

### The Rocky Road to Dublin.

The boy that makes holes in the seat of his pants, he's the lad for me. The girl that knows how to patch the pants, she's the lass for me. When the girl mends the holes in your pants she doesn't tear out the entire seat to fix them. When she finds a hole in her stocking she doesn't destroy the stocking. She puts patches on the holes and darns the stocking, and she's the lass for me. Her common sense and industry teach her the right thing to do is to preserve what is good until it has served its usefulness. For instance, the hired maid washing and breaking the dishes, does not preserve. This is destruction. The hired man on the farm can abuse or destroy more than tongue can tell, and the same is true of hired help everywhere. The lesson to preserve is poorly learned. Moreover the people all over the county are giving expression to their indignation of the destruction of our county highways by our public servants, who should learn the lesson of the girl that patches the pants and darns the stockings and preserve what is good in our county roads instead of destroying them.

The Roman roads today are kept good by men who patrol the highway and patch the holes—the same is true of our railroads, who patrol their roads, giving them constant attention and upkeep. There is no other way. About 60 rods west of Howard Center is a gully across the road for more than two years; it has broken more springs and bruised more bones than would have paid for patching it a thousand times. This is only one example out of a thousand. A good county road is not an elevated plowed highway two to six feet deep. In places such a road is a menace in summer and a death trap in winter when the roads are banked with snow.

Any man who plows up a highway, then smooths it over and goes away leaving it to care for itself, has less gumption than a milking machine, and is a dangerous person to have charge of the public highway.

Any fool can destroy, but only a wise person can patch, preserve and build around that which is worth preserving. These highways have a value in their solidity that should not be converted into a plowed field.

A small boy said to his dad, "When the road men have plowed and smoothed up the road, why don't they run their engine or roller over it to pack it down." His dad replied, "My son, the engine is too big to get around and besides it is busted." Then he asked "why don't they load up a manure spreader or a broad tired wagon loaded with dirt and run that over to pack the dirt." His dad answered, "My son, ask the supreme court." "And who is the supreme court, daddy?" "The county engineer and board of supervisors."

The road to Riceville has become a standing joke without a speck of humor and the people are in hope something will happen that the trail blazed by their great grandfather may return to its original condition.

Farmers from the surrounding country are going to outside towns on account of road conditions, consequently our merchants and the entire business community have to suffer.

The auto men who paid in tax over \$3200 have to paddle their way along the ditches and barb wire fences as a reward for their money. Any person that has looked over the county papers from time to time will not be surprised to learn that the destruction for this year is coming to an end. The bridge fund is busted and the road fund will be in bankruptcy right away.

The Commercial Club bought and paid over \$500 for a Monroe Road Machine after it was tried out and approved. This machine is in general use all over Illinois and in other states. It will work on 90 per cent or more of our roads today. It will shave the road on both sides smooth and gradually build it to the center, going 10 to 15 miles a day, or as far as the engine will travel. It will do the work cheaply and satisfactorily and at a saving of 50 per cent over the present method which is everything but satisfactory. The 5 or 10 per cent where the machine can't work should be put in shape by other means. This machine has been offered to the county supervisors to use at their pleasure, but it lies dead near a scrap pile in Cresco. There is scarcely a week that some one doesn't enquire why this machine is not in use. My answer is, "ask the supreme court, I can't tell." I have heard it said if the machine could vote it would go to work.

Instead of advertising Cresco to Riceville as the Rocky Road to Dublin where autos founder in the mud, that our roads are rotten and taxes spent, we should be rooting for our roads as we root for our business and for Cresco about the glad tidings that our highways and boulevards are wide open, inviting every decent man and woman who cares to enter in.

ROBT. THOMSON.

#### For Rent.

The front offices over the Petersen Bros. Hardware store. Possession given Sept. 1. 5212

C. A. MARSHALL.

#### For Sale.

Yellow canary singers. Enquire at this office.

### "Dear Mother Mine."



Fiske O'Hara, the star of Kilkenny, has composed a new "mother song" which he is rendering at every performance of his new Irish comedy. The title is "Dear Mother Mine," and it is said to be one of the most delightful songs of this type ever written. In the new play which Mr. O'Hara is presenting this season, mother love forms one of the principal themes; Richard Desmond's love for his mother is depicted in every scene, and the song which was especially written for use in this play is so tender and loving a tribute to mother, that after Mr. O'Hara's rendition there is hardly a dry eye in the theatre.

