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Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Wayne Democrat: W. H. Bradford and wife, of South Sioux City, came Saturday morning to visit with Walter Weber and wife and Dr. F. S. Blair and wife for a few days.

Sioux City Journal, 2nd: Born, in Sioux City, Ia., Friday December 1, 1916, to Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Watkins, of South Sioux City, Neb., at Maternity hospital, a daughter.

Walthill Times: The foot ball game played here yesterday between Dakota City and Walthill high school teams lacked nothing of excitement and wrangling over players that threatened to balk the game. There was a good attendance of spectators and the gate receipts exceeded \$40. The visitors outclassed the home team in weight and captured the game by a final score of 23 to 0.

Sioux City Journal, 3rd: Died, in South Sioux City, Neb., Saturday, December 2, 1916, Mrs. Hattie Janett Curry, 68 years old, a resident of South Sioux City for twenty-five years, of a complication of diseases. She is survived by four sons, G. N. Curry, William S. Curry, Charles Curry and Warren Curry, and three daughters, Mrs. May Wood, of Bandin, Ore.; Mrs. Sadie Johnson, of Sioux City, and Mrs. Rose Castor, of Sturgis, S. D. The funeral will be held at the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Dakota City, Neb., cemetery.

Wynot Tribune: The new hospital at Hartington is now almost completed and will be occupied about December 1 by its founder, Mrs. Mary McNamara. This lady, a trained nurse, possesses wonderful business ability, and by her efforts and the cooperation of the community, has built up a hospital that will not only be a credit and benefit to the community, but be the source of much benefit for Cedar county. Although not as large as the city hospitals, yet it is complete and modern, with eleven rooms for patients, a fine operating room, X-ray room, etc.

Sioux City Journal, 5th: Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 4.—To the Editor: Your reporter gave a rather hard "slam" at our loaning habit, in saying Sunday morning we had loaned Frank Boyles, brought back from Chicago, \$200 on a motorcycle. It was \$20, some difference. Some time it does no good to stir up these matters, but already, we have been criticised on this for loose loaning, when the opposite is the case, as we had in addition a strong salary note with power of attorney, authorizing us to collect his wages, and we had known him since a child over at

Jackson, Neb. But if you do mention it, kindly do so in the nature of our getting after people who try to beat us, very vigorously and within a month have rounded up six of them as follows: Three men who stole my car; man, who forged deposit slip; man, who forged check; man disposing of mortgaged property. Yours very truly, E. T. Kearney.

Sioux City Journal, 4th: A. L. M. Thwig and Arthur Schaffer, special officers of the Milwaukee railroad, have resigned. They will be succeeded by J. E. Sullivan, of Milwaukee, and William Johnson. . . . Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Janett Curry, 68 years old, a resident of South Sioux City for twenty-five years, who died Saturday afternoon of a complication of diseases, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church at South Sioux City. Burial will be in the Dakota City, Neb., cemetery. . . . Assistance of the police in locating her husband of a week was sought yesterday by Mrs. Ed Young, who lives at the Davenport hotel. The couple were married a week ago in Dakota City, Neb. Mr. Young had been employed in Hirst & Fladebo barber shop, 1015 Fourth street. It was the contention of Mrs. Young that her husband had deserted her. She said he had taken a suit case with him to the barber shop Saturday morning and had not reappeared. . . . Charles Young, 61 years old, who worked on Missouri river steamboats in the early 80s, died yesterday at Hubbard, Neb., of pneumonia. Young came to Sioux City in 1884 and lived here continuously up to last January. For the last twenty-five years he was employed by Charles R. Selzer, wholesale liquor dealer. The body was brought to Sioux City last night and taken to the Westcott undertaking rooms. He is survived by his widow and two brothers, Henry Young, of Kansas City, Mo., and Nicholas Young, who lives in Germany. Mr. Young was a member of Sioux City aerie No. 77, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the lodge will be in charge of the funeral services.

