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## YOURSELF AND FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED



TO ATTEND THE TENT MEETINGS BEING CONDUCTED BY EVANGELIST WOLFE AND SINGERS at the Tent, 2 blocks west of the Court House, every night except Saturday.

Song service at 7:45 o'clock. Preaching at 8:00 o'clock. Hundreds being benefited at the tent each evening. Come every night and bring your Bible. Search the Scriptures.

The topics under consideration this week will be of special interest and importance, charts being used to illustrate and further explain some of the subjects.

WARM AND PLEASANT. WELL HEATED AND LIGHTED.

### PROGRAM AT THE TENT MEETINGS

Thursday, Aug. 5—What Was Abolished at the Cross. Important and Interesting.

Friday, Aug. 6—The Day of Worship Given for Gentiles.

Sabbath, Aug. 7—1:30 p. m. Sabbath School. Big meeting to follow.

Sunday, Aug. 8—The Dawn of the Millennium. Will it be a time of Peace?

Monday, Aug. 9—What Can Make us Free From Sin and Death?

Tuesday, Aug. 10—Will Rome Rule the World Again?

Wednesday, Aug. 11—The United States in Bible Prophecy. Its Past, Present and Future.

Thursday, Aug. 12—The Mark of the Beast. (Rev. 14:9-12) What Is It?

Friday, Aug. 13—God's Judgment on the Transgressors of His Law, Rev. 16.

Sunday, Aug. 15—Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

#### Methodist Notes.

The Conference year is drawing toward a close. Only six more weeks. Let us make the most of these days and weeks. There is much to do and a job for everyone. Are you ready to close the year satisfactorily to yourself in regard to your neighbor, the unsaved, your church in its work and running expenses? Is everything in perfect order? If not, let us be at it now. The pastor will preach four mornings and evening next Sunday and will enjoy and appreciate the encouragement of your presence and enthusiasm. You can help in this.

Next Monday is to be held our 4th Quarterly conference, the last of the year. Dr. Mershon will be present and preside.

#### First Lutheran Church.

Quite extensive remodeling and repairs have been made on the First Lutheran church the past two months. While not completely finished, the building will be used for Norwegian services next Sunday, 10:45 a. m., Aug. 8. After services a business meeting will be held to accept as members those who have expressed their desire to become such, especially the former members of the United Lutheran church, of Cresco, who now join hands with those of the First Lutheran.

H. M. NORMANN, Pastor.

#### Good Clothes Cheap in Tailor Made Cloths.

Having decided to move out of town, my stock of woolsens must be closed out in the next 30 days.

Having considerable goods on hand, same will be closed out cheap if orders are given at once. All my old customers wishing to have their fall suits made by me, I wish would leave their orders with me now, so their cloths would be started before I leave and finished in my new quarters.

Respectfully,

PEDER ORVOLD,  
Merchant Tailor.

#### For Sale!

Aberdeen Angus Cattle. Cows with calves bred and rebred, or open heifers, one or car-load lots. Also Bulls, serviceable age, sired by Black Woodlawn, son Erica, Barboras, Blackbirds, West-orn Rose Families. Also have some coming that will be here in a few days out of Grand Champions at Perth, Scotland, Royal Show. Come and see them. Judge for yourself. If you know of something better let me know and I will buy them. My motto is for the BEST that money will buy. 3 miles east of Protivin, 7 miles south of Ridgeway, 9 miles west of Calmar.

JOHN J. WALENTA,  
R. D. 2 Calmar, Iowa

#### Notice.

All persons knowing them indebted to us by account or note will please pay same by Aug. 1st, or they will hear the tramp of the sheriff. We mean business and must have our money. No exceptions, use all alike. Yours  
48-12 Geo. H. Kellogg & Son.

#### Make Them Good.

Some fellows who have been building roads, road engineers and highway commissions (especially highway commissions) in newspaper offices, on paper, are now agitating the appointment by the governor of a special highway commission to gather information on the question of constructing good roads in the state. Most of the fellows who are advocating more commissions know what a good thing a commission is! But haven't we got enough commissions? Maybe we need more commissions to use up the road fund! And what are the road engineers for? Every county pays a big salary to a road engineer and his deputies. Don't these road engineers know how to build good roads? If they do not know any more about building roads than the average "commission" the road that leads to good roads will be longer than the road to "Tipperary." What we are trying to get at is told by the Hopkinton Leader: "The thing to do to the roads is to make them good and permanent just as rapidly as a moderate tax appropriation will permit. A commission would never learn any more about roads than is already known.—Ex.

