

# Audubon County Journal

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### ANOTHER CONVIENT MODERN FARM HOUSE

Another progressive little Dane is adding to the value of the county, the progress of the state and the convenience and comfort of his family.

Chris C. Petersen, a brother of one of our live merchants and secretary of our Commercial Club, Hans P. Petersen is building a modern, up to date dwelling about a mile from the City Beautiful.

It is a nine room, two story structure, besides closets with basement under all; fitted with furnace, hot and cold water attachments, bath room, and accessories and conveniences.

Altho not where he can hook on to electric current for light, etc. he is wiring the building completely so that if it comes that way he will not have to run the wires in exposed positions, or tear up to hide them. Or otherwise he can put in an electric plant of his own which many farmers are doing over Iowa and which are working well.

The building up of this part of the country by the Danish men is simply wonderful. As if by magic, wherever they settle, nature's wildness ceases; withers like hay in the hot sunshine, and in its place comes gradually, progress. A family, (that usually the first,) then a few cows, and here's the foundation of the fortune. This one that breaks up the land; that buys the seed to till; that brings the harvest; that produces the wealth; that improves the farm; that builds the home; and finally an income that drives want and anxiety, from the home of the aged and gray.

And while they are passing to that Distant Shore they enjoy comfort in the knowledge that life to them has not been a failure, but a blessing of God has rewarded them for their effort while they were young.

### SUNDAY LAST GREAT DAY FOR AUTOMOBILING

The roads were in fine condition last Sabbath and hundreds of Automobils took advantage of them. The lakes were visited by thousands.

The mercury touched the one hundred mark during the forenoon and remained there the most of the day. The heat during the fore part of the night was terrific and humanity sweltered. But the corn is doing fine and Iowa will have another bumper crop again.

### PICNIC NOTICE

The Annual River to River Road picnic will be the biggest GET TOGETHER crowd that ever assembled at any one place in Iowa on a similar occasion.

It will be held at Newton, the home of the LIVE WIRE ENTHUSIASTS of the state, on August 2nd, 1916.

### DRAYMANS HORSE DIED ON SIDE WALK

A horse belonging to Mr. Jake Watson, one of our city draymen, became afflicted with colic, Friday evening, after quitting time.

The veterinarian was called and at three A. M. the animal seemed to be over it, and the watchers put it in the stable and retired. Whether it had recurrence of the attack is not known but it strayed out of its stall, went up town, got on the side walk and with its head in the doorway of one of our stores dropped dead. It is quite a loss to Mr. Watson for it was the best one of his team.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Lantz returned home last Wednesday noon, from Omaha, where the former had been attending a Medical Association meeting.

Thomas Williams, wife and daughter, Miss Effie, returned to their home in Atlantic Monday morning, after a week's visit with their sons Frank and Jesse in town.

### RANDOM NOTES BY AUDUBON SHELLEY

After attending usual services at Eden Valley last Sunday week we took a little run down to Kimballton. We went by way of Gray on to the west part of the county and then south to the Danish town. Off to the southwest of Gray after half an hour of moderate running, we came to a little patch of woods consisting of oak, elm and wild cherry with an undergrowth of gooseberries, grapes and dwarf willows. It being near two o'clock and no dinner yet, we could not pass by, so the auto was stopped and dinner was served on the ground. There, under an oak tree on a blanket of grass by the side of a gully thru whose depths a little stream ran, an ideal place was found for rest. The thermometer was standing at near the hundred mark yet a fine southwest breeze made it comfortable. As I refreshed myself under those beautiful surroundings of nature I said I would not change places with any monarch on earth. The Average Audubon county resident holds an enviable position today. The magnificent spectacle the county presents today along with the beauty of perfect July weather forms a union that is bound to produce happiness. But dinner is over and we move on. We went up and down hills which were pretty near the limit. How beautiful it must have been there in an early day. Yet in that hilly country the crops generally looked good and the improvements were up to the average. The oak grubs by the side of the road reminded me that the country thereabout was once pretty well covered with shrubbery and formerly it must have been a sight of beauty. Kimballton is a beautiful place and its much better kept than many of the larger towns of the state. Its flowers, lawns and ornamental trees were especially fine. It presents a picture of thrift and cleanliness. What a pity it is that the little railroad leading into the town has had such a stormy career. Out a few miles from Kimballton I stopped at a schoolhouse. The yard was fenced with a fine board fence. A nice flagpole was off to one side. The building contained a beehive in which was a good sized school ball. The room was decorated with flags, pictures and other attractions. I mention this to show how all of our school surroundings might be made more attractive without much expense. On arriving home the speedometer registered just fifty miles—a short trip and all run on Audubon County territory. This trip was of no particular importance so far as length is concerned. But these little runs within the county gives one a better idea of the true magnitude of our great state. And the weather too is contributing its part to make these days especially attractive. A writer once said that the big fleecy clouds of July were the prettiest of the year. So go out on the lawn at sunset. Look at the fields of ripening grain, the great stretches of clover and timothy, the beautiful green of the corn, the magnificent groves and the fine old banks of clouds off in the southeast often being ornamented with occasional heat lightning, and you have a picture of beauty. When you are thinking of some of the nice things that will put more joy into life—just think of a perfect summer evening in Iowa.

