

Council Bluffs.

FRUIT MEN THIS WEEK

Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of Southwestern Society.

EXHIBIT GIVEN SAME TIME

J. N. Minnick Made Superintendent of Exhibits, Which Promise to Be Extensive in View of Fine Crop This Year.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Southwestern Iowa Horticultural society will be held here this week, beginning Tuesday and closing Thursday. On account of the splendid prosperity of the orchardists during the last two years and the renewed and intelligent interest that is being taken in fruit growing and marketing the meeting of the society this year promises to be the most largely attended and the most valuable in its history. President M. J. Wragg of Des Moines will preside and all of the other officers who are located all over the western half of the state will be here, taking active parts.

All of the meetings will be held in the auditorium of the public library building, and in a large vacant store room across the street will be made a fruit exhibit of such character and magnitude that it will be entitled to the designation of an exposition. The state will make a box exhibit of all the apple varieties that have responded to the intelligent culture and care of the Ames experts during the last few years, particularly those from the experimental orchard on the Royer farm near this city.

J. N. Minnick has been made superintendent of the exhibits and has been preparing for the fruit show along the same lines he followed during the exhibitions of the National Horticultural congress. There will be box and plate exhibits from all parts of the western half of the state and from Eastern Nebraska. Prizes for county and individual exhibits ranging from \$10 down will be paid. Prof. Laurens Greene of Ames will conduct a packing school, imparting lessons of utmost value to orchardists. Following is the program for the three days:

First Day, Tuesday.
Session opens at 10 a. m. Placing of exhibits. All exhibits must be correctly named and labeled and in place before the opening of the afternoon session Tuesday.

Opening Session—Invocation. Address of the president. Report of directors. Discussion of report. Report of the treasurer. Report of the secretary. Appointment of committees.
10 P. M.—Things to Eat Other Than Meat. Miss Minnie Avery, Council Bluffs. "Poisoning." Hon. Eugene Secor, Forest City. "Climate Improvement." Ray Floyd, Des Moines. "Some Desirable Fruits and Lilies." M. J. Wragg, Ames. "Some Desirable Fruits and Lilies." M. J. Wragg, Ames. "Flowers for the Home." Roy E. Wilson, Council Bluffs. "Can We Increase Interest in Horticulture?" C. G. Marshall, Arlington. "Vegetable Crops and General Discussion."

Evening Session, 8 o'clock, at Library—Music. Young Women's Christian association orchestra. Address of welcome, Dr. J. H. Beveridge. Response, M. J. Wragg. Song, Imperial quartet. Address, Dr. A. G. Buxton. Music, Young Women's Christian association orchestra. Recitation, Mrs. Robert B. Wallace. Address, "Climate Improvement." W. R. Orchard. Song, Imperial quartet. Music, Young Women's Christian association orchestra.

Second Day, Wednesday.
Morning Session—"Growing Cherries." Frank C. Pellett, Atlantic. M. J. Wragg, Des Moines, and others to be followed by general discussion on growing cherries and small fruits. "Results of Not Spraying." M. Pugsley, Woodbine. "Spraying." Clayton G. Garrett, Adelphi. and F. P. Spencer, to be followed by general discussion on spraying, including material, methods, etc. Question box and answers.

Afternoon Session—Missouri River Hill Lands for Fruit. G. A. Marshall, Arlington. "Landscaping and Laying Out Home Grounds." M. J. Wragg, Des Moines. "Seeds and Summer Flowering Bulbs." G. D. Black, Independence. "Orchard House Project of the Iowa Experiment Station at Council Bluffs." Prof. Laurens Greene, Ames. Address (subject to be chosen). Prof. Laurens Greene, Ames. Question box and answers.
Evening Session—Election of officers and choosing place of next year's meeting (subject to be chosen). Prof. J. H. Wragg, Ames. "Flowers for General Planting." Wesley Greene, secretary State Horticultural society. "Our Bird Friends." Frank C. Pellett, Atlantic. This will be illustrated by lantern slides. "Home Adornment" (illustrated). Prof. A. T. Erwin, Ames. The program for this evening is planned to make the meeting especially interesting for people generally, including women and children, whether from city, town, village or country.

Morning Session—Packing school. Prof.

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time. Council Bluffs. This school will be held in the Merriam block and those who have fruit are requested to bring same to be packed and assist in the demonstration. As the packing and handling of fruit is one of the most important items connected with commercial horticulture, we trust that many members will bring fruit and assist in making this school a success. Commercial fruit packers are invited to be present, bring fruit and assist. Questions answered and free discussions will follow the demonstrations and be part of the school, occupying the entire forenoon if necessary and interest warrants that much time for the school.

