

SEVEN ECLIPSES IN 1917 FORECAST

Four Will Be of Sun While Moon Will Be Observed Only Three Times Next Year.

ONLY TWO VISIBLE HERE

Both of These Are of Moon and First One Occurs January 7-8, Second Next Christmas Time.

The scientists at Washington report upon some very interesting free shows to be given during 1917 as follows:

Seven eclipses, four of the sun and three of the moon, will cause the astronomical observers to tilt their telescopes skyward during the year about to begin.

The first of the astronomical phenomena will be a total eclipse of the moon, which is scheduled for the night of January 7-8 and will be visible generally in North America, as well as in central and western Europe, northwestern Africa, South America and the central and eastern portions of the Pacific ocean.

Also in January, on the 23rd of the month, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun. This will be visible in Europe, Asia, and northern Africa, but not to America.

On June 19 there will be another partial eclipse of the sun, also invisible to North America. Should astronomers desire to take observations of this eclipse it would be necessary for them to set up their instruments in northern Siberia or in the area around the north pole.

A total eclipse of the moon will take place on July 4, but will not be a part of the Independence day celebration in the United States. The beginning of the eclipse will be visible generally in Asia except the northeastern portion, Australia, Europe except the northwestern portion, Africa, and the South Atlantic ocean.

Later in the month of July there will be another partial eclipse of the sun, which will not be visible in either North or South America. Americans likewise will miss an opportunity to view the annular eclipse of the sun scheduled for December 14. This eclipse will be visible only in the extreme southeastern portion of South America, southern Australia, the South Atlantic and Indian oceans, and a part of the Pacific ocean.

In compensation for what they have missed during the year the residents throughout nearly the whole of North America will be treated to a total eclipse of the moon, which is scheduled to take place three days after Christmas. The beginning of this eclipse will be visible generally in North and South America throughout the Pacific ocean, and the extreme northwest part of Asia. The ending may be viewed generally in North America, throughout the Pacific ocean, in eastern Asia and Australia.

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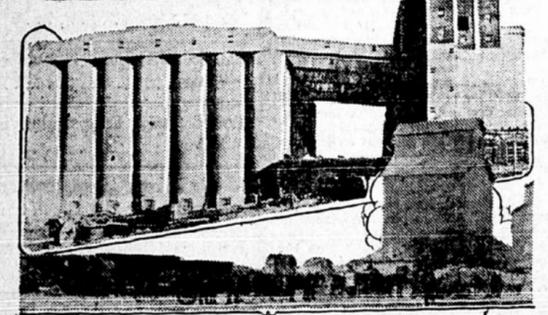
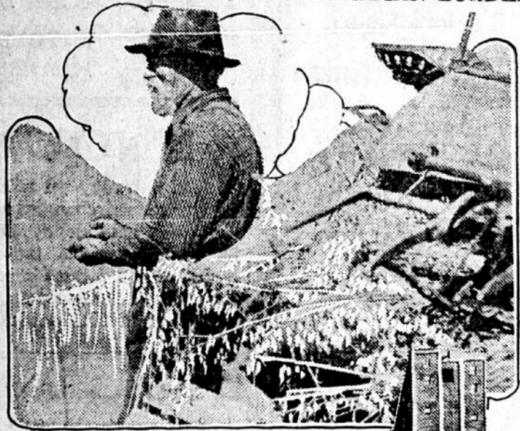
At high noon Wednesday, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ida Dawson, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Miss Opal, to Mr. Roy Pickard, Rev. Peterson, Baptist minister, officiating. The bride has made Bonaparte her home for many years, being a successful music teacher here.

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SWAPPING MILLING WHEAT FOR SEED ON BOOM ACROSS CANADIAN BORDER



Top, Harvester in Alberta; middle, Canadian Terminal Elevators; bottom Wheat Delivery.

Swapping milling wheat for seed is a novelty in trade across the Canadian border, caused by the drains of recent weeks on the seed supplies of Alberta in shipments to the United States. Exports of lower grade wheat have developed in volume in an international exchange of huge proportions. The demand for No. 1 wheat suitable for the next seeding has reached a keenness throughout the United States shown by the sale

of a 3,000 bushel lot in Chicago at \$2 in the middle of October. The large area in the northern states affected by rust has caused an unusual percentage of the wheat crop in that area to grade below the best seed standards. Therefore the requirements upon Canada for seed purposes have greatly increased, as a northern climate has been found to have a particularly invigorating effect upon all varieties of grain.

