

ALEDO COUPLE IS SIXTY YEARS WED

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Balmer, Pioneers of Mercer County, Have an Interesting Reunion.

ARE PARENTS OF A FAMILY OF 14

Forty-Eight Grandchildren and 21 Great-Grandchildren Are Present at Home Celebration.

(Special to The Argus.)

Aledo, Ill., Nov. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Balmer of this city celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home on Hickory street yesterday. A family reunion was held in the forenoon and at noon a bountiful dinner was served to 97 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Balmer are pioneer residents of Mercer county, coming here immediately after their marriage, which took place in Wood county, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 1855.

Mr. Balmer was born in Switzerland in 1827, and is now 88 years old. He came to America with his parents and five brothers and sisters when 13 years of age. He is the only member

HERMAN RIDDER, NOTED EDITOR, EXPIRES



New York, Nov. 2.—Herman Ridder, treasurer of the democratic national committee and publisher of the New York Staats Zeitung, died of kidney trouble yesterday afternoon at his home in this city. He was in his 65th year.

Among a large number of prominent German-American citizens of the United States Herman Ridder was one of the most conspicuous figures in the newspaper publishing business and in politics.

His associates in the publishing business honored him with the presidency of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, and for many years he held high offices in the Associated Press.

He was talked of at the national democratic convention in Denver in 1908 as a nominee for vice president on the ticket with Bryan, whom, however, Mr. Ridder opposed at that time.

Mr. Ridder was owner and editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, one of the foremost German newspapers in the United States, and through this he was particularly conspicuous recently in his ardent defense of the German position in the European war.

He was born in New York City of German parents, March 5, 1851, and began earning his own living when 11 years old as an errand boy in a hat store. At 18 years of age he became interested in politics and stumped the whole lower east side of New York City.

He entered the newspaper business when he was 27 years old by establishing the first Roman Catholic newspaper in New York City in German, and soon afterward started the Catholic News in English, which was recognized as a leading Catholic paper.

In 1890 Mr. Ridder became a stockholder in the Daily Staats Zeitung and was elected treasurer and manager. He became president of the corporation in 1907.

His father's family now living. He remembers many interesting incidents of his early life in Switzerland and the long journey in wagons across France, and the ocean voyage, which took 45 days.

Mrs. Balmer was born in Ohio in 1840. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Balmer came to Mercer county. In 1856 they purchased land a few miles south of where Aledo now stands. By hard labor and strict economy they converted the primeval prairie and forest into a fertile farm and comfortable house.

Fourteen children were born to this worthy couple, four of whom have passed away. Those living are Mrs. Mary Burns of Burdick, Kan.; James of Pierce, Col.; Mrs. Cassie Baldwin of Burlington, Iowa; John of Burgess, Peter of Ault, Col.; Mrs. Callie Brown of Viola; Mrs. Anna Brown of Burgess; Mrs. Ella Johnson of Aledo; Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Aledo, and Irwin at home. There are also 48 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren living.

The children were all present at the anniversary with the exception of the two sons living in Colorado. About eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Balmer sold their farm and moved in Aledo, where they are enjoying their devoted years surrounded by their devoted children and grand-children.

They are both in good health and thoroughly enjoy life, their family and their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Balmer are faithful members of the Aledo Methodist church and are especially noted for their hospitality. Their host of friends wish them many more useful, happy years together.

Out of Town Guests. Among the out of town guests, besides their children, were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hutchinson of Bowling Green, Ohio; Mrs. J. Randall of Burdick, Kan.; Mrs. Melissa Scott and daughter Pearl of Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Madison Phipps of Pontiac; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore and daughter of Boone, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gillman of Kilbuck, Wis.; and three grandsons, Harry Baldwin, Arlo Brown and Ralph Balmer, who came from Cresbard, S. D.

Many Children Suffer From Kidney Trouble

Three years ago my little girl, Angela, was taken sick with scarlet fever and later dropsy set in; her face and limbs swelled and her eyes puffed. A leading physician here at the time, treated her without the slightest success. A sample of your Swamp-Root having been left at the house at the time, I resolved to try it, and as it agreed with her stomach I continued using it with gratifying results. The inflammation began to subside after she had taken the first fifty-cent bottle, and after she took two large bottles she was pronounced cured by the doctor and has been in good health ever since.

The doctor came to see her every day and examined her every second day until he pronounced her kidneys in perfect condition. Now then the doctor was under the impression that I was giving my girl his medicine, but as his medicine had failed to do a bit of good, and desiring not to offend him, I did not tell him I was giving her Swamp-Root and he did not know the difference. I did not use one drop of his medicine after I started my girl on Swamp-Root, and have always felt that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root saved my girl's life, for which I am grateful.

I cannot praise it too highly.

Very truly, MRS. MARY BYRNE, New Brunswick, N. J., State of New Jersey, County of Middlesex—ss.

