

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

CABLE BREAK IS CAUSE OF TWO DEATHS

David Maason and Peter Westin, Killed in Fall at Deere Warehouse.

THREE BADLY HURT

Workmen Plunge Down Elevator Shaft for 4 Stories in Moline Accident.

From the wreckage of a freight elevator, which at 8:15 this morning plunged through space from the fourth story to the basement of the Deere Wagon company plant, was extricated the mangled forms of five men, one dying, the other four injured. Later one of the injured men died upon arrival at the city hospital. Two of the remaining three probably will die. The accident, horrible in every detail, resulted when the cable of the elevator slipped from the track and was cut in two by the terrific friction of the descent.

David Maason, aged elevator conductor, was killed almost outright. Peter Westin died shortly after removal to the Moline city hospital, to which place all the victims were at once rushed in the police ambulance and a car from the Flow City garage. Walter Daniels and Caesar Rodine are in a critical condition, and Albert White is badly injured.

The names of the dead and injured and their places of residence:

The Dead.
DAVID MAASON, 247 Eighteenth street, Moline, elevator conductor, crushed between elevator and wall.
PETER WESTIN, Y. M. C. A., Moline.

The Injured.
Walter Daniels, 1732 1/2 Third avenue, Moline. Chest crushed and other internal injuries.
Caesar Rodine, leg broken and internal injuries.
Albert White, leg broken and body badly injured.

At 8:15 the elevator was loaded with wheels, 22 in number, of the army pattern, and the four workmen and the conductor entered the lift. Power was turned on and descent began. Almost immediately the cable slipped and in a moment's time leaped from the sheave and was cut in two. The car was precipitated downward at such great speed that the safety devices failed to work, and a few seconds later the car landed in the basement with such terrific impact that the whole building seemed to shake and typewriters on desks in the main office rattled as though from an explosion.

When rescuers reached the basement, a terrible scene greeted them. The car was smashed out of all semblance to an elevator, the floor being shattered to splinters in places, the screen bent and broken, and the top caved in almost to the floor. Maason, crushed between the car and the walls was dying, and a few moments later breathed his last in the hospital room of the shop nearby. Crushed beneath the load of heavy

wheels were the four workmen, and it was with difficulty that they were extricated by the rescuing party. Westin was terribly injured, and the other three were broken and bruised from head to foot. A hurry call was at once sent for doctors and ambulances and the two police conveyances at once responded. Drs. Arp, Kohler, Peterson, Carlton and Wessel were on the scene in a short time and the men were rushed to the city hospital, it being found necessary to secure a car from the Flow City garage, also. A short time after arrival at the hospital Westin succumbed to his injuries.

Officials of the Wagon company declare that the elevator was inspected less than sixty days ago by an employee of the Globe Indemnity company, that the inspection was thorough and that the lift and cable were found to be in good condition. The elevator has also been examined from time to time by factory officials and has been pronounced in good working order and safe on each occasion. Explanation for the occurrence is that the cable slipped from its track and was cut in two by the great friction of the descent.

Assertion is made that the load which was being taken down was a comparatively small one, and that much heavier ones have been carried in the car. It is said that the lift is capable of holding at least five times the weight of the burden which it transported at the time of the accident.

Conductor Old Employee.
David Maason, elevator conductor, had been in the employ of the Wagon company for a number of years. He was 71 years of age, and owing to advanced years was given the elevator situation. He had been in charge of the car for about five years. He leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons to mourn his passing.

Peter Westin, who passed away a short time after being taken to the hospital, was unmarried and roomed at the Moline Y. M. C. A. He was 31 years of age.

Walter Daniels came here from Kentucky and efforts are being made to get in communication with relatives thought to reside in that state. He is 42 years of age, and had been employed at the shop since March 29.

Caesar Rodine arrived here only a short time ago and started work at the shop yesterday. He is single and where he came from to this city is not known.

Albert White, who escaped with slightest injury of the quintet, had been working for the Wagon company but a week. He came here a few weeks ago from Hancock, Mich., where he had been employed in the mines. He is married.

Work at the shop was discontinued a short time after the accident, and the plant was closed for the day.