#### Pupil of Sherwood Music School.

The Sherwood Music School, of Chicago, has a well deserved reputation for thoroughness in all its departments.

No certificates or diplomas are granted to pupils who cannot satisfactorily pass all examinations, and fill all requirements in both Technic and Interpretation.

The course in Normal Training is carefully planned to meet the needs of teacher and pupil, and is invaluable.

Miss Berenice E. Laidlaw has been a student at the Sherwood Music School for the past two years, having completed the Graduate and Post Graduate course, including the Normal Training.

Although a successful teacher and competent pianist before, she has made herself doubly efficient by her studying and teaching experience in Chicago.

Too many teachers ignore the importance of the study of Harmony in connection with Piano. Miss Laidlaw has made a special study of Harmony and is prepared to teach it, either in private or class lessons.

Classes will be formed for young children whose parents do not wish them to begin regular piano lessons.

Miss Laidlaw bespeaks a liberal patronage from Cresco and neighboring towns. Information regarding her work will be gladly given through correspondence or interview. Address 312 4th Ave. W., Cresco. Tel. N. I. 53.

#### Elma Marshal Shoots a Man.

Jim Murphy, an Elma stone mason whom reports say has put in the summer drinking poor whiskey instead of working, got on a drunk Saturday last and early Sunday morning was ordered home by the marshal, J. P. Caudell, a man much inferior to Murphy in size and strength. Failing to go home, Murphy was placed under arrest but put up a fight and broke away from the marshal who fired two shots, one to frighten Murphy and the last for business, the bullet lodging in Murphy's leg near the knee. This did not quiet him and it was necessary for the marshal to club him into submission. The fellow was so crazed with liquor that he tore the bandages from his wound and lost so much blood that he was brought to the Cresco hospital, where he was taken care of, but did not become fully sober until Sunday night. He is recovering nicely and barring trouble from infection will experience no bad results from the bullet. No action was taken against the marshal as it was not considered that he had exceeded his authority.

#### Cresco Needs More Sewers.

Lafayette Higgins, a representative of the State Board of Health was in Cresco last Saturday making an inspection of Cresco's present sewerage system and also looking over the needs and possibilities of additional sewers for those parts of the city now without sewers. There is urgent need of a system that will take care of the residence district in Baldwin's addition and for the business and residence section south of the railroad, and our city officials should plan to provide such a system just as quickly as it can be financed. It means much for the growth and health of the city, and the sections named are just as much entitled to the privilege as are the residents of the present system.

### Fatal Auto Accident Near Decorah.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hobart, of Minneapolis, were killed in an automobile tragedy six miles west of Decorah on the south Ridgeway road. The accident occurred about 4:30 just west of O. P. Hovey's place. Mrs. Hobart was instantly killed. Mr. Hobart lived a few minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart left Minneapolis Saturday afternoon about two o'clock in their new, seven passenger Studebaker Six automobile. They were making a pleasure trip to Milwaukee, where they expected to visit at the home of Mrs. Hobart's sister, Mrs. L. H. Waite. They stopped at Cresco for water and gasoline. When they left Cresco they were going at a high speed. Several times they were seen along the road, always going at great speed. A. L. Olds, a Charles City banker, and family were the last to see them alive. The Olds party were bound for Decorah. They were behind Mr. and Mrs. Hobart. When they last saw Mr. and Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Hobart was driving and Mr. Hobart was sitting alone in the back seat. There are various theories as to the cause of the accident. Some believe that Mr. Hobart tried to climb into the front seat to relieve his wife at the steering wheel and that in so doing he swerved the course of the auto enough to upset it. Others believe that the car struck one or more of the three little ruts where the accident occurred and so was upset. When last seen by the Olds party, the Hobarts were going about 40 or 45 miles an hour, so it would not have taken much to cause an accident. Mrs. Hobart was used to driving and was a capable driver as a rule.

Mr. Olds and family came upon the Hobarts with the auto overturned on them. Both were pinned beneath it and Mrs. Hobart was dead. The steering wheel was crushed into her breast and she was mangled about the head. On Mr. Hobart's head was the car door. He was still alive when Mr. Olds reached him. He spoke, but Mrs. Hobart was pressing against the horn button and sounding it so loudly that Mr. Olds could not understand anything he said. Mr. Olds ran to O. P. Hovey's farm and got a rope which was tied around the car and with Mr. Olds' machine righted it. Mr. Olds' son drove to Decorah for a doctor, but it was too late. B. M. Graham's truck was used to pull the Hobart car in. The steering wheel was broken and several parts were sprung, the top and the windshield being destroyed. The bodies were taken in the ambulance to the Decorah Furniture Co. undertaking rooms. The car, splattered with blood, was placed in Walter Bucknell's garage.