Monfort Carries a 200-Year-Old Cane

On Christmas day forty-two years ago, R. T. Monfort, civil war veteran, who is always the life of every little coterie of old soldiers, was given a marbled and knobby cane by his father, Aaron Monfort. It was a deathbed gift, for on the eve of that Christmas day the father died. He had carried the cane for more than half a century after his father, John Monfort, had given it to him just before his death. The cane had come into the possession of John Monfort in a bequest from his father, Henry Monfort, who had carried it and it highly on account of the associations through which it connected him with many stirring incidents in "Old Kentucky" in colonial days. In the young manhood of the great-grandfather the cane had been carved with a hunting knife from a tough mountain willow that had been deeply scarred by the strangling hold of a growing vine, until it resembled an Archimedes screw. Mr. Monfort was thumbing along the streets with it yesterday as he had for many of the last half of his seventy-two years of life, and stopped to show a friend the weather-defying polish that nearly 200 years of use had given it.

The cane is the color of mahogany, as hard as iron and almost as heavy as lead. The original knob the carver had adorned it with had long since worn out, and its present owner has given it its second head of solid silver.

"If this old stick could tell all it has seen and some of the things it has done it would be an interesting story," said Mr. Monfort. "It has been a faithful support for a line of very long-lived men, and it has been an offensive and defensive weapon on many occasions. It's better than a blackthorn shillalah as a sleep producer and it will not break under any reasonable strain. It's of the good old Kentucky stock that can always be depended upon."

Mr. Monfort expects the venerable stick to be carried forward through the family for many generations. It was his fondest hope that he could give it to his youngest son, William Monfort, but the young man was just concluding five years' service in the navy when he was sent to his death by the Spaniards who blew up the Maine. The battleship was destroyed on February 15, and on April 15 the young man's term would have expired. Another son, John T. Monfort, named in honor of his great-grandfather, stands in line to receive and to bequeath it to his son, who is now 9 years old. If its future possessors cherish and guard it as zealously as it has been in the past, escaping the contingencies of theft and holocaust, it ought to be serviceable a thousand years hence.

Y. W. C. A. Calendar.
The program for the week's work at the Young Women's Christian association shows these events:
Sunday—There will be no vesper services Sunday afternoon on account of the mass meeting at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church.
Monday—At 7:30, orchestra practice.
Tuesday—At 7:45, girls' club. Miss Royer, leader; 4, social and educational committees meet; 7:15, gymnasium class; 8:15, singing.
Wednesday—At 3:45, Aynda club.
Thursday—At 4, membership committee; 8, joint physical department exhibition at the Young Men's Christian association building.

We make a specialty of framing pictures for Christmas at reasonable prices. See us first. H. Borwick, 211 South Main.

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Council Bluffs Office of The Bee is at 14 NORTH Main St. Telephone 43.

David, drugs—Advertisement.

Victoria, la. A. Hospe Co.—Advertisement.

CALL FOR one of Bushnell's new subscription catalogues.—Advertisement.

H. Borwick for wall paper.—Advertisement.

Corrigan, undertakers. Phones 143.—Advertisement.

Wooding Undertaking Co. Tel. 33.—Advertisement.

TYPEWRITERS for sale or rent at Bushnell's.—Advertisement.

FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.—Advertisement.

Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 3.—Advertisement.

BLANK BOOK WORK. Morehouse & Co.—Advertisement.

We make shades to order, any color or style.—Advertisement.

Some very fine diamonds just received at Lettner's.—Advertisement.

For the best work in picture framing, see Borwick, 30 and 31 South Main street.—Advertisement.

BUSHNELL is now opening up a beautiful line of Christmas cards.—Advertisement.

SUBSCRIBE for your magazines at Bushnell's. He gives lowest rates.—Advertisement.

TO SAVE OR BORROW, SEE C. H. Mutual Bldg. & Loan Ass'n, 123 Pea.—Advertisement.

BUDWEISER on draught—The Grand Boulevard in bottles at all first-class bars.—Advertisement.

SEE THE new Elbe files for home and office at Bushnell's.—Advertisement.

The C. M. L. club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. L. Stephens on Madison avenue on Wednesday evening, December 11.—Advertisement.

Bluff City lodge, No. 71, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will meet Saturday evening at 7:30 for work in the second degree.—Advertisement.

Miss Nellie Bender will exhibit her Christmas beginning Wednesday, December 11, continuing until Christmas, at 146 Park avenue.—Advertisement.

You get the lowest price, easiest terms and best guarantee on your new car when you purchase at A. Hospe Co., 407 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.—Advertisement.

BUSHNELL repairs all fountain pens.—Advertisement.

Excelsior lodge, No. 239, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will meet in special communication Monday evening, December 10, at 7:30 o'clock for work on the second degree.—Advertisement.