Mrs. Mary Byrne, being duly sworn by me, according to law, on her oath saith that the above statement made by me is just and true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 16th day of July, A. D. 1909. MARGARET O'DONNELLE, Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention The Rock Island Daily Argus. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—(Adv.)

It's a Good Thing to Be Well Prepared



against any trouble that might arise from a bad stomach, an impaired digestion, a lazy liver or clogged bowels.

These ailments quickly upset your general health—make the appetite poor—the blood impoverished. They should not be neglected another day. Try

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It will help Nature restore the digestive system to a normal condition and assist in every way toward the maintenance of health.

BATTLESHIP DODO SAYS HENRY FORD

Auto Magnate Holds Big Vessels Should Be Placed in Museums—All Wars Futile.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, stood on the bridge of the historic battleship Oregon during a cruise about the bay and talked of peace and the futility of all wars to a group of the fighting ship's bluejackets. Some one asked for a Ford homily as to his definition of a battleship, but the genius from Detroit made the reply:

"I don't know just what would be a good definition of a battleship, but I have in mind a story of a young lady who visited a ship in New York harbor. She was invited to a social reception aboard the vessel, and put in a delightful afternoon dancing on the quarterdeck. I can think of no better usage for battleships than to make use of their decks for parties."

Ford said that battleships were an out-of-date as the dodo and that it was too bad that they couldn't be stuffed like that extinct bird and exhibited in museums.

"None of you men want war, do you, now?" Ford asked. And he received a negative shaking of heads by way of answer.

"But you have been reported as proposing a certain submarine plan," one of the bluejackets interjected.

"I did say," said Ford, "that it would be possible to make a cheap type of submarine that could be operated by gasoline, but I do not believe in preparedness. It is only the people who make money out of munitions of war and instruments of death and destruction who talk militarism and preparation. The men themselves who fight in the trenches and behind the guns, do not know what they are fighting for. They have no personal grievance.

"America is a country that has always distinguished itself by rising to an emergency. If a condition arrived when defense should be necessary it would be a simple matter to turn the Ford factories and other manufacturing plants over to the making of submarines and necessary devices to defend the country."

Ford incidentally mentioned the fact that in the next two years he has in mind the manufacturing of Ford tractors for use in plowing the land. He says he feels that the output will be five thousand a day, and that the price will not exceed \$200 a tractor. These tractors are to be equipped with Ford motors, and from demonstrations already made upon his own farm he feels that they will go a long way toward relieving the small farmer of hard and unceasing toil.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Lay-to for a spell and swing on this:

You'll start an old-pal-party via a pipe or a makin's cigarette quick as a flash, as soon as you realize it's a live bet to let your good money rub up against some Prince Albert tobacco. Why, it's like beating back to the bushes for old-home week, P. A.'s so friendly, so chummy-like.

You see, Prince Albert lets you hear the song of the joy'us jimmy pipe and the makin's cigarette all the day long! The patented process takes care of that—and cuts out the bite and parch!

PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke

just hands you home-made questions like these: Were you ever pipe-happy? Did you ever hit a brand that just pushed pleasure against your palate? The kind that sort of teased your smokeappetite for some more fire-up, then another—and so on, right to the pillow-period!

Well, that's P. A., no matter how you hook it up—pipe or cigarette. It just jams-joy into your system! You nail that fact hot off the bat, because it's case-cards information! And handed out to you for personal and immediate attention as being about as real and true as you've heard since Hector was a pup!

P. A. is sold in the tippy red bag for the price of a jitney ride, 5c; tidy red tin, 10c; pound and half-pound tin humidors—and—the classy pound crystal-glass humidors with the sponge-moistener top that's not only a joy'us thing to have at home and at the office, but it keeps P. A. in the highest state of perfection.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.



Here is Casimiro Iredo, 104 years old, who lives in Watsonville, Cal. He has a remarkable memory and clearly recalls the war in Spain in 1872, when he was a lad of 12 summers. Iredo has been a smoker all his life, and today he smokes no cigar, no pipe and no other tobacco, but only the Prince Albert "old-time jimmy-pipers club."

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Regular Meeting Held Oct. 25, 1915. City council chamber, Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 25, 1915. The city council met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p. m., Mayor McConochie and all commissioners present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held Oct. 18, 1915, were read and approved.

