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**All about Milford/Grant**  
by Elaine Corbin Arthrop

GRANT

## DR. CHALMERS WRITES TO GRANT HOME FOLKS

Elmer Smith,  
Grant Chief.

Dear sir and friend:—

I wish you would send the Chief to my address as I should like to know what is going on at home. They are sure giving us fellows a work out. Have got most of our clothes and two shots of vaccine and passed final exam. They expect to get us over eight weeks from June 1. It was hard on me the first few days, blisters on top and bottom of my feet and sunburned but I am feeling better than I ever did and we have a dandy bunch of fellows.

The Vet. corps is composed of Veterinaries, cowboys, stablemen, blacksmiths etc. 1,600 men in all and from every state in the Union. If a man gets stuck on himself my advice is to join the army and they will soon take it out of him. They started us digging ditches and clearing brush but that only lasted one day.

It is hot here in the day time, but nice and cool at night, quite chilly in fact. I have seen some of the blackest people I ever saw any where down here. Took in sights at Washington D. C. and saw all the places of importance. A bunch from Iowa got a bus and guide and they pointed out the historic places to us. We have to do all our own work, washing clothes, dishes and keep neat and clean and when we are not drilling we are fixing up the barracks and busy all the time.

Best wishes to all the folks at Grant.  
Your friend,

D. J. Chalmers, Co., 5, Veterinary Training School, Camp Lee, Va.

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marriage with Mr. Will Lusk.  
After the wedding Mr. and Mrs.  
Standge were guests at the W. L.  
Bacon home near Elliott. Mrs.  
Standge and Mrs. Bacon are cousins,  
and Mr. Standge and W. L.  
were schoolmates in Illinois. Mr.  
Standge came to Clarinda, Ia., in  
1868, and has acquired large holdings  
of real estate in and around  
that city. He is vice-president of  
the Berry Seed Co., and is connected  
with one of the banks there.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bacon and Mr. and  
Mrs. Standge were calling on the  
numerous friends and relatives of  
the Bacon family in and around  
Grant.

### Investigate Draft Exemptions

It seems to have dawned on Government officials that something is wrong with the classification of the men in the draft. Provost Marshal Crowder has instructed the governors of each state to investigate. There has been much speculation as to why some unmarried young men have been placed in class two and three while others who are just as badly needed on the farms, and equally competent as food producers, are placed in class one, and are being called for service. The result of the investigation ordered will be awaited with considerable interest.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY QUOTA

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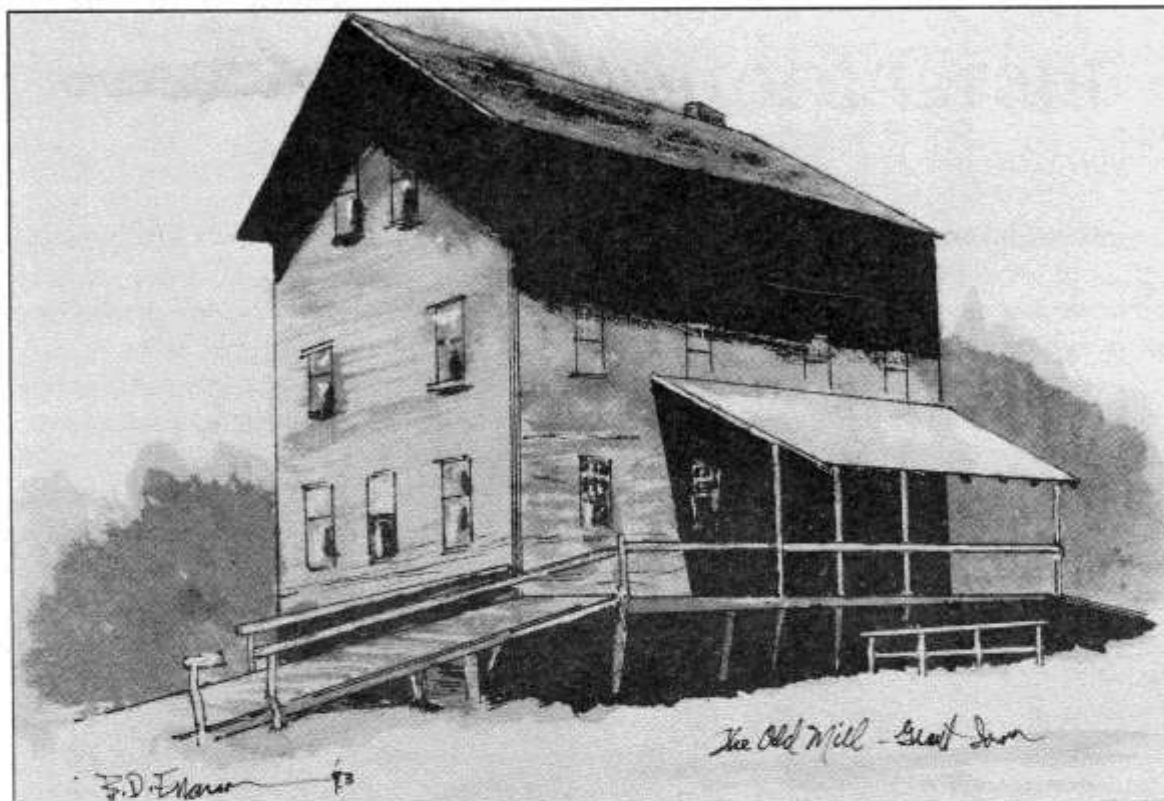
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**THE OLD MILL — GRANT, IOWA**

*by Duane Enarson*

'93

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# All about Milford/Grant

*by Elaine Corbin Artlip*

TENVILLE, APRIL 1994—I had no intention of doing anything about Grant. Much has been written on the subject by persons who certainly knew more about it than I. But I have this bad habit: I like to read old newspapers. The county newspaper files have been my primary source of information for a number of projects. And as I looked through the

papers, I would read the Milford/Grant news. I might think, "That's interesting", or "I didn't know that", and would copy the item. After twenty years of this, my files were bulging; I had to use the material or throw it out. I started to arrange the items chronologically, and watched, fascinated, as the story of Grant unfolded. But it was soon apparent that there were holes in the story. That aroused my curiosity

enough to send me out to search for information to fill the gaps. Some of it I found; some I didn't.

This account is primarily concerned with day-to-day life in the village of Milford/Grant. I have recorded the events as they took place, and for the most part, in the words in which they were reported. No doubt you will find it confusing at times; it probably was for them, too. There are two exceptions to this form of reporting. I have compiled separate accounts of all the items found concerning the steam boats and the Civil War cannon. That seemed to be the most effective way to handle those subjects.

It has been difficult or impossible to locate many of the places mentioned in the news items. I have added a separate section which attempts to identify and record the sites of businesses in "downtown" Milford/Grant.

The local news writer covered the whole range of human concerns: work and play, church and school,

joy and sorrow, from the sublime to the ridiculous—in a word, life. And politics; they took their politics very seriously. For this report, emphasis was placed on the business establishments of the community. Social items were not used unless they revealed something about organizations, buildings, or such, or presented interesting views of life at that time.

Therefore, rela-

tively few names are mentioned. And some items were just for fun.

I have given some special attention to the churches. The history of the Methodist church has been extensively covered, but there has been some confusion concerning the early days. I have checked the United Methodist Archives in Mount Pleasant for the official records. That repository also holds some records of the United Brethren church. The American Baptist Historical Society, Rochester, New York, has been helpful. The Advent Christian library, Aurora, Illinois, has no record of a Milford or Grant church,

*(continued on page 2)*



but a "Douglas" church was organized in 1876. Nothing official has been found concerning the Christian church; probably it was a branch of the Morton Mills Disciples of Christ Church. The denomination first appeared in the news in 1894. A congregation was still meeting in 1920.

Notes have been added for clarification, and to provide further information. A few items appear out of chronological order for the same reasons.

The Villisca Review files start in 1871, and the Red Oak Express in 1874. Other papers appeared at later dates. For 120 years the local papers have been faithfully reporting the news from Milford/Grant. Well, more or less faithfully. For the most part, the early papers printed only what some local resident sent to them; reporters were not paid. There is little to be found for some years, but likely it was a lack of reporting, not a dearth of activity.

Since Milford was started a number of years before any Montgomery County paper was printed, I have consulted other papers in an attempt to find earlier records. The effort has been only moderately successful. It is frustrating that so many early papers have been lost. Adams County papers were printing Montgomery County news in the late 1850s, and the Express was started in 1868, but none of those papers has survived. There are also missing issues in the local paper files. In fact, I think the Red Oak Sun is the only paper that doesn't have gaps.

This story stops at the end of 1940. Grant history continues, of course, but the account is already too long. 1940 was near the end of my close association with the town, and it was also the end of an era: the mill closed. For more than 80 years there had been a mill on the Nodaway River. It was the last water mill in the county; it had out-lived its time to become a relic of the past. A few of us still remember the mill, and we are becoming relics, too.

No doubt others would have chosen different items and stressed different topics, but this is way it appeared to me. It is the story of my home town, done for my own enjoyment. It was fun.

Elaine Corbin Artlip  
Villisca, Iowa 50864  
1994



*(Editor's Note: The newspaper banners that are used as chapter headings in I read it in the paper: All about Milford/Grant (Ia.) are intended to give the reader a sense of the individual newspapers and times rather than to present exact reproductions. Some are nearly accurate; other flags had designs that could not be copied precisely; still others were entirely "made up" because those papers are known today only through references in other publications. Any words other than the publication's name, location and date were taken as they were published in the original banner.)*

# DAILY MINERS' EXPRESS

BY WM. H. MERRITT.

DUBUQUE, IOWA. FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1854

VOL. 4. NO 27.

## 29 September; Dubuque Daily Miners' Express:

We sincerely regret that religious bodies are becoming so nervous upon the subject of politics and as sincerely hope that the Methodist Conference of Iowa, which is now convened in this city, will profit by the errors of the Genesee Conference and avoid any resolutions of a partisan character, calculated to excite animosities and distract and divide congregations.

*(Note: The minutes of that conference do not mention Adams or Montgomery County. Nor is James S. Rand included in the list of ministers. He was not ordained at that time, and so was not a member of the conference, although he may have been in the area as a local preacher. Tradition traces the history of the Quincy Methodist Church to 1854, so Rand was probably preaching there before the end of that year.)*

## (10 January 1855; Council Bluffs Chronotype:)

Census of Iowa for the year 1854 ... total population of state, 326,014 ...

*(Note: There were 233 persons in Montgomery County, in 45 households. The census returns were filed with the state 1 September, 1854, by G.D. Connally, assessor.*

*(In 1854, there were only two families listed in the area that was to become Douglas Township: William Stipe and Thomas Donoho.*

*(History of Grant, Iowa; 1976; Bicentennial Commission: In 1854, the first dam was built across the Nodaway River [page 15] ... by William Stipe and Thomas Donoho. ... They dug a ditch to carry the water to a corn burr for grinding cornmeal. [page 21]*

*(26 August 1854; Deed book 1:113: William Stipe to Thomas Donoho ... the sum of fifty dollars ... The South west quarter of the North west quarter of Section ten ... containing 40 acres ...*

*(The deed doesn't mention mill or water rights, but when Donoho sold the land to Smith and Bell in 1856, those privileges were guaranteed.*

*(19 August 1854: The contract for mail route Number 9430 was awarded to Samuel Riggs. This route ran ... by way of Queen City and Quincy in Adams County; Sciola, Frankfort and Oro in Montgomery County; and Indian Creek, White Cloud and Fayette in Mills County. — from National Archives.*

*(Sciola post office was the first one in Montgomery County. Milford and Douglas Township went to Sciola for their mail for several years before the Grant post office was established.)*



# Des Moines Valley Whig.

VOL. 10. NO. 6

KEOKUK, IOWA; WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1855

WHOLE NO.

**15 January; Council Bluffs \_\_\_\_\_:** The first sermon was preached in Montgomery County on Sunday last, by a Methodist Circuit Rider. Following the service, a young couple approached the Pastor and signified their wish to get married, and right now. The young people were accompanied by the bride's father who carried what appeared to be a shotgun in the crook of his arm. As there was snow on the ground, no doubt he intended to shoot some rabbits on the way home.

*(Note: Ralph Spencer, a Red Oak historian, kept notes in what he called his "little black book". This item was found in that book. The source was identified only as a Council Bluffs paper, and I have been unable to find the original article.)*

*(January 20, 1855; Montgomery County Marriage Records; Book 1:1: Samuel McNeely and Martha Elizabeth Donoho ... license issued by A.G. Lowe, County Judge.)*

*(January 23, 1855; Marriage Returns: Samuel McNeely and Martha Elizabeth Donoho. Marriage solemnized by A.G. Lowe, county judge.)*

*(Centennial History: 1855-1955; Grant Methodist Church; page nine: ... 1855 Rev. James S. Rand preached the first sermon in the home of Allen Donoho in January. At that time his [Donoho's] daughter and Sam McNeely were married. ...)*

*(28 December 1888; Sun: ... A correspondent, writing from Villisca, and signing himself "Old Settler," says that ... the first preaching in the county and the first marriage occurred within a few days of each other, in January, 1855.)*

*(It seems that the only way to make sense from this conflicting material is to assume that Rand performed some kind of religious ceremony. It wouldn't have been legal; Rand was a lay preacher and the young couple didn't have a license. Later, they obtained a license, and were married by Judge Lowe.)*

## The Valley Whig

This paper is published every Wednesday morning, at \$1.00 a year, payable IN ADVANCE, By J. M. Howell & Co.

Advertisement is inserted on favorable terms.

**10 October; Keokuk Des Moines Valley Whig:** Appointments made at recent ME Conference - Council Bluffs District: Quincy Mission; R. Mulholland.

