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PAVEMENT EASILY REPLACED

McLaughlin Says Defective Pavement of Last Year Can Easily Be Made Right.

The question of whether or not the pavement on South Washington street that was affected by the frost last fall will have to be all replaced or but partially has been argued both pro and con on the streets of Eldora the past week. J. A. McLaughlin of the firm of J. S. McLaughlin & Sons, the contractors for this year's paving and a disinterested party as far as last year's contractors are concerned, says that he absolutely knows from personal experience that the pavement in question can be made perfect without taking it all up. Mr. McLaughlin says that he has sidewalks that were laid seven years ago late in the fall and were harmed by the frost, that were treated by his method and are today equal to any sidewalk that never suffered from the effects of the frost.

The system, according to Mr. McLaughlin, is to first wash the pavement good, using a regular fire hose, then to wash the pavement with a four per cent solution of sulphuric acid, the object in this being to have the acid eat the cement off leaving the sand and gravel surface as cement will stick better to sand than to cement. After twice washing the solution off a cement gun is used to place the new portion. This is then covered with wet sand and allowed to dry. When the sand is swept off the pavement is the same and equal to any made.

McLaughlin says he believes there is absolutely no question about the honesty of the contractors last season, the only fault being that the pavement in question was laid late in the fall and was affected by the frost. As the city has a binding guarantee and bond covering this, the pavement will be replaced without any trouble.

POPULAR PRIEST QUILTS

Rev. Father Carroll of Tama, Well Known in Hardin County Severs Long Pastorate.

Sunday morning of last week before a large congregation Rev. Father Patrick J. Carroll informed his parishioners that he was conducting his closing service as their pastor and priest. The scene was touching. The priest, who had served his people long and faithfully, with great difficulty controlled his emotions and was scarcely able to continue the service. In all parts of the great congregation handkerchiefs were in evidence and stifled sobs were heard for Father Carroll has endeared himself to his people as few ministers could. He is well known in Eldora, and in fact throughout Hardin county.

It will be twenty-five years next October since Father Carroll was given charge of the Tama Catholic church. There were forty-seven families related to the church, while now there are about 350. The buildings consisted of a small frame church, now used for a hall, and a small dwelling. In contrast to these there are the fine large church worth \$30,000, a parish house and school that brings the property valuation somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000. And this, thanks to the untiring efforts of Father Carroll, is practically free from debt.

Father Carroll was compelled to give up his work and request a transfer on the urgent advice of his physician on account of an affection of the throat that might prove serious under the strain of the present heavy work.

He takes charge of a new field, St. Cecilia Parish, a mission field in the southwest part of Howard township near Alta Vista, where with the less taxing work it is believed his health will be recovered.

Father O'Brien of Eagle Grove will succeed Father Carroll for the present at least.

HARDIN'S DELEGATES

Seventeen Delegates Represent Hardin County At Convention Wednesday

The seventeen delegates from Hardin county who were selected at the Republican county convention held at Eldora to attend the State convention at Cedar Rapids yesterday are:

Thos. Walsh, A. D. Davis, Robert Higginbotham, Thos. Lytle, G. C. Marshman, Henry Anderson, C. G. Miller, Arthur Smallbridge, F. K. Long, J. L. Farrington, S. B. Stonerook, J. B. Parmalee, A. J. Scales, Robert McCall, K. Olsen and E. B. Pritchard.

WHERE THE BALL BOYS ARE

Location of Players who Appeared On Eldora Diamond Last Year.

Fans will be interested in knowing where the different members of the semi-professional base ball clubs that appeared in this city last season will play the coming season.

Bert Sweely, one of the best men that ever wore a wind pad in this city will go out with Hopkins Bros. All Nations Club; Artie Baird, the hitting kid, will play third base for the Mason City club; "Skin" Marshall is trying out with the Sioux City club of the Western League, also Corbin late of the Charles City club; Baker, at one time a pitcher on the local club, will be with Emmetsburg, as will Morgan, formerly manager of the Humboldt club; Jack Palmer, the man with the fog horn voice, will manage a club in the Nebraska State League, and that Jack will make good goes without saying; Clemons who played with Union a couple of seasons ago, is back with Wichita, Kansas, in the Western League and is doing fine work for that club; "Tommy" Mee, manager of last year's Estherville club is playing short stop with the same club; Jarnigan, with the 1909 club of this city, will pitch for the Des Moines Western League club; Wally Ellert will probably go into South Dakota again this year and show the natives what real pitching is; Hubbard and Carrigan have not as yet signed with any of the semi-professional clubs, both are valuable men and will make any club good men in case they decide to play this season.