Commissioner Rudgren submitted the following weekly pay roll for week ending Oct. 23, 1915, which on his motion was allowed by unanimous vote:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes George Cardele (\$14.70), Al Studden (\$12.60), D. Rooks (\$12.60), H. Siders (\$11.12), W. Berger (\$4.20), F. Eustler (\$10.50), J. Hughes (\$10.50), H. Mosell (\$9.45), John Thompson (\$4.20), H. Stewart (\$4.20), William Glass (\$13.12), James Carroll (\$6.82), Frank Friggs (\$6.82), Joe Stroehle (\$12.60), Peter Oberg (\$12.60), J. P. Johnson (\$12.60), Hugh McGee (\$12.60), John Ehlers (\$9.70), E. Johnson (\$6.30), F. Goettlichmann (\$6.30), H. Utke (\$12.60), John Faust (\$4.20), J. McMahon (\$4.40), A. Doering (\$4.40), J. Schaab (\$12.60), C. Schaab (\$12.60), G. Schaeffer (\$12.60), F. Geat (\$12.60), Pete Lober (\$12.60), B. DeVriese (\$12.60), L. Gaylord (\$25.20), E. Meertell (\$25.20), J. Ehlers (\$25.20), J. Schaab (\$25.20), J. Enright (\$25.20), Max Helfrick (\$12.60), C. Schmidt (\$12.60), H. Lemfert (\$12.60), C. Cockpar (\$12.60), J. Siebrandt (\$12.60), H. Noise (\$12.60), A. E. Bashaw (\$12.60), G. Pettit (\$12.60).

Society Women Learn Hair Curling Secret

"If your hair is straight, flat, dull looking, I need not ask if you long to possess perpetually wavy, light, fluffy, glossy tresses," says Gladys Coleman in Society World. "I'll tell you what to do. Tonight, after your hair has had its usual brushing, take a clean tooth brush, dip it in a saucer of pure liquid sylimere and run this through the hair from crown to tip. When morning dawns and you have yawned yourself out of your downy cot, you will have a real surprise, quite an agreeable one. Your hair will have a firmer and more natural-looking curl and better than if has ever had before—and there will be nothing sticky, sticky, greasy or anything unpleasant about it. If you will get the liquid sylimere from your druggist it will require no preparation at all, and four or five ounces will last for months. This is just the finest thing imaginable for the purpose."

same, the street commissioner to keep a detailed account of the expenses, same to be filed with the commissioner of finance, who shall have the right to release such property to the owner thereof when all bills so filed are paid. In case the owner thereof does not redeem said property within 10 days after notice of the confiscation of said property, the power is hereby given to the mayor and commissioner of streets to sell said property and from the proceeds of said sale to pay all bills against the property and retain the balance of the proceeds to the owner of the property so confiscated. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor McConochie offered a resolution that the ordinance providing for the improvement of certain streets and avenues by constructing sewers thereon and constructing a sewage treatment plant in the territory from Eighteenth avenue to Twenty-third avenue and extending from Twenty-fourth street west to the center line of Section Two, Township 17, north, Range Two west of the fourth P. M., and providing for the acquiring or condemnation of certain tracts of land for right-of-way or easement for constructing said sewers and providing for the levying and collection of a special assessment for the payment of costs, etc., be adopted. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor McConochie submitted an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to meetings of the city council," which ordinance on his motion was considered by unanimous vote.

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Commissioner Liedtke offered a resolution that the chief of police is heretofore ordered to notify the occupants of all shanty boats in the vicinity of the Rock Island city waterworks to remove the said boats within five days from the date of such notice and the city attorney is hereby instructed to prosecute all parties who refuse or neglect to move within the time set under the state law relative to shanty boats. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Murrin offered a resolution that the claim of John Kilcoin for rebate in water rent in amount of \$7.50 be allowed. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor McConochie offered a resolution that the commissioner of streets and public improvements and the mayor be and they are hereby instructed to clear all streets and avenues of old iron and all obstructions especially Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets north of Third avenue and Second avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, under the legal advice of the city attorney and to have the right to call on the police and street departments to take possession of and confiscate such property so found after five days' notice to the owner thereof to remove same, and to store such confiscated property on city property and if none is available to lease a lot or lots on which to store

sage of the grade ordinance. Carried by unanimous vote. Mayor McConochie presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the licensing of wholesale liquor dealers," which on his motion was considered by unanimous vote. Adjourned on motion of Mayor McConochie. M. T. RUDGREN, City Clerk.

LONDON WAR EXPERT SEES SERBIAN CRISIS

Rome, Nov. 2.—Colonel C. A. Ropington, military correspondent of the London Times, declared in an interview given the Giornale D'Italia that the situation of Serbia is desperate. Her army is completely isolated, he said, and its only chance of safety is to retire to the Adriatic coast, outside its own territory. Once there it could supply either military help or provide provisions and munitions.

The expedition of the allies from Saloniki cannot arrive in time to save Serbia, Colonel Ropington asserted, while the Austro-Germans can be in Constantinople within a week. He believes, however, that whatever happens in the orient, the eventual exhaustion of Germany and Austria will enable the allies to win.

Could Handle Both Sides.

Simmons—Isn't Barker always willing to hear both sides of a question? Kimmons—Not unless you let him do all the talking.—Judge.

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

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When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Weyth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge of soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Weyth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger. Harper House pharmacy.—(Adv.)