

## LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS ONE MAN; OTHERS INJURED

T. H. Bleyer of Maysville Is  
Victim of Thunderbolt  
in Recent Storm.

### STANDING IN BARN DOOR

Julius De Winters Also Seriously  
Burned While Ed Meyer Is  
Stunned by Stroke.

One man was killed, another is seriously injured and a third is in a stunned condition, as result of being struck by a lightning bolt while on the farm of Walter Howell near Long Grove, outside Davenport, during the recent storm.

T. H. Bleyer, a Maysville farmer, is the man killed. Julius De Winters, his hired man, is the most seriously burned, while Ed Meyer, employed on the Howell place, is the one whose recovery is expected.

Bleyer's body was badly burned and blackened above the waist, while De Winters' feet were also scorched. The three men were standing together when struck by the bolt. It is thought the Bleyer man was dead before his body struck the ground.

Walter Howell, the owner of the farm, was an eye-witness to the striking of the bolt, which hurled the men to the ground, caused one instantaneous death, injured two others and passed completely through a building without damaging it beyond a few dollars.

According to Howell's story he had

## Prescott Called to England

Six months ago Jack Prescott left his native heath in England to investigate opportunities in America. He came west to Rock Island, secured a job at the Drifill Printing company's plant on Eighteenth street, liked the work and his employers, and decided to remain. He took work as a printer's apprentice. When he had gotten a sufficient bank account it was his plan to send for his wife, whom he left behind in England.

Today Prescott received transportation from the English war department and on Sept. 27 he sails from New York on the Lusitania to join the navy of his native country. Prescott is an English naval reservist. He is an engineer. He has served two years and has two more years to serve to insure him a pension of 80 cents a day for the remainder of his life.

While not lacking in loyalty to his colors, nevertheless Prescott, who is a likeable chap and has made many friends since coming to Rock Island, is broken up over the wrecking of his plans. "It's pretty tough, boys," Prescott said to his associates in the print shop. "In a few months I would have been able to send for my wife. And how happy we would have been here in this great land of freedom and opportunity. But I am still in call of my native country, and I'm going to be game. Of course I could refuse to go back, but then I would be a deserter, and could never return to my old home without paying the penalty. When the war is over, and if the Lord spares me, I'll return to Rock Island."

Just come into the farmyard and had pulled up his team beneath some trees about 50 feet distant from the barn, when the thunderbolt fell.

"As I entered the barn-yard gate I saw the three men make for the shelter of the barn to get out of the rain," Howell said.

"They were standing in the doorway talking together when it happened. Every detail stands out clearly in my memory, although it happened in the twinkling of an eye."

### All Knocked Down.

"The bolt, which had the appearance of a ball of fire about the size of the sun, approximately three feet in diameter, entered the barn by the side door, passed to the doorway in which the men were standing, knocking them down."

"It continued out the door, up the side of the building, across the entire length of the barn by way of the gable, and down the rear to the ground, where it disappeared."

"The bolt had traversed the entire distance perhaps before the men's bodies struck the ground."

Howell immediately rushed to the assistance of the prostrate and unconscious men. Bleyer was dead. Meyer was lying unconscious beneath his body, while Julius DeWinters topped the heap. The latter was conscious, although slightly dazed.

The two injured men are lying at the Howell home. DeWinters, although not rendered unconscious by the concussion of the bolt, is the most seriously injured of the two. His feet were badly burned, while Meyer seems to have gotten off with minor bruises.

### A Sore Point.

"The world will recognize me after I am dead," said the gloomy artist. "I beg of you," exclaimed the distinguished Latin-American, "let us not start any more of these complicated arguments about recognition."—Washington Star.

## PHILLIPPINI HAS MADE A HIT HERE

Band One of Best That Has Yet  
Visited Watch Tower—  
Last Concert Tonight.

The engagement of Don Phillipini's band at the Watch Tower closes tonight. The organization was booked for four days, and despite the unfavorable weather has played to large audiences, leaving an impression that insures greater patronage in the event it returns here in future seasons.

Phillippini, who is an Italian, is recognized as one of the country's really great directors, but, like the majority of musical artists, it took him years to gain a foothold. It has only been in the last four years that he has been acclaimed among the stars. During the past summer he has filled extended engagements at Detroit, Chicago and Kansas City, and after his Rock Island appearance goes to the Texas state fair.

Owing to the lateness of the season Phillipini did not bring his full band complement to Rock Island, for the expense would have been far in excess of the receipts at this time of year. However, he has 25 of his best men, and he has been giving programs that have equaled and surpassed in most respects anything of the kind heard here in years. The leader and his band were enthusiastically received by the audience of last night.

