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E. B. Edgerton, for over twenty years in the employ of the Milwaukee railroad in this city as master mechanic and foreman of the blacksmithing department, has gone to Meeteetse, Wyo., where he will engage in business for himself. Mrs. Edgerton left yesterday to join him.

The body of W. B. Bayless, the Monona county farmer who died at the Goodrich hotel Friday, was taken yesterday by the son to the home at Castana, where the funeral will be held today. Mr. Bayless was 53 years of age and is survived by his wife and ten children.

Nels Nelson of 634 South First street left Saturday for Eureka, Utah, in response to a telegram announcing the death of his brother, Edward Nelson. Mr. Nelson and his brother have been developing a silver mining claim near Eureka and the brother met his death by falling down the prospect shaft on the property.

Floyd Sheffield, aged 17; Walter Williams, aged 15, and Albert Peuet, aged 18, three runaway lads from St. Joseph, Mo., were picked up by the police yesterday morning. They were found hiding under one of the Northwestern bridges and at first claimed they were from St. Louis. They will be detained pending word from their parents.

Edward Graham, 1026 Fourth avenue, and Wesley Johnson, 712 South Eighth street, were hunting squirrels in Fairview cemetery when found by Deputy Marshal Crum. The officer took their guns away and the lads were instructed to appear in police court this morning and explain how it happened that they were discharging firearms within the city limits contrary to the ordinances of the municipality.

Mrs. M. L. Kirkland, 175 Fifteenth avenue, has been called to Plymouth, Wis., by the death of her father, E. Kaestner, at the age of 82 years. Mrs. Kirkland, who is grand treasurer of the Iowa Degree of Rebekah, was preparing to attend the annual assembly of the order in Dubuque, which meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, when she received word of her father's death. She has delegated her official authority by power of attorney to Mrs. S. A. Sackett of this city, who will attend the assembly in her stead.

Wall Paper—For the next two weeks I will continue to sell wall paper at greatly reduced prices. Come and see me if you think of decorating. I am showing the latest novelties in pictures. Picture framing a specialty. W. S. Hewetson, Masonic Temple, Council Bluffs.

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FUNERAL OF EDWIN H. WALTERS

Services at the Grave in Charge of Order of Elks.

The funeral of the late Edwin H. Walters, exalted ruler of the Council Bluffs lodge of Elks, was attended by a large gathering of mourning friends and the cortege to the cemetery was a most imposing one, nearly 200 members of the lodge acting as escort. The services at the residence on Willow avenue were conducted by Rev. Marcus P. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, while the Elks' quartet furnished the music. At Fairview cemetery, where the body was laid to rest, the Elks took charge of the services. The active pallbearers were H. A. Quinn, V. E. Bender, F. S. Davis, H. A. Searle, Emmet Tinley, T. G. Green, C. E. Woodbury and F. T. True. The honorary pallbearers were H. H. Van Brunt, W. H. Towne, Fred Davis, J. B. Long, T. G. Turner, E. H. Doolittle, A. T. Elwell and O. P. Wickham. Among the numerous beautiful floral offerings was an immense set piece, five feet in height, the emblem of the order, from the Elks' lodge. The Elks' clubhouse on First avenue was draped in mourning.

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CHURCH FIFTY YEARS OLD

First Presbyterian Congregation Celebrates Its Golden Anniversary.

ADDRESS BY REV. THOMAS H. CLELAND

Pastor of Church from 1886 to 1892 Reviews First Twenty-Five Years of Church's History.

The special services Sunday at the First Presbyterian church in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation attracted congregations which completely filled the edifice morning, afternoon and evening. An interesting and likewise the principal feature of the morning service was the address of Rev. Thomas H. Cleland, D. D., who was pastor of the church from August, 1886, to June, 1892. His topic, "The First Twenty-five Years of the History of the Church," was mainly historical, his address being in part as follows:

A review of a half century's history of an individual church affords us an opportunity to estimate somewhat the value and influence of this imperium in imperio. The founder of Christianity describes it as the "salt of the earth," the "light of the world," thus fixing the indispensableness to the world. Eliminate the silent but continuous impact of Christian thought and godly living from the body politic and you create a Sodom on whose chief business corner no insurance company would take a risk, and within whose precincts no wise man would think of rearing a household any more than he would choose Sodom in the days of Abraham, or Paris during the French revolution. Fifty years history of this church, if it has been true to its mission and Master means that Christ has been living and shining and leavening the life of this city and commowealth.