*(Note: Still no mention of Milford or Montgomery County.)*





# DAILY EVENING REPORTER

SYLVESTER, HARRISON & BROTHER  
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(DEMOCRACY AND INTELLIGENCE)  
IOWA CITY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1856

PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS  
VOLUME 1. — NUMBER 200

**11 June; Council Bluffs Chronotype:** NEW STAGE ROUTE — Messrs. Graham and Miller are now running a weekly stage from the mouth of the Platte River, N. Territory, to Afton, Union Co., Iowa, there connecting with the stages east, via Chariton, Ottumwa to Burlington. This is the shortest, most direct and most expeditious route from the Mississippi river to to the mouth of the Platte or Council Bluff City, and in addition, follows the survey of the B.&M.R. Railroad across the State, distance from Burlington to mouth of Platte by this route, 250 miles.

**9 October; Fairfield Ledger:** Appointments of the Iowa conference of the ME Church, held at Mt. Pleasant recently — Council Bluffs District: Clarinda and Montgomery Mission; S. Farlow, W. Howbart.

*(Note: 1881 History, page 469: The Milford ME Church was organized during the winter of 1856. . .)*

**25 October; Iowa City Daily Evening Reporter:** . . . the taking of the Census of the State . . . will probably be completed in season to make public the grand Aggregate by the meeting of the Legislature in December. . . .

*(Note: 1856 Census; Washington Township; attested 30 July 1856, by Isaac Bolt, Assessor.*

*(At that time the northeast corner of Montgomery County was still a part of Washington Township. There is an interesting omission in this census schedule. On 8 May 1856, Samuel M. Smith and Charles E. Bell purchased property, including the site of the 1854 dam and water rights; Bell appeared in the census, but Smith did not. Probably he had gone back to Michigan. It isn't known if the 1854 grist mill was still operating.)*

**2 November; Fairfield Ledger:** For the *Fairfield Ledger* — At a meeting of citizens of Montgomery County held at Frankfort, Oct. 28th, 1856, to take into consideration proposed measures to aid in the construction of the Burlington and Missouri River Rail Road . . .

Remarks showing the interests of the county as connected with this work, and the encouragements for lending our aid to it were made . . .

The following resolutions were presented and passed: . . .

*Resolved,* That we pledge our exertions for an immediate subscription of \$100,000 by Montgomery County to the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad . . .

A.G. Lowe, Ch'm'n



# THE IOWA STATE JOURNAL

A DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER  
DES MOINES, SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1857

**17 September; Fairfield Ledger:** ... The majority of the voters were for the new constitution ... Montgomery County, for, 17; against, 81 ...

(Note: 10 June 1910; Sun; Milford: "... I thought it might be interesting to recall an early election held in Douglas township, which was on August 3, 1857 ...", writes "Squire Geo. T. Cary. The election was held at the house of James L. White. ... There were 22 voters at the election, namely: A. White, A.S. Donoho, J.W. Haag, A. Patterson, B. Archer, F.L. White, J.A. Terry, S. Maneiley, D. Stipe, Wm. Stipe, H. Stipe, Owen Bancroft, A.W. Reid, T. Whitney, F. Shoemaker, S.W. White, J.L. White, I. Coon, H. Billman, W.T. Reid, Sam Correle, Tom M. Christopher. ... The vote was: ... justice of the peace, Sam Smith 5, Owen Bancroft 3; ...

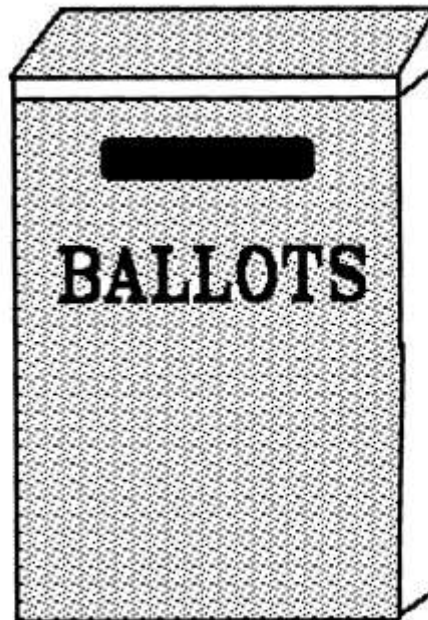
(County officials were on the ballot but no township trustees or clerk were elected. There must have been a township election earlier in the year.

(1881 History of Montgomery County; page 467: 20 March 1857; Ordered, ... a new township by the name of Douglas ... and the first election for township officers (to be) held at the house of Benjamin Archer ... A.G. Lowe, County Judge.

(No Smith voted, yet Sam Smith was elected justice of the peace. Perhaps he hadn't been here long enough to meet residence requirements. The 1875 Andreas Atlas says that Smith came in 1857; he brought his family and three brothers. An 1857 map doesn't show the mill but sometime before December 1857, a saw mill was built on the property purchased in 1856. Tradition says that a one-story building housed the saw mill and a grist mill.)

**26 September; Des Moines The Iowa State Journal:** The Iowa Annual Conference of the M.E. Church commenced its annual session . . . September 23 . . . Appointments: . . . Council Bluffs District: Montgomery, R. M. Donaho . . .

(Note: 1881 History; page 469: ... the original members [of the Milford Church] were ... Reed Donaho and wife. ...)





# THE FAIRFIELD LEDGER.

VOL. VIII

FAIRFIELD, IOWA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1858.

NO. 36.

**28 April; Council Bluffs Weekly Bugle:** US Mail routes — #11080 From Afton, by Philo, Platt, Icaria, Quincy, Sciola, Frankfort, Oro, Indian Creek, White Cloud, and Fayette, to Glenwood, 99 miles and back, twice a week. . . .

Bids for three trips a week invited.

**7 July; Weekly Bugle:** We hear of immense damage being done by the high water of Thursday night on every stream east of here . . . Bridges were washed away. . . .

(Note: 15 June 1894, Red Oak Sun: "In 1858 the Nishnabotna river was so high that the water went from hill to hill," was the testimony of Benj. Davis, a few days ago. . . . "There was a team of horses drowned during that time right where the fair ground is now," he said. "The water rose so rapidly and the current was so swift that they were swept away. There were a number of farmers in the river bottom who had to paddle for the hills in feed troughs.")

(The Fourth of July flood washed out the new bridge across the Nishnabotna, and destroyed at least one dam and mill in the county, and probably two others. A state law required a permit to build a dam across running water, but a state official reports that no one from Montgomery County ever applied for such a license. That shows what local millers thought of those dam permits.

(1881 History, page 450: The first 4th of July celebration in Montgomery County was held at the school-house in Frankfort, in 1858. . . . There was a free dinner, and plenty for everyone to stuff himself as tight as a bologna sausage — . . .)

**21 July; Weekly Bugle:** The Western Stage Company deserve the greatest credit for their untiring perseverance in bringing every Mail to this city, for the last three weeks, in a wet and pulp like state, wholly unreadable. . . . When the Agent is asked why this repeated occurrence of destroying the Mail, they offer the same silly reply, that "the Stage upset in the creek!" This Western Stage Company have proved an intolerable and pitiable nuisance, and we think it high time that the Department at Washington were taking notice of these failures.

**9 September; Fairfield Ledger:** The Southern Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is now in session in this place . . .

(Note: from the Conference Journal; page 13: Council Bluffs District: Quincy; William Howbert. (The minutes didn't mention Milford or Montgomery County. Tradition says that Howbert, or Hobart, served the Milford Church that year.)



# THE PAGE COUNTY HERALD

"BE JUST AND FEAR NOT; LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIMST AT, BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S, AND TRUTH'S"  
VOLUME I. CLARINDA, PAGE COUNTY, IOWA FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1859

**26 August; Clarinda Page County Herald:** The Montgomery County Agricultural Society will hold its Fair on Tuesday the 29th of October, 1859. It publishes a very respectable premium list in the *Corning Sentinel*.

*(Note: A History of Montgomery County; by W. W. Merritt, 1906, page 20: ... Samuel M. Smith exhibited the only hogs at that fair. He hauled two from his home in Milford. In sport he said they were a mixture of Chester White and Suffolk, giving them a long pedigree. He did not take the trouble to unload them and place them inside of the enclosure. He received a premium.*

*(15 August 1859; DB 3:87: S.M. Smith to Thomas Donoho ... undivided one-half Mill privilege and appertenences thereunto ...)*

—NOTICE: To the Ministers desiring to attend the Iowa Annual Conference at Muscatine on the 7th September — Through the kindness of Mr. Read, President of the B. & M.R.R., I am authorized to say, that members of the Conference by paying full fare going, will be returned free of charge on presenting a certificate from the Secretary of the Conference.

The Western Christian Advocate

—Meeting of the district County Superintendents . . . was held at Quincy the 17th inst. . . . The Superintendents present (included) . . . Montgomery County . . . The plan of building school houses by taxation was denounced.

*(Note: In 1858, Wm. C. Means was elected County Superintendent; probably he still held the office in 1859.)*



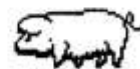
**1 September; Muscatine Democrat Enquirer:** The Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is to be held in this city on the 7th inst. ...

*(Note: Journal of Minutes - Loudon District: Montgomery; to be supplied ...*

*(1906 History - pages 251-2: Rev. J.T. Hughes was assigned by the conference held at Muscatine. He was a circuit rider without a horse, and walked — all the way from that city. The only certain reliance for the support of that young man was in a missionary society in New York which engaged to send him forty dollars a year. On the strength of this credit, he tried to negotiate with Joe Bean for a pair of boots. Mr. Bean said, "New York is a long ways off. . . . I will keep the boots." Upon arriving at Frankfort, nearly barefoot, storekeeper Stout agreed to trust him for the boots . . . but the officers at the courthouse took up a collection, and the boots were not only bought but paid for that same day.*

*(Jeremiah T. Hughes was a lay preacher, so his name was not entered into the minutes. He was accepted on trial at the conference of 1860.*

*(Joel H. Bean was an early Montgomery County store keeper. His store was probably at the town of Bristol. The Morton Mills cemetery is now on the Bristol site.)*



**14 October; The Page County Herald:** The election is now over, and we are heartily glad of it. . . .

*(Note: 1906 History; page 325: Montgomery County ballot: Shall swine and sheep run at large? Carried by majority of 69 votes.*

*(This issue appeared on the ballot at least six times before a measure to restrain stock from running at large finally carried in 1874.)*

# CORNING SENTINEL

Corning, Adams County, Iowa

January 14, 1860

**20 January; Page County Herald:** FATAL ATTACK - We learn by the *Corning Sentinel* that an affair occurred in Montgomery County on the 9th inst., in which one man was killed and another badly wounded. The circumstances are about as follows:

Two transient persons, Andrew J. Millslagle, aged about 40 and Abram Clark, aged about 20, went to the home of Frank Wilson, and for some cause, Wilson left the house, leaving his wife and two small children with these men. On Saturday night an exposure was made to the absent husband of the improper intercourse of the persons in the house, and Wilson raised a body of about 30 men and started to expel the men from his house. Two of the men, Mr. Donaho and John Stipe, were sent forward by the others, both unarmed, to confer with the people in the house, and another man, Mr. Wallace, dodged along to the corner of the house with a gun. Those in the house shot at those outside, killing John Stipe almost immediately, and dangerously wounding S.A. Abbott. Those in the house, who had been joined by a man named J. Hagg, then ran to the house of Mrs. White, mother of the woman they had been with, about 80 rods distant. They were then induced to surrender, and were taken to Frankfort for examination.

**1 June; Page County Herald:** The trial of Andrew J. Millslagle, for the murder of John Stipe, in Montgomery county, on the 9th day of February last was commenced Wednesday morning of last week, occupying that day and Thursday up to 4 o'clock p.m. at which time the Jury retired to make up their verdict. Considerable feeling was manifested during the trial, and the Court House was thronged to its utmost capacity throughout its continuance.

... (The jury) was out about 7 hours, and at 11 o'clock, . . . the verdict, "Murder in the Second Degree" ... the Judge ... sentenced him to twelve years in the penitentiary.

*(Note: 1881 History, page 383: . . . the party in the cabin went out the back way and ran to Mrs. White's house. . . Mrs. White was mother to Mrs. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Archer happened to be there getting a coat cut out. . .*

*(Mary Mills White came to Montgomery County in June 1855, bringing her looms in the covered wagon. Her husband, Anson White, died in April 1858, and was the first person buried in the old Milford cemetery at the east edge of town. As a widow, Mary earned her living doing weaving, sewing and tailoring for the public. She was probably the first professional business woman in the county.)*

**31 August; Indianola Weekly Indianola Visitor:** The Western Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist church met last week ... the list of appointments for the next year ... Loudon District: Red Oak; Oliver Williams.

*(Note: That was the first annual meeting of the new Western Iowa Conference. The minutes of the meeting called the circuit Montgomery. It included all of Montgomery County, plus parts of Page and Cass Counties.)*





# COUNCIL BLUFFS NONPAREIL.

OFFICE NORTH WEST CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND LOWER BROADWAY. NO. 1 PALMER'S BLOCK, THIRD STORY.

VOL. V. NO. 21

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1861

WHOLE NO.

**19 April; Clarinda ; Page County Herald:** By the telegraph news, it will be seen that the terrible drama of the Civil War has been opened, and it remains to be seen whether the Government founded and established by the wisest patriots Earth ever knew, is to be preserved and perpetuated, or supplanted by one whose founders are traitors, animated by a desire to promote their own individual interests ...

*(Note: 1881 History; pages 455-458: List of Douglas Township men who enlisted in the Union Army:*

*Smith, George W; July 25, 1861*

*Archer, Patrick; July 25, 1861; killed at Vicksburg.*

*Archer, John; July 25, 1861*

*Redmon, William*

*Lott, Leonard; August 29, 1862; drowned in the Gulf of Mexico*

*White, James L; October 18, 1862*

*Prather, Manliff C.)*

**24 May; Page County Herald:** . . . Frankfort, the Montgomery County seat, occupies a very eligible site, but from some cause it is not pushing ahead. It has some good improvements, however . . . They have just put a good, substantial board fence around their Public Square, and planted it with trees . . .

**5 July; Page County Herald:** The Military Encampment appointed at Clarinda, on Wednesday of last week, brought together an array of epauleted gentlemen quite unusual in this country and quite as imposing as rare. On Tuesday evening they commenced to pass into town, and by ten o'clock on the 3d, most of the companies composing the Regiment were in camp. ... During the continuance of the encampment, everything was stir and bustle; night and day either the tread and tramp of horses and men, or the sound of martial music filled our ears. It was march and counter march from early morn till the shades of evening. Squads, Platoons and companies going through all the maneuvers of well drilled soldiers presented an aspect indeed imposing.