Audubon Shelley.

Word was received here Sunday, of the death of Mrs. P. A. Casey which occurred in South Dakota, Saturday evening, where she had been with her husband and two children, on account of Mr. Casey's health, the disease being acute Bright's Disease. Mrs. Casey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Foley of Audubon and was for many years a milliner in Atlantic before her marriage to Mr. Casey and they were still residents of Atlantic when they went to South Dakota to visit relatives.

Thinking of a mud hole near by he concluded to lead her into it

for the effect it might have on her feet.

The experiment was wonderful. While standing in the shallow mud and water he carried several pails of cold water and threw about her feet but not above the fet locks.

The cure is worth trying when all things else fail.

Mr. Frank R. McLaughlin of Lincoln township will vouch for this.

**EASTERN STAR**

The annual picnic of the Eastern Star will be July 28th, Friday evening. Supper at 6:30 P. M. If rain we will meet in the hall. Every member and family come, July 28th, 2t.

**LIGHTNING BURNED DOWN COAL HOUSE**

Grant Kneess' coalhouse was struck by lightning Friday morning and burned to the ground. Considerable property which was stored in the building was lost, but no other damage was done.

**NOW WHAT?**

Cosson's know "dryness" beat him for Governor at the Primaries. While Harding's "wetness" gave him the nomination. Now then comes the state Convention from which there is no appeal. A part of the temperance plank reads:

For forty years the republican party has shown by its words and its acts that it has opposed to the liquor traffic. We believe that the real friends of temperance will pin their faith to a party with such a record in preference to one which passed a sudden conversion to temperance after more than forty years of consistent and insistent opposition. We favor or any and all laws which effectuate temperance. We reaffirm the past utterances of the republican party of Iowa upon prohibition, which has become the settled policy of this state, and declare that there should be no backward step thereon. We believe the people of the state should have a right to pass upon the question of constitutional prohibition, and we pledge that the next legislature will submit to the people the proposed prohibitory amendment approved by the Thirty sixth general assembly. We stand for vigorous enforcement of all laws an unequivocally pledge our candidates to that policy.

### RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCE A PLEASURE

A jolly crowd of picnickers spent a few pleasant hours in Exira last Sunday when several auto loads of old friends came from Gray and vicinity to spend the day with the Lanceslot, Willson, Will Spoo and Egbert families. They came with well filled baskets and a cafeteria dinner and supper were served on the Wilson lawn. At a late hour they left for their different homes. The following were in the party from out of town; Mr. F. R. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, Mrs. Harry Fleming of Oklahoma, Mrs. S. Higgins, Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. Howard Rodgers, the Misses Mae and Grace McLaughlin, Marie Jensen, Leona and Nina Shaw and Master Lloyd Fleming. Such days with friends of Auld Lang Syne are a rare treat. Come again.

### NEWS-TELEGRAPH SAYS OF SHRAUGER, JOHNSON

The News Telegraph of Atlantic on July 18 says of two Exira boys who located in Atlantic.

.....Seven years ago D. E. Shrauger and William E. Johnson came to Atlantic from Exira and rented a building.....

Two or three machines were set up and three men were put to work making lagging rods.....