Aside from the band numbers vocal selections are contributed by Madame Suzanna Lehman, who, in addition to managing the affairs of the organization, is a feature of each program. She gave three songs last night, two of them in response to the persistent demands of her audience. She closed with "My Old Kentucky Home," with orchestral and chimes accompaniment. It was a beautifully rendered number. Miss Lehman has an attractive personality back of a well rounded soprano voice. She sings with rare intelligence and expression, and has the faculty of getting close to her audience from the start.

George R. Stephenson is now sole manager of the Watch Tower, having purchased the interest of R. J. Fullerton, with whom he has been associated in conducting the resort the past year.

## BARBERS ADJOURN 1914 CONVENTION

Choose Peoria as Meeting Place  
for Next Year in Gathering  
of Short Duration.

After again choosing Peoria as a meeting place, and lending its influence to stricter license and Sunday closing laws, the Illinois Journeymen Barbers' association closed its fifth annual convention with a banquet and smoker at the Smith hotel in Peoria. It was the shortest convention in the history of the barbers, convening less than eight hours.

John L. Helm of Chicago was re-elected president at the afternoon session. Other officers chosen are: Thomas Kelly of Streator, T. B. Davis of Decatur, and C. G. Linsig of Moline, vice presidents, and William Jampel of Belleville, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The state board of barber examiners was in attendance at the convention. The board consists of James A. Hern of Chicago, president; Thomas J. Nott of Chicago, secretary, and Thomas Casey of Rock Island, treasurer.

The advanced stand taken on the Sunday closing question will be felt when a bill providing for this is introduced at the next session of the legislature. Such a law was passed in 1896 but was subsequently declared unconstitutional. Under present conditions barbers are forced to work seventeen hours on Saturday, returning to the shop early Sunday morning for a four-hour grind. The Peoria local union has already endorsed a Sunday closing law.

## ALVORD NAMED TO AID THE COUNCIL

Chicago Man, Who Aided in Filtering Plant Here, to Be Consulting Engineer.

John W. Alvord of Chicago, the man who advised the city in the filtering plant was erected at Reservoir park five years ago, will be the consulting engineer who will furnish information to the council for the purchase of a pump for the waterworks. The commissioners decided this at an informal session of the council held yesterday afternoon. Alvord is a sanitary and hydraulic engineer of eminence. He was the advisor of the city council in 1909 when the city filtering plant was installed here.

The commission wrote to Mr. Alvord and it is presumed that he will be here shortly to take up his task. He probably will remain here for two days.

### RED CROSS ASKS FUNDS

Washington, Sept. 16.—The American Red Cross appealed to all religious denominations throughout the country yesterday to contribute to the European relief fund in houses of worship Peace Sunday, Oct. 4, the day set apart by President Wilson for special prayers. It plans to observe the Red Cross flag day, when flags will be sold and the proceeds used for hospital work in Europe.

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## DAY IN DAVENPORT

**Claim Thief to Be a Parole Violator.**—Ed Carter, who one week ago was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail for stealing a pair of overalls from one of Crook Brothers' laundry wagons, was yesterday taken into custody by Parole Officer Launcelot, Des Moines, who states that Carter is wanted for violating his parole. Officer Launcelot states that Carter has been sent to state penal institutions on four different occasions for minor offenses.

**Sued for Taxi Service.**—Charged with owing a bill of \$54 to the Iowa Taxicab company for taxicab service, I. W. Stanton, resident manager of the Tri-City Automatic Telephone company, was yesterday morning served with an original notice of suit by Constable Phil Kahles. The notice was served at Stanton's room in the Y. M. C. A.

**Father Stops Elopement.**—The elopement of Wilbur Guthridge, aged 19, and Hazel Wise, aged 18, both of Peoria, was brought to an unhappy ending yesterday when the girl's father, a wealthy Peoria business man, arrived here and stopped the elopers. He took his daughter back home with him. The father discovered soon after the elopement that his daughter and her admirer had left Peoria and driving a high-powered auto overtook the machine in which the would-be bridegroom was spiriting his daughter to Davenport.

**Mother Is Shot by Little Son.**—Mrs. Wilbur Harlan, 35 years old, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by her 11-year-old son at their home two miles north of Stuart. The lad who held the gun when the fatal shot was fired is the eldest of five brothers, all of whom were in the house at the time. Mrs. Harlan was cleaning house and had directed the boy to move the gun from its place in a corner of the room.