The following is a list of the companies as they appear upon the roll: ... Company H—Montgomery County Tigers; Cap't Brown; no. of roll 45; Company E - Montgomery Rangers, Capt. Smith; no. of roll 49.

*(Note: The Rangers were older men. Samuel M. Smith, a veteran of the Mexican War, was the leader; they drilled, but were never called to active duty.)*

**14 September; Council Bluffs Nonpareil:** ... List of Appointments made by the Western Iowa Conference of the M.E. Church at the session held at Council Bluffs Sept. 4-7: Council Bluffs District: Frankfort; J.S. Rand ...



I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper

**DAILY**  
**State Register.**



PRICE \$2 PER QUARTER

DES MOINES, IOWA WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1862

IN ADVANCE.

**24 January; Clarinda The Page County Herald:**

From state record on schools — . . . Montgomery County:

No. of persons between 5 and 21; 352  
Amount paid teachers during year; \$733

**18 February; Des Moines Daily State Register:**

The Cass County Gazette announces that deer are so plenty in . . . county that they run into farmers' houses.

**7 September; Daily State Register:**

Messrs. John A. Kassan and D.O. Finch, Republican and Democratic candidates for Congress in the 5th District have agreed on the following list of places and dates for holding joint Political Discussions: . . . Frankford (sic) Tuesday September 23 . . .

— The proposed draft has developed an astonishing number of highly conscientious individuals. . . . Numerous religious denominations are here petitioning to the General Assembly to be exempt from military duty . . .

(Note: 1906 History, page 100: . . . Montgomery County had a larger percent of enlistments in the Union Army than any other county in the state . . .)

**10 September; Daily State Register:** . . . The Western Iowa Conference of the ME Church (was) recently held at Chariton . . .

(Note: Minutes of Conference - The Western Iowa Annual Conference of the ME Church met to hold its third Annual Session in the M.E. Church, in Chariton. . . . Appointment of Preachers — . . . Council Bluffs District: Frankfort, Robert W. Thornburg. . . )

**24 October; Daily State Register:** The Iowa Baptist State Convention convenes at the Baptist Church of this City, today . . .

(Note: The Milford Baptist Church appeared on the rolls for the first time. Pastor of the church was E.W. Hall. Later minutes of the Southwestern Baptist Association said that the church was established in July 1862. Tradition says there were five members, and that they met in the Samuel M. Smith home.)



# COUNCIL BLUFFS NONPAREIL.

OFFICE NORTH WEST CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND LOWER BROADWAY. NO. 1 PALMER'S BLOCK, THIRD STORY.

VOL. V. NO. 21

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1863

WHOLE NO.

**4 April; Council Bluffs Nonpareil:** No concealment is intended or attempted of the fact that there is an organization known as the Union League, existing in this and other States, and rapidly extending into every loyal neighborhood ... It should be remembered that for months there has existed in almost every county of the loyal states a secret organization ... such as the Knights of the Golden Circle. Had there been no Knights of the Golden Circle or similar orders, there would have been no Union League ...

*(Note: The Knights of the Golden Circle was a secret organization which supported the Confederacy during the Civil War. It was thought that a chapter was organized in southeast Montgomery County on 14 March, 1863.)*

*(On 1 July, 1863, W. W. Merritt was commissioned to organize in Montgomery County local councils of the Union League of America. The purpose of the League was to support the federal government. A report made in October 1864, shows that there were three councils in the county: at Red Oak, Sciola and Milford. There were 30 members at Milford; S. McNeily was president, and H. N. McConoughey was secretary.)*

*(17 August 1876; Villisca Review: from a series of articles by J.T. Patterson, following the Centennial Fourth of July celebration: . . . The Union League of America was in active operation during the last three years of the war, and contributed largely to the relief of soldiers' families and procuring local bounties.)*

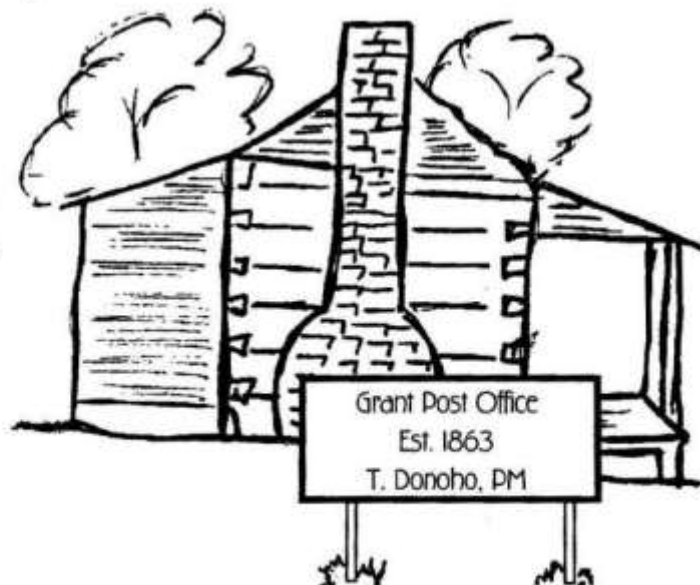
**8 September; Des Moines Daily State Register:** . . . the M.E. Conference (was) held last week at Winterset: . . .

*(Note: Conference Minutes — appointments: Council Bluffs District; Frankford; B.W. Coe.)*

**23 October; Davenport Daily Democrat:** The annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention commenced at the Baptist Church in this city ...

*(Note: The Bedford Baptist Association met at Lewis 21-24 August. S.M. Smith was clerk of the Milford Church; his address was given as Lewis. The church had 24 members.)*

*(On October 23 and 24, 1863, delegates from the area Baptist churches met in Sidney as a constituting council to organize the Southwestern Iowa Baptist Association. Among the churches represented was Milford. [From American Baptist Historical Library, Rochester, New York.]*





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# SOUTH-WESTERN IOWA OBSERVER.

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THE UNION --- NONE BUT GOD CAN SEVER.

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VOLUME 1. CLARINDA, PAGE COUNTY, IOWA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1864 NUMBER

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## 6 August; Clarinda The Southwestern Iowa Ob-

server: Mr. Editor: Feeling a deep interest in the welfare, progress and reputation of our town and county, I wish to call attention to the fact that the Annual Conference of the M.E. Church meets in Clarinda on the 31st of the present month. The Conference, I am informed, is composed of about 120 ministers. These are all expected to be present. In addition, there will be a large number of visitors present . . . If the members of the Conference and the visitors are treated with that hospitality that is a characteristic of our people, and their stay with us is pleasant and agreeable, it will result in great good for our town and county.

Let every citizen of our town and vicinity take an interest in this matter, provide for and entertain as many as possible. Let us not try how few we can keep — but how many we can provide for.

The farmers out of town can lend a helping hand in this matter. The mode of conveyance that will necessarily be used will bring a great number of horses to our town. You will confer a great favor by taking as many of these animals as you can stable and feed . . .

*(Note: The same situation would be found in any small community that entertained a conference. See Milford, 1865.*

*(Conference Minutes - The first meeting of the Des Moines Annual Conference commenced ... in the Presbyterian Church, Clarinda, August 31st, 1864 ... Appointments - Council Bluffs District: Frankfort; J.T. Hughes. . . .)*

— Baptist Church; L.M. Seay, Minister

*(Note: Two weeks after the Methodist session, the Southwestern Iowa Baptist Association met in Clarinda. Minutes of the meeting state that C.C. Baird, pastor at Lewis, was also the Milford pastor.*

*(27 December 1901; Red Oak Sun: ... The Sciola Baptist Church was organized as a branch of the Milford church in 1864 ...)*



# THE AMERICAN UNION

SIDNEY, FREMONT CO., IOWA

AUGUST 3, 1865

(26 March, 1914; Grant **Chief**): Mr. S.E. Smith was in this office the other day and brought in the first school register used in what is now the independent school district of Grant. The register dates from March 5th, 1865. O.L. Caywood was the first chairman and C.W. Mercer the first secretary of the school board. . . . The following families had children attending the local school at that time: Donoho, Stipe, Hunt, McLary, Mercer, Frakes, Good, Allard, James M. Smith, Samuel M. Smith, Seth M. Smith, Milton Smith, Westrope, McConoughey, Wilson, Andrews and Brooks. The first teacher was E.M. Mercer, who received the munificent salary of \$25 per month. . . . The first school house in the district was located where the livery barn now stands.

*(Note: This is misleading; not all the families named were here in 1865. Apparently the register was used for several years.*

*(The school house stood about where the Hay Loft is now. The first school house in the area was a log cabin, built in 1855 or 1856, which stood on the west side of the road about a half mile south of town.)*

**3 August; Sidney The American Union:** The Baptists held their Monthly Meeting in our town last Saturday . . .

*(Note: Perhaps it was at that meeting that delegates were appointed to represent the Sidney Church at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Iowa Baptist Association to be held at Milford the second week-end of September.*

*(Association Minutes: The meeting was held with the Millford Church, Montgomery County, Iowa . . . The pastor and delegates from Millford Church were appointed as a Committee on religious Exercises . . . Sunday worship was held at the Stand . . . the thanks of this body were extended to the Millford Church for the kindness shewn during the present session . . .*

*(The minutes do not say where the meeting was held. The pastor was not named, but it was probably still C.C. Baird of Lewis. I don't know if S.M. Smith was Clerk then; he had moved to Adams County, as shown by the following letter.*

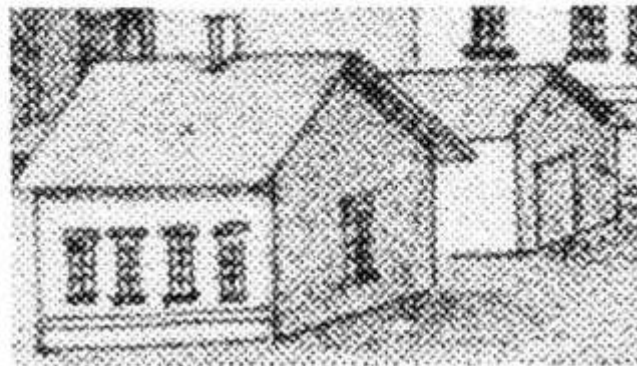
*( Sciola, November the 28, 1864*

*- Nelson sold his farm and has mill property too miles from Quincy it has always gone by the name of Walters mill him and mr smith has bought in partnership - I don't believe Nelson will stay very long where he is going, doubt very much whether him and his partner will gets along very well or not, Smith is a \_\_\_head kind of a fellow one that will take care of himself -*

*Sarah Nelson [Mrs. Thomas]*

**7 September; Des Moines Daily State Register:** . . . Appointments made by the Des Moines Conference at Osceola . . . Council Bluffs District: . . . Red Oak Junction, W.F. Laidley . . .

*(The circuit included Red Oak, Edna, Milford, Carr's schoolhouse and Dunn's schoolhouse. The minutes show that William H. Read was elected to orders as a Local Deacon.)*



DAILY

# State Register.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, AUGUST 30, 1866

IN ADVANCE.

**25 January; Council Bluffs Weekly Bugle:** The Burlington and Missouri River Railroad will, for all practical purposes, terminate at this city. The nominal destination is the MO. River, "at or near the mouth of the Platte," . . .

(Note: As soon as the route of the railroad was assured the residents of Red Oak Junction began to clamor for the county seat. Of course Frankfort fought to keep it. A petition drive resulted in an election 13 October 1863.

(Red Oak Junction was the official name so the canvassing board threw out all the votes written just "Red Oak" and announced that Frankfort had won.

(It took a writ of mandamus from the district court to compel the county board to recount the ballots, including the ones marked Red Oak. That was done 8 June 1864, and the results were Red Oak 115; Frankfort 109.

(In June 1865 the county records were moved to Red Oak and housed in various places. But 1866 arrived with the court house still in Frankfort.

(*Bolt Americana*; by Nina Leona Bolt Martin and Ronald Ben Bolt; 1968; pages 16-17: . . . A family version is that while the discussions of when, how and if were going on, some young fellows decided to settle the matter by "stealing" the old court house and moving it to Red Oak. Charles Bolt was said to be the leader of the party. Waiting for a heavy snowfall, they put the building on logs and carted it away by ox teams.

But they did not anticipate the severe blizzard which developed. In the darkness of the night and with the storm raging, they lost their direction and had to abandon the building several miles off their course. The courthouse was lost on the prairie and was not found for some time. The young men preferred to conceal their identity, and it remained sort of "hush, hush."

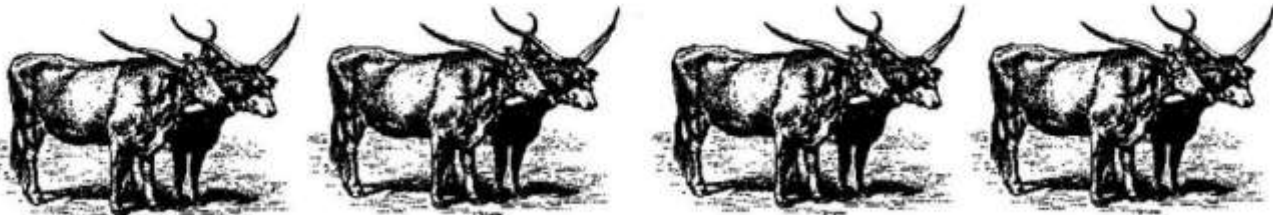
Wayne Stennett, who found the building, contracted the moving project for its eventual arrival in Red Oak. It was fixed up and served for many years. . . .

(History tells us that it took 30 yoke of oxen to move the court house. It was placed at the north-west corner of the square.)

**21 June; Bugle:** The Burlington and Missouri River Railroad have a large force at work, constructing westward.

— NOTICE TO VIGILANCE SOCIETY. —  
The Vigilance Society for Montgomery Co., for the prevention of horse stealing, will meet at Red Oak Junction on Saturday the 23rd of June, for the transaction of business. D.N. COOK, Supt.