Mr. Shrauger did the office work and Mr. Johnson went on the road to sell the one product of the company.....Today the Shrauger and Johnson Company is a corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000.00.....Five years ago the plant was moved into a cement building.....

.....At present an addition 50 x 75 feet to cost \$7000 is being erected.....When this is completed the business will have a total of 17,500 feet of floor space.....These new quarters have been made necessary by the increase growth of this business. In place of one article the company manufactures sixty different appliances. Everything for the farmer is their motto.....Everything from a barn door hinge to a silo roof and chute.....A force of from twenty five to thirty men is employed.....D. E. Shrauger is general manager of the plant at home and William E. Johnson is head of the selling force abroad Harold Shrauger, son of the senior member of the firm, joined the company in active service last spring, and acts as assistant manager to his father.....

Their goods are all guaranteed and any defect will be rectified. A partial list of the articles manufactured by the company is: Chief Cupolas, Chief Sunshine hog house windows; basement windows; ventilators; silo roofs; chutes and ladders; Chief hog troughs; chicken coops, nest and waterers; metal building corners and weather strips; easy barn door holds; copper cable lagging rods; door latch and fixtures of the farmer and for farm buildings.....About fifty per cent of these products are patented and most of them are the invention of D. E. Shrauger.....All the articles put on the market have proved a success.

**FILL UP YOUR BACK SEAT**

With the advent of warm weather and good roads, motorists are offered a splendid opportunity to practice the great human satisfying element of fellowship and good cheer by filling up the back seat.

Even in a town like ours there are hundreds of old people who will not have a motor ride this summer unless some good fellow makes it a special order of business. Think of the pleasure a two hour jaunt in the country would bring to some sweet old lady but it will not give her half the joy it would you—that big hearted feeling that always goes with a good turn. If you are planning a trip to some near by town reserve one place for some one who seldom goes. If you have to spend ten minutes to help her in and out of the car, so much the better, it will be like the biblical bread cast on the waters it will bring you big returns. Sit down and make a list of ten old folks in town you are going to give a ride this summer and we assure you that they will be the ten best trips of the year. If every car owner in Exira would follow this suggestion it would make for a community fellowship that would help us all unconsciously increase our faith in the golden rule. Does this appeal to you Mr. Car Owner? Then fill up your back seat.

C. C. Christensen, wife and daughter, Miss Aileen, autoed to Atlantic Sunday in John Nelson's two passenger jitney to spend the day with his father who has been very ill for some time.

**HORSES DIE IN LINCOLN TOWNSHIP. A CURE**

Nine horses died in Lincoln township in the last week. They seem to have a disease, and when exposed to the excessive heat of the past few days in their hard work, that is expected of them at this time of year, they lag, soon go down and die.

One gentleman told us that he had a valuable mare become affected. He took her out of the harness, and to the barn, and commenced to bath her head with cold water, which seemed to relieve her partially.

### A CORRECTION

Out outs must be closed while in the city limits.

### WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF IOWA

The Iowa State Board of Health having passed through a serious epidemic of Infantile or Spinal Paralysis in 1910 believes it advisable at this time, because of the appearance of this disease in other states, to issue a timely warning before this dreaded disease shall reach our fair state.

We can do no better than to reprint the bulletin which was issued during the epidemic in Iowa and which was so well received.

**Instructions to Local Boards of Health and Health Officers.**

All Local Boards of Health and Health Officers should watch carefully the coming into their communities of strangers accompanied by children; and, if these have come from infected districts they should be watched for a period of twenty-one days. A general clean-up should be instituted in all cities and towns and horse manure should not be allowed to accumulate in barns, yards and alleys. Houses should be screened to keep out flies, and streets should be well sprinkled to keep down dust. It is well for the larger cities to inspect the dirty and filthy inhabited districts and to practice a daily cleaning-up program.

These few and brief instructions, if carried out, and a careful reading of this pamphlet will do much to prevent this disease from getting a hold in the state of Iowa.

Finally, read the entire contents of this pamphlet.

Very respectfully,  
GUILFORD H. SUMNER,  
Secretary-Executive Officer, Iowa State Board of Health.

July 10, 1916.