Altho Eldora will not be on the map the coming season, as far as base ball is concerned, nevertheless, it is the intention to put on a first class base ball tournament in this city sometime during the summer and the people will have the opportunity of seeing their favorites in action once more.

MANY BOYS PAROLED

State Agent Vial Places Many Boys Of Industrial School On Farm and In Shops of Iowa.

According to Solon C. Vial, State agent for the Iowa State Industrial School for boys here, almost thirty boys from the institution have been paroled to work on farms within the past few weeks. He says the demand for capable boys from the school has more than exceeded the supply. A number of boys, who have learned trades while at school, have been placed in shops where they command good salaries. Some of the trades taught in the various shops of the school are blacksmithing, painting, steamfitting, printing, carpentering and the like. While it is comparatively easy to find positions on farms for boys, more trouble has been experienced in the locating of boys who have learned trades in desirable shops, it having been necessary, in several instances, to hold the boys sometime after they have acquired the necessary number of merits to warrant parole. Boys are always placed with people and in surroundings where the environment is good and the chance to lead good and honorable lives not marred with the association of persons of questionable character.

Boys who are paroled are required to make reports to the school at stated intervals and a watch is kept on them by the state agent, who acts in the capacity of guardian and the boys may go or write to him for advice at any time or make complaints if they feel that they are not receiving just treatment from their employers. At times there are more than three hundred boys paroled out over the state in this manner.

TAX COLLECTIONS GOOD

Taxes Paid By Hardin County People Better This Year Than Heretofore—March Collections

Taxes have been paid into the office of County Treasurer J. B. Starr, Jr., better this year than for several years. The tax collections during the month of March were the heaviest in the history of the county for March, the regular tax collection being \$174,000.00.

ACKLEY DEFEATS ALDEN

First Game in High School League Results in Alden's Defeat—Score, 4 to 3

The Ackley High school base ball team defeated the Alden High School nine at Ackley Saturday by a score of 4 to 3. This is the second game played and the second victory for the Ackley team in the Hardin county high school league.

AUTO OWNERS MUST PAY UP

County Attorney Bryson Directed By Secretary of State to Prosecute All Delinquents.

Automobile owners of Hardin county who have not paid their taxes will be prosecuted by County Attorney Eryson unless they pay their taxes on their cars soon. The auto tax makes it the duty of the county attorney to check the list of owners in their respective counties when the same is sent to them by the secretary of state. Mr. Bryson has received the list of delinquents in Hardin county and there are several. The tax is eight dollars for twenty-five horse power and forty cents for each additional horse power.

The mere fact that a person does not use the car or that he has sold it since the first of the year does not exempt him from the tax. Persons who disposed of their car prior to January 1 of this year and did not report same to the secretary of state are assessed and must pay the tax. The penalty for non-payment is fifty dollars or less.

Many persons also have the idea that they should not be made to pay the tax because they use their cars but little, but the fact remains that they must pay or subject themselves to prosecution.

The numbers this year are different from last, in that they are black plates with white numbers and letters; last year they were blue plates with white letters and numbers. Two sets of plates will be sent by the secretary of state as usual, one for the rear and one for the front of the car.

OVER NINETY AT DEATH

Mrs. Susan Albright Dies At Grundy At Very Advanced Age—93 Last January.

Mrs. Susan Albright, the oldest woman in Grundy county, died at the home of her son, Amos, Saturday morning, April 13, following a short sickness with erysipelas. She was 93 years old the 18th day of last January and had enjoyed good health up to a week before her death.

Susan Strickler Albright was born near Chambersburg, Pa., January 18, 1819. Her early life was spent with her parents in the vicinity of Green Castle and Wannesburgh. In 1839 she was married to Jacob Albright. Six children were born to them Jacob F., who died in the war of the rebellion, Abraham S., Mary L., John S., Henry, who died in infancy, and Amos E. The husband died on January 29, 1908. This good old couple spent nearly seventy years of wedded life together. They crossed the Allegheny mountains with wagons and then immigrated down the Ohio river by steamboat to St. Louis, thence by steamboat up the Mississippi river to Savannah, Ill. They settled in Mt. Carroll, Ill., in 1841. In 1890 they moved to Grundy county, where they both resided up to the time of their death.

CONVENTION AT WHITTEN

Union Township Sunday School Convention Will Be Held In M. E. Church Sunday, May 5.

The Union Township Sunday School convention will be held in the M. E. church at Whitten Sunday, May 5. The following program, to which all are invited, will commence at 1:25 p. m.