**30 August; Des Moines Daily State Register:** The Des Moines Conference of the M. E. Church, lately in session in Boonesboro, made the following appointments: . . Council Bluffs District; . . . Red Oak Junction, W. F. Laidley . . .



# The Montana Standard.

VOL 3 - NO. 16.

Montana, Boone Co., Iowa, Thursday, September 26, 1867. WHOLE NO. 120.

**26 September; Montana Standard:** The approaching election in Iowa has thus far excited but little interest. . . (The Democrats) have nominated to head the ticket Charles Mason, a broken-down political hack of little ability, but notorious as a rebel sympathizer . . .

*(Note: 1906 History; page 329: Supervisors Minutes: Board of Canvasers of the vote of the election reported 261 votes for Merrill, Republican candidate for Governor, and 188 votes for Mason, Democrat . . .*

*(. . . provided for bridge at Milford costing \$550.00 . . . J.B. Packard appointed by board . . . to procure, if possible, the right of way for the B&MRR Co.)*

— The Des Moines ME conference in Iowa will hold their annual session at Des Moines Sept. 19th.

*(Note: Appointments - Council Bluffs District: Red Oak and Lewis; A.J. Andres, one to be supplied.*

*(List of Local Preachers - Council Bluffs District: W. Read, Milford, Deacon.)*

— *The Belle Plaine Transcript* says that extensive preparations are being made for the State Base Ball Tournament which comes off at that place on the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th days of this month. \$1,000 in premiums are to be awarded to the best baseballers.





## COUNCIL BLUFFS WEEKLY NONPAREIL.

VOLUME 12.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29, 1868

NUMBER 27

**27 June; Red Oak Montgomery County Express:** (1881 History, page 374): From what we can learn we are led to believe that the grasshoppers (or red-legged locusts) are doing more damage to the counties west and north of us than they are here.

*(Note: The first issue of the Express appeared 28 March 1868. All the papers prior to 1874 have been lost.*

*(1906 History, page 329: April 1868; Supervisor's Minutes: County officers required to get their job printing done at the office of the Montgomery County Express, providing it could be done at prices already paid.)*

**15 August; Council Bluffs Weekly Nonpareil:** A simoon passed over Montgomery county about a week ago, and so hot was the air that the corn tips were scorched. The mercury ran up to 113 degrees in the shade.

**20 August; Clarinda Page County Democrat:** The Republican and Democrat candidates for Congress in the 5th congressional district will meet for joint discussions. . .

. . . Montgomery County, Red Oak; Sept. 4 . . .

**29 August; CB Weekly Nonpareil:** Fourth Annual D.M. Conference Adjourned Session - ... Appointments - Council Bluffs District; Red Oak circuit; A.J. Andres ...

*(Note: 20 August 1896; Review: Villisca ME Church ... '68-'69, A.J. Andres, pastor. This was a very large circuit including nearly all of Montgomery and part of Cass and Adams counties, hence M.D. Collins and J.M. Holmes were appointed assistants.)*



# The Indianola Journal.

VOLUME 10. INDIANOLA, IOWA SEPTEMBER 2, 1869 NUMBER 49.

**2 September; Indianola Journal:** The Des Moines Conference ME Church, which met in this city on Aug. 26, closed its session last Monday evening. ... appointments ... Corning district; Milford circuit, Rev. William T. Smith ...

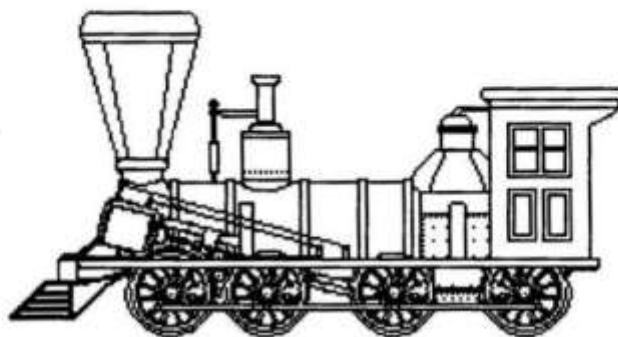
*(Note: This was the first year for the Corning District, and also for the Milford circuit, which included Edna, Villisca and Cramer's. Local church records say that Milford built a parsonage in 1869, although the deed for the property wasn't made until 4 March 1873.*

*(7 August 1908; Sun; Milford: ... H.A. Embree ... came here ... in 1869, when houses were few and far between in this township. At that time there were but four families in Milford. ... Samuel Smith was running a flour mill and saw mill. Mr. Embree had a house built on his place from native lumber in 1869, the lumber being sawed by Samuel Smith. ... Mr. Embree paid \$120 for the sawing. ...*

*(14 November 1867; Deed Book 3:330: Thomas Donoho to S.M. Smith ... land known as the Donoho Mill Property ... Also the mill privilege and the appurtenances ...*

*(25 July 1924; Review: Mrs. Eliza A. Blackburn, came to Grant about 55 years ago, making the trip by stage line from Afton across the prairie to Sciola, and from there to Grant . . .)*

*1881 History, page 356; The road was completed and commenced running freight trains into Red Oak on November 24, 1869. . . . Gangs of men were now working on the line from the Missouri River eastward, as well as from Red Oak westward, and trains were running entirely across the state before Christmas day, 1869.*





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# BOONE COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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VOL. III

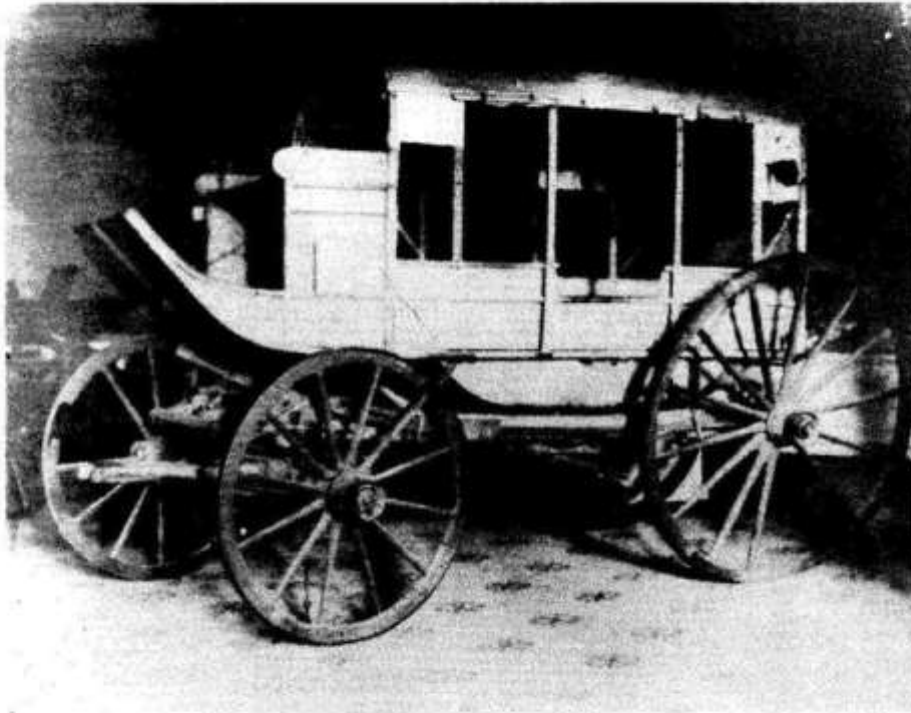
MONTANA, BOONE COUNTY, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1870

NO. 28.

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**8 July; Iowa Homestead and Western Farm Journal:** Western Stage Company — This old company ceased to exist as a stage company on Thursday last, the 30th of June. It controlled at one time more miles of staging than any other company in the U.S. and occupied at different times the leading routes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Colorado, running over a period of about 40 years. . . A monument of gratitude should be erected as a testimonial for the indispensable services rendered by the Western Stage Company . . . .

**7 September; Montana Boone County Democrat:** The Des Moines Conference of the ME Church which commenced its session in this city last Wed., closed its labors Mon. noon. The following is the list of appointments: ... Coming District: Milford; T. Newland ...



*Photo provided courtesy of the Red Oak Library*

*A two horse jerky was used on the Western Stage line through Sciola in the late 1860s. When the stage company ceased operations in 1870 this vehicle was abandoned near Red Oak. About 1900 it was taken to Des Moines and placed in the state historical museum. It has since been restored.*

# THE IOWA MERCURY.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, clasp them to thy heart with hooks of steel."

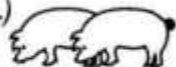
VILLISCA, IOWA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1871

NO. 10.

**15 September; Villisca Iowa Mercury:** We now have a semi-weekly mail from Villisca via Sciola, Grant and Edna, to Atlantic. The carrier goes up on Monday and Friday and returns on Tuesday and Saturday.

(Note: 13 July 1863, Thomas Donoho was appointed as first post master of Grant. After his death, his widow, Electa E. Donoho succeeded him, being appointed 1 December, 1868.

(29 January 1919; Chief: from an article written by S.E. Smith: ... an old log house where Harvey Shafer now lives is where Tom Donoho kept the post office.)



— The Southwestern Iowa Baptist Association met in Red Oak on Friday and Saturday last ... C. Brooks, Clerk.

(Note: Brooks was the Milford pastor.

(20 January 1871; Montgomery County Miscellaneous Records Bk. 1:263: Articles of Association of Baptist Church Society of Milford ... signed: Samuel M. Smith; William J. Petty; Samuel Gould; Theodore Whitney; James B. Nesbitt.

(13 December 1871, the Baptist church bought the south half of Lot #1, Block 1, Milford, and built a parsonage on it.)



**22 September, Iowa Mercury:** Adv. - Kynett's Pills are a new invention. They are harmless under all circumstances, mild and gentle in their operation and warranted to do all that they are recommended to do. Sick headache, bilious diseases, &c. all yield at once to their influences.

Agents: Dr. McNaughton, Villisca; J.W. Barnard, Sciola; Isadore Plaquett, Milford.

(Note: 13 May 1927; Review: From an article on the early days of Grant, by S.E. Smith: ... I remember the Plaquets. They were French people and spoke the English language with difficulty. The old gentleman drove a peddler's wagon out through the country while the old lady kept the first store in Milford. They sold dry goods, groceries and patent medicine, and there seemed to be more trade in Hostetter's Bitters than in any other line. Some patients needed a wonderful lot of doctoring ...

(11 June 1867; Deed Book 3:340; Samuel M. Smith to Isadore Plaquet ... South quarter NENE, Section 9 ...

(The Plaquets divided the ten acres into town lots, and on 18 October 1876, filed a plat for Plaquet's Addition to Milford. The road going west out of town ran along the south side of the tract, past the cemetery, and continued west on the quarter section line.)

**6 October; Iowa Mercury:** DES MOINES CONFERENCE—This body met in Sioux City last week. ... appointments for the Coming District: Milford; T.P. Newland. ... local preachers, Milford; three ...



# The Chariton Patriot.

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VOLUME XIV

CHARITON, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, 1872.

NUMBER 35.

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**22 August; Villisca Review:** ... At a Democratic-Greeley meeting (mostly composed of Grant men) held in Douglas township Aug. 7th, I am shamefully and wrongfully accused, in connection with others, of disturbing and trying to break up the meeting, every word of which is as false as the person that wrote it. ... we have not forgot that it was Grant's Boys that gave Greeley's friends such a tremendous threshing during the late Rebellion, and intend to do it again about next election time.

Seth M. Smith

*(Note: Seth Smith wrote extensively, about anything and everything, most of which was published in some county paper. Much of his work was signed "Sarah's Husband" or "Uncle Fuller". Shortly after 1900, he collected his writings into a book, called Quaint Sayings of Your Uncle Fuller. It was printed by the Elliott Graphic, about 1905, and also appeared serially in that paper.)*

**5 September; Review:** Today a grand Republican Rally is being held at Milford. Judge McDill addresses the people. The Red Oak band is advertised ...

**19 September; Review:** The South-western Iowa Baptist Association held their Ninth Anniversary with the church at Villisca, on September 6 ... Twenty-five churches were represented by delegates ...

*(Note: Grant Methodist Centennial History; page 12: 1872: ... The Baptist society had a (Christmas) tree each year in the hall over a ... store where they conducted their services.*

*(The location of the hall used by the Baptists is uncertain. About 1870 Samuel M. Smith erected a store building in the northeast corner of Block 2, Milford. It seems likely that the Baptists were meeting on the second floor of that building.)*

**9 October; The Chariton Patriot:** Salaries paid the Preachers in the Des Moines Conference will not average \$600. So says the report made to the conference ... recently held at Chariton. ...

*(Note: Atlantic District: Rev. LW. Archer was appointed to the Milford circuit.*

*(7 June 1889; Red Oak Independent; Milford: [Taken from a long article about the ME church:] ... While assembled at a prayer meeting in the little old school house, nearly 20 years ago, the good people ... conceived in their hearts the righteousness of erecting a suitable house for public worship. ... an indefinite delay and in the meantime dissensions arose ... distrust crept in, boisterous bickerings arose, and loud acclaims of discord and contention were heard in the land; even to the dividing asunder of the Milford class. And, hence two formidable parties are arrayed against each other. What a pitiable predicament the good brethren were left in: two years of bitter experience, no subscription, no church, no lots, ... a divided class and a wrangling community ...*

*(Archer resigned in March 1873; William T. Reid supplied the remainder of the year.*

*(Probably about the first of 1874, Ella Embree wrote a fictionalized account of the feud; she called the town Dissensionville. Ella said that Archer was so discouraged that he left the ministry. Kate Givan rewrote the story as a play, and the women of the church produced it, but a date wasn't found.)*

**20 December; Review:** All the horses about Sciola and Milford are sick with the horse disease.

*(Note: They called it the Epizootic.)*



# Page County Democrat.

"OUR LIBERTIES WE PRIZE AND OUR RIGHTS WE WILL MAINTAIN."

Two Dollars per Annum

CLARINDA, IOWA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1873

**3 January; Review:** We have reliable authority for making the statement that the Villisca Northern railroad will be built during the ensuing summer.