**SANITARY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CARE OF CASES OF EPIDEMIC INFANTILE OR SPINAL PARALYSIS.**

1. Put patient in clean, bare, well ventilated room, screened to keep out insects.

2. The rest of the family should be kept at home as far as possible.

3. No person should be allowed to enter sick room except doctor and nurse.

4. Disinfection should be thoroughly carried out. Make disinfecting solution as follows:

Solution No. 1. For stools and urine:  
Add ¼ pound of fresh Chloride of Lime to two gallons of water. Make fresh every day.

Solution No. 2. For hands and clothing:  
Add two teaspoonfuls of Carbolic Acid, 95 per cent., to one quart of water.

Solution No. 3. For hands and clothing:  
Add two teaspoonfuls of Formalin to one quart of water.

5. To disinfect stool add one quart of Solution No. 1 and let stand for one hour. To disinfect urine add one pint of Solution No. 1 and let stand one hour.

6. When nurse leaves the room she should wash her hands in Solution No. 2 or Solution No. 3. She should wear an overgarment and remove the same on leaving the room.

7. All clothes and bed clothes before removing from sick room and all washable clothes before removing from premises should be soaked for one hour in Solution No. 2 or No. 3 as preferred.

8. All eating utensils and remnants of food used by patients should be boiled before taken from sick room.

9. All milk bottles received at the house must be boiled before returned to the dairy.

10. The rest of the family should take frequent baths and use Hydrogen Peroxide one tablespoonful to a glass of water, as a gargle and nose spray.

11. The house should be kept as free from dust as possible by sprinkling floors before sweeping and by using damp cloths for dusting.

12. All dogs, cats and other pets should be kept from the sick room. All instances of acute paralysis in domestic animals about the house, or the farm, should be carefully investigated, and all such affected animals should be promptly killed, and the quarters in which they had been kept carefully disinfected.

13. Surrounding premises should be sprinkled daily.

14. Patients shall be kept isolated until placard is removed and house has been fumigated. The above instructions should be carried out minutely not only for Infantile or Spinal Paralysis, but for all contagious and infectious diseases. The use of deodorants to create smell in the room is useless and objectionable.

**FARM BOY'S CORNER**

**TAKING CHANCES ON THE WEATHER**

Why have you laid your corn by? Is there any really good reason why you should have quit cultivating it just when you did? Perhaps your first answer is that it became too big. But if cultivation is good for little corn why isn't it good for big corn, too? Probably your second reason will be that the weeds were pretty well killed out. But is this all that you cultivate corn for—to kill weeds? The truth is that there are quite a lot of farmers in Iowa who have not laid their corn by yet; and there are some among them who are expecting to go over it again even in August.

"They must be crazy," you think. Of course this isn't literally true. The fact appears to be that they are pretty good farmers. Two years ago, for example, many of them, especially in the south part of the state, got corn yields from two to three times as great as the average yields of their neighbors.

"But," you say, "that was an exceptionally dry season."

So it was; and this is why these men secured such striking results. Their theory is that corn is cultivated for two purposes instead of one. The first one is to kill weeds; and the other is to control the supply of moisture for the growing corn, which as you will remember from our last article, really requires an almost incredible amount.

But how can cultivation control the supply of moisture? These men say that an enormous amount of the moisture which comes up through the soil simply evaporates from the surface without doing the plants any good at all; that if this evaporation is prevented, the moisture will be taken up instead by the plant roots; and that to prevent the evaporation, it is only necessary to keep a layer of loose dust, or a dust mulch, on the surface.

This is their theory in a nut shell; and in the main it has been proved that they are right. If you were to go into your field just now, you would probably find that there are thousands of little cracks or seams all over the surface of the ground. You may put it down that very much moisture is evaporating through them; and it is certainly true that a dust mulch would prevent this big loss of moisture which the plants may need badly a little later.

Of course, this cultivation to conserve moisture can not be done with ordinary cultivators since the corn is so large. Instead, a one-horse machine with small teeth to go between the rows is used. Some farmers make them, using harrow teeth.

The trouble is, of course, that we can't control the weather. If we knew that we were going to have a dry season, it would pay well for everybody to do some more cultivating, especially since last year's partial failure. It seems to be for each farmer to decide for himself just what chances he is willing to take. Some may be able to take risks that others can not afford.

C. C. Christensen Ford, Agent for very lazy these days on account of the shortage of cars, the firm being one hundred thousand orders behind in immediate shipments.