Murderer Safe in the U.S. As Nowhere Else, He Says

H. A. Forster Declares Only 119 Were Executed Last Year Though There Were 9,230 Killings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Some interesting, although discreditable, statistics were brought out as to the proportion of murders, lynchings and other felonies in the United States as contrasted with other countries in an address before the Society of Medical Jurisprudence, at the rooms of the New York Academy of Medicine, by Henry A. Forster of the New York bar.

"Among the enlightened nations the United States leads the world in freeing murderers and felons," he declared, "while Anglo-Saxon countries not under the American flag have the least percentage of murders and felonies."

Mr. Forster gave the number of homicides (including manslaughter) in the United States in 1912 as 9,152; the number of executions 145. In 1913 there were 8,902 such crimes and only 88 executions. In 1914 the figures were 8,251 homicides and manslaughter as against 74 executions (and two of these were for another crime); and in 1915 there were 9,230 killings and only 119 executions.

"The murder rate in the United States," said Mr. Forster, "is from 20 to 25 times greater than the murder rate of the British empire and other northwestern European countries."

"Our murder rate for the period 1909-1913 was 6.4 per 100,000 of population. The rate at the same time for England and Wales was 0.8, for Prussia

1904-1913) 2.0; for Austria (1909-1913) 1.9; for Italy, 3.6." Between 1882 and 1903, Mr. Forster said, there were 3,327 lynchings in 44 of our states. The only other place in the world where lynching existed, he said, was in certain parts of Russia where there are inadequate penalties for horse stealing. Lynching, he asserted, exists nowhere under the British, French, Dutch or German flags, although they all cover frontier conditions and mixed races.

As to why such conditions existed under the American flag, Mr. Forster pointed out the difference between the jurisprudence of the country and others. His argument was, in part this: "The English, Scotch, Canadian, Australian, South African or Indian trial judge is a strong judge, not a mere moderator. He gives the jury the benefit of his experience and skill by advising them in difficult cases respecting the weight and effect of the evidence.

"The distinctive feature of Anglo-Saxon jury trials is a strong and experienced trial judge aiding and advising the jury, but leaving the ultimate decision to their hands. Instead of acting as a weak and opinionless moderator, as the trial judge must do in three-fourths of our states. In Canada a judge may try most criminal cases without a jury where a jury is waived by the defendant.

"In Great Britain and Australia the defendant elects to stand mute (or fails to testify in his own behalf) may, and generally does, charge the jury that they may consider the defendant's failure to testify in his own behalf. New Jersey is the only state where here a judge may do this."

clates in church and community until so recently, together mourn her departure and together extend their sympathy to the bereaved family. Funeral services were held at Burlington Thursday and the remains interred in a cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Finn and daughter, Viola, have moved to their farm at Bison, South Dakota. Mr. Finn departed several days ahead of the family, he going by freight with the stock and household goods.

Lloyd Macklin, Bonaparte ice man, has a large force of men at work on the ice here and with favorable weather, will fill his large ice house in a few days. The ice is from eight to ten inches thick and the quality is fine.

Wallace Bradford, who has been working in Canada, and also several of the eastern states, for the past two years, as a structural steel worker, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradford, and other relatives here.

Philip Whiteley, who attends Rush Medical school at Chicago, is here for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whiteley.

Miss Geo. McComb visited with her mother, Mrs. Rockefeller, who is in a Keokuk hospital, several days last week.

Miss Myrtle Woods of Iowa City, has been visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Robt. Meek.

The Wise Ancients. In the newspaper offices, anyway, there is no longer any indication to sneer at the ancients who used stone tablets instead of paper.

Illinois—Iowa—Missouri

IOWA. DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Six members of the Iowa national guard are answering summons before a summary court martial as the result of their refusal to drill. The mutinous guardsmen, it was stated, are members of Company L, First infantry, Burlington, and Company K, First infantry, Washington, Ia.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Rev. B. D. Allen, one of the oldest and best known Methodist ministers in the state, died at a local hospital here from the effects of an operation. Mr. Allen who was 81 years old, had been in the ministry for thirty-five years.

WALL LAKE, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Ripple & Herring have just finished delivering the popcorn raised on 37 acres near here to the elevator. The crop aggregated 112,940 pounds, which at \$2.65 per hundred, netted \$2,992.91, an average of \$80.89 per acre.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.—State banking department announced the total assets of the Iowa state and savings banks and trust companies on December 1 was \$465,311,325.82. The total deposits was \$384,483,604.76, or nearly \$55,000,000 more than thirteen months ago. The average reserve in all banks December 1 was 19.8 per cent.