What is true then in theory has become history. Fifty-two years ago two men met on a steamer ascending the Missouri. The one, Thomas Officer, was to establish a business here, the other, James B. Rue, to form a school for the training of the Presbyterian church. They induced a brother-in-law of Mr. Rue, Rev. John H. Hancock, to come out from Kentucky under the board of domestic missions to collect the scattered flock of God in this frontier town and set up the banner of the cross. To help in building the state, and in extending the kingdom of God. After two months' labor it was decided to organize a church. Accordingly the veteran missionary, Rev. L. G. Bell, organized this corporation into a church on the 12th of October, 1856, in the third story of the Empire block on Broadway, over the store of Mr. Snow, and placed it under the care of Des Moines presbytery. The thirteen charter members were Narcissa Beck, Malena R. Hardin, Martha E. Hogart, C. W. Boyers and wife, Sarah E. Pusey, Maria J. Hancock, Henry P. Warren, Hannah L. Warren, James B. Rue, Thomas and Elizabeth M. Officer and Susan Lee, a mute. Thomas Officer and James B. Rue were chosen ruling elders and C. W. Boyers deacon.

First Foundation Laid.

The foundation of a permanent brick house of worship was laid in 1857, on the site of the present edifice, but owing to the stringency of the times and the civil war the foundation remained a promise until 1865, when the superstructure was erected, the congregation worshiping in the basement lecture room until November, 1866.

A chain of circumstances brought the speaker, just out of Princeton, to become the pastor of the church, which he did August 1, 1886. He came expecting to remain a few weeks and remained sixteen years. The church was worshiping in the lecture room and had a roll of seventy-five resident members, earnest and determined.

On November 18 of that year, or in less than three months, the main audience room was completed and dedicated free of debt, the whole cost, including furniture and lot, $17,270. The zealous ladies of the church had a large part in raising the funds. When your speaker left the church in 1892 it had a membership of 350. Five hundred and one were added during the sixteen years' pastorate. On one occasion we received seventy-four on profession. The Sabbath school was always flourishing, and the prayer meeting the best I have ever known. The church had a young people's meeting of 100 members in the days before the Christian Endeavor.

The church has been fortunate in its pastors. It is due to history to tell how pivotal this church has been in establishing the wider kingdom of God. In 1887, when your speaker was 24 years of age, he was ordained, and on the same day he was made chairman of the committee of missions for the Presbytery of the Missouri river, whose territory extended from Winterset, Ia., to Sacramento, Cal., and from the Canadian to the Mexican borders. There were less than six ministers on either side of the river of the Presbyterian faith. The development of this vast region hinged for a time on this church. The congregation cheerfully loaned money for the organization and dedication of churches in Iowa and Nebraska and made frequent contributions to help the struggling churches on the prairie. In the establishment of what now comprises five synods, twenty-seven presbyteries, 600 churches and over 70,000 communicants, this congregation has had no small part.

Wide Influence of Church.

The influence this church has had only the recording angel knows. Some have grown up who are called millionaires, who were poor boys among us. They are using their wealth wisely, one such supporting a college and mission from his own fortune. Others adorn the judicial bench and legislative halls and as such have been potent factors in the nation. Not a few of the women of the church have become teachers and have ministered to the establishment of the hospitals for the sick and of homes for the friendless. Some have gone to preach the gospel and others to learn commercial life with honor and social life with sobriety and cleanliness. They have all been imperfect men and have done less than they might, but Council Bluffs as a city, Iowa as a state, and this nation has felt the heart throb of true souls, who have gone out from you, and many still remain who have done what they could for God and the race.

What story this church shall tell, what history it shall make in the next semi-centennial, no one can predict, but all can believe and pray that it shall be a larger, truer, and greater history.

Three Charter Members Survive.

