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## A FISH STORY THAT'S ON OUR NERVES

Fish and game warden White of Atlantic was again in Exira a few days ago. If he knew how much animosity, hostility, hatred and active enmity he stirred up in the breasts of the fishermen here for not stocking the Nishna as has been promised for the last five years, he had better come into the city thru the back way.

It is a miserable way to use a people that are even willing to pay for stock, TO LIE TO THEM YEAR AFTER YEAR AND SEASON AFTER SEASON.

Such men should lose their jobs and more efficient persons who could use the public properly be put in their places. We shall endeavor to shy a few stones at them—the game wardens—for the next few months or until after the legislature meets.

## RURAL EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATING EXERCISES

The Eighth Grade Graduating Exercises will be held at Audubon High School, Tuesday, August 29. Program commences at 1:30 P. M.

Inspector State Graded and High Schools, John L. Cherny will give an address entitled "Preparedness." We hope to see all graduates present with their parents and friends. The general public is invited to these exercises.

Colors: White and pale blue. Wear them, class, if can so arrange. Ella M. Stearns, Co. Supt.

## BURGLARY IN THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Why Exira should be selected to pull off a crime that may land a certain gentleman for a long term in the mansion "prepared for such creatures, is more than we can understand. Surely they do not appreciate their liberty in the best county and the best town (except Atlantic 18 miles) perhaps that the Sun of the Universe ever shone on or the tomb of man ever developed.

Last Sunday night one or more unscrupulous villains—thieves—entered the neat little drug store of Mr. Nels Hansen and after destroying the safe with an explosive, sorted out several checks that were in the money drawer and laid them on the desk; evidently they were not wanted. The greenbacks, to the amount of \$40.00, were selected and taken away—at least they have not been found, nor have there been a clue established to the thieves' identity.

## STATE FAIR

### TWO BIG DAYS OF AUTO RACING AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR

Two days, August 25th, and September 1st, will be devoted to automobile racing at the Iowa State Fair this year. The program is an attractive one and good racing will be the order. Three thousand dollars cash is announced for the Fifty-mile Relay race for professional race drivers. This is the largest amount ever hung out for a race over a half-mile dirt course. Money talks; and this three-thousand-dollar purse talks so convincingly that a long string of the "speed demons" have entered in this event and new records for the distance upon a dirt track are sure to be hung out if the day proves favorable.

### HERE YOU ARE, FELLOWS Strip Your Fords for the Iowa State Fair Races.

There will be two days of automobile racing at the Iowa State Fair this year and the little old Ford has been given a prominent place in the program. The management announces a special Ford Championship Race for a cash prize of \$500 only Ford machines to compete. \$250 will be divided among

the winners of the preliminary bout Saturday, August 26th, and \$250 among the winners of the final race Friday, September 1st. In addition to the prize money the Herring Motor Co., of Des Moines, will present the winner of the final race with a beautiful loving cup. This race for Fords is sure to prove the most popular speed event listed in the entire program.

### SIX HORSE HITCHES FOR STATE FAIR.

A beautiful, clean-stepping driving horse is an attractive sight to the average person. A nicely matched pair in the pink of condition is a joy to ride behind and a pleasing picture to all. A snappy, properly-acquainted four-in-hand these days is a sight that will set everybody "necking" and pretty nearly blockade traffic in busy city centers. All these hitches will be seen in abundance at the Iowa State Fair and in addition there will be at least two six-horse teams, one of them a hitch of spanking big drafters, the other a dainty outfit of six ponies from St. Louis. It is vastly easier to drive a machine—or a Ford—than it is to drive a high-mettled pair of trotters. It takes an expert of long experience to successfully tool a four-in-hand, and only occasional individual can acquire the art of handling a six. These sixes will prove a pleasing feature of the State Fair horse show.

## CITIZENS OF HAMLIN TWP ATTEND MEETING

Dr. H. H. Fairbank, a United States Veterinary Inspector, has been sent to you by the Government to organize Hamlin township for the prevention and cure of hog cholera.

