

Audubon County Journal

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30 YEARS OLD

EXIRA, IOWA, THURSDAY, APR. 27, 1916

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THE TOWN WAS FULL OF PREACHERS

The old town was full of talented preachers of the Congregational faith for the last two days and it has been a wonderful inspiration to our people.

Certainly, divine guidance investigated and controlled every session. The program was carried out in its entirety of which we shall have a full report next week.

Rev. Mrs. Gatty-Heath of the local church was invested with ministerial functions.

While leaving the church last Sunday after the funeral service of the late William VanAernam, Mr. Mike Simensen received a scratch over the sight of one of his eyes from the protruding point of a lady's hat pin as she passed him by, from the effect of which he has been laid up all week and in constant pain night and day.

This is a serious matter to Mr. Simensen for it means that his team must also remain idle during his forced inactivity. The damage to him is very great.

SATURDAY LAST AN AUTO DAY

Scores of autos were in town Saturday; they brought the busy farmers and their wives in for provisions, raiment and an Easter hat. One of our stores alone sold fifty ladies hats on that day, the effect of judicious advertising.

In our opinion there would much less money be sent out of the country for millinery goods if our merchants would advertise their prices as do the Mail Order House, or people like to see what they are buying, and this they can do at home.

It creates a confidence, to hear a store keeper or his clerk say, "That hat madam we can sell at four dollars and it's worth the money. But if you send away you have no choice you simply send your check and accept what they send you."

EXIRA SCHOOL NOTES

The Misses Perley and Rider will give a miscellaneous shower on Miss Willoughby, Saturday afternoon.

Several new books have been added to the library, from the opera money; some for the English classes, some Shakespeare books, and some English literature books.

The Sophomores gave a picnic Monday night, after school. Each person was allowed to bring one visitor. A good time was reported.

Last Thursday evening, the teachers gave a surprise party on Miss Brown, in honor of her birthday. Miss Dorothy Storey from Indianola, was visiting with Miss Perley from Friday until Monday.

The Pedagogy class has begun to practise teaching. Some of Miss Turner's pupils recited reading with them, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Lekberg took his Geometry class out surveying Monday.

Miss Rider has had no tardy pupils so far this month, and we hope she will have none until the month is over.

Arthur Razez visited with George Gill in the 5th room all day Tuesday. He will return to school on Wednesday.

The grade rooms have used some of their entertainment money to purchase library books. Each room has received about 15 books and also a pencil sharpener.

Miss Hadden went to Atlantic,

Saturday to attend the Ames Glee Club.

The Agricultural class of the 12th grade have been testing cream and milk this week. They find this work very interesting.

The eleventh grade went out in the woods Tuesday, to test the temperature of the soil, and get samples of soils at different depths.

The Corinthians will give the following Shakesperian program Friday, April 28th.

Life of Shakespeare, Andrew Jessen. Quotations from Shakespeare, Emma Line Bills.

Recitation, Lloyd Fredericks. Debate, Resolved: That Military Training Should Be Given to High School Boys. Aff. Minnie Rasmussen and Lawton Bartlett, Neg. Decima Edwards and Esther Heath.

Review of Merchant of Venice, Arlene Hawk.

Recitation, Lelia Clark. Estimate of Shakespeare, Marylea Hunt.

The Theater of Shakespeare's Day, Gretchen Baylor.

Recitation, Violet Akers. Origin of Drama, Olive Akers. Vocal Solo, Miss Brown.

PROPOSALS FOR ERECTION OF SCHOOL HOUSE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the erection of a school house in Sub-district No. 8, in Audubon township, Audubon County, Iowa, will be received by W. C. Tibben, Secretary route 4 Exira, Iowa, up to 12 o'clock Monday, May 22nd 1916.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the home of Ed Hackwell, President of the board of directors one mile south of center school house, any time before the meeting of the board.

The school board will meet at the Center School House at one o'clock Monday, May 22nd 1916, when the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Exira, Iowa, April 27th, 1916. adv. m. 18.

Ed Hackwell, President.

W. C. Tibben, Secretary.

NOTICE TO K OF P'S

There will be a special convention next Thursday evening, May 4.

The infant daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Donaldson has been quite ill the past week with a severe cold and complications.

For a few days we will give a special discount of 15 per cent on all broken lots of wall paper. We have some nice patterns to select from. Come in before they all go. An opportunity to buy first class paper at a very close price. adv. Apr. 27

Exira Drug Company.

WOMANS SUFFRAGE WHAT THEY WOULD DO

A letter is published by a mother living in Fayette, Iowa, asking our State Veterinarian to help pass a law requiring the inspection of all cows kept for dairy purposes.

She says her baby had contracted tubercular glands, by drinking milk from a cow afflicted with a tubercular udder.

In the owners family are two daughters suffering from the same disease.

The cow has been infected for some time but the owner did not reveal her condition to his customers.

The cow fell in her stall, one day and a veterinarian was called to dress her wounds when he found her condition as stated above.

The paper that published the mothers letter says "Were women voters they would be alert at all times to safe guard the homes by supporting the "child welfare" proposition."