OSAGE, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The Orchard creamery, five miles south of Osage, is to be abandoned after being in operation thirty-five years or more. The high cost of feed has made the expense of producing the butter too heavy. The creamery is said to be the oldest cooperative concern of the kind in the state with one possible exception.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.—K. Lancelot, agent for the state board of parole, has returned with Daniel Crabtree, who was captured at Mobile, Ala., after breaking parole in Iowa. Crabtree had been sent up originally from Muscatine for highway robbery. He has four years more to serve.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 29.—John M. Terry, for 48 years prominent in this city and Linn county, is dead at his home in this city. Mr. Terry was born in Ohio and after serving in the army he came to Iowa with his family in 1868, settling on government land in the southeastern part of Linn county. In 1891 he was elected to the state senate and moved to Cedar Rapids the same year. Since then he had been a big factor in the upbuilding of the city.

ILLINOIS.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 29.—State and county officials are of the opinion that Philip Vohlan, 56, a wealthy farmer of Washington, Ill., has been murdered and his body thrown into the Illinois river. He disappeared Christmas day. His automobile was found yesterday near the river at Pekin. Blood stains were found on the seat and floor of the auto. He had cashed a check for

MEMPHIS, MO.

Charles H. Tenney, the well-known circus band director and a life long resident of Memphis, died in a hospital in Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday night of this week. He went to Muskogee about six weeks ago for a visit with his brother, Hugh. From there he planned to go to Hot Springs, but his condition grew so bad that the physicians at Hot Springs advised against the baths and he returned to Muskogee for medical treatment. Deceased was one of the country's foremost band directors and was widely known over this section of the state. He leaves three sisters and four brothers to mourn his demise.

Miss Verna Tippett departed last Saturday for Boulder, Col., where on Sunday evening following, she was united in marriage to Earl Reed of Boulder, but formerly of this city.

Dewey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold, residing on the Lee T. Whitey farm, north of Arbia, died last Sunday after a brief illness. Deceased was a young man, well liked by a host of acquaintances and his death is deeply regretted.

At the parsonage of the First M. E. Church on Sunday, December 24, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. occurred the marriage of Clarence Arnold and Miss Ethel Mallett, Rev. E. B. Thompson pronouncing the words that made them man and wife.

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a large amount the day before he disappeared.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 29.—Isaac N. Ives, veteran rural free delivery carrier was taken into custody yesterday charged with failure to deliver mail. Postal inspectors found a large quantity of mail hidden in his barn, some of which had been on hand for many years. Ives asserted that it was not of sufficient value to be delivered.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 29.—W. D. Jordan, 86 years old, first mayor and tax collector of Pana, is dead in Los Angeles, Calif.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 29.—Changes in the Illinois criminal code to make automobile stealing and wife abandonment felonies, instead of misdemeanors, as at present, taking from juries the power of judges of the law in criminal cases, and giving judges power to comment on the facts in such cases, will be asked by the Illinois State's Attorneys' association which is in session here.

MISSOURI. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—Governor Major has commuted the sentence of William Jones, negro, who was sentenced in Jackson county to serve two years from August 12, 1915, for burglary. Jones was a "first" and was given a commutation because of faithful work about the executive mansion. He goes out January 1.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company was notified yesterday by the public service commission that it had suspended the increased rates for telephone service in Springfield until an investigation shows whether the company is entitled to increased revenue from its patrons.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict yesterday that J. R. Reynolds of Clarkburg, Mo., who was found dead upon the street in Jefferson City Christmas night, came to his death at the hands of "some party or parties unknown." It was first believed Reynolds' death was due to heart disease or apoplexy, but an examination of his head revealed the marks of what seemed to have been two blows just above the forehead.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 29.—Representatives and city officials of third class cities of Missouri met at Excelsior Springs and organized the Missouri City Manager league, the purpose of which is to procure an optional city manager law for third class cities at the coming session of the legislature. This will be a law such as was passed by the senate at the last session but did not come to a vote in the house.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—William H. Lewis of Scott county has been appointed state labor commissioner by Governor Major here. Lewis is owner of a newspaper at Benton.

of the Humphrey store room on the north side of the square of P. W. Smith, the jeweler, and will move his harness store therein this week.