He has called a meeting to be held in Hamlin next Tuesday, August 29th at 8 o'clock P. M.

He has organized Shelby County and is getting wonderful Co-operation.

Crowds meet them wherever they go. It costs nothing. The expenses of Dr. Fairbank and Dr. Miller of Harlan, who is assisting him are all met by the Government.

The Journal admonishes you, friends, to turn out to the meeting. Should hog cholera come into your neighborhood you will be glad you answered the Government's call.

## HOME FROM MONTANA ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE

After an eight weeks visit in the west with relatives, Mrs. Doll Spoo and two children, George and Pauline returned to their home here. They spent most of the time with her brother, George Anders and family residing near Gold Creek, Montana. On their return trip they enjoyed a short visit with Will Anders at Butte, Montana and also with the Paul Zander and John Guest families at Deer Lodge, Mon. Upon their arrival at Omaha, they stopped off for a short stay with her sister, Ina Anders. Mrs. Spoo and daughter returned Friday, but George arrived home a day sooner.

## DIMICK - NIKLASON

A quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dimick on August 21st, gave their only daughter, Ellowene, into the care of Clarence R. Niklason of Audubon.

Mr. and Mrs. Niklason left at once for Palo Alto, Cal. where Mr. Niklason will complete his senior year in Leland Stanford University.

Mrs. Niklason is a graduate of our local school's and last year pursued a special course of study at Amcs. She will be missed in social and musical circles but all glad wishes go with her to her new home.

Harold Miller was up from Atlantic over Sunday visiting his parents.

## A WELL MANAGED CHAUTAUQUA COURSE

In finishing up Chautauqua we are informed that the finish financially was a complete success.

After all obligations were met there remained in the treasury less than five dollars to the good.

On Frank Dimick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dimick, a young man less than eighteen years old, as manager depended the success or failure of the entire course.

So well and studiously did he lay out the work for the convenience of the numbers and the comfort of Chautauqua attendants that not a mistake was made nor a murmur of complaint reported.

On the completion of the course Thursday night platform manager Fisher said that he had "been in the work for six years and had never seen their business handled better than it was this year in Exira by Frank Dimick."

It is always a pleasure to the Journal to say a good word for our boys and girls who are making good. It displays the master mind which we hope all our young people may attain, without egotism, vanity or conceit.

### ACID BURNED FACE—

Glen Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chase, suffered a painful accident, Thursday of last week. He picked up a bottle of acid which was laying close at hand and in some way the cork flew out throwing the acid in his left eye and on the cheek. His face was badly burned. It did not destroy the sight of the eye however, but was a narrow escape.

## AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR A RECORD BREAKER

The Audubon County Fair for 1916 is getting in line to be a record breaker for Audubon County.

The management has spared neither money, muscle, nor brains to give the people just the entertainment they want before they go into their fall work. Selecting the dates Sept. 11, 12 13 14 15 seems to please everybody.

The contests for premiums will be impartial and will be, we hope, satisfactory to all contestants. The red tape and the politics so often shown will be eliminated. It will be a square deal to all.

"Exira Day" will be Thursday 14, and let us hope that all living within its territory will turn out to a man, woman and child and show our appreciation of good contests and a splendid opportunity to meet and mingle with our northern neighbors who dump their shakels into the same hopper as we do to meet these expenses. Everybody come out Thursday THE BIG DAY.

## CONG'L PASTOR RETAIN'D FOR A THIRD YEAR

A large congregation was present at the Congregation church last Sunday morning, and joined heartily in the service.

During the closing hymn those present, who were not entitled to a vote in the business affairs of this church retired.

In the business session which followed a formal ballot was taken in regard to choice of a pastor for the coming year.

Only four votes, representing one or possibly two families in a membership of one hundred twelve were in favor of a change.