**24 January; Review:** Let all interested bear in mind that the 31st of this month is the last day for filing claims for additional bounty under the act of July 1866 giving \$100 to any soldier who enlisted into the Army after the 12th day of April 1862 for a period of not less than three years, and received his honorable discharge . . .



**4 April; Review:** TO SPORTSMEN. — We wish to call attention of sportsmen to Chapter 14 of the Laws of Iowa passed by the Legislature one year ago. By the provisions of that act it is a misdemeanor for any person to fire a gun in or near any feed lot where cattle or other stock are kept. . . The fine is not less than five dollars or more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

**11 April; Review:** From all parts of the country comes the news that much more spring wheat is being sown this spring than ever before. Farmers seem to be disheartened with corn as a profitable crop and seek relief in small grain. . .



**18 April; Review:** THE "IOWA CHIEF." This is the new washing machine patented by Messrs. Connoren & Shafer of Red Oak. Those who have seen it in operation speak very highly of its performances . . .

**18 September; Clarinda Page County Democrat:** The Des Moines Methodist Conference recently held at Winterset adjourned on the 15th . . .

(Note: Conference minutes; Milford; M. Sheets)





# RED OAK EXPRESS



A WEEKLY LITERARY & POLITICAL JOURNAL DEVOTED TO THE

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VOL. VII.

RED OAK, IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1874

No. 14

**9 April; Red Oak Express;** Milford: ... There is a certain small hard goods merchant resides in this quiet little city, notorious for billiards and checkers, and ... to leave a lasting impression on the minds of his very few customers, he would ... slap those he knew he could slap; ... But alas, things have taken a change. On last Thursday night he bounced the wrong boy in the person of an artist whose weight is 122 pounds, and the result was the artist slapped the merchant, and rout and ruin followed. The merchant took refuge behind the laws regulating those matters.

**16 April; Express;** Milford: Everybody knows where Milford is, but everybody doesn't know that a certain man hauls hay on Sunday. The first two letters of his name are B.S.— whether that stands for Beset by Satan, Breaker of the Sabbath or Bert Shields is best known to himself ...

We trust that by a repetition of a like offence he will have an introduction to the Squire's office.

**5 June; Express:** Minutes of the Board of Supervisors: ... Ordered, that Samuel M. Smith be authorized to build a bridge across the mill race of his mill, at Milford, according to the following specifications, viz: Abutments to be of stone 30 feet long, 12 feet high and 2 1/2 feet thick. Bridge 16 feet wide, joice underneath 3x10, Floor, Elm Plank 2 inches thick, and the Bridge to be built in a workmanlike manner throughout for the sum of \$279.32.

(Note: In 1873, S.M. Smith started work on a new mill to replace the one he built about 1857. It is said that the mill had been idle for a few years before the new one was erected. It was probably soon after the mill was finished that Smith built the new bridge.)

**25 June; Express:** The Fourth at Milford - Swing! Swing! The largest and best swing in use, called Grant and Greeley, will be at Milford on the Fourth of July, 1874. A good time is expected.

(Note: This was an early version of a merry-go-round; it was steam-powered.)

— The Fourth will be celebrated picnic style. The necessary committees were appointed: A.H. Smith is President of the Day; U. Patterson and John Thompson, Marshalls; D.H. Westfall will read the Declaration of Independence; H.N. McConoughey is superintendent of fireworks, and H.S. Scott will muster the "Modoc Horribles". ...

**9 July; Express:** Adv. - Notice to Builders - Notice is hereby given, that sealed bids for the purpose of building an M. E. church house, at Milford, can be sent to the address of Rev. M. Sheetz, Grant P. O., Montgomery county, Iowa. Bids will be received until the 18th of July, 1874. The house is to be 30x46 feet. The specifications and terms can be seen at the Methodist parsonage at Milford, Montgomery Co.

Building Committee

(Note: 21 June 1889; Independent, Milford: ... the band of church builders ... redoubled their disheartened energies, collected their scattered and logging forces and commenced work anew. They selected a more desirable location in the heart of the burg and secured the title thereto; circulated a second subscription with encouraging effect; let the contract and in due time there arose ... towering heavenward in monumental grandeur undeniable evidence that righteousness had prevailed.

(The cornerstone was laid 27 August 1874.)



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**23 July; Express:** MILITIA - Number of persons liable to military duty, and who are expected to defend the country in case of war or invasion: Douglas Township - 94

— CAMP MEETING - A camp meeting will be held one half mile from Milford, Montgomery County, to commence on the 19th of August and continue six days. We hereby extend a cordial invitation to the friends of Zion to attend. Boarding can be had on the ground, by those who want it. The meeting will be held in connection with the fourth Q.M. of Milford charge. M. Sheets

**17 September; Express:** Last Sunday was a remarkable day in Red Oak. There was not a preacher in town, ...

*(Note: The Baptist preacher was in Bedford. The Southwestern Iowa Baptist Conference was meeting.*

*(W.A. Dorward was the Milford pastor. That was the last year the Milford church reported to the conference, and it was dropped from membership in the association in 1880.*

*(1 September 1875, the Baptist parsonage property was sold to Samuel M. Smith.)*





# Villisca



# Review

Pledged But to Truth, to Liberty and Law; No Favors Win Us, and No Fear Shall Awe.

VOLUME IV. VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1875. NUMBER 29.

**14 January; Express:** State of Iowa vs. Intoxicating Liquors, kept by Marsh, of Milford, in which the justice decided against the liquor, ordering it destroyed, and taxing the cost against Marsh.

**21 January; Express:** The dedication of the ME church at Milford which was published to take place on the 24 inst. has been postponed on account of the contractors failing to complete the house according to agreement ...

The church will be dedicated without fail Sunday, March 14th. Dedicatory sermon at 11 o'clock on said day. A number of ministers are expected to be present and ministers and people are cordially invited to attend. The dedication will be in connection with the second QM of this charge.

**18 February; Review:** D. Allard & Son sold property in Milford to G. V. Close. Mr. Close will run the old stand known as the Milford Hotel. ... Mr. D. Allard contemplates going to the Pacific States to engage in the fur trade again.

*(Note: David Allard and his family came to Montgomery County about 1861. They settled on a farm south of Milford. 21 August 1869, the Allards bought lots 1 and 2, block 2, in Milford.*

*(13 May 1927; Review: from article on early Grant history by S.E. Smith: ... David Allard erected a store building and put in a stock of general merchandise. The Allard dwelling stood on the corner where the Purity Oil station now stands, [fire station] and the store was located just south of the house. ...)*

**4 March; Review:** On Wednesday evening, March 10th, a vocal and instrumental concert will be given at the new ME Church at Milford, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. ...



**5 August; Review:** During a recent visit to Chicago, we were shown by the publisher, A.T. Andreas,... the large Atlas of Iowa, which (his company) is preparing. ... A history of counties, towns, and cities ... will be given, full and complete. ...

*(Note: If you agreed to buy one of those books, your name would be included in the township patron list. It gave the occupation of each patron, the state or country of birth, and when he came into the state. The list includes the names of Alex Patton, blacksmith, and H.N. McConoughey, merchant; those identities were not found elsewhere. There is also a lithograph of the village of Milford. The artist took a few liberties with locations, but it is still a fascinating picture.)*

**23 September; Review:** ... We visited Milford, the gem of villages, and found things as they ought to be. The Warfield Bros., dry goods, have sold their fine store to the Mayne Bros., from foreign parts. The post office is soon going into a new building better fitted for the purpose. Plaque, Gould and all the rest are busy as bees. New buildings are going up. The flour mill grinds steadily along. Prosperity generally abounds at Milford.

**21 October; Review:** Dr. Sadler has removed from Milford to this place.

**18 November; Review:** From a note received from Milford we learn that Mrs. Patton, milliner of that place, has moved her stock of millinery into the room formerly occupied by Mr. J. Marsh as a grocery ...



# RED OAK EXPRESS



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INTERESTS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY & S.W. IOWA

VOL. IX.

RED OAK, IOWA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1876

NO. 30

**6 January; Express:** Adv. - Undertaking! E. Blanchard, Milford, IA. Keeps constantly on hand a supply of coffins! And trims them to order on short notice.

**20 January; Review:** We took the Mule Train running north from Villisca ... at 7 o'clock a.m.... and found the live town of Milford, a beautiful village ... containing a thriving and industrious population. They have one hardware store, several dry goods and variety stores, and also, a fine flouring mill, erected by S.M. Smith at a cost of \$17,000. This mill converts a large amount of wheat into flour, not only for the denizens of that vicinity, but large amounts are sent to Villisca, Atlantic, Red Oak, and other places.

*(Note: The hardware store was noted in 1874 news, then was mentioned twice in items of 1876, but the proprietor was not identified; the building was on Lot Six, Donoho's Addition. The store was not listed with Milford businesses in later accounts.)*

**27 January; Review;** Milford: Warfield Bros. are now occupying their new store, and judging from comers and goers they are doing a lively business.



**2 March; Review:** We recently examined a set of jewels which Jake Hefty, the tinner at Banes & Waterman, has been making for the Mason's Lodge at Milford. They are a perfect imitation of the jewels of the Villisca Lodge, except in metal ...

— Milford: There was a very pleasant and successful festival at the ME Church last Friday evening and at which a sum sufficient to neatly carpet the church and adorn the pulpit was realized.

— Milford: The Wolf Ridge base ball club played a match game with the Milford club here on Saturday. The Milforders came out ahead.

*(Note: Wolf Ridge was Wallin)*

— Milford: Dr. Scott's ... business has become so extensive as to require a partner. . . .

*(Note: Dr. James Scott, a Civil War veteran, came to Milford about 1872. After a brief stay, he went to Iowa City for further education, returning to Milford perhaps in the fall of 1873.)*

**11 May; Review:** EDITOR REVIEW: I will just note a few things about Milford the town of law and order. . . while the good Methodist brethren were holding a protracted meeting. Those that went to hear the word of God preached had their harness cut up and their quilts stolen out of their wagons. There was one store broken open and several articles and money taken and the thermometer was stolen. And while the hardware merchant and wife were at church, he had his store broken open and all the change he had in the store taken, beside a gold pen and some notes. Now if this is law and order I don't want any ...

**29 June; Review:** We understand that large delegations will come from Milford and Sciola to celebrate (the centennial Fourth of July) with us next Tuesday . . .

**20 July; Review:** On Tuesday last we enjoyed a drive up the beautiful Nodaway valley ... Late in the afternoon we reached Milford, the gem of the valley and the home of some of Montgomery County's best citizens. Here we found business thriving and many improvements going briskly forward, among others the new two-story brick schoolhouse. We were sorry to learn that a dispute had arisen among the citizens in regard to the site of the house, the claims of four different parts of town being urged besides the original location in the north part of town.

Everyone seemed deeply absorbed in discussion of the matter, all the more excited because of the trying of the case by Supt. Pattison, who is endeavoring to cast oil on the troubled waters.

*(Note: Tradition says that at the election for the school house bond issue, two women voted; one was post mistress Electa Donoho. Shocking! The brick for the new school was burned in a kiln east of the old cemetery.)*

**3 August; Express** Milford: Seth M. Smith and family while at the Centennial had their headquarters at Camden, N.J.

**2 November; Review:** Milford: The Hon. Z. T. Fisher of Red Oak and W.H. Redman, Esq. of Villisca addressed a large and enthusiastic audience at Milford on the eve of the 28th ... in the interest of the Republican party.

**22 November; Review:** Milford: On the eve of Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30, there will be given an old fashioned Thanksgiving supper at the Milford ME church. Supper tickets 35 cents; for child 20 cents. Proceeds for benefit of the church.

**28 December; Review:** Milford: The young hearts of the rising generation of Milford and vicinity were made thrice glad last night in the shape of a very large and beautiful Christmas tree, heavily laden with several hundred very substantial and valuable presents, the best of all was that old Santa Claus was present in person, robed in his Lapland costume of furs and funny regalia. Some of the younger children were somewhat frightened at the old gent's hideous appearance and comical pranks, but their fears soon subsided as they listened to the merry tinkle of his bells and received copious showers of candy and fruit from his well-filled basket.

After much merriment and fun he delivered a short but very appropriate address, ordered the tree unveiled and the presents distributed to their rightful owners, bade the children goodnight and vanished in the crowd...

The audience listened to other speeches and prayer with sweet music from the choir ...

— The new school house will be open for occupation Jan. 2, 1877.





# The People's Telephone.

VOL. 1

RED OAK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1877

NO. 2

**25 January; Express:** We learn that they have organized a brass band at Milford, and some of the old standbys of that section are the principle performers. Erve Pritchard is the leader and Seth Smith blows the bass drum and Kirkpatrick does the whistling ...

**15 February; Express:** S. M. Smith of Milford was visited by a deputy US Marshall and taken to Council Bluffs to answer to the charge of selling manufactured tobacco without a license ...

**22 February; Express:** Editors Express: I see in your last issue a notice that I was arrested for selling tobacco without a license which was true, but that the matter was not settled was a mistake. The facts in the case are these: the bankrupt stock of J.H. Warfield was turned over to me, upon which the tax had been paid, which I supposed was sufficient, but as soon as I found out my mistake I apologized to the collector at Des Moines, Mr. Sherman, and as soon as I received the necessary blank I forwarded the amount of tax and penalty as the law required, and have received my stamp and receipt for the penalty, but in the meantime there was an information filed before Judge Wright at Council Bluffs, upon which he issued a warrant for my arrest. I appeared, and upon stating to him the case, and showing that I had payed the tax and penalty I was released and went on my way rejoicing.

There is some jealous, evil disposed persons who would like to make capital out of such a mistake, which will undoubtedly recoil back upon their own hands ...  
S. M. Smith

**10 May; Express:** The Advent Christian denomination will hold their quarterly meeting at Milford commencing May 25th ... The meeting will be held in the Southwestern Iowa Advent Tabernacle.

*(Note: The new tabernacle tent arrived in time for the meeting, but part of it was missing. Emerson Blanchard was the local preacher, he was active in annual conference meetings, and preached at several different nearby locations. The 1878 conference minutes state that Baskerville Forester was preaching at Milford.*

*(Centennial history; Grant Methodist Church; 1955; page 16: In 1876, after hearing the doctrines of the Adventists as presented by their minister, the trustees decided they could not call them orthodox and refused to let them use the church.)*



**14 June; Review:** In the vicinity of Milford the farmers are slaying the hoppers with the coal oil machines. That is a great deal better than sitting around growling about the pests. ...