The First Presbyterian church was organized October 2, 1856, and of the thirteen charter members, but three survive, Mrs. Sarah E. Pusey, Mrs. Hanna L. Warren and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Officer, who are still residents of Council Bluffs and were present at yesterday's services. Since its organization, 1,490 members have been received into the church and its membership today is 475.

In the afternoon a vesper communion service was held, at which Dr. Cleland and Dr. Stephen Phelps officiated, and new members were received. The address was made by the pastor, Rev. Marcus P. McClure, who took as his subject "Each One's Record." There was special music at each of the three services.

Address by Rev. Stephen Phelps.

Rev. Stephen Phelps, pastor of the church from February, 1887, to July, 1896, delivered the address at the evening services, taking "Memorials" as his theme. Dr. Phelps told of what the First Presbyterian church had accomplished in Council Bluffs, of how the money was raised for the erection of the present edifice and the addition containing the parlors and Sunday school rooms. In concluding his address he urged the congregation to erect a manse for its pastor as a memorial to the semi-centennial anniversary or failing that, to support a missionary either at home or in the foreign field. The congregation was fully able to do both, erect a manse and support a missionary, he said, if it cared to do so.

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HARD WORK FOR THE FIREMEN

Smoldering Fire in Shed Gives Department Two Busy Hours.

A smoldering fire in a corrugated iron shed in the alley between North Main and Bryant streets at the rear of W. A. Maurer's crockery store, filled with baled straw and excelsior for packing purposes, gave the fire department two hours' hard work last evening. The fire started in a heap of loose straw and other refuse outside the shed and finally worked its way inside. It is thought that the fire must have been smoldering for some time before discovered. As the shed is but about fifteen feet from the rear of Nevin's livery barn on Main street, the firemen had considerable work to prevent it spreading to the barn. The fire is thought to have been started by some one throwing the end of a lighted cigar or cigarette into the heap of straw and refuse.

Have you heard the good news? Our 1907 wall paper patterns are coming in and you will be right in it if you let us do your interior decorating; and when it comes to painting, we do not allow anybody to beat us in furnishing good materials and good work. Now is the best time to paint, the insects are all gone and the weather nicely settled. Let us figure with you. Jensen & Nicholson, 338 Broadway.

Ducks! Ducks! Ducks!

We have just captured the sole agency for the world-renowned Lefever shotguns. Just received a large shipment. Prices, $30 to $80. Peterson-Shoning Furniture and Hardware Co.

Light Election at Atlantic.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Whether the citizens of Atlantic desire to retain municipal ownership of the electric light plant or sell the plant to a private corporation, allowing them a twenty-five-year franchise for the use of the streets for a light, heat and power plant, in consideration of the payment of $30,000 to the city, will be decided at a special election to be held on November 17, the city council having voted the franchise and set that date for the election. The same company, the Illinois Securities and Construction company, has also asked for a twenty-five-year franchise for the use of the streets for an electric railway, with the understanding that a road will be built from here to Elkhorn. The Elkhorn people have already pledged nearly enough money to assure the building of the road. There is much opposition to the proposed sale of the plant and the election promises to be warmly contested on both sides.

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Heavy Docket at Atlantic.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Only three jury trials have been completed in the three weeks of the district court here, and Judge Thornell has decided to run the court another week in order to partially clear the heavy docket. This will encroach on the time allotted to Audubon. Five divorces have been granted at this term. The malpractice case of Peters against Dr. Campbell of Anita, that consumed ten days of the session, was finished yesterday and the jury returned a verdict for the defense seven hours after going out. The case was started for $5,000 for alleged malpractice in the setting of a broken leg.

Pictures for wedding gifts. C. E. Alexander, 333 Broadway.

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Truant Law Not Enforced.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that there are over 100 boys and girls under 14 years of age out of school working in factories and mills throughout Fort Dodge, not the slightest step has been taken to enforce the truant law here this year. The school superintendent reports that attendance is far below that of previous years, and the decrease is attributed to the failure to enforce the compulsory education law. The matter has only recently been made known and indignation is great among citizens who have heard of the conditions.