It is not often a church unites so splendidly in retaining a pastor who has served the church nearly two years. Rev. Jessie Heath and family anticipate another pleasant year in Exira and hope for the best possible things for church and community.

Frank Nevratil spent a few days last week at the home of Clark Gray in Greeley.

### TAKEN SERIOUSLY SICK—

Mrs. Alice Conrardy was taken quite seriously sick during the night last Thursday night, with heart trouble. A local physician was called. At present, she is feeling much better, but is still in a weakened condition.

## TO SPIRIT LAKE ON PLEASURE TRIP

A jolly party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young; Willis Young; Mrs. Minnie Hensley; Carl Hensley; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindblum and children; the two families from Anita. They left here yesterday for Spirit Lake, Iowa, for a few days pleasure in the waves of one of Iowa's famous resorts.

They filled two cars with the families and the necessaries.

## BAND PICNIC

The Brayton and Kimballton bands will have a picnic in Halkos timber 1-4 mile north of Oakfield on Sunday afternoon, August 27. Everybody welcome.

Sam McGaffin went to Creston, Monday, on a business visit.

## ANNUAL MEETING CHILD WELFARE

The annual meeting of the Audubon County Child Welfare Association will be held at the Baby Health Contest Headquarters on the Fair Grounds on Thursday, Sept. 14th. In the morning the business meeting for the reports of delegates and the election of officers will begin promptly at 10:30. The noon hour will be given over to a picnic lunch and social time. The afternoon program will consist of several short speeches in the care of children. At 3:30 the prizes won in the Baby Health contest will be distributed.

These meetings are open to all who are interested in children. Mothers are urged to attend on Thursday, "Baby Day."

The present officers of the Audubon County Child Welfare Association are:

Mrs. E. B. Thomas, Melville township, President.

Mrs. Edwin Delahoyde Exira, Vice-President.

Mrs. Ole Jacobsen, Sharon township, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Miles Gardiner, Greeley township, Corresponding Secretary.

## WHAT IS THE ROAD ISSUE IN IOWA TO-DAY

Some people seem to think that we are going to vote on bonds for roads in this election. Far from it.

Boards of supervisors in Iowa can issue county bonds for roads and bridges under the present law and they have done so in forty-six counties. They boosted county bonds from two million dollars to three-million dollars last year alone. Shall the people vote their road bonds or shall the supervisors issue them. That is the road issue in Iowa.

This year the republican platform states:

"We are opposed to any bond issue for surfacing roads, either by state, county, township or road district, except by consent of the parties who are to be taxed therefor."

W. L. Harding, the republican candidate for governor, recently said:

"Let the people of a given locality vote on the proposition of taxes or bonds and if they can afford either or both, they will build the roads."

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## MORE ABOUT THE FATAL ACCIDENT

J. D. McDermott, father of Frank McDermott, the young man who was driving the car when Miss Viola Johnston met her death in the auto accident near Anita recently, accompanied by Mr. Smith of that vicinity, was a caller at this office yesterday and while here told more about the distressing accident which shocked the whole community.

Mr. McDermott informs this paper that the young man was turning the car around in the road and had just got turned around and had started off when seen by H. W. Nelson who was behind the car. The young man and young woman had been one of a party at the reunion grounds and had left there to escape the confetti throwing which was extremely distasteful to Miss Johnson. It was a sad ending to a holiday jaunt when the car was wrecked in the road and fatally injured the girl. Miss Johnson was a young woman of splendid character, liked and respected by all who knew her and her death in the sudden and awful way cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott felt the blow as keenly as if their son had been killed in the accident also. Mr. McDermott says that many rumors have been afloat as to the cause of the accident, but that the breaking of a wheel, as stated in this paper the other day, was undoubtedly the cause. The car had started to skid, he says, in the rough road. The young man put on the brake and this only made it worse.