**22 August; Express:** Leaving Villisca, your correspondent traveled up the classic valley of the west Nodaway. ... On arriving in the thriving little burgh of Milford, I proceeded to ... make the acquaintance of her business men. ... The dry goods and groceries, boots, shoes and queensware trade is about equally divided between the stores of Sam. M. Smith and Maine Bros., each of whom do a business that would compare favorably with any of the Red Oak stores. J.M. Hart, of Red Oak, has recently opened a drug store here and keeps in stock a full line of drugs, books, stationery, etc., etc.

E.G. Gould has just remodeled and improved his boot, shoe and harness shop and is doing good work in his line. G.V. Close, the "village smithy", I found busy at his anvil where he informed me he finds plenty to do at all seasons of the year. He also employs two workmen and does all kinds of repair work, making plow work a specialty.



*(Note: S.M. Smith built the first blacksmith shop, about 1860. It was run by McMurrin and McCartney. George Close bought the business in 1868.)*

One shop alone, however, cannot do all the blacksmithing for Milford and her surrounding country, and on the opposite side of the town are Ashbaugh & Courcier with a shop and a trade that gives them no time for idleness.

S. Hamilton, late of Pennsylvania, is just opening a tin shop—something Milford has long needed, and as he is a competent and energetic young man there is no doubt but that he will succeed.

The mill at Milford is an industry of which her citizens may well be proud. It is one of the newest and most complete mills in the county, and being situated in the center of such a productive grain region, does an immense amount of work and brings a great deal of trade to Milford. Smith & Phillips are the gentlemanly proprietors, and B.L. Blackburn, an old-time and experienced miller, the chief workman.

The Milford House has recently changed hands, the present proprietor being Mr. J.G. Andrews, who is making it a first rate hotel. In fact, it is the best hotel in the city ...

Messrs. Scott & Kirkpatrick and Dr. Farlow are Milford's M.D's, but so salubrious is the atmosphere and so healthful the climate in this region, that there is little demand for physicians.

Offord & Ross are the working disciples of Blackstone here. However but one of them remains here all the time, the other attending to the business of the firm in Red Oak.

Milford has one church - Methodist; and a school-house that is her special pride. It is a spacious well-arranged brick, two full stories in height with mansard roof, and was built at a cost of \$3,500. ...

Mr. S.M. Smith is building an addition to his store room 20x22 feet, increasing the size thereof about one third.

**8 September; Red Oak Telephone;** Milford: ... in this thriving place is Dr. A.J. Horton, ... He has established an enviable reputation in the practice of his profession, ...



I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper

# Villisca Weekly Review.

THIS PAPER IS DEVOTED TO NEWS, PROGRESS, AND THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLISHERS.

VOLUME 7.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1878

NO.37

**10 January; Review:** Adv. US Mail and Hack line - from Villisca to Atlantic, via Sciola, Wallace, Grant, Newlin's Grove and Cass Center. Leaves Villisca Monday and Friday at 7:00 a.m. ... Leaves Atlantic Tuesday and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. ... Fare: To Grant \$1.00; from Grant to Atlantic \$1.50. I have a good covered hack for passengers and drive fast teams.  
Jas. Bunker

**18 January; Review:** Mr. Henry Howard has moved to Milford to go into business with Samuel M. Smith.

**20 March; Telephone:** Milford Mites: P.F. Ross, our young and rising attorney, is attending circuit court at Corning.

— The greenback club at this place is in a flourishing condition - numbering about twenty.

— Litigations show unmistakable signs of abatement, thus waiving Milford's claim to the reputation of wholesale lawing it has so long enjoyed.

**11 April; Review;** Milford: The Milford Band boys are on their ear, have donned their high heeled boots and are scarcely approachable with a ten foot pole. They received their new instruments last week ... and were bent on a surprise serenade of the town. As all are new beginners with no practice, the leader generously allowed each one to choose his own music ... No damage was done except two busted horns, some cows bawling, some cats and dogs scared and we haven't heard of a rat in four miles of the place since. ...

**6 June; Express:** ... The wooden bridge at Milford ... has been condemned- considered worthless, and will be replaced by a new iron bridge ...

Such a flood and such a washing away of the structures on the public highways was never known in Montgomery County.

*(Note: A History of Montgomery County, 1906; W.W. Merritt; Minutes of the Board of Supervisors: page 328; 1866 ... \$250 appropriated towards building bridge at Milford ...*

*(5 January 1869; Supervisor's notes: Supervisors received bridge built across West Nodaway at Grant by S.M. Smith. Wm. Stipe was released from his bond as commissioner to superintend building of said bridge.)*

**17 July; Telephone:** There will be a Grand Temperance meeting at Milford on next Saturday and Sunday under the arrangement of the red ribbon organization of Montgomery County. The first meeting will be held on Saturday evening. Speakers from Red Oak will be present and assist in perfecting organization for that place ...

**22 August; Review:** The iron works of the new bridge at Milford is on the ground and the bridge will soon be completed.



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VOL. XII.

RED OAK, IOWA, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1879

No. 19

**8 May; Express:** Milford is a village of about 300 people. It has a good two-story brick school, a Methodist church and a town hall.

Mr. E. Gould has a boot, shoe, and harness manufactory; also repairs all kinds of goods in his line.

Mr. Geo. V. Close carries on blacksmithing, wagon and buggy manufacturing. ... He is also agent for the sale of the Cincinnatti make of carriages and buggies, a number of which he has on hand. Mr. C. also keeps livery stock for the accommodation of all who desire anything in this line.

The Milford flouring and sawing mills is owned by Sam'l. M. Smith and operated by Smith & Baldwin. ... Mr. Baldwin formerly ran the Manker mills, north of Red Oak. Mr. E. Blanchard is a worker in wood - such as wagons, buggies, etc., and all kinds of repair work, and is said to be skilful ...

I must not overlook my host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Battles, ... of the Milford House. ... Mr. B. has good stabling in connection with his house, ...

Mr. James M. Hart deals in drugs, medicines, school books, wall paper, etc. His is not a "dram shop", although his neighbors have voted him a permit to sell liquors for medicinal purposes ...

Dr. J. Scott, whose shingle bears the sign of "Physician & Surgeon," has graduated, by incessant labor and patience of years gone by, to the knowledge of dealing out drugs and medicines ...

Mr. J.G. Andrews ... represents the State Insurance Company of Des Moines, ...

The merchants of the place are Messrs. Smith & Howard, the latter formerly Auditor of this county ... They keep a general stock of goods, and have a very good trade. ...

A little west of them can be seen the genial smile of Mr. S.N. Maine, who carries a general stock of goods. ... Mrs. Smith & McCartney flaunt the sign to the ladies - "Millinery."

**15 May; Review:** Dr. Bell has been induced by the people of Milford and vicinity to visit that place once a week for the double purpose of doing dental work and teaching the band.

**3 July; Express:** ... The CB & Q surveying corps finished a line yesterday from Villisca to Brenton's farm, near Milford, where it intercepts the other routes recently surveyed on the west side of the river ... (from the *Review*)

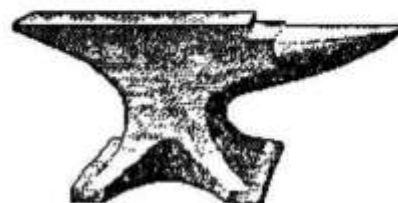
**10 July; Review:** Having business in Milford and being offered a seat for a ride by Mr. Frank Waterman, ye Senior started out last Monday morning. ... Mr. Waterman called to see several men who had purchased Buckeye Reapers and mowers, and the machines are giving universal satisfaction.

In Milford, ... The two Maine brothers have each a store, one of them in a prominent building and good location. ... a meat market is run by Mr. Donahue.

**8 October; Express:** Milford: A new mail route has been established from a point below Red Oak to this place. It is expected to leave here with mail every other day and arrive on alternate days. This will be a great convenience to tradesmen from Red Oak, who can come here one day and return the next morning.

(Note: Postmaster, Frank M. Sillik; date of appointment, 18 March 1879.)

— Owing to the scarcity of water, the mill runs but little of the time.



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**15 October; Express; Milford Millets:** Mr. Courcier and Mr. Viers had a few words of an unpleasant nature on last Wednesday. Mr. Viers seemed much out of sorts, and talked so ungentlemanly and insultingly that it proved more than Mr. Courcier could bear; thereupon he struck Viers a few times, knocking him down. When Viers got up he drew his revolver, and Courcier stepped into Mr. Smith's house. ...

**15 October; Telephone:** One of the machines that attracted much attention at the Montgomery county Fair was the Iowa Check Rower, patented by J.M. Hart, of Grant. A careful examination of this machine showed it to be the most simple combination possible; not a bolt or screw that could be dispensed with - every piece having its allotted place and object, and altogether forming the most simple and complete check rower ever invented. Its work is not dependent on knotted rope, to cause unevenness of drop by stretching or contracting. The distance between hills is measured by one wheel that cannot vary, and thus perfect accuracy is secured. It appeared to be the universal opinion of all who examined this machine that for simplicity, durability and economy it is unequalled, and must put it in the front ranks as a useful, almost indispensable farming implement. ...

**29 October; Review; Milford:** On the eve of the election the boys visited the saloon in the west part of town, and not being able, we judge, to hold the contents of the kegs themselves, tore up things in general and sent the keep en route to other quarters.

— Mr. Orson Dewitt has bought the Milford hotel of Mr. Caywood ...

— Mr. Austin Smith and Mr. Hart have started out to sell territory for the selling of the latter's patent corn planter.

**29 October; Express; Milford Millets:** A new and substantial carriage shed and grain bin adds to the good appearance of the ME church property.



**6 November; Review:** A large drove of cattle passed through Villisca yesterday on the way to Milford. They were for Mr. Sam M. Smith, and will probably furnish market for an immense pile of the grand corn crop grown in that vicinity this year.

**17 November; Review:** Mr. Mayne of Milford bought the scales opposite the Western House and has moved them to Elliott, the new town on the Red Oak & Atlantic RR, where he proposes buying grain.

**19 November; Express; Milford Millets:** The scales at S.M. Smith's mills have been repaired and are in use, being convenient for weighing cattle as well as grain, etc.

— Lawyer Bryant has moved his office over to Mr. Sillik's, at the post office.

**26 November; Express; Milford Millets:** Mr. Gus Courcier has gone in with Mr. Geo. Close in the blacksmith trade.





**THE ENTERPRISE.**

ELLIOTT, IOWA, SEPT. 4, 1880.

**29 January; Review:** Milford: The Milford House changed hands twice last week - Mr. DeWitt selling to S.D. Viers, who in turn sold to A. Leroux.

**16 February; Review:** Mortons Mill: Douglas Township was the scene of a highly criminal law suit last week, in which Richard Corbin was defendant, being charged with stabbing one Mosier. It appeared from the evidence that there had been a difficulty between Mosier and Corbin and their families for some time, culminating in a family fight, at a lyceum, on the night of Febr. 3rd. The case was tried before H.S. Lott, J.P. and lasted four days, resulting in the acquittal of the defendant. A.J. Bryant for the State and J.T. Patterson for the defense were the attorneys engaged. Mosier is recovering. His wound is not considered dangerous.

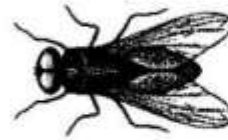
**6 May; Review:** At Milford ... Mr. Henry Pope, dealer in general merchandise, who has recently located in the place, has just received a large invoice of goods ...

One of the best flouring mills to be found in the west is at this place; S.M. Smith, Prop. and under the management of J.H. Baldwin and W. A. Glover. If you want a number one flour, take your grain to this place. Flour from this mill finds ready sale at Villisca, Coming, Elliott, Griswold and many other places in this part of the state.

If you wish to stop at a good hotel in this place, we refer you to the Grant House.

**4 September; Elliott Enterprise:** Adv. - Milford and Elliott Daily Hack Line - Accommodation for passengers. Express packages delivered and errands tended to ...

W.H. Wells, prop.



**7 October; Review:** Col. W.P. Hepburn will deliver one of his telling political speeches at Milford next Saturday evening ... The citizens of that bailiwick are alive with enthusiasm over the coming event and will turn out almost to a man to hear the Republican candidate for Congress.

**17 November; Telephone:** On Friday evening about 5:00, fire was discovered in Pope and Lockwood's dry good store in Milford, which brought a crowd of neighbors, who removed nearly all the goods, but the house was entirely consumed. Mr. Lockwood had about two thousand dollars in money in a drawer, which in the excitement was forgotten, and was consumed with the building.

**8 December; Telephone:** Mr. Samuel Smith of Milford has bought about twelve thousand bushels of corn already this season. He is feeding some three hundred head of cattle and a great many hogs.



# The People's Telephone.

*Fearless and Independent in All Things; Neutral in Nothing.*

VOLUME IV.

RED OAK, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1881.

NUMBER 28

**3 March; Review:** A literary farmer near Milford is writing Indian stories of the most sensational character.

**23 March; Telephone:** Rev. D.N. Holmes has received the appointment as postmaster at Milford. This is a good move, as Mr. H. is a worthy man and will give his undivided attention to his office. Mr. Sillick, who made a good postmaster, did not want the place longer.

*(Note: Date of appointment, 7 March, 1881.)*

**5 May; Review:** We are informed that many of the farmers in the vicinity of Milford have not yet finished gathering last year's corn.

**12 May; Review:** We hear flattering reports from the band at Milford. Last Saturday, the boys appeared on the street and serenaded the people in a manner that was highly applauded by those around.

— Mr. G.V. Close, one of the solid businessmen of Milford, is now proprietor of the Milford store ...

**23 June; Review:** The mail carrier on the Milford route has a natty new hack for the convenience of passengers. Express packages delivered.

**7 July; Review:** The Fourth at Milford was a complete success, although the sad news of the attempt to assassinate Pres. Garfield perhaps deterred a great many from coming and those that did come felt doubtful whether they were attending a celebration or a funeral. News was finally received that the President would probably recover, and all seemed glad and the celebration proceeded.

