grow from New Ideas

Anything which brings improvement and progress is sure of success. Anything which brings greater convenience, greater comfort or greater economy will result in a profitable business.

The telephone brought a new means of communication. Electricity brought a new source of light and power. The automobile brought a better conveyance, and these and every other new idea that furnished a necessary article of universal demand at a reasonable price has resulted in a big and profitable business.

The Simplex machine is being manufactured in the factory at 1129 Johnson street, Keokuk, in several different sizes. The household machine is on daily display at 609 Main street. It does all the Saturday Evening Post a title claims. The Simplex machine is a new industry in an uncrowded field and those who have become interested in it believe that it has great promise.

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