Song ServiceL. L. Hauser
DevotionalRev. N. F. Pifer
Special MusicCong. S. F. Union
RecitationLyle Dillon
Ladies QuartetteM. E. S. S. Whitten
Round TableBy five workers
Primary DepartmentMrs. Anderson
Junior and IntermediateMrs. Fox
Teacher in the S. S. Pas-
tor and the S. S.
Mrs. T. B. Eggleston
Adult DepartmentMrs. Lou Rogers
Home Department
Cradle RollJ. E. Thackrey
Male Quartette
Christian S. S. Whitten

NEWCOMER FOR ELECTOR

Nomination Papers For Presidential Elector From Third District Circulated in Hardin and Franklin

There is talk that Hardin county will have two candidates for presidential elector from the Third district on the primary ticket, the nominations for which close this week. Papers are being circulated in Hardin and Franklin for the nomination of Carl S. Newcomer of this city for this honor. F. J. McGreevy of Ackley will also seek the election.

TAFT GETS IOWA CONVENTION

Taft Delegates Get 776 Votes--Taft Carried Convention By 35

Special to the Ledger.
Cedar Rapids, Wednesday afternoon April 24—Taft men controlled the Republican Convention from the first, electing four delegates at large by a vote of 776. Taft carried the convention by 35.

Albert R. Cummins was sniped under. The Hardin delegation went solid for Roosevelt.

The Roosevelt delegates at large are: Geo. D. Perkins, B. F. Carroll, L. A. Drever, and Geo. R. Bryan.

The Roosevelt candidates who were not successful were: J. H. Allen, J. C. Powers, Geo. E. Wilson and J. C. Judson.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK

Second Section of Illinois Crashes Into Rear of First Section—Cars Demolished—Three Killed

One of the worst wrecks on the Illinois Central occurred at Iowa Falls late Sunday afternoon when a double-header stock train crashed into the first section, which had stopped in the yards to take water. Two stockmen were instantly killed and a third fatally injured, while others sustained minor injuries. The following were taken from the wreck, dead: Fred Carson, of Oto, Iowa. Fred Bliss, of Washta, Iowa.

The first section of the train had pulled into the yards and stopped to take water at the passenger depot.

A few minutes later the double-header came down the Sunny Side hill and just at the curve struck the caboose of the first section, in which were eleven stockman enroute to Chicago with stock from points along the company's line in western Iowa.

The main line of the road was badly damaged and required the detouring of trains for several hours. Both locomotives of the second section are total wrecks, while a dozen or more stock cars were reduced to kindling wood. Cattle and hogs escaped from the wrecked cars and wandered away and the right of way was strewn with debris and dead stock. Whether the wreck was due to failure to flag the second section or whether the latter was not under control when entering the yard limits, is a matter that will be determined by official investigation of the cause of the wreck.

Coroner J. A. W. Burgess, empaneled a jury Monday forenoon consisting of L. W. Lansing, Tracy Armstrong and F. E. Foster and examined various passengers and trainmen.

The testimony tends to show that the brakes did not take hold when applied by the engineer. It is evident that the engineer used every possible means to avoid the accident but that he may have misjudged the distance in which he could stop his train or the air brakes failed to do their full duty when called upon in such an emergency as this one proved to be.

Nels Jourgeson, of Anthon, Iowa, died at the hospital later.

COUNTY SEAT TRADE CENTER

Shoppers From All Over County Here Last Week. All Impressed With Improvements.

Eldora is more than ever becoming the trade center of Hardin county. People from every section of the county are learning that in Eldora they can find what they want and at prices that are truly reasonable. This week there have been residents of Ackley, Hubbard, Union, Radcliffe, Gifford, Steamboat Rock, Abbott, Houghes, Owasa, Alden, Iowa Falls, Lawn Hill and New Providence, besides many farmers living near these towns in town either for shopping or for other business.

This all points to the fact that as the Hub of Hardin county all eyes are turned towards Eldora. People are surprised when they come to Eldora the first time in a year or so to see the many improvements that have taken place and noted the new spirit that seems to be so prominent. They go away visibly impressed and remark of what they saw to others, thus in a measure forming an endless chain boosting for Eldora.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Higgenbotham.

PAROLED BOY TAKES TEAM

Boy Paroled from Industrial School Endeavors to "Beat It"—Captured at Hubbard.

Wadsworth Jackson, a young fellow of a little over eighteen years old who had been paroled from the Industrial school to Joe Race, living on the Kelley farm took it into his head Friday that he could start out into the world on his own account, with the result that while the family was in town he hitched a team to a wagon, ripped off an endgame seeder attached to the box and taking two cases of eggs, hurried to Hubbard where he sold the eggs and purchased a ticket at the Northwestern depot for Belle Plain. His home is in Alabama.