The people commenced to assemble in Mr. Stipe's grove south of Milford bridge, about 9 o'clock, and by eleven the grounds were comfortably filled. 1,500 people would be a low estimate of the crowd.

The Milford brass band furnished the music and did extremely well. ...

Plenty of ice water was furnished for all. A good dancing floor and a swing furnished amusements for the young folks. ... a basket dinner was the order of the day.

**25 August; Review:** Last week, Mr. G.V. Close sold or rather traded his entire property, lands, houses and his stock of goods at Milford to Mr. Ad. Adams for the Woodsworth Hotel in Atlantic. ... Mr. Adams has since sold the store to Mr. Evault ...

**8 September; Review:** Milford boasts of the prettiest girls in the county. Most of them will be at the Fair next week.

**20 October; Review:** Morton Mills: ... Mr. Wm. Focht has bought Mr. Tho. Reid's place. Mr. Reid has moved to Milford and is now the proprietor of the Grant House.



# The GRISWOLD ADVOCATE

GRISWOLD, CASS COUNTY, IOWA — WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 1882

**3 January; Griswold Advocate:** S.M. Smith, of Milford, has contracted with Stuart Bros., the great stockmen of Council Bluffs to feed 700 head of cattle through until spring. Mr. Smith has sub-let these cattle out to different parties in Noble township and around Milford in bunches of from 100 to 200 head. ...

**5 January; Review:** The hotel at Milford has been the scene in times past of many riotous and irregular performances. A few days ago, a row took place there in which the landlord and lady assisted, and the old lady received a severe slap in the face, which took her out of the scrimmage in short order. We learn that some responsible people will take charge of the hotel soon, and conduct it respectably, so that the public will be assured of good accommodations, order and quiet when stopping there.

*(Note: 30 January 1882; Deed Book 8:216: Sophia Hart from W.J. Davis ...*

*(Mrs. Hart was a Cary, and she called her hotel the Cary House. Tradition says that James Hart razed the Allard store, and built an addition to the hotel.)*

**25 May; Review:** — PROHIBITION AMENDMENT. VOTE FOR IT JUNE 27. Section 26. No person shall manufacture for sale, sell, or keep for sale as a beverage, any intoxicating liquors whatever, including ale, wine and beer.

The General Assembly shall by law, prescribe regulations for the enforcement of the provisions herein contained, and shall thereby provide suitable penalties for violations of the provisions thereof.

*(Note: The proposed amendment to the state constitution was approved.)*

**8 June; Review:** The Milford people are stirring the foundations of the earth to secure the "Diagonal". ...

**9 August; Advocate:** Band Boys tournament and picnic one week from today ...

*(Note: The Milford band attended the event, but I didn't learn which band won the contest.)*

**29 September; Ottumwa Daily Democrat:** ... wholesale grocer J.H. Merrill & Co. carries stocks that cannot be equalled west of Chicago ...

*(Note: Bits of History; No. VII; page 23; by Kate E. Givan, 1964: From papers stored in the old Geo. T. Cary barn: Invoice, Oct. 6, 1882; J.H. Merrill & Co, Ottumway, Ia, to Geo. T. Cary, Milford: 153 items, the total bill \$655.93.*

*(I Grant You This; No. I; page 5; by Kate E. Givan; 1970: George T. Cary owned and operated this store [D. Vetter] for two years.*

*(J. H. Merrill & Co. also invested in Montgomery County tax sale property. They owned several lots in Milford.)*



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOLUME XII

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1883.

NUMBER 36

**4 January; Review:** Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska RR is a new scheme rousing the hopes of the Milford people.

**5 April; Review:** We are authorized to announce an entertainment or concert, at Milford, April 11, for the purpose of getting books for the Sabbath School. The entertainment will consist of singing, declamations, select readings, tableaux. Also a new and effective formula of the "Broom Drill" which will be extremely interesting.

**29 May; Review:** On Thursday and Friday next week will occur the Semicentennial celebration of the settlement of Iowa. A grand time is expected at Burlington. A \$2,000 pyrotechnic display will be one of the features. . . . Railroad fares will be about half rates for the round trip.

**12 July; Review:** B.F. Clayton has taken the contract for carrying the mails from this place to Milford, and will run a first class passenger hack. . . .

*(Note: J.M. Hart, postmaster, date of appointment, 15 December 1882.)*

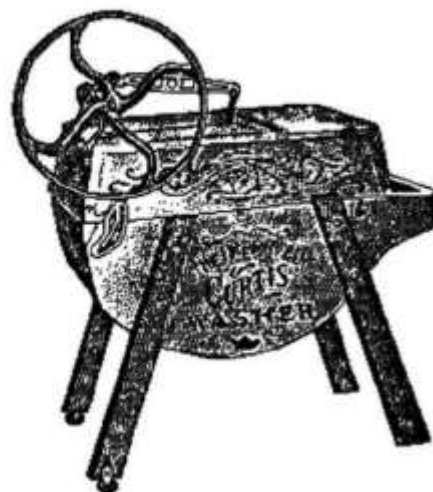
**13 September; Review:** On Sept. 17 the people of Douglas Township will hold an election on the proposition of giving a 5% tax to the Kansas City, Atlantic and Northern road ...

**20 September; Review:** The proposition to vote a tax for building a court house at the county seat is now before the Montgomery County people. . . .

*(Note: The proposal failed.)*

**16 November; Express:** Milford: Mr. Henry Howard has fitted up his wareroom, plastered, seated and adorned it with lamps, to be used in place of a town hall.

**30 November; Express:** Milford: Our school has grown so in numbers that it has been thought necessary to use a part of the second story of the school-house. Carpenters will be at work this week putting in a temporary partition.





# The Red Oak Express

VOL. VII

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1884.

NO. 5

**3 January; Review;** Milford: Rev. Branson commenced a protracted meeting in Milford last Sunday evening. We hope the effect may bring many lost sheep to the fold and warm up the many lukewarm and cold.

— The Germans are holding a successful revival in their new church, four miles north of Milford. The converts numbered 53 when last heard from.

**18 January; Express;** Milford: J.P. Raffenberg, proprietor of Milford Creamery, is putting up ice. He contemplates putting up some 50 tons. Hart, of the Carey house, will also put up 15 or 20 tons.

— Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Cary might have been seen perambulating our crowded thoroughfares last week, endeavoring to get signers to a petition concerning "woman suffrage". ... Give the ladies a voice, and the saloon question will be entirely wiped out.

**27 January; Review;** Milford: Milford is to have an event in the shape of a Social Ball at Howard's Hall, Thursday evening, Jan'y 24, '84. Atwood's Band will furnish music and a delightful time is expected.

— Mr. Charley Norcross is the owner of a new \$175 buggy.

**22 February; Express;** Milford: Lon Hunt and Tom Blackburn have started on a tramp to the Lone Star state, via Indian Territory.

— The Union Sabbath-school, under the supervision of Uncle Blanchard, is in a healthy, growing condition. Their meetings are held at Howard's hall, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. ...

**29 February; Express;** Milford: D.M. Johnson has put up a paint shop just south of his residence.

**21 March; Express;** Milford: W.A. Marshall, brickmaker, has moved to Fontenelle. Sam Smith has purchased what brick Mr. Marshall had.

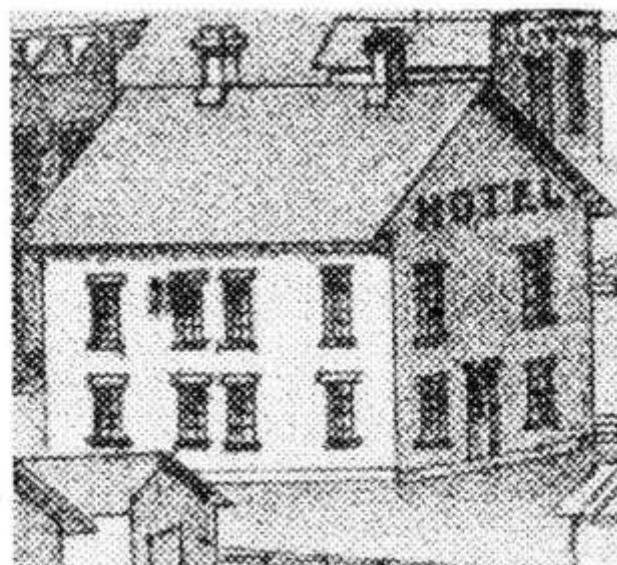
**24 April; Review;** Milford: Gus Couseer has purchased a new outfit of tools for his shop and says that in the near future he will put in a 10 horse engine to run the machinery, etc.

— The Carey House is full of people these days.

**8 May; Review;** Milford: John Warfield, one of our leading merchants, is advertising his goods quite extensively now and at reduced prices.

**23 May; Express;** Milford: There were a number of additions made to the Advent church during the winter ...

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**26 June; Review;** Milford: Three of our well-to-do farmers, Mark Bonham, Seth Smith and Mr. Berryhill, have recently bought twine binders for their harvests.

**10 July; Review:** Gala Day at Milford: The Celebration was liberally attended, variously estimated between two and three thousand. Due reverence was vouchsafed to the day of days that ushered in the existence of this mighty Republic. Thousands of patriotic hearts gave evidence that the sorrows of the days of the Revolution and its results are still sacredly cherished by a grateful people. The Declaration of Independence was read by D. Westfall. Col. Tam, of Avoca, entertained the vast concourse with an appropriate oration. After dinner came the contest between the different Sabbath Schools for a beautiful banner, presented by the committee.

Our German friends of Noble Township were awarded the prize. Their school numbered 140 pupils. It's hard to beat the Dutch. An appropriate presentation speech and response followed. The exercises of the day were interspersed with excellent music by the Glee Club of Milford and the Silver Cornet Band of Noble Township, and the German Sabbath School, after which the audience was dismissed for general jollification. The fireworks at night were wonderful, bordering on a pandemonium.

**24 July; Review;** Morton Mills: Many of our good people attended United Brethren church in the grove near Grant on Sunday ...

*(Note: The UB denomination was active in the area at least by 1876. There was no congregation at Milford, although the three appointments were called the Milford Circuit when they were incorporated in 1885. The circuit eventually included five or six appointments in Montgomery, Adams and Cass Counties.)*

**30 July; Telephone:** Douglass Township: J.H. Warfield is now comfortably situated in the storeroom formerly occupied by Henry Howard; Mr. Howard occupying a storeroom just east of his old stand. Mr. Warfield will move his old storeroom back and convert it into a dwelling.

**21 August; Review; Milford:** Bruce Hawley is having a good success here. Getting more threshing than he can do with his new agitator. He threshed 600 bushels of wheat in one day.

**4 September; Review;** Milford: There are a good many blacksmiths in this county, but since George Hunt has commenced the trade he is the blackest one.

**14 November; Sun;** Elliott: Charlie Atwood's string band furnished music for an exhibition held in the Milford hall last Friday night. Ten cents admission was charged. The proceeds go toward buying a dictionary for the high school.

**12 December; Express;** Milford: Mr. James Hart sold his drug store to M. DeWitt. ... Mr. DeWitt will undertake to see that the people are fully supplied with itch medicine, pills and in fact everything ...



# THE SUN

VOL. VIII

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1885.

NO. 39.

**9 January; Express;** Milford: Ed Gould has concluded to connect boot and shoemaking with his harness work.

— After a short contest between O. DeWitt and H. Howard as to which should occupy the position of postmaster at the cross roads, it was decided that Howard should wear the crown.

*(Note: date of appointment, 15 December 1884)*

**30 January; Sun;** Milford: Orson Dewitt is getting up a petition for a permit to sell liquors for medicinal purposes.

**27 February; Sun;** Kimel's Mills: Jas. M. Hart, of Milford, has sold his store to Orson Dewitt, and goes to Griswold to go into the drug business.

**22 May; Sun;** Milford: Allen Walker of Villisca is the proprietor of the City hotel.

— John H. Warfield has sold his store to L. A. Chapman of Stanton.

**5 June; Sun;** Milford: Geo. Carey is building a new store on Main street.

— There is now a flourishing Sunday School at the Houser school house.

*(Note: 28 March 1885; Articles of Incorporation: ... the United Brethren Church in Christ of Milford Mission ... said Mission including parts of Montgomery, Adams and Cass Counties ...)*

— The creamery has started up and has two wagons out gathering cream.

**10 July; Sun:** ... At Milford a very comfortable and cozy sort of celebration was held at Stipe's Grove. It was a kind of a neighborhood picnic. Hon. W.W. Merritt's oration won him a hearty vote of thanks.

Milford is the oldest settlement in the county, and has rarely failed to celebrate the nation's birthday in good style, some quite large celebrations having been held there.

Mr. Wade, who runs a daily hack line between Milford and Elliott, made two trips on the Fourth ...

**21 August; Sun;** Milford: Samuel W. Smith now has a system of water works of his own, a wind mill, tanks and pipe supplying both house and barn. The improvements cost \$160.

**28 August; Sun;** Milford: The high water Monday did considerable damage. It took the bridge away by the Milford Mill.

**18 September; Sun;** Milford: Burglars tried Vetter's store one night last week, but young Vetter put a ball into the door and frightened them away.

— The new post office building is receiving a new coat of paint inside and out.

— George Cary is our new post master.

*(Note: Appointed 11 September 1885.)*

**25 September; Sun;** Milford: O. DeWitt has traded his drugstore to Seymour Selby of Carbon, for Kansas land.



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**I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper**

**13 November; Express; Milford:** Our new bridge, or rather the old one repaired, is almost ready for the road supervisor to commence grading the road to it. It is no wonder a call has been made for an increase in the tax levy ... when the sum of \$1000 has been expended on this one bridge. ...

*(Note: 13 January 1928; Review; Grant: ... As nearly as is known the bridge was built about 1880. Sometime later the high water washed it from its foundation and carried it downstream about a quarter of a mile. It had to be taken apart and the steel parts straightened and was then replaced on the piers which had been raised one section of steel ...)*

**27 November; Express; Milford:** Glass & Ashbaugh have purchased ground, and built a new blacksmith shop across the street West from the Carey House, and will soon be ready for business in their new quarters.