## To Grow Hair on A Bald Head

BY A SPECIALIST.  
Thousands of people suffer from baldness and falling hair who, having tried nearly every advertised hair tonic and hair-grower without results, have resigned themselves to baldness and its attendant discomfort. Yet their case is not hopeless; the following simple home prescription has made hair grow after years of baldness, and is also unequalled for restoring gray hair to its original color, stopping hair from falling out, and destroying the dandruff germ. It will not make the hair greasy, and can be put up by any druggist. Buy rub. 6 ounces; Lavona de Compose, 3 ounces; Menthol Crystals, one-half drachm. If you wish it perfumed, add 1 drachm of your favorite perfume. This preparation is highly recommended by physicians and specialists, and is absolutely harmless, as it contains none of the poisonous wood alcohol so frequently found in hair tonics.—(Adv.)

The little fellow had no sooner picked it up than it was discharged, the load of coarse shot taking effect in the side of Mrs. Harlan's head. The children ran screaming from the house to their father, who was at work in a field. Mrs. Harlan was dead when he arrived, and is supposed to have died instantly. Mr. Harlan had been in the habit of removing the shells after using the gun, but had forgotten it after being out shooting recently.

**Man Imprisoned in Hotel Room.**—Claiming to have been held a prisoner in a room at the Peerless hotel and to have only regained his liberty after he had saved his way through the door panel and called the fire department, Peter Clausen late yesterday afternoon swore out a warrant for the arrest of A. R. Bowie, manager of the Davenport hotel, located at Second and Perry streets. In police court Bowie was dismissed. The complaining witness was compelled to pay the court costs, amounting to \$6.05. Having but \$5.05 in his possession, his attorney, B. T. O'Neil, produced a big, shiny silver dollar, and secured his client's release. Clausen told the court that he was slugged and rendered unconscious by hotel employees after saving his way through the door panel. Mr. Bowie testified that Clausen raised a disturbance, being drunk at the time, and was locked in his room to prevent further disturbance. He denied having struck Clausen, and his testimony was corroborated by that of two other witnesses.

**Man Hurt in Auto Crash.**—While attempting to cross the street at Fifth and Iowa streets, George F. Huot was struck and thrown several feet by an automobile owned by A. J. Wiley, who was himself driving. Two wheels passed over the man's chest. He is lying at his home, 422 East Ninth street, in a serious condition. The auto was coming east on Fifth street. As he reached the intersection of Iowa street, Mr. Wiley turned the machine up the hill. The driving rain obscured the vision of the driver and the car struck Huot, knocking him to the pavement. The machine was brought to a standstill and the injured man conveyed to his home in the auto that caused his injury. His condition is reported serious.

**Rock Islander Arrested.**—T. L. Klove, a Rock Island young man, was arrested by Officer Schroeder for parking his auto directly in front of a fire plug on the Columbia theatre corner. He appeared in police court this morning and was dismissed with a reprimand.

**Obituary Record.**—Charles H. Wahlig, a well known harness maker of North Harrison street, died at the family residence, 410 Oneida avenue late

Monday afternoon, after five months' illness. Deceased was born in Davenport July 12, 1870. He received his education in the parochial schools here, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Wahlig, a brother, George C. Wahlig, and one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, all of Davenport. The funeral will be held from the home at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning with services at 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart cathedral. Interment will be made in St. Marguerite's cemetery.

Mrs. Anna Holst, 37 years old, died at 7:30 o'clock Monday night at the family home, four miles south of McCausland, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was born Nov. 17, 1877, in Butler township, Scott county. She was educated here, and on Feb. 15, 1901, was united in marriage with George Holst, who survives. In addition to the husband there survive three children, William, Raymond and Elsie, two step-children, Alvin and Lillie Holst, a sister, Mrs. William Detlefs.

and four brothers, John, Fred, William and Emil Rohlf. The funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Mt. Union church, with interment in the Mt. Union cemetery.

Claus Arp, 50 years of age, died at a local hospital, following a lingering illness. He had been a resident of the county for over 40 years. But one daughter, Mrs. F. Moldenscharb of De Witt, Iowa, survive. The body was taken to the Nissen & Hartwig parlors, and will be held there pending funeral arrangements.

H. S. Dillar, one of the oldest residents of Davenport, died at his home, following a brief illness. He was over 86 years of age. It is said that his death was due to a complication of diseases.

To prevent a hen setting a Californian has invented a breast plate, with two wire legs in front, to be strapped to a fowl in such a position that she is obliged to remain standing.



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