The remains were taken to Minneapolis on the 11:05 Milwaukee train, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hobart was 57 years old and Mrs. Hobart was 46. They were married in 1912. They leave no children. Mrs. Hobart's mother lives at Rochester, Minnesota.

Mr. Hobart was a member of the firm of Hobart & Willis, contracting plumbers, 826 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hobart were found, their clothes were gone through to find some clue to their identity. They discovered some \$1500 worth of diamonds on their persons and also more than \$1000 in money. Mrs. Hobart had about \$1000 tied up in her corset. Mr. Hobart had his keys on a tag bearing his name, the name and number of his Elk's Lodge in Minneapolis, and it was through the Minneapolis Elks that his friends and relatives were found.—Decorah Journal.

#### Hog Serum Causes New Outbreak of Cattle Plague.

Four new cases in Good Hope, McDonough county, Ill., and three further outbreaks of cattle plague in Wheeling township, Cook county. These were developments in the disease situation over Sunday. Federal agents planned prompt disposal of the infected herds. A suspicious case was reported in Joe Daviss county, but the federal inspectors stated their belief that this would develop to be a case of hog cholera, as have several suspected herds in other counties reported to them within the past week.

"In Wheeling township and Cook county and Good Hope, in McDonough county, spread of infection is due to community pastures and farm visiting by neighbors," said Dr. U. G. Houck, federal supervising inspector, who was here today after a trip over the infected areas.

"The first infected serum shipments were made to the places and disease developed in highly virulent form several days before suspicious cases were reported to the bureau of animal industry. This accounts for the spread of the infection in these two counties. I do not feel that there is any danger of spread to other counties," said Dr. Houck. "The prompt disposal of suspected herds of hogs which had been inculcated by the infected serum precluded spread of the malady over a possible wide territory."—Farmers and Drivers Journal.

#### Lost.

A small memoranda or note book containing a check on the Cresco State Bank and money in bills. Finder please leave for owner, G. R. Story, at the Northern Iowa Telephone office and receive reward. G. R. STORY.

### Dainty Marie Quinn.



This bright, vivacious little comedienne gives to our stage a personality and charm possessed by few of our leading actresses. Endowed with all the qualities of a star and besieged by managers to head a production of her own, she finds in the Pitou play a role of ever changing beauty and an opportunity for artistic development which appeals to her and gives to her acting a freshness and spontaneity which is most acceptable to the public.

#### James-Howard Nuptials.

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Howard, seven miles east of town, on last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Juliet Elizabeth Howard to Mr. Norman James, of Cresco. To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March the contracting parties preceded by Miss Dorothy Precious as flower girl, and accompanied by Miss Carrie Edna Fifield as bridesmaid and Mr. William Clinton Howard as groomsmen passed down the bridal path to a beautifully arranged leafy bower, where, in the presence of over one hundred guests, the Rev. Will Kirwin, pastor of the Methodist church at Cresco, received their vows and pronounced them husband and wife. The music which continued throughout the service was rendered by Miss Sylvia Ashley at the piano and Miss May Ashley with the violin. After the ceremony a most enticing two course supper was served under the direction of the bride's mother, and remembrance boxes distributed.

Mr. and Mrs. James are most excellent young people who have attached to themselves a host of friends wherever they have gone, and who join in wishing them a long and most happy wedded life.

#### Errors Cost Cresco the Game.

A large crowd witnessed the ignominious defeat of Cresco by a score of 9 to 1 at the Flood ball park last Sunday. The Adams team are a bunch of giants and all salaried players and the Cresco boys went into the game with hearts in their mouth, expecting defeat. However, after the first few innings, the Cresco team improved and secured a run in the last inning. It was certainly an off day for the Cresco boys.

Next Sunday at the Flood grounds, Cresco will play Lanesboro, which like Cresco, has an all home team, and the game should be well matched. Admission 25c and 15c.