Come to the Xmas sale Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 3, 1912, St. Francis Academy auditorium, conducted by the Alumnae association.—Advertisement.

Charles Kirkpatrick, alias Mark Kinsaid, 29 years old, is being held at the police station after his arrest was made at the request of Sheriff Rock of Harrison county.—Advertisement.

Harmony chapter, No. 25, Order of Eastern Star, will meet in special session Saturday evening, December 7, for initiation. All members of the Star are cordially invited.—Advertisement.

BUSHNELL has the best stock of Bibles.—Advertisement.

Jewel court, No. 2, Tribe of Ben Hur, will meet in regular session in the high hall, Tuesday evening. The annual election of officers will be held. All members are requested to be present.—Advertisement.

W. E. Withrow and Miss Minnie J. Withrow, both of Omaha, were married last evening by Rev. Dr. Marcus P. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at the parsonage. They were accompanied to Council Bluffs by Miss Grace Shedd and Robinson, who acted as bride's maid and best man. They will make their home in Omaha.—Advertisement.

Judge Walter L. Smith left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis, where he will sit in the district court of appeals. He will return on December 21 to remain home until after the holidays and will then continue his work on the bench at St. Louis. On his return, Judge Smith will make a visit to Godfrey, where his daughter, Barbara, is attending the Monticello academy, and bring her home for the holidays.—Advertisement.

ALL THE new books at Bushnell's.—Advertisement.

Police Captain Shafer and a squad of officers at 11 o'clock last night raided a house at 121 Avenue A and placed two women and one man under arrest. The women gave the names of Effie Smith and Ruby Houghton. The man, who owned the place, the man gave the name of J. W. Smith. Several other men were there, but they escaped. The woman claimed the woman found in his company was his wife. Smith is a man who weighs 235 pounds and the club of the Burlington Commercial club is at the head of the movement and is organizing in southeastern Iowa. The State Manufacturers' association is also interested and will aid in making a fight to prevent any legislation of the kind presented in the report made to the governor.—Advertisement.

Beef Trains Will Start.

The special trains through Iowa to be run in the interest of better beef production will start a week from Monday on the Burlington railroad. This is under the auspices of the Iowa Beef Cattle association and by the aid of a legislative appropriation. A car has been fitted up as a special stable car to carry a number of cattle of the best beef breeds to be used in demonstration work, and a corps of lecturers from the State college will hold meetings at all stations along the way where farmers can come to be instructed. The work will be continued through the winter.

Temperance War Causes Friction.

A war is on between Waterloo and Waverly over saloons. Since the Waterloo saloons were closed by operation of law the interurban electric line to Waverly has had an enormous increase in business.

At the last meeting of the St. Alban's lodge, No. 77, Knights of Pythias, a test was commenced to increase the membership and secure stock subscriptions to the new Pythian Castle hall. Ray Cook and Brandt Crocker were chosen captains and each selected a team of twenty members. At the end of the contest a banquet was to be served and the team that fails to secure the greatest number of new members and the least amount of stock subscriptions is obliged to pay for the banquet, which will be served to all of the members of the lodge. The annual election of officers of the lodge will occur at the meeting next Tuesday night.

It is possible that Verne Harrington, a young farm hand residing near Omaha, may find himself entangled in the meshes of the white slave law. He was in police court yesterday after he had been placed under arrest the night before at a rooming house on Broadway near Tenth street above the saloon formerly run by a colored man. With him was Gladys Anderson, aged 16, and Minnie Lutz, 20 years old. The Anderson girl told the police that Anderson had brought her from Sioux City and that she had been leading an immoral life since coming here. The other young woman had also come from Sioux City. The Anderson girl was charged with disorderly conduct and the younger was sent to the Creche. Harrington, who is 28 years old, is being held for investigation.

After continuing for two weeks, the nominations for officers of the local association of leading citizens for candidates for the presidency and several for some of the other officers. The election will take place on Tuesday afternoon, when the nearly 500 members are expected to cast their votes for their favorite candidates. The election will open at 2:30 in the afternoon and close at 9 o'clock in the evening. Following are the names of the candidates in nomination: For president, W. H. Barghausen, Wallace Benjamin, Harry M. Brown, Thomas Maloney, vice president, H. Griffith, chaplain, Robert L. Low, Charles H. Mackland, secretary, F. C. Hendricks, E. L. Dickason; treasurer, P. J. McBride; inside guard, Jens Jensen; outside guard, John T. Beach; trustee, James S. Sittler; physicians, Dr. W. M. Green and H. A. Reichenbach.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following named persons:

Name and Address. Age.

C. N. Dryden, Magnolia, Ia. 27

Sarah Perry, Magnolia, Ia. 18

Sherman Rodman, Omaha. 24

Leila Johnson, Omaha. 23

Iowa

BEET RAISERS GETTING RICH

Northeastern Iowa Farmers Receive Quarter of Million.