In Britt, Iowa, the other day in

Get Your Friends to Join the Go to Church Movement

IT is not enough that you GO TO CHURCH. Get others to GO TO CHURCH!

The day that men scoffed at religion and the GO TO CHURCH movement has passed. If you ask a man to GO TO CHURCH today he will not laugh at you. The GO TO CHURCH movement is a serious proposition. It is here to stay. It is getting bigger and better every day. It is easier to make converts. Every man with a spark of religion realizes that there is something real in the GO TO CHURCH movement.

THEFORE ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR TO GO TO CHURCH. HE WILL NOT RESENT YOUR REQUEST. HE WILL NOT REQUIRE MUCH URGING. IF HE DOESN'T LIVE BEYOND THE PALE OF CIVILIZATION HE HAS HEARD OF THE GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT. AND, HAVING HEARD OF IT, HAVING SEEN THE THOUSANDS WHO ARE CHURCH MEMBERS, HE WILL BE RECEPTIVE. FREQUENTLY YOU WILL ELOQUENTLY PLEAD WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND TO JOIN YOUR GOLF CLUB OR YOUR CARD CLUB. USE A LITTLE OF THIS ELOQUENCE TO GET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO JOIN THE CHURCH.

It is surprising what one earnest man can do to aid the GO TO CHURCH movement. Don't be half hearted when you ask your neighbor to GO TO CHURCH. Ordinarily it doesn't require much urging to get a right thinking man to GO TO CHURCH. If a stubborn fellow is met, go at him all the harder. Your reward will be all the greater in the end. Talk up the GO TO CHURCH movement.

Be enthusiastic!
Get others to join the ever growing procession!
The movement is growing every hour!
Do your part in the great work!

an audience of a little over a hundred forty-four men and sixty-four women signed the suffrage pledges. Nine out of every ten men canvassed in Toledo, Iowa, were for Womens Suffrage. Eighty-five per cent of the editors of Iowa are for Womens Suffrage.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

I am a candidate for the nomination of County Clerk on the republican ticket, subject to the vote of the primaries of June 5th. Have been a life long republican, and during 1909, 1910, and 1911 served as deputy clerk of courts under L. A. McGinnis, and, therefore, feel competent to efficiently discharge the duties of that important office. Your support at the primaries is asked, and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
John Horning.

HI MENDENHALL WINS IMPORTANT DECISION

Hi Mendenhall who for many years has been getting a royalty on his patent from the manufacturers of the One Minute washing machine won another important decision this week. He brought suit through his attorneys against Montgomery Ward and Co., for infringements of the patent. He won the suit in the lower court but the company appealed the case. The high court affirmed the lower court's decision and yesterday Mr. Mendenhall received the following telegram from his attorney, Wallace R. Lane of Chicago.

"Have just received telegram advising that court of appeals for the second court, New York, has affirmed the lower court in case of Iowa Washing Machine Co., vs Montgomery Ward and Co. Held Stocking and Mendenhall reissue patent valid and infringed. This is the highest court in patent cases except in rare special instances. This decision means that the Stocking and Mendenhall patent has now after a long and arduous fight been finally upheld as valid in every respect. They have our heartiest congratulations."

The telegram was received with much enthusiasm as it involves something over \$17,000 in this instance alone. There are a number of other large manufacturers, who upon learning of the decision will pay large sums of royalty to Mr. Mendenhall.—Republican.

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. Carlson, April 20th. Current events were given and discussed.

Mrs. Clair McAninch gave a paper on "Leading Novelists of today." Mrs. Newlon read a very interesting article followed by a humorous selection, by Mrs. Bishop.

After the usual business and Roll Call, the Club adjourned for a social hour with the hostess. A delicious luncheon was served.

C. E. MERTZ IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Tuesday afternoon Charles Dohrn of Grinnell, accompanied by a couple of other gentlemen, was over in this section with his Saxon six and on his return invited C. E. Mertz to accompany them to Grinnell. Mr. Mertz reports a nice trip until they were coming into Grinnell just two blocks east of the hospital. At this point they turned out to pass a team and encountered a boy about eleven years old who was crossing the street on roller skates. Mr. Dohrn who was driving, did everything possible to avoid the accident but the distance was too short either to stop the car or dodge the boy, but managed to straddle him, which probably saved his life, although he was badly bruised and suffered a broken arm and a broken leg. They carried the boy to the hospital and in a few minutes he was under the care of two doctors. At this writing he is reported doing as well as could be expected. We did not learn the boys name.—Malcom Leader.

ANNA MADSEN GONE TO NEW YORK

Miss Anna Madsen, daughter of County Supervisor Soren Madsen, started last Sunday to assume the assistant superintendency of one of the Hospitals of New York City. Miss Madsen has devoted some time in studying the needs of a first class establishment, and in her line has become very proficient.

This appointment comes to her as a reward of merit of her untiring zeal and humane devotion to those dependent upon her care. She is worthy of the confidence reposed in her.