IN MOLINE LODGES

Swedish Olive lodge No. 553, L. O. O. F., met in regular weekly session last night in Swedish Olive building. Routine business was acted on, and committee on arrangements for installation of officers reported. Decision has been reached to procure an orchestra for the occasion, and dancing and cards will be diversion after the officers are inducted. Light refreshments will be served. Members, their families and friends are invited. Officers who will be seated:
Noble grand—Verne Sundine.
Vice grand—Emil Carlson.
Recording secretary—A. E. Lundeen.

MOLINE ELKS WILL OPEN SKAT SEASON

First skat tourney of the 1916-17 season for members of Moline Elks' Skat club has been called for tomorrow evening. The session will start promptly at 7:30, as officers for the year are to be named before play begins.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Woman's Missionary society of the First Congregational church has laid out a plan of study for the year, through its program committee, by which one-half the year will be given over to foreign mission study and one-half to home missions. The entire program will be included in the association year book. Meetings will be held in the homes of members, the meeting places to be named later. The outline:

The King's Highway.
October—Thankoffering meeting.
Along Old Mission Trails in Europe and Egypt—Mrs. A. M. Beal.
November—A Study of Social Christianity in India—Mrs. C. H. Adams.
January—Japan's Response to the Gospel—Mrs. R. W. Entrikin.
Home Missions in Action.
February—A National Force—Mrs. Myra Eastman.
March—A Reclaiming and Educative Force: A Healing and Integrating Force—Mrs. O. M. Stowe.
April—Thankoffering meeting.
Sources of Power—Mrs. K. I. Willis.
May—Annual Meeting—Mrs. P. C. Ladd.

Miss Rhea Wells complimented Miss Doris Bickelhaupt yesterday at a luncheon given in her honor at the Tea Cup Inn. Covers were laid for 10 at a table artistically centered with gladioli in a black glass bowl, and the luncheon was served in four courses. The hostess presented Miss Bickelhaupt with a beautiful corsage of roses. Those present were Mrs. B. C. Murdy, the Misses Doris Bickelhaupt, Hazel Easton, Helen Jackson, Elizabeth Ward, Olive Taubman, Mrs. A. M. Morris, Mrs. E. D. Baron of Ipswich, Miss Jane Tyler of Fargo, N. D., and Miss Rhea Wells—Aberdeen American.

Miss Bickelhaupt's marriage to J. H. McKeever, formerly of this city will take place Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents in Aberdeen. After the wedding the young people will take a trip to the north and northwest, making an interesting journey through Canada on the Pacific coast and Vancouver, B. C. the journey to cover about three weeks. Near-election times are busy ones for newspaper men and this will necessarily curtail the trip somewhat.

Past matrons and past patrons of the Moline chapter of Eastern Star were entertained last evening by Mrs. Belle Morgan in her home, 1223 Fourteenth street. There was a full attendance and election of officers resulted in putting the following in charge for the next year:

President—Mrs. Belle Morgan.
Vice president—Leroy Vinton.
Secretary—Mrs. Ella Haley.
Meetings of this society are held the fourth Monday in each month at the homes of members, and as last evening's was the first of the season the attendance was splendid and the evening was one of the most complete and enjoyable in the history of the club. The home was bright with asters and salvia and the hostess served an appetizing luncheon. The 14 members present feel that the opening of the season was auspicious and anticipates an enjoyable year. The object of these past matrons' and patrons' club is to keep up the get-together spirit and the good fellowship engendered through meetings and also to keep in touch with the chapter work. This keeps them all so greatly interested that they attend all meetings of the order. The next meeting will be with Charles Albertson, 310 Twenty-second street.

Home Study club met in the first session of the season yesterday afternoon at the Moline public library with a very good attendance, the business meeting opening promptly. There were several resignations respectfully received, and one new member, Mrs. H. L. Bullen, was voted into the club.