#### Do It Now!

If you intend having your barn or farm buildings whitewashed this fall, take advantage of the rainy days and get the cobwebs down. Remember whitewashing must be done before cold weather, and the stock left outside until it can set. We put it on hot-boiling hot—with rice flour and glue sizing. As we have a large list of orders, perhaps we may get to your neighborhood soon and can bring the material for your work. Clean your own barn and do a good job. We'll do the rest to your satisfaction.

J. E. Graham, Cresco, Ia. P. O. Box 1.

#### Methodist Notes.

The Sunday morning theme at the Methodist church will be "These Three" or "Choosing Fundamentals." You are invited to be present and worship with us at the service; you will help us and we trust we shall be able to help you. The topic in the evening will be "The Greatest Commandment."

The Sunday school and Epworth League as usual.

Rally Day Sept. 5th, for both the church and Sunday school. Get in line and let us boost it to the largest yet—ask some body about it.

#### Plain Dealer Has a Birthday.

With this issue the Plain Dealer commences its 57th year, having completed the 56th year of its existence with the issue of Aug. 20th. All these years it has been owned and controlled by the Mead family, and has a most unique record in that the senior of the Plain Dealer, F. J. Mead, has been one of its publishers from the time of the first issue in the town of New Oregon.

# FARM SALE

AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., ON THE PREMISES

**320 Acres** IN HOWARD COUNTY, IOWA, located 2 miles north of Lime Springs, Iowa, known as the David W. Davis farm. A splendid corn and stock farm. The soil is a dark loam, with yellow clay and part lime stone bottom, and is very productive. This farm lays from level to slightly rolling. No wet land, and is under an excellent state of cultivation. Always a money maker for the owner.

## Good Set Buildings

Good 8-room, two-story house, in good repair. Large barn 84x47, 16-foot posts. Barn No. 2, 27x75x22, lean-to on barn No. 2 27x75x10. Chicken house 12x50x9, also two smaller hen houses. Tank shed 12x18, buggy shed 14x16, corn crib 10x24x8, corn crib No. 2 12x18x8, machine shed 20x30, two granaries, two hog houses, work shop 16x22x9, wood house 10x16x10, cattle shed 18x50, and new tile silo 16x33. There are twenty-one buildings in all, large and small, and all are in good repair and paint. This farm is well fenced and cross fenced into ten fields. Four splendid wells, the very best of water. Two of these wells are operated with steel windmills.

To settle a partnership affair, this splendid farm will be sold at Public Auction on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1915,** to the highest bidder.

**TERMS:** \$1,500.00 cash or bankable paper on day of sale. Balance cash on March 1st, 1916, except \$15,000.00 will be carried on this farm for a term of years, if desired, at 6 per cent. interest. Bids on this farm, sent in advance by mail, will be considered. For further advance information, address owners.

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**Luers Land Co. Sale Managers**  
**Cresco Union Savings Bank, Clerk**  
**CRESCO, IOWA**

**Col. J. W. Reedy, Auctioneer**  
BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA

#### Auto Thieves at Decorah.

The automobiles of Henry Courtney and P. F. O'Brien of Bluffton and Jas. Casey of Cresco were stolen from the streets Thursday. Those of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Casey were returned, those who took them seeing to want only a little ride.

With Mr. Courtney it was more serious and it looked for a while as if he wouldn't get his car back. The police were notified and word sent to neighboring towns. The auto was located Friday at Lime Springs. The radiator had sprung a leak and the machine was out of gasoline, so the thieves had deserted it.—Decorah Journal.

#### For Sale.

1 set of Concord harness, 1 wagon and hay rack. Other articles too numerous to mention.  
Phone 346j. Roy Wilhelm.

#### Married in Decorah.

This morning, August 25, 1915, justice H. F. Barthell united in marriage Frank Hutton and Miss Hazel Mastine, both of Cresco.—Decorah Journal.

#### For Sale.

A round 20-barrel stock water tank, good as n-w. Will sell for half price.  
H. W. Shuttleworth.

# Come to The CASH STORE!

And Save Money. We are adding new customers to our list every day. You only pay for your own goods and do not help to pay poor accounts—A saving of from 2 to 5 per cent. on your bills. It proves that cash brings business. My sales for the month of August amounts to \$6,700.00 in cash. Call and I will give you the prices at my store. I am selling Johnson's Washing Powder 2 pkgs. for 5 cts. Am also selling two packages of Swifts Washing Powder for 5 cents.

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