Sioux City Journal, 1st: Former Circuit Judge R. E. Evans has been retained by the Commercial club of Dakota City, Neb., to combat the action of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad in abolishing train stops at Dakota City, on the Norfolk branch line. A protest signed by residents of the town will be filed with the Nebraska state railroad commission at once and Judge Evans will petition the commissioners for an immediate hearing. It is probable that Judge Evans will act in concert with City Attorney Ward Evans, of South Sioux City, who will file a similar protest in behalf of the city council of that place. The city council will frame its protest at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening. . . . Organization of a company to take over the operation of the Combination bridge probably will take place soon after the first of the year, according to W. L. Selby,

of Omaha, who purchased the structure at a forced sale several months ago. At the present time the title of the entire holdings of the old Combination Bridge company is vested in Mr. Selby. The taking over of the property by a corporation will indicate whether the bridge will continue to be a private enterprise or be controlled by the Burlington, Union Pacific or some other railroad. According to the articles of incorporation of the Combination Bridge company the annual meeting of the stockholders should have been held in October, but owing to the complications arising from the sale was passed. It was stated yesterday by former attorneys of the bridge company that the old corporation had ceased to exist and that nothing will be done until Mr. Selby has formed a new one. The business of the company continues to be managed by F. L. Eaton, who was president of the old company.

Ponca Journal: Ponca high school's claim to the championship of northeast Nebraska were practically assured when they defeated the fast Homer team here Saturday. Out of five games played they have won 4 and tied 1.

At 3 o'clock Homer was on the field and ready to play. Ponca won the toss and Homer kicked to them, defending the west goal. Ponca advanced the ball to the middle of the field where they lost it to Homer on the fourth down. Homer could make no appreciable gain and the ball was Ponca's on the 35-yard line. The playing in the first quarter was the "luke warm" variety neither team being able to make a good gain. In the second quarter Ponca played real ball and by off tackle runs took ball to Homer's five yard line. Hines scored a touch down on a line plunge, Adams kicked goal. In the next five minutes Homer attempted a pass but Bray intercepted it carrying it across for a second touch down. Adams missed goal. Homer was penalized for slugging and offside. Heydon was called through the line on a shift play and a third touch down was counted for the Indians. Adams again kicked goal. In the second half, Homer came back and held the Indians to only one touch down. It was this quarter that Homer threatened to cross Ponca's goal for the first time this year, but the player was tackled 10 yards from the goal, losing the ball on fumble. Ponca carried it to within 10 yards of Homer's goal but a penalty for slugging took the gain away and the game ended 27 to 0 with the "Indians" holding the long end. The team as a whole did excellent work and in spite of the two weeks rest without practice proved their worth and ability to stage a come back. By reason of no defeat and comparative scores Ponca can rightly lay claim to the championship of northeast Nebraska. The time of quarters was 10-12-10-12. Referee, Peterson, P. H. S.; Umpire, Smith, Lincoln; Headlinesman, Rakow, P. H. S.

Farm Profits

Do favorable or unfavorable climatic conditions determine them? Yes, but more often the proper application or misapplication of generally recognized farming principles evolved by successful farmers and breeders and the government experiment stations: Farmer and Breeder is a compendium of the best ideas and successful methods employed by successful farmers and breeders. It is issued semi-monthly at Sioux City, Ia., and deals with farming conditions as they are here found. Its subject matter is strong and appeals both to the farmer and stockman. You want to farm profitably—every intelligent farmer does. Farmer and Breeder will help you to do this and more too.

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Looking Backward.

Sioux City Journal, Dec., 4, 1896: John Orr, of Dakota City, was in this market yesterday, contracting for the purchase of cattle to feed during the winter. . . . Nick Maher, who owns and personally conducts one of the largest farms in Dakota county, was in town yesterday. He said that one-half of the damage done across the river by the late storm had not yet been told. In Emerson township alone, Mr. Maher says, the damage will amount to thousands of dollars. Not only were large numbers of fruit trees ruined by the sleet which clung to the limbs and broke them off, but nearly every cottonwood and willow of respectable size in the township was split by the weight of the ice.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS RAILWAY INQUIRY

Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.

MAY CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railroads, telephone and telegraph lines and express companies.

The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Adanson of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee, Cullop of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The inquiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. He described as its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole."

Prominent Men as Witnesses.

In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, economists and others to appear before them. The first to be heard are railroad commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to opposing any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages and conditions of labor.

Chief interest in the hearings centers in the proposals that will be put forward by representatives of the railroads, for it is reported that they will advocate an extension of federal authority over rates and securities to the practical exclusion of state control of these matters. It is understood also that they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines.