#### 583,817 Gallons of Water.

Shenandoah, Ia., July 26—Five hundred and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and seventeen gallons of water to every acre—this is the amount of rain that has fallen between May 1st and July 15th, according to the figures worked out by Senator H. I. Foskett of Shenandoah. The total has been twenty-one and one-half inches since May 1st.

At fifty tons to the carload, it would take a train of about fifty cars to carry all this water. The number of cubic inches of rain was 134,861,760 per acre. In barrels it amounts to 18,533 and stated in pounds is 4,865,141. Two thousand, four hundred and thirty-two tons seems like a great quantity of water but this much fell during that time on each acre of ground, quite enough to grow a crop and some left over to supply the towns.

#### Elkader Girl Deputy U. S. Clerk

President Woodrow Wilson has appointed Miss Mary Neylan to the position of Deputy United States Clerk for the Southern Iowa District. This position carries with it a salary of \$2000 annually. Miss Neylan for several years past has been with the Democratic State Committee and this promotion is in recognition of services rendered. During the past year Miss Neylan served as vice-chairman to the committee, which place she resigned today.—Clayton County Democrat.

This is one of the most worthy appointments in Iowa.

#### Pearson Gets Fine Cattle.

Luke O'Brien, of Bluffton, brought in about the finest bunch of cattle last Thursday that we have seen come to Decorah in many a day. There were 21 head, all steers, and averaged 1400 pounds apiece. G. T. Pearson was the buyer. It seems to us that Mr. Pearson has purchased an unusually large number of cattle this spring and summer, by the looks of the fine droves that we have seen going to him. During this month, we understand he has purchased in the neighborhood of 200 head. Pearson is a good buyer and he pays the price if the cattle are worth it.—Decorah Public Opinion.

#### His Dream Came True.

Waterloo, July 26.—The strange stuff of which dreams are made took F. F. McElhinney from his home in Waterloo to Minneapolis post haste. McElhinney dreamed Saturday that his daughter Evelyn was drowning in Lake Minnetonka, where his family is spending the summer. He took the first train and arrived at the Minnesota lake as the girl was being resuscitated on the shore after having been rescued by Linnea Stevenson, 18-year-old daughter of a member of the Minnesota board of control.

#### Wedding at County Fair.

If you are contemplating getting married this fall, the Mower County Fair Association will give you a start in housekeeping and money for a wedding trip. The management of the Fair has offered to the first couple consenting to, and getting married in the grand stand, Sept. 2, 1915, \$20 in cash besides fifty or more dollars worth of prizes to be contributed. The couple first sending in their names to J. W. Hare, Secy., Austin, Minn., will be chosen.—Le Roy Independent.

#### For Sale.

Black mare 8-years old. Will drive single or double, weight 1050 lbs. Call at Miller Bros. & Co. furniture store.

## POSTAGE STAMPS.

All Europe Laughed When Their Use Was First Suggested.

LOOKED UPON AS A HUGE JOKE

Rowland Hill Was Ridiculed For His Wild Postal Reform Idea, but He Persisted and Finally Won the Day For the Little Friend of Humanity.

Not since the days of the discovery of printing had there come to human beings such a boon as was launched in England on May 6, 1840, when the first postage stamps, the little friends of humanity, were used. That date in history marked the beginning of popular communication, placing within the reach of the poorest peasant the means of writing to relatives and friends. It put the people of the world into closer touch, it encouraged the art of writing as no other agency had done. But, greatest of all, it spread civilization.

Millions of people who today open their mail scarcely glance at the little stamp that adorns the wrapper. It but represents to them the cost of transporting and handling by the government.

Few indeed realize that the postage stamp is a modern contrivance, and that its great aid to modern life has played a remarkable part in the world's development during the past three quarters of a century.

It was in 1840 that Rowland Hill, an English schoolmaster, stirred all Europe to laughter by declaring that James Chalmers and himself had devised a system whereby a two sheet letter could be sent from London to Edinburgh for two cents and yet leave the government a fair profit on the transaction. At that time the fee was 54 cents for that distance for a two sheet letter.