FISH BEING PLACED IN LAKES

Commercial Clubs in Cities of Eastern Iowa Organizing to Aid in Making Fight Against Employers' Liability Law.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Farmers of northeastern Iowa are comparing notes and boasting of their success this year in raising sugar beets and the owners of the big sugar factory at Waverly are giving out statistics showing how enormously the business has grown in recent years.

The factory at Waverly represents an investment of \$200,000 and has a daily capacity of 1,500 barrels of sugar. The company employs 300 men during the working season. The beets are grown in five or six counties in the vicinity. This year the farmers will receive over \$250,000 for the beet crop and about \$100,000 has already been paid out. Some of the results of beet farming are said to be better this year than ever before. In Mitchell county the average yield was about twelve and a half tons to the acre and a few farmers secured \$35,000 for the crop. In Cerro Gordo county one field is reported which yielded a little less than twenty tons to the acre, for which more than \$5 an acre was received. Contracts are now being made for next year, but the acreage will not be materially increased as the factory is used to its capacity at the present time.

Farm Land Improvement.

The work of directing the movement for improved farming in various counties of Iowa under the auspices of the agricultural department and the state college has already commenced and John W. Coverdale, who is in special charge of this work, will devote his entire time to it. The college extension department also this week commences the most extensive series of short courses ever planned for the state. The department will go into many counties this year with short courses that have never had the advantage of this work, as it is found that only a small part of the state has been covered in the past. The first of the country short courses is at Decorah commencing tomorrow. Director Kennedy, who is charge of this work, has also arranged for a number of two-day courses where it has not been possible to have longer ones. An effort is to be made to secure from the legislature funds for a complete soil survey of Iowa to the end that the state college may have full information as to soil conditions in all parts of the state.

Placing Fish in Lakes.

The state fish and game department is engaged in placing fish in some of the northern Iowa lakes. The fish are secured from the bays along the Mississippi river or from fish hatcheries and are taken in special cars to the lakes. Several thousand young fish—bass, clupea and pickerel—were placed in storm lake last week, and other loads of fish will go to Okoboji and other lakes.

The game department also reports that a great many game birds were raised in the state this year from the birds sent to farmers during the summer. These are chiefly the Hungarian pheasant.

Organize to Fight Laws.

The commercial clubs of the cities of eastern Iowa are being actively organized to aid in making a fight against the proposed laws for employer's liability in Iowa. The point of attack at first is to be the fact that provision is made for a system of mutual support which is referred to as a state insurance company. The employers of labor say they have no objection to the system, but they do not desire that any way like this shall be provided for caring for the losses. Secretary Egan of the Burlington Commercial club is at the head of the movement and is organizing in southeastern Iowa. The State Manufacturers' association is also interested and will aid in making a fight to prevent any legislation of the kind presented in the report made to the governor.

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ACKLEY—Rev. O. H. Pershing of Pueblo, Colo., has received a unanimous call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

MASON CITY—Reuben Emil Nequist, one of the teachers of the Mason City high school, sprung quite a surprise on his friends when he went to Moline, where he has been united in marriage with Miss Esther Elizabeth Carlson.

MASON CITY—The annual memorial services for the Elks was held in this city Sunday.

CHARLES CITY—Ray, Weirick of Des Moines, the landscape artist, has been here looking over the work of planting the new city park known as the Sherman woods.

Send Words to Washington.

More than 5,000 words of testimony were boxed up in the office of W. C. McArthur, clerk of the federal court, to be sent to Washington. This is the transcript of the testimony in the recent gas rate case which the United States supreme court is to pass upon. It was the largest transcript ever sent out of the local office.

Former Omaha Ad Man Dies in Houston, Texas.

Information has been received in Omaha of the death of Arthur C. Seline at Houston, Tex. The report gave no details. A brother, A. J. Seline, has gone to Houston.

Mr. Seline was employed in the advertising department of a local newspaper for five years prior to going to Houston a year ago last August to take a position with the Chronicle.

Mr. Seline was married in Omaha the night he went to Houston. His wife is an Omaha young woman.

Mr. Seline was 25 years old and was born and reared in Omaha. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Seline, live at 1718 South Twenty-eighth street.

Besides his widow, son and parents, Mr. Seline is survived by these brothers and sisters: N. J. Seline, Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Mrs. R. A. Fry, Miss Edith Seline, J. T. Seline, Elmer N. Seline and S. A. Seline.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

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Woods May Die of Pneumonia Attack

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., Dec. 1.—Congressman Frank P. Woods of the Tenth Iowa district, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Members of the family have been called from California. He is not expected to live twenty-four hours.

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