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Mail Catching Device Tested.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The final and official test of the Burr mail catching and delivering device, invented by F. H. Burr of this city, was given by a party of government officials and experts from the mail service Saturday at Anita. Mr. Burr has had several private tests of the device and all have proven very successful and he feels sanguine of the results. The tests have been made with trains running sixty miles an hour and everything worked smoothly.

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Iowa Library Association.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Council Bluffs was chosen as the next convention place of the Iowa Librarians at their meeting Friday. Officers were elected as follows:

President—Miss Ella McLoney of Des Moines.
Vice President—J. T. Hackworth of Ottumwa.
Secretary—Mrs. A. J. Barclay of Boone.
Treasurer—Miss Kate E. Thompson of Nevada.

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BUSY WEEK FOR SPELLBINDER

Big List of Assignments of Republican Orators in Hawkeye State.

DOLLIVER WILL MAKE ELEVEN SPEECHES

Governor Cummins and All Congressmen Are Slated for a Number of Places—Attorney General Scores Judge.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Spellbinders will be in every section of the state this week. There remains but three weeks of active campaign and the state central committee is working hard to line up the full republican vote for the state ticket. The appearance the past week of a number of prominent men on the platform to advocate voting the straight ticket has had some effect in favor of the republicans, it is believed, and a more hopeful air prevades the headquarters. That things will be active the coming week is witnessed by the following list of dates, published today by the state central committee headquarters:

Governor A. B. Cummins—October 13, Waterloo; 15, Clearfield; 16, Buxton; 17, Washington (afternoon); 19 and 20, in Indiana; 22 and 23, in Illinois.

Senator J. P. Dolliver—October 11, Cedar Rapids; 12, Tama (afternoon); 13, Perry; 15, Cherokee; 16, Independence (afternoon); 17, West Union (afternoon); 18, Strawberry Point (afternoon); 18, Monticello (evening); 19, Maquoketa (afternoon); 20, Denison (afternoon); 20, Carroll, (evening).

Hon. G. N. Haugen—October 11, New Hampton; 12, Waucoma; 13, Rockwell; 15, Waterville; 16, Allamakee county; 17, Clayton county; 19, Chester; 20, Lake Mills.

Hon. W. I. Smith—October 11, Wilton; 12, Eldon; 13, Osceola.

Hon. W. P. Hepburn—October 11, Garden Grove; 12, Russell; 13, Osceola; 16, Moravia; 17, Allerton; 18, Lineville; 19, Moulton.

Hon. B. F. Carroll—October 15, Davis county; 16, Wayne county; 17, Bunch; 18, Pulaski; 19, Hedrick; 20, Knoxville.

Hon. Warren Garst—October 11, Primghar; 12, Doon; 13, Esterville; 15, Gormania; 16 Britt; 17, West Bend.

Hon. A. F. Dawson—October 12, DeWitt; 15, Lamotte.

Hon. J. A. T. Hull—October 12, Bussey; 13, Pleasantville.

Hon. J. D. Connor—October 15, Orient; 16, Derby; 18, Burlington; 19, Brandon; 20, Delphi.

Hon. H. W. Byers—October 11, Marengo, with Cummins; 12, Oelwein, with Berry; 15, Clearfield, with Cummins; 16, Buxton; 17, Washington.

Hon. J. F. Lacey—October 12, South English; 13, Hedrick; 17, Bunch; 18, Pulaski.

Hon. William Larrabee—October 15, Fayette.

Attorney General Scores Judge.

A case will be submitted to the supreme court at the sitting this week which involves the question of whether or not it is obtaining money under false pretenses for a man to borrow money from a woman on the promise that as soon as he is established in a business by the aid of her funds, they will get married, if he failed to marry her. In the Polk county district court Judge W. H. McHenry sustained a demurrer to an indictment in the case of the state against J. W. Hollingsworth, the demurrer, being on the ground that the facts stated did not constitute the offense of obtaining money under false pretenses and further that the facts, if true, did not constitute an offense punishable by law.

In the argument of the attorney general, filed with the clerk of the supreme court, it is claimed, in substance, that such rulings are one of the reasons why the administration of justice at times falls into illrepute.