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## A CHAPTER OF AUTO ACCIDENTS

While returning to his home Saturday night last, in his "one horse show," a gentleman riding alone behind the old family nag, Betsy, who for years before the advent of the auto had conveyed him to and from town safely, took exceptions at this time, to allow an auto with blurring, blinking front lights to tamely pass without a scene. So the old mare naturally turned round spilling her master out of the buggy. After a few rolls in the dust and getting his legs untangled from the spokes he was assisted by the auto party (who were the cause of old Betsy's pranks) into the auto and brot him to town for medical examination. He was patched up and went home rejoicing. The question is, Who is Betsy's boss?

The same evening or rather Sunday morning about two o'clock while Clarence Wabert was turning the corner at the northwest corner of the Park his machine collided with another auto coming toward him.

The impact was not great and no one was hurt.

Sunday afternoon, Frank and George Spoo started in the Spoo auto for a little ride and as this was Franks initial control he was warned by his mother to be careful. Everything went well until they reached a point near the Poor Farm where they overtook another car. They followed it for a considerable distance when, by a signal they asked for a part of the road, and this was answered by a spurt of speed. Vexed, no doubt, at the obstruction, Frank thought he could go around the fellow, and when the machines were abreast of each other, they were going at a high rate of speed, and on a rounded road. The crash came, and both machines were capsized in opposite directions. The Spoo boys were

thrown out but not injured. Their auto was fit only for the junk heap. The other in which there were ladies, was a Ford. One of the ladies had an arm broken, while the other occupants were not injured. The Ford was reduced even more than the other. It was a miraculous escape from death for all.

Henry Laursen, son of A. M. Laurson and wife, is visiting this week near Elk Horn with numerous relatives.

## FARM BOY'S CORNER

### WHY PIGS MAY FAIL TO MAKE GAINS

Last week we considered the method of raising pigs by which they are made to weigh from 200 to 252 lbs. when they are from six and a half to seven months old. It was noted that these were about average results under farm conditions where this method is used, and also that the gains are generally cheaper than when the hogs are fed by hand even in the most skillful manner.

As a matter of fact, there are many instances where the gains by this method have been considerable above the average given. In some cases hogs at eight months have made an average weight of 325 to 350 pounds; and the cost of this pork has been about the same as when the hogs made slower growth and gains.

In view of the experience of the past three or four years, it is fair to say that if pigs weigh less than 210 pounds at seven months, the method of handling them has not been good; and that if they are kept longer than this, the gain should be considerably more than a pound a day. A moderate expectation for example, at eight months is not far from 260 pounds; and it is easily possible under actual farm conditions to make them weigh more than this.

If they fall below these weights, when grown by the method described a good cause for the failure usually exists. Let us look into some of these causes of poor results.

One is that the breeding stock is lacking in vigor. This may be true whether pure-bred or "scrub" stock is used. We may put it down that weakness and delicacy from improper breeding can never be made up by methods of feeding nor by any other means for that matter. Strong, vigorous stock is the very first essential to success.

The brood sows may have received a one-sided ration before farrowing. It is useless to expect them to produce strong, healthy litters if they are not given in their feed all the elements required to make bone, muscle and other tissues. Yet many people seem to think this very thing.

Plenty of fresh clean water is absolutely necessary, not merely twice a day, but all the time; and it is just as necessary that the water supply, the pasture, and the feeder all be close together. Few people understand how often growing pigs want water; and by making them travel long distances to reach it or to reach the pasture either, the energy of the feed will be largely consumed, and so their gains will usually be small.

Worms and lice will both prevent the pigs from making proper gains. In fact these parasites are actually costing some farmers several hundred dollars a year, though the latter, in many cases, do not suspect it. How to prevent this will be taken up perhaps next week.

Salt should be kept before the pigs at all times. If possible, wood ashes should be provided also; but if not, air slacked lime may be used. Mineral food is necessary to bone growth, but often it is not provided in proper amounts. As regards salt, pigs eat only what they need, if it is kept before them all the time. If this is not done, they may be so hungry for it that they will eat so much as to kill them. They should instead be brought upon it gradually if they have never had it.