Legislative Program of Railroads.

From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from the simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will, therefore, ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal body so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended, accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.

A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked, in order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.

With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more promptly, the railroads will urge that the period during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 60 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable. They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of discrimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it considers too low.

One of the most important recom-

mendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take into account in rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of expenses.

While the Newlands Committee is engaged, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 next, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

County Agent's Field Notes

BY A. H. BECKHOFF.

Short Course Instead of Institute

But a few more names are needed to assure the short course for Dakota county. Instead of the regular one day institute, there will be five days in which regular courses in agriculture will be offered. Prof. K. E. Warner, who was formerly engaged in the Minnesota university and now with the University of Nebraska, will handle the work with the live stock. Mr. Warner is a master in the art of butchering, cutting and caring of meats as well as a specialist in the feed and care of live stock. His connection with the short course is sure to insure unusual quality.

Prof. I. D. Wood, of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, will have charge of the farm motors division. With the advent of so many tractors in this section and the use of kerosene and gasoline as feeds for farm power instead of corn and oats, this feature should be of especial interest. Professor Wood will demonstrate with models of different farm motors. He also requests any one who has had trouble in getting engines started to bring them in and he will find the trouble and put them in running order before the class.

To many of the ladies Miss Scott needs no introduction. The high class of her work in connection with the Womens Rural Short Course last summer will be remembered. The work offered the women will be more distinct and advanced as the program will show. Miss Rokahr, who will have charge of the foods preparation and service, comes especially well qualified. The women's side of this short course is just as strong as the men's and we hope that it will be a grand success in the point of interest and attendance. Let all get together and boost to make this the biggest event of the year. Read the announcements next week.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By Clarence Linton.

Edward Cooley entered the sixth grade Monday.

The fifth and sixth grades received the quarter holiday for the month just ended. Their percentage of attendance was 98.6.

Horner and Horace Hansen were absent from the seventh grade Monday.

The seventh grade has completed the study of "The Vision of Sir Launfal."

The eighth grade are studying

"The Courtship of Miles Standish."

A collection was taken in the school Wednesday of last week to aid in the Tribune fund for Anna Holmberg. The contributions by rooms were as follows:

Miss Rosa\$2 25
Miss Cook1 70
Miss Fleming2 25
Miss Follett2 50
High School2 10
Total\$10 81

A new nature study chart has been purchased by the school board for which the teachers are very thankful. It is a gold mine of experience for pupils of all grades. Mr. Wagner, the man selling the chart, gave an interesting talk to all the school except the primary department, explaining the use of the chart and arousing the interest of the pupils in the study of nature as the first and most important study.

The last scheduled foot ball game of the season was begun at Walthill Thursday. Several car loads went down to witness what was expected to be the best game of the season. The weather was very favorable and our boys had never been in so good condition and Dakota City people generally were in high spirits. The boys in blue and orange did their part and every thing was in their favor until the end of the first half. Unfortunately two of the Walthill players were injured and taken out of the game. Walthill feigned to have no substitutes and slipped in two men who had played on the State Farm team and had won honors. Of course this was a violation of the spirit and intent of the game and could not be tolerated by the Dakota City team. No satisfactory substitution of players was made and the game ended at that point. The score stood 27 to 0 in Dakota City's favor, and the officials agreed that the game could not be forfeited. The D. H. S. boys are to be commended upon their conduct during the whole affair. They were playing the game as they had not done before, but their play was as clean as ever it can be played. A very earnest effort has been made to make the athletics of the high school of the highest possible type. We are far from satisfied with the results, but are very confident that an appreciable progress has been made. Foot ball should make men of the strongest character or be banished from the high school. We believe our boys are stronger in every respect because of their experience in the contest. It is a moral crisis for every boy to sacrifice self for the good of the team and control his temper and emotions that he may not bring reproach upon his fellows. We have had several adverse situations this year, but not discouraged by these, we shall endeavor to make them impossible for next year.

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3 Bars Fairy Soap25c
12 lbs Sugar\$1.00
3 pkgs Mince Meat25c
3 Lamp Chimneys25c
3 Lantern Globes25c
1 Doz. Bananas20c
6 lbs Sweet Potatoes25c
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