Mr. Race returned from town and discovered the loss. He immediately notified the sheriff's office and the boy was located through the sheriff at Hubbard. Some trouble was experienced in getting Jackson. The officers sighted him and started in pursuit. Jackson made for the railroad tracks and got on top of a box car, where one of the officers followed. The young adventurer seeing that he was in close quarters made as if to draw a gun from his hip pocket, and the officer thought it best to vacate the box car. Jackson then managed to get down and hide himself under a car, where he remained almost two hours, finally being caught and returned to the school.

Jackson has been compelled to make good to Mr. Race the damage done. This he was able to do by turning over the remainder of the money secured from the sale of the eggs and from some money that belonged to him and was held by the management of the Industrial school. Mr. Race turned him over to the school and no warrant was made for his arrest.

BELIEVES RYAN OUT \$5.

Hubbard Man Gives Opinion As To The Result of Deal Between Ryan and Stranger

Referring to an article that appeared in last week's issue of the Ledger, L. M. VanPatten, of near Point Pleasant, has the following to say:

"In regard to that deal the Ledger spoke of last week between Charlie Ryan and the slick stranger who bought five cent's worth of mustard, we make it out that Ryan was out just \$5. As the five one dollar bills were coming to Mr. Ryan before the last deal for the \$10 came up. Mr. Ryan only got \$5 for the \$10 he gave the stranger, because the five ones were not paid over in their former deal for the \$5."

ALMOST 1,000 PHONES HERE

Eldora Mutual Telephone Co. Serves Many—Eldora Second in U. S. Considering Population

According to Manager Murphy of the local telephone company Eldora has the second largest number of telephones in use proportional to the population, in the United States, the first being a town in Kansas. The Eldora Mutual Telephone company, the only company doing business in Eldora, has a telephone installed for every 3.5 persons in Eldora. This is exclusive of the rural phones.

The telephone company is serving about 900 patrons of which 550 are in Eldora, the balance being on rural lines running into the office here.

NEW AGENT AT M. & ST. L.

L. E. Wellington of St. Cloud, Minn. Relieves M. Cahill—Cahill to California for Health.

This week L. E. Wellington of St. Cloud arrived in the city to relieve Agent M. Cahill at the M. & St. L. depot. Mr. Cahill has asked for leave of absence on account of poor health. He intends leaving this week for California, where he will remain for from six to ten weeks.

CONCERT STARTS SUNDAY

Dress Parade and Concerts Start Sunday at Industrial School

All Eldorians will be interested and delighted to know that the band concerts at the Industrial school will start next Sunday, April 29. In addition and prior to the concert each Sunday evening when the weather permits, beginning at six o'clock there will be a dress parade of the various companies of the school under the direction of Major Samuel Henis of the Iowa National Guards.

VICTIM OF HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

Former Hardin County Boy Drowned In Heart River in North Dakota. No Trace of Body.

Word reached here this week that Edwin C. Johnson, of Madan, N. D., was accidentally drowned in the flooded Heart river two weeks ago. Edwin C. Johnson lived his boyhood until about fifteen years old with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carter, in Providence and Grant townships, and he also lived in Eldora a short time when J. H. Carter was deputy treasurer under J. H. Bales.

Up to the present time no trace of the body has been found, though eager, industrious parties of citizens and farmers have been busy with boats and drags searching the river for hundreds of yards below the place where Johnson was last seen.

It appears that Johnson had a large drove of horses on the other side of the river and had gone down to the river not a great distance from the house to determine if it was possible to cross there and if not he intended to go the long way, for he felt that his horses needed attention. The supposition is that he dismounted from his horse to make a closer examination of the river and when he started to mount his horse, which was a sort of broncho, must have reared up and threw him into the river. The water at this point at the present time is about 18 or 20 feet deep, the river being high on account of the spring thaws.

Posters have been scattered over the country surrounding Mandan offering a reward of \$500 for the discovery of the body.

Mr. Johnson was married on December 24, 1908. The home was blessed with two children, an infant son and a daughter now two years old.

WALKER ESTATE SETTLED

Long Litigation and Heavy Court Costs—But Little of \$21,000 Estate Left for Heirs.

The long litigation over the estate of Thomas Walker in the District Court of Hardin county seems now about to be settled, after having been sent to the Supreme Court. The estate originally amounted to around \$21,000, but after attorney fees and court costs are paid, as is many times the case, there will be no large sum left for the heirs.