Hollingsworth was indicted by the Polk county district court two years ago. The charge against him was that he induced Mrs. Vella W. Rockwood, a widow of Des Moines, living at 600 East Grand avenue, to part with $800 of her money on a promise of marriage. It was charged on the part of the state that Hollingsworth was married to another woman three days before he obtained the money from Mrs. Rockwood, or on June 23, 1903, and that he pretended that he would go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and establish himself in business by use of the widow's money and that they would then get married, the wedding day being set for July 15, 1903.

Statistics on Truancy.

The statistics on truancy in the state of Iowa, that will make up one of the main features of the report of State Superintendent Riggs, which is now being prepared, show that in a large number of instances the fact that a child is a truant is to be laid to the door of the parents. This is a surprise to many educators of the state, and in a surprising number of cases the school officials have had to resort to punishing the parents by imprisonment before they could induce them to obey the law and allow the children to attend school. The reports now are nearly all in. The county and city superintendents have been asked to file reports for this feature of the report. The county superintendents give the results of the prosecutions in all the schools of the county, and the city superintendents are asked especially concerning the law in the city, both as to the compulsory attendance law and the child labor law. The main feature of the comments of the superintendents and principals is that the law has worked to cause pupils who had a tendency to be irregular in their attendance to be regular. One of the questions asked by the state superintendent is whether the law for compulsory attendance is operating to make the required sixteen weeks' attendance a sort of standard length of attendance, after which the bulk of the scholars would drop out. The responses all are thus far that it does not have that tendency.

Summer School at Ames.

Alumni and friends of the State Agricultural college at Ames are working up sentiment in favor of a summer school at Ames. The argument is being advanced that since the legislature has made appropriations for summer schools at the State university and at the State normal, it is no more than right that it should do the same at Ames. Another argument is that since the state has the expensive investment already made it should utilize it the year round and not let it stand idle three months in the year, especially the three months when agricultural education by actual experience could be best given. Some of the professors of the institution have been approached and have, in addition to favoring the move, offered to give their time for the summer months free of extra charge.

New Method of Fighting Trust.

A new method of fighting the trust grain elevators has been discovered by the farmers, assisted by a thrifty inventor. Within the last year or two a portable grain elevator for use on the farm has been invented and farmers use it for the saving of time. The same contrivance has now been improved upon so as to station it alongside of a car on a switch track. Several farmers purchase one in partnership. They order a grain car for a certain day and their combined granaries will fill the car and the portable elevator it hitched to the hind end of the wagon and taken home again. The portable elevator solves all the questions except that of how to handle the grain for immediate shipment when the roads are bad. It is in general use in Illinois and is said to have been introduced in northern Iowa, where the car shortage problem is an important one.

Guard Men in Campaign.

The interest of the National Guard of Iowa is being centered at this time on the campaign for the position of colonel of the Fifty-sixth regiment. The companies that make up the Fifty-sixth regiment are in the northwestern quarter of the state, and a vacancy has been created by the removal of Colonel William B. Humphrey of Sioux City, with his family, to Chicago, where he will make his permanent residence. The position is an elective one and the date of the election is not yet fixed, for the reason that Colonel Humphrey has not yet resigned his position. The election, however, is sure to come soon, and every possible candidate for the position is taking advantage of this fact to make a campaign of the district.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. Cooke of Des Moines, who is the next ranking officer of the regiment, is one of the candidates for the position. He was jumped over the heads of several other officers when he was made lieutenant colonel. Major Chantland of Fort Dodge is also a candidate. He has been identified with the National Guard in Iowa for a great many years. Another candidate is Major Parker, who has also been identified with the guard for many years, and in addition has a very enviable civil war record to his credit.

Prizes Offered for Corn.

The corn growers of Iowa are to have an opportunity to compete with the best they have for cash prizes. The best ten ears of corn of any variety that was raised in Iowa this year is worth $40 and a medal besides, which is to be given by the Department of Agriculture at the annual convention to be held at the state house December 11 and 12. In addition there are a lot of other prizes. The state is divided into three districts. By far the greater number of exhibits at last year's contest were from the central district of the state. The southern district came next and the northern district last. There were sixty-four entries from the central, thirty-three from the southern and ten from the northern.