Elizabeth Susan Thompson was born in Louisville, Kentucky, near Vanceburg in the year 1845. She came with her parents to Granger about 1845, and has been a resident there since that time. She passed away at her home December 24, 1916.

J. Olin Green and wife came the first of the week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berriman Green. His father is suffering from a sore eye received from a barbed wire cut on the eyeball a few weeks ago. The member is causing him great pain and it is feared he may lose the sight of that eye.

The second number of high school entertainment course was presented at the New Theatre last Friday night, an evening in magic with James Kater, the world-famed magician and entertainer. He gave his audience a delightful program and kept all spell-bound with his wonderful feats.

Last Friday H. L. Nere sold the Miss Inez Stanton residence property in North Memphis to Robert Howard. Consideration, \$1,000.

H. L. Nere last week traded W. A. Adams' 100-acre farm near Brock to C. A. Webber for his residence property in West Memphis.

The first annual poultry show of the Spencer County Breeders association opened in the Kinney block Wednesday. A goodly number of birds are already in and others are coming in. Exhibitors are here from all parts of the county and several from nearby counties have birds on exhibition. Secretary Reeves is on the job all the time. Make it a point to attend the show. You will be surprised at the beauty of the various varieties of fowls on display.

After an illness of several months Mrs. John M. Jayne died at St. Luke's hospital in St. Louis on Saturday, December 23. The intelligence of her demise brought sadness to the hearts of her many friends in Memphis as she was greatly beloved by a host of friends. She was a leader in social and church circles and being endowed with a happy disposition she rapidly made fast friends.

A short time ago George Nichols sold his bungalow in East Memphis to Edgar Eierman and last week he purchased the Frank Harkness lots, three blocks north of the Farmers' Exchange bank and will erect a modern home thereon in the spring.

A few days ago Perry Couch of near Memphis met with a mishap which might have proven serious. He was knocked down by a fractious colt bruised considerably, but no bones were broken. Dr. Bondurant was called to attend his injuries.

D. O. Morgan went to Brazil, Iowa, last Saturday to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Walnut Block Coal company. This company was recently reorganized with four stockholders. A force of men are at work and it is thought the company will be able to get coal here for Mr. Mor-

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MASONIC. Third floor Masonic Temple, Seventh and Blondeau. Eagle lodge No. 12, holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month. Gate City Chapter No. 7, R. A. M. regular meeting second Friday of each month. Hardin lodge, No. 29, holds its regular monthly meeting the first Monday evening of each month.

Elmira Chapter No. 40, O. E. S. holds its regular meeting the first Thursday of each month. Masonic Temple, Seventh and Blondeau. Mrs. Lillian Lloyd, W. M.; Mrs. L. N. Hahn, secretary.

DAMASCUS COMMANDERY NO. 5, K. T. Meets regularly every third Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. C. J. Eckland, E. C.; B. W. Merriam, Rec.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. Keokuk lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F., meets regular every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. John I. Linquist, N. G.; F. M. Pugh, Rec. Sec'y. Visiting brothers invited to attend.

Puckechuck lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. W. L. Utley, N. G.; George W. Immeget, permanent secretary.

Puckechuck Emancipation No. 7, meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month. John Eisenhuth, financial scribe.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, GIBBONS HALL. Keokuk Camp No. 622, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. Geo. W. Sweeney, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, clerk.

B. P. O. ELKS. Keokuk lodge No. 106, meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks hall, Sixth and Blondeau streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Alvin Kraft, E. R.; Leroy J. Wolf, secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES. Keokuk Aerie, No. 683, meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Eagle's hall, 523 Main street. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Phil Glaser, W. President; Charles A. Noakes, W. Secretary.

Morning Star lodge No. 5, meets at Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. building, Tuesday at 7:30. J. M. Skinner, chancellor commander; J. A. Burgess, K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL NO. 1039 meets the first and third Monday of each month at Hawkes hall at 8:00 o'clock. H. C. Dose, president; W. C. Thon, financier; Mrs. Blanche Marthner, secretary.

ROYAL ARCANUM. Keokuk council No. 536 meets first and third Friday each month, Hawkes hall, Eighth and Main. Visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend. C. E. Powell, regent; J. I. Annable, secretary.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE. Keokuk lodge No. 704, meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 p. m. in Moose hall, corner of Sixth and Main. Visiting brothers cordially invited. John G. Stadler, dictator; A. E. Moore, secretary.

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