There are others on the waiting list, but the limit of membership has been reached. The study period was devoted to discussion of the tax question in Illinois. Mrs. Lizzie Bingham giving a resume of the present system of taxation, showing deep study into the matter, with special and interesting reference to the municipal tax as it affects Moline. Evils of the present system were given by Mrs. Ogden. The next meeting will also deal with taxation. Mrs. McGlynn to tell of the pending amendment to the Illinois constitution and Mrs. Charles Adams on constitutional tax provisions of other states. The program outlined for the year promises to be most interesting and instructive, covering as it does Illinois and its people, its laws, educational system, care of delinquents, conservation, public highways, county, state and municipal governmental machinery, regulation of industries, banks, corporations, etc. and looking towards making efficient voters of the women who study it. Messrs. O. E. Child, W. I. Taze and E. B. McKeever outlined the program.

MOLINE OBITUARY
Mrs. Thomas Pattison. Impressive funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. Thomas Pattison in the home, 223 Forty-sixth street, yesterday afternoon at 1 and in Bowlesburg chapel at 2:30. Rev. R. S. Haney was officiating clergyman. Singers from Carbon Cliff rendered appropriate selections and members of Harmony camp, No. 2846, R. N. A., were in charge of services at the grave. Bearer were Willie Bickelhaupt, Mrs. R. V. O'Donnell, J. S. Evans, William Mardis and Clark Corbin. Interment was in Bowlesburg cemetery.

SPORT GOSSIP

Moline Crescents will buck the Edelweiss team of Rock Island Sunday afternoon on the Ninth street field, Rock Island. This should be an interesting game, as the teams are said to be evenly matched. The Crescents and Eagles will use the Stephens' park gridiron this season, arrangements having been made for these two teams to alternate in games played here. Next Sunday the Eagles will mingle with Meaneer's Colts there and the Crescents will have the field the following Sunday.

The Peoria Socials football team has two dates open on their schedule—Oct. 8 and 15—which they would like to have filled with fast teams in central Illinois. Local managers are requested to write to Manager Logfren, 919 North Adams street, Peoria, Ill. The Socials have been in the field since 1900, since then meeting some of the best independent teams in the state. They are scheduled to clash with the Moline Crescents in Peoria Oct. 29.

WELL BALANCED BILL AT FAMILY THEATRE

The bill which manager Uno Bradley of the Family theatre is offering the first part of this week is without doubt the best balanced program he has secured this season.

The work of Harry Brooks in a sketch presented by Brooks & Co. is one of the best ever seen in the local playhouse. Mr. Brooks in the role of an old minstrel proves himself a past-master of the art of impersonation. His portrayal of the character is so realistic that it is difficult to realize that he himself is not a man of advanced years. The sketch itself provokes much laughter.

Working under the handicap of being colored, the Adams brothers make good with a vengeance. Their work would seem to prove that no one is as famous as the mirth provoking characteristics of the negro as is the negro himself.

Occupying feature positions on the bill is Sterling and Marguerite, singing athletes. Their act stamps itself as being of "big time" merit. Miss Marguerite has a bewitching personality and, like Mr. Sterling, is a finished athlete.

The Gypsy Trio offer a pleasing musical act. Playing upon the piano, violin and cello, they entertain with a quality of music that is none too common on the vaudeville stage.

STAFF SELECTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL

"A bigger and better annual than ever before in the history of the high school" is the slogan that has been adopted by John Seids, editor-in-chief of the 1917 year book. In order that his plans may be realized he has chosen the following "live wires" to act as co-workers in the task:
Athletic editor—Paul Becker.
Literary editor—Elizabeth Haney.
Society editor—Gertrude Wood.
Photo and art—Chauncey Kinsey, Louise Belouske and Mary Foster.
Joke editors—Mildred Gindlund, William Kiel and Melba Hamner.
Calendar—Dorothea Benson.
Class—Ethel Mae Clark and Lillian Schlotfeldt.

JUDGE STERN WITH SOFT DRINK USERS

Having been arrested in Market square Saturday night for fighting, Walter Hardin and Mike Leonard paid the costs in Moline police court this morning. The first, according to the police, was the outcome of a quarrel which started in a soft drink parlor. Hardin is alleged to have invited Leonard outside. The challenge was accepted and Mike made short work of his antagonist, so reports from the ringside say.

When the two men dropped into police station today to pay up Police Magistrate Frank Gustafson took occasion to reprimand the men in not altogether gentle tones because of their misbehavior.