Four prizes of $10, $8, $5 and $3 are to be given for the best ten ears of large yellow dent and the same prizes for ten ears of small yellow dent. For the large and small varieties of white corn prizes of $6, $4, $2 and $1 are to be given for the first, second, third and fourth best in the northern district.

In the central and southern districts the prizes are $10, $8, $5, $3, $2 and $1 for the six best entries of yellow, both large and small, and prizes of $8, $5, $3, $2 and $1 for the white. The sweepstakes prize is $40 and a medal.

Porter's Dates for a Week.

Claude R. Poter, the democratic candidate for governor, will speak at Maquoketa next Monday afternoon and at Clinton in the evening of the same day. October 16 he will attend the Presbyterian synod at Vinton as a delegate and will make no speeches that day. The 17th he will speak at West Liberty in the afternoon and at Marengo in the evening; the 18th at Audubon in the afternoon and at Atlantic in the evening; the 19th at Adel in the afternoon and at Stewart in the evening; the 20th at Winterset in the afternoon and he will give a reception there in the evening.

Students Badly Burned.

B. D. Baird and Miss Edna Berryhill, students in the conservatory of music at Drake university, were horribly burned by a gas explosion at the university today. Baird entered a vault in the building with a lighted match. Illuminating gas had escaped in some manner into the vault and the explosion that followed shook the entire building and threw Baird out of the vault and across the room. Miss Berryhill of Adel, Ia., was standing outside the vault and some distance from it. Her hair was badly burned and she was burned about the face and hands. Both were hurriedly placed under medical attention. There is no immediate danger, though they will probably be badly disfigured from their burns and bruises. They were the only ones hurt. Some damage was done to the room. The escape of gas was detected about the building for some days, but no one had entered the vault for some time.

Fountain Resigns.

Thomas E. Fountain, the republican nominee for the legislature in the Johnson county district, has withdrawn from the race, which leaves the field open to Hon. George W. Koontz of Iowa City, the democratic nominee and the present representative from that county.

Publish Their Records.

A. L. Urich, president of the Iowa Federation of Labor, is sending out to the union labor men in each county of the state the records of the legislators in those counties on all labor bills that were up before the legislature last winter. Mr. Urich denied today that the federation has singled out for defeat any particular candidates, but said he was furnishing to each county the record of its legislators on labor problems.

Requisition for Nebraskan.

Governor Cummins Saturday honored the requisition of Governor Mickey of Nebraska for the return of Maurice Dwinger to York county, where he is wanted to answer to the charge of obtaining $40 on false pretenses. He is now in custody in Ottumwa, Ia. Sheriff John H. Afflerbach of York county, Nebraska, took the prisoner back. Dwinger represented himself to Lint Kealiher of York county as being a traveling agent and buyer for J. S. Smith & Co. of Grand Island, Neb., purchasers of hides. He induced Kealiher to advance him $40 on a draft of J. S. Smith & Co. It is charged that he was not employed by Smith & Co. and had no right to draw on them.

Another Candidate Out.

Z. H. Gurley of Decatur county is a candidate for appointment to the position of warden to the penitentiary at Anamosa. Gurley was deputy warden from 1898 to 1904 and was a member of the legislature at the time W. A. Hunter was selected warden, the legislature at that time making the selection. Mr. Gurley is considered a strong candidate for the position. In addition andother new candidate is P. W. Madden, county jailer here. He was for a short time warden of the Anamosa penitentiary.

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Man Suddenly Becomes Insane.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—After a delicate operation on his eyes, which apparently had been successful, William Falkerts, an aged and respected citizen of Manson, was found in the cellar of an abandoned building here, a raving maniac. The opinion of physicians is that a sudden and violent attack of excruciating pain unbalanced his mind.

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Wreck on the Wabash.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Oct. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Perkins, aged 27 years, was probably fatally hurt in a wreck on the Wabash seven miles north of here Saturday evening. A freight train had become stalled and a passenger train was helping it over the hill, when a truck broke and eight cars piled up. Perkins, who was riding in a coal car, was caught beneath the debris. His right leg, shoulder and arm are broken and he is badly bruised about the head and body. Among the wrecked cars were two car loads of apples which had been loaded here Saturday. The track was blocked until nearly noon today.

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