Mrs. W. O. Griffith and baby returned Thursday from Des Moines where she was visiting relatives.

Chris Petersen the butter maker will soon begin the erection of a modern bungalow on a lot north of the Sam Green home in the Heights.

Miss Linna Brinkerhoff has been sewing the past several days for Mrs. J. I. Hensley and Mrs. Clifford Posten.

Vicklas Hansen, son of Vollmar Hansen and wife of Texas, arrived in Exira, Sunday, for an extended visit with friends and old acquaintances.

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the past three years qualifies him in getting his records complete. He is a model young man, moral and physically, with a clean record, with whom our young men are glad to associate and who they enjoy to support in his ambitions. Mr. Horning is a republican and if favored with the nomination June 5th will work for his party's success at the polls.

WM. B. VANAERNAM PASSED AWAY APR 20

William Baxter VanAernam was born in Lewis Co., New York, March 25, 1850 and died at his home in Exira, Iowa April 20, 1916.

At the age of four years he moved with his parents to Hamilton, Hancock county, Illinois and lived there until 1872 when he moved to a farm in Audubon County Iowa where he lived until the fall of 1914 when he and his wife moved to Exira.

On April 28, 1878, he was united in marriage with Alice M. Dacker. Seven children were born to them, two of which died in infancy. Five are still living; Flora, Nora, Warren and the twins, Arthur and Archie.

He leaves to mourn his loss beside his wife and children, two brothers, Rant of Hamilton, Illinois and George of Exira, Iowa.

Mr. VanAernam was a kind husband and father and a good neighbor. He always was a strong man, never having known sickness until in May 1914 he had a light stroke of paralysis and never fully recovered. In the winter of 1915 he had another which left his mind impaired. On April 17 he had his third stroke and never recovered consciousness. His wife and three of his children, Nora, Arthur and Archie were at his bedside.

For sometime before his death he seemed to understand that the end was near and had his burial clothes purchased and his casket chosen, and he had told his family his wishes for his funeral.

Mr. VanAernam's kind deeds will ever be remembered by his many acquaintances, who extend their sympathy to the bereaved wife and family.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church, Rev. Linkletter officiating, assisted by Mrs. Gatty Heath and the remains were followed by a large concourse of friends and laid to rest in the Exira cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who assisted during the death and burial of our dear husband and father, also for the choir that furnished the music at the church. We are indeed thankful.

Mrs. Wm. VanAernam and children.

Anna Madsen

Mrs. Peter Gude

John Horning

Chris Petersen

Miss Linna Brinkerhoff

Vicklas Hansen

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. VandeBrake

FARM BOYS CORNER

Testing Soil for Acidity

Last week we considered the question of how acids are formed in the soil and the effect that they have upon crops, especially clover and alfalfa. Let us take up now the method that is generally used in testing for acidity.

It is usually done by means of litmus paper. This paper may be procured in two colors, but the blue paper is used. The peculiarity of this paper is that when it is brought in contact with anything containing acid its color changes from blue to red or pink. If, for example, we were to drop a slip of it into lemonade, sour milk or vinegar, all of which contain acids, it would promptly become red. This gives us a means of telling whether the soil is acid. The test is made in the following manner:

It is necessary the soil be wet in order that the change in the color of the paper may take place. For this reason, we should wait until after a moderate rain. Then when the ground is in the form of a very stiff mud we may go into the field which we wish to test and insert the slips of blue paper at a depth of about an inch, using a knife blade to open the ground and pinching the soil very lightly against the paper after inserting the paper. After this we should wait at least an hour before taking the slips out.

The test is made in this way in many places from eight to ten rods apart all over the field. In fact, the best plan is to go over the field, inserting the little slips every eight to ten rods in each direction and sticking a stake beside each one so that it will be easy to find later. When the slips have all been put into the ground, we may go back to the starting point and begin digging them out and examining them.

When we come to this part of the test, it is necessary to have a small pail of soft water in which to rinse the mud from the slips as they are taken up. Otherwise it is difficult or even impossible to tell whether the color has changed or not. The reason why so many tests are necessary is that a field may be and often is acid in some places and not in others. In fact, this is frequently the reason for the irregular or spotted stands of clover which have become very common in recent years.

If we find that the color of a slip has changed from blue to a distinct or strong pink, we know that the soil at that spot is strongly acid and that alfalfa would not live in it at all, while clover would not do well; but if the paper has become only faintly tinged with pink, the soil is weakly acid, and alfalfa and clover might get along in it though they would never be found doing their best.

Next week we shall take up the question of how a soil that is acid should be treated.

MRS. PETER GUDE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Peter Gude was taken to the hospital at Atlantic Tuesday where she was operated upon yesterday.

The children were so apprehensive of results that they quit their work until the danger period is past. We trust that no serious results may follow.

Later.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Gude's condition is not as serious as was supposed. The operation was performed and she is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

Anton Seimersen, wife and daughter Winnie, Chris Jensen, wife and children, Jens Jepsen, wife and children and Anna Clausen, went to near Poplar, last Sabbath and visited at the Martin Jensen home.

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