"You fellows visit those soft drink parlors and throw a lot of cheap whisky into you and then you want to go out on the street and fight."
"I've taken the pledge," said one of the belligerents.
"Well, you just see that you don't fall off the wagon again," replied the magistrate in tones that indicated he meant what he said.

REALTY MEN TO PLAN EXPANSION

Members of Local Exchange Consider Proposition of Affiliating With State Organization.

SPECIAL SESSION IS HELD

Officers of Illinois Association Point Out Many Advantages Which Go With Membership.

Proposition of affiliating with the Real Estate association of Illinois is being considered by real estate men of Illinois. It is expected that definite action in the matter will be taken at the next regular meeting in October.

W. S. Johnson, president of the state association, and Tom Ingersoll, secretary, were present at a special session yesterday afternoon in rooms of the Moline Commercial club. They told of the advantages of being affiliated with the state organization. Mr. Johnson pointed out the benefits that would result from legislation, both national and state, which it will be possible to get through membership in the state body.

The state association was only recently organized, and Messrs. Johnson and Ingersoll are meeting with success in adding new members. They have signed the real estate clubs of Danville, Rockford, Chicago and other cities. The proposition met with instant favor of the local real estate men and it is likely that the Moline exchange will become a member of the state body.

Each City for Self Now.
"To join the state association can not help but be advantageous to us," said P. L. Sherman, president of the Moline exchange. "One good feature is that it will give the real estate men of Illinois a stronger representation and essentially more prestige, in event

they have some meritorious proposition on which they desire favorable action by the state legislature or congress. At present each city acts independently of the others, without effect."

FACTORY MEN WILL HEAR TOWSON TALK

A complimentary dinner is to be tendered factory foremen and superintendents of Moline and East Moline by the industrial extension committee of the Moline Y. M. C. A. at 7 Friday evening, Oct. 6, according to an announcement made this morning by Charles B. Hall, general secretary of the local institution.

Charles R. Towson of New York, international industrial secretary, will be in Moline that evening and will deliver an address to the guests. Mr. Towson is a speaker of unusual ability, is an authority on his subject and an interesting talk is assured. Covers are to be laid for 350 guests.

LOCAL G. O. P. WILL OPEN HEADQUARTERS

Campaign plans were made by republicans of Moline at a meeting of the city central committee last evening. Decision was reached to give active support to the candidates on the G. O. P. slate. A club is to be organized to include all republicans of the city and establish headquarters in a convenient place downtown, where meetings may be held.

Later organization of first voters' and women's clubs will be effected. A committee was appointed last evening to procure a suitable place to serve as headquarters for the republicans. On the committee are R. B. Lourie, Clyde White, N. E. Munson and Roy Dailey. As soon as a place has been found a mass meeting will be arranged. Plan is to have the quarters open all day and evening.

Preference is for room on the ground floor big enough to entertain large gatherings and to give out returns of election.

ROBERTS LEADER LOCAL GLEE CLUB

Former Grand Opera Singer to Direct Organization to Be Formed for Winter Season.

WILL INCLUDE THIRTY VOICES

Concerts to Be Given in Addition to Furnishing Music at Y. M. C. A. On Sundays.

The newly organized glee club of the Moline Y. M. C. A. is to have as its director E. Lee Roberts of Rock Island, a former grand opera singer and a musician who has studied in Boston and New York and who spent three years in perfecting his knowledge of music in Florence, Italy.

Mr. Roberts, since retiring from grand opera, has made directing a specialty and he comes to the Y highly recommended in this line. He is to start work immediately, meeting candidates for the glee club at the Y this evening between 7:30 and 8:30. He will be at the Y tomorrow evening at the same hour and will conduct trials of individual voices.

Everyone who can sing is invited to try for a place on the club. When completely organized it will consist of not less than 30 members and there is room for 50 if that many singers with adequate vocal powers can be discovered. Any further information in regard to the matter may be had by phoning the Y. M. C. A.

On Business Basis.
At a meeting last evening it was decided to put the club on a business basis so as to insure good work, and in addition to appearing at the Sunday afternoon meetings at the Y, the club will give concerts as well.

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