— The Milford Musical Society will give a concert on Christmas night at the Methodist church.

— Our druggist, S.D. Selby, has sold out his business here to Joseph Ecker, of Elliott. Mr. Ecker has taken possession and will be pleased to attend to the physical ailments of our people. A registered pharmacist will attend to all calls day or night.





# The Red Oak Express

VOL. XIX

RED OAK, IOWA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1886.

NO. 40

**22 January; Sun;** Milford: Henry Howard is organizing a class in bookkeeping ...

**5 February; Sun;** Milford: ... spelling contest ... won by David Vetter.

**19 February; Sun;** Milford: Landlord Walker will quit the Carey house in June.

— 'Squire McConoughey had been engaged as an attorney in several law suits.

— Henry Howard is the champion chess player of Montgomery County.

— Numerous meetings have been held at Eckers drugstore to effect an organization to repair to one of the numerous islands of Alaska ... The scheme appears quite complete, except as to what they will eat and wear.

**26 March; Sun;** Milford: G.B. Johnson is organizing a Sons of Veterans lodge.

— Glass and Ashbaugh have adopted the roller process for sharpening plows.

— James Hart came back from Griswold to take charge of the Carey House.

**16 April; Sun;** Milford: James Hart has bought the Blanchard hall and will put in a line of Hardware and implements, which he bought from a Griswold man.

**23 April; Sun;** Milford: Dr. Jackson has already received several calls.

**7 May; Sun;** Milford: Miss Libbie Howard has quite a large music class.

— Sammy Embree and Frank Smith each have a beautiful bicycle.

— Elihu Baxter went to Red Oak last week for an invoice of merchandise.

**18 June; Sun;** Milford: Andy Ashbaugh has bought out his partner, Ed Glass.

— Henry Howard's croquet ground is a popular resort. It is nicely shaded by trees and most inviting.

**23 July; Sun;** Milford: J.C. Ecker has sold his stock of drugs to p.m. Carey and his stock of groceries to Mr. Chapman.

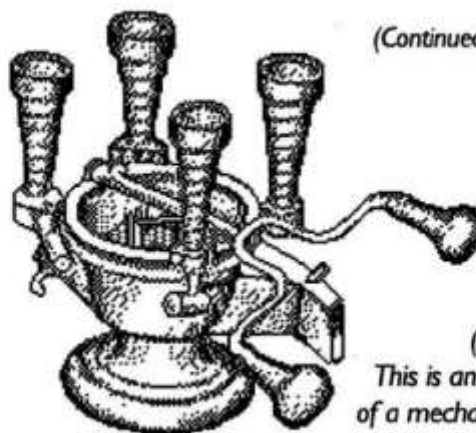
**19 August; Review;** Milford: D.J. Diamond, Sim Hunt, Jacob Leonard and Hite Embree left Tuesday to attend the Soldier's reunion at Creston.

**2 September; Review;** Milford: A grand Sabbath School picnic was held in the grove south of town last Friday. Five Sabbath Schools from the surrounding country were represented ...

— The old drug store building has been sold to Alex Caywood.

— A festival will be held at S.J. Botts' next Friday evening for the benefit of the United Brethren church.

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(Editor's note:  
This is an early version  
of a mechanical milker.)

**16 September; Review:** During the past year, the farmers of Douglas Township lost 2444 hogs by cholera ... Such losses ... make a man look down his nose when his taxes come due.

**17 September; Sun;** Milford: ... The ownership of the (Blanchard) building is in litigation, three parties claiming title. The supposition is that it was set on fire.

— The Adventists are holding a series of meetings in their tabernacle at this place ...

**18 September; Express;** Milford: ... The building known as Blanchard's Hall was entirely consumed by fire last Wednesday morning, at 3 o'clock. It was the work of an incendiary. The building was unoccupied, except the upper room, which was used by the Masonic fraternity. As no known reason can be surmised as an inducement to anyone to commit such a crime, the whole affair is shrouded in mystery. The Masonic fraternity sustained a severe loss, not being able to save anything. The second time the Lodge has suffered by fire within ten years. The brethren of the "mystic tie" are not entirely disheartened over their great loss, but will occupy the upper west room of the school house, their former abode. They have concluded to order a new charter and paraphernalia necessary to continue the good work.

**23 September; Review;** Milford: Parties are prospecting for coal on John P. Norcross' farm near Milford with strong hopes of finding the Carbon vein at a reasonable depth.



**21 October; Sun;** Milford: Link Long is now running the Carey House.

**11 November; Review;** Milford: Milford boasts a broom factory, John Gilbert, proprietor.

**19 November; Express;** Milford: The religious carnival recently held at the Chard school house has finally adjourned after about six weeks duration. The great crowds attracted by the novelty of their strange maneuvers are at a loss for a place of amusement. They verified the old saying that "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise". The only ones that were affected by their words of wisdom were the tobacco dealers and the "ground pool" players ... The free Methodist church is not much of a gainer for the time put in. Physical endurance was the test of perfection. Alas! for the vagaries of fanatics on any subject.

*(Note: 4 April 1918; Grant Chief: [Editor visits with John Damuth] ... John's mind was with the long ago for he started talking about the early days: "... Pegleg Long would send out the word - Protracted meetings at Sciola and we would all gather in, pray, sing and shout until a message came that the devil had broken loose in the neighborhood of the red school and away we would go, where we would find old Shevalley and Wortendike fighting a losing battle. We all pitched in and soon had the devil chased out ...")*

*There was no use to go to Grant in those days for the Methodists were having one of the scraps for which they were famous and it was about the time that the presiding elder had to be called in to settle the argument ...")*

**26 November; Sun;** Milford: The skating on the mill pond last week was the earliest in the season for several years.

**3 December; Express;** Milford: A squad of bad boys were down on the river skating last Sunday morning and one of them fell in. The old saying of violating the Sabbath brings disaster was verified ere his companions rescued him.

**23 December; Review;** Milford: A shooting match will be held on Christmas.

# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

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VOLUME XVII.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1887.

NUMBER 12.

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**14 January; Sun;** Milford: Henry Howard made a bill of sale last week to R.J. Edmonds.

**18 March; Sun;** Milford: Milford needs a harness maker, Ed Gould having gone to Nebraska.

**25 March; Express;** Milford: Uncle Austin Smith "the romance writer of the plains," talks of immortalizing some of his early adventures by producing them in book form.

**25 March; Sun;** Milford: Mort Carpenter, of Elliott, has bought out Orson DeWitt.

— Elliott: Mort Carpenter has purchased the old Henry Howard stock of merchandise at Milford and will run a general store there.

**20 May; Sun;** Milford: John M. Sadler has the contract for carrying the mail from here to Elliott.

**24 June; Sun;** Milford: Milford will celebrate the Fourth with a picnic and fireworks.

— Quite a number of our citizens are purchasing road carts. The road to Caywood's race track presents a lively appearance on pleasant evenings.

**15 July; Express;** Milford: M.J. Carpenter has taken possession of the Merrill property recently vacated by Mrs. Howard.

**22 July; Sun;** Milford: A.L. Long has moved out of the hotel ...

**29 July; Sun;** Milford: David Vetter has risen from clerk to proprietor, having bought the Chapman store ...

**12 August; Sun;** Milford: The late corn is a failure, but the early planted corn will make 2/3 of an average crop.

**18 August; Review;** Milford: Allen Walker has moved into the Carey House and now feeds the hungry.

— Dr. C.L. Jackson has removed to Villisca.

**16 September; Sun;** Milford: Mort Carpenter has bought the Caywood building and will move his stock of goods into it. The house he now occupies will be moved across the street and used as a store room by Orson DeWitt.

**7 October; Sun;** Milford: At a recent meeting of the school board the tuition for non-resident pupils was fixed at \$1.50 per month.

**13 October; Review;** Milford: M.J. Carpenter is building an addition to his store.

**27 October; Review;** Milford: A surveyor in the interests of the Lincoln, Red Oak & Des Moines RR Co. was through here last week, looking over the old Diagonal survey.

**3 November; Review;** Milford: Dr. Farlow has moved onto his farm and leaves Milford without a physician.

**24 November; Review;** Milford: A new barn is being put up at the ME parsonage.

**9 December; Sun;** Milford: Dr. Beaver has rented Dr. Farlow's home.

**23 December; Express;** Milford: Elder H.M. Potter, of the UB church, will occupy the house where John Gilbert now lives, the trustees having purchased it for a parsonage.

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RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1888

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**26 January; Review;** Milford: The new firm of Corbin & Scoggin opened last Monday with a stock of general merchandise in the Howard building. This makes four stores in Milford...

**9 February; Review;** Milford: Grant Johnson has purchased an interest in the Milford creamery business.

— Wm. Marshall is cutting wood for the purpose of burning brick here next summer.

**10 February; Sun;** Milford: Call at the post office and take a share in the Library Association. Certificates of membership \$2; over 100 books.

**24 February; Sun;** Milford: O. Dewitt has purchased a span of mules of E.C. Beals for the peddler wagon next summer.

**8 March; Review;** Milford: The past week has been a busy one for movers. Link Long has moved into the hotel; Dr. Beaver has purchased the Richey property, and Dr. Farlow has moved back to town . . .

**29 March; Review;** Milford: James McCartney has a fine hot bed with all kinds of vegetables growing.

**30 March; Sun;** Milford: E.C. Beals will move to Milford ... to follow the trade of carpenter. . . .

**12 April; Review;** Milford: Sumner Bancroft has purchased M.J. Carpenter's store building and barn.

**13 April; Red Oak Independent;** Elliott: We learn that M.J. Carpenter, who has a store in Grant, will close out his stock and . . . go to Colorado.

**20 April; Sun;** Milford: Milford is looming up as a trading point. Our merchants gathered in over 1200 dozen of eggs last Saturday, and two or three barrels of butter. ...

**4 May; Sun;** Milford: The town of Milford was laid out by Thos. Donahoe in 1856. Samuel M. Smith built a mill ... and in 1870 opened a general store. ... The town now has three general stores, a drug store, post office, two blacksmith shops, two wagon shops, a hotel, a good flouring mill, a brick yard, two physicians, two ministers, a church and a two-story brick school building. The church is the Methodist, and the society is a strong one, with the best attended Sunday school in this part of the country. ...

During all these years Samuel M. Smith has been the leading business man of the town and of this part of the county. ... He can run a store, a farm, a mill, or almost any other kind of business. He has been of more benefit to the business interests of his community than any man who has ever lived in it. During one of the years of Milford's boom his sales in his store amounted to \$40,000. . . .

**8 June; Sun;** Milford: The Milford string band is an honor to any community.

— When Professor Beede became principal here two years ago he established a graded system and a course of study covering nine years of work. The first graduating exercises in the history of the Milford schools were held last Friday evening in the ME church. The class . . . Misses Anne Ellenwood, Sadie M. Smith, Mary S. Holmes, Hellean Roberts. ...

**22 June; Sun;** Milford: Cary is putting up a ware room to his store, a much needed addition of room.



**29 June; Sun:** MILFORD - The public meeting of the Tariff Reform Club here last Saturday evening was one of signal success and much profit. It was one of the best public meetings ever held here ...

**13 July; Sun;** Milford: There was a Giant display of fireworks at Milford on the eve of the Fourth. Five or six balloons.

**3 August; Sun;** Milford: Marshall Bros. have just finished burning a second kiln of brick for this season.

**17 August; Sun;** Milford: Our School Board has purchased an excellent physiological chart. It is prepared expressly to comply with the new law relative to teaching the effect of alcohol on the human system.

**6 September; Review;** Milford: At the (Republican) Pole Raising at Milford Sept. 1st ... the number present was placed between two and three thousand. ... The music present was the Villisca Band, Elliott Band, Dunnville Drum Corp of Jackson Twp, and Reed and Sons Drum Corp of Cass County.

... The prettiest feature of the Procession was the band of 38 young ladies dressing in white with red and blue sashes.

From report of Steward 276 were fed at the Smith House. The democratic landlord fed about 100 good republicans. They didn't find any spiders in their dumplings, either.

... The Harrison Pole lay stretched on the ground, 112 1/2 feet, 6 3/4 inches by the tape line. At the word of command it rose slowly and steadily to its upright position. ... Fifteen veterans of 1840 pulled on the guy ropes and helped elevate the pole. ...

The rally was a grand success, notwithstanding the combined, earnest, persistent prayers of the opposition for the interposition of Providence in the shape of mud, storms, blood and thunder. But the prayers of the wicked avail nothing. ... Uncle Fuller

**7 September; Sun;** Milford: (Democratic report on the same meeting) It is said the pole, cost of raising, etc., counted up to \$40. Seth Smith threw in his fishing pole to lengthen out the flag pole. The pole is 110 feet high, but, like the party, is composed of weak material, being pine. Cider and various other drinks

prohibited by law were sold on the grounds and some of the boys got out of balance. Quite a number of Republicans wrote their names on the pole, no doubt thinking that was as high as they ever were likely to go in the way of fame.

**28 September; Sun;** Milford: Mrs. Murray, of Elliott, will open a millinery shop one door north of the post office, in the Gould building.

**26 October; Independent;** Milford: Some of the democrats say that "Uncle Fuller" will get killed if he doesn't desist rehearsing the democratic record of Milford and other places. "Uncle Fuller" was not brought up in the woods to be intimidated by the hooting of owls. ... If democrats will quit lying about the republicans, "Uncle Fuller" will quit telling the truth about the democrats.

**23 November; Sun;** Milford: A.J. Ashbaugh has moved his blacksmith shop from the crossroads to the southwest corner of his residence lot.

— Samuel Smith has built an arrangement for dehorning cattle. ... He has not lost a creature yet from dehorning.

**23 November; Independent;** Milford: A boom has struck us, more especially the republican end of our city. The beautiful straw covered stables are disappearing ... and good substantial city-like barns are appearing in those places.

**7 December; Sun;** Milford: The Methodist church is now warmed by two large new stoves.



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOLUME XVIII, No. 47.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1889.

8 PAGES

**10 January; Review;** Milford: The entertainment at the school house, Tuesday night, was a decided success. Net proceeds were \$32.50 which