Such a radical idea as Hill's seemed ridiculous to the public, which had looked upon the sending of communications as an expensive luxury. And so the joke went around, and the poor laughed with the others at the idea of an means that would place them on a par with the aristocracy.

Hill persisted despite the ridicule. He worked diligently on his schedule, and when the time was ripe he flashed the system on parliament and the public. Hill offered proof that was incontrovertible that the actual cost of the government for carrying each letter averaged only a small fraction of a cent.

He proved that the expense of hiring men to figure out postal rates on the system then existing, based on distance and the number of sheets, was greater than the profit gained, and he urged the adoption of a flat rate for all letters under a certain weight, no matter how short or long a journey they were to make.

He originated the idea of pasting a label on every letter, to show that the cost had been prepaid to the government, and pointed out that this would save the expense and time of collecting at point of delivery, which custom was then in general use.

The idea sprung by Hill and his friend, James Chalmers, gained friends after the first roars of laughter had died away. The government was pressed by not a few thinkers of the time to adopt the system. And so on May 6, 1840, postage stamps, or "stamped labels," as they were called at the time, were inaugurated. On the first stamp was a profile picture of the young Queen Victoria. The effect on the postoffice was instantaneous. Within two years—and they were panic years at that—the business of the postoffice nearly trebled.

The postage stamp came into use in the United States in 1847, seven years after Great Britain had adopted it. Five and ten cent stamps were the first American postage stamps, and they carried the heads of Franklin and Washington. Four years later the letter rate was lowered to 3 cents, and in 1883 to 2 cents.

Before the postage stamp was adopted the postal charges were more moderate in the United States than in England. Our rates were 6 cents for thirty miles or less, 12½ cents up to 150 miles, 18½ cents up to 400 miles and 25 cents for every distance over that.

Hill, the discoverer of postage stamps, was knighted and received a gift of \$45,000, raised by public subscription.—Detroit Journal.

#### How She Looked.

"I lost a dollar at the matinee this afternoon," remarked the fleshy woman to her husband, "and I never was so angry in my life."  
"How'd it happen?" asked the man.  
"I dropped it in the aisle," she answered shortly, "and I looked for it. That's all I could do."  
"Did you look good?" persisted the head of the house.  
"Did I look good?" shrieked the woman, really angry now. "I looked as good as a fat woman crawling around on all fours ever does."—Collier's Weekly.

# MOTT AND GO'S August Sale

## FINAL PRICES

Suits and Coats, choice \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00

Children's Coats \$2.50 and \$5.00

Skirts \$3.50 and \$5.00. Dresses all below cost

### WAISTS

Twenty-five per cent. discount on all

Linen Suits and Coats at cost

Fifty-cent Wash Goods for 35 cents

Thirty-five-cent Wash Goods 25 cts.

Twenty-five-cent Wash Goods 19c.

One Lot Silks 75c

One Lot Silks 59c

Lot of Underwear below cost

Children's Hose, 15c values, two pair for 25c

Ladies' Hose, 15c values, two pair for 25c

Children's Gauze Vests, 15c values, three for 25c

Ladies' Vests, 15c values, 2 for 25c

Embroideries 7c. Parasols at 25 per cent discount

Pepperel R Muslin 7c. Lonsdale 8c. Calicoes 5c. Six Spools of Thread for 25c. Carpet Warp 25c. Best Oilcloths 17c.

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BLANKETS—Get ready for fall—This sale 25 per cent discount on Blankets—This sale only.

# MOTT & GO.

#### Iowa State Live Stock Insurance Co.

Insures against death from all causes. Its policies against death from any cause are liberal and its loss settlements are prompt.  
A legal reserve company owned and controlled by over 700 Stockmen in Iowa.  
HUGH A. MALANAPHY,  
Agent, Cresco.  
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#### R. N. A. Attention.

All members are urgently requested to be present at our next regular meeting, August 12, 1915, as we expect four good time assured. Bring well filled baskets for picnic supper. Come.  
49c. COM.

#### Building for Sale.

Sealed bids will be received at the City Clerks office, Cresco, Iowa, until August 24, 1915, for the frame building located west of City Water Works, known as the John Swenson building. Building to be removed off the lot by September 30, 1915.

M. J. McARTHUR,  
City Clerk.

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#### For Rent.

The home belonging to the Barbara Weakland estate which is located on the south side is being fixed up for rent. Enquire of J. A. CUTTING, attorney for estate.