Thomas Walker, during his life time, lived on a farm in Jackson township. Shortly before his death action was brought by a son alleging that the father was mentally incompetent to manage his financial affairs in a successful manner. Death claimed Mr. Walker before the matter was finally settled, and litigation followed in order to determine who should have the money that was left. The case has been fought in the courts, and the cost being so great that there is little left of the original sum for the heirs.

HARDIN COUNTY WEATHER

Weather Report Shows Third Week of April Colder Than Usual—Small Grain About in

The third week in April was colder than usual, the average daily deficiency in temperature being about 5 degrees. Freezing temperature was reported from the larger part of the state on several mornings, but Hardin county received better treatment at the hands of the weatherman than some counties. One of the heaviest April snow storms on record in this state occurred over the southern and eastern counties on the seventeenth. Several stations reported from seven to eight inches of snowfall, but crops and fruit were not far enough advanced to receive damage from the snow or freezing temperature. The heavy showers on the afternoon and night of the twentieth gave an excess of precipitation for the week. Farming operation were somewhat retarded in the counties where the snowfall was heaviest, but in the larger part of the state fair progress has been made in seeding and plowing with the soil in fine working condition. Seeding of small grain is nearly finished in northern and western counties, but in the eastern and southeastern counties only about 75 to 80 per cent of that work has been done. Late reports show that there was more fall wheat winter killed in southern and eastern sections than was indicated last week. Many fields are spotted and some of them will be plowed up and replanted to other crops, but for the state as a whole, fall-sown grains are in fine condition. Grass is starting nicely, and in some localities stock is in pasture.

FIRST GAME LOST TO HUBBARD

Hubbard High School Defeats Eldora High School Saturday, 14 to 10

Hubbard High School defeated the Eldora High School Saturday at the Fair Grounds in the first game of the season in the Hardin County High School League. The final score was 14 to 10. The Eldora boys say that Hubbard did not win by good playing, but by the errors of Eldora, it being the first game the E. H. S. had played, while Hubbard had been on the diamond before this season.

Eldora made more hits than Hubbard, but these did not count for much for Hubbard fielded the ball in time to stop the runs. Several one base hits were made by the home team and one two base hit made by Walsh. Eldora had the bases full several times, but were unable to score enough to defeat the visitors. Miller and Fagg pitched for Eldora, Miller pitching 7 innings letting in 13 runs. During the last two innings Hubbard made but one run. Moser led the batting by getting four hits out of five chances. Walker, Walsh and Strother made two hits each, Vigaros one.

Eldora and Hubbard will cross bats again next Saturday and a much better game is looked for. The E. H. S. team, it is believed, will be in better shape before the coming Saturday and will make a desperate effort to put it over on the Hubbard bunch.

The lineup for E. H. S. was:

Moser, Vigaros, C.
Fagg, Miller, Strother, P.
Walker, 1st.
Strother, 2nd.
Welsh, 3rd.
Miller, Fagg, S. S.
Shaffer, Cf.
Petty, Lf.
Moser, Vigaros, Rf.

WEBSTER FOR SUPERVISOR

Prominent Sherman Township Farmer Announces Candidacy for Supervisor

N. L. Webster of Sherman township has finally determined to be nominated to become a candidate for the term commencing in 1913. His card appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Webster decided to run earlier in the race his announcement being printed in the Ledger, but for some reason he changed his mind, however he now intends to go out for the nomination in earnest.

He has been a resident of Hardin County for thirty-five years, always a farmer. He has served as township assessor and is now township clerk.

C. E. Myers, editor of the Radcliffe Signal and Mr. Webster were in town Tuesday looking after the placing of Webster's announcement cards and interviewing the voters. They drove in from Ackley and Iowa Falls and left the same afternoon for Union.

DIES OF DIPHTHERIA

Well known Farmer of Grundy Dies of Dreadful Disease After Short Illness.

Lowell Trepp died at his home in German township, Grundy County, last Wednesday night after having been sick less than three days from diphtheria. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Bergman were held at one o'clock Thursday afternoon. On account of the contagious character of the disease no one but the family were present at the brief service.

Mr. Trepp was taken sick Monday. When a doctor was first called the disease had taken such a firm hold that the liberal potions of antitoxin given him had no effect.

Mr. Trepp was thirty-two years old. He had been a long time resident of German township. He was married about five years ago and a wife and two children survive him. The two children had a slight attack of the disease but antitoxin administered in time saved them.

The home has been placed under quarantine.

TOWER TO OKLAHOMA

Mason City Preacher, Former Eldorian, Goes to Oklahoma—Has Charge of Missions

Chas. Tower, who for several years past has had charge of the Congregational church at Mason City, and who is an old Eldora boy, has been made secretary of the mission work in four of the southern states with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Mr. Tower is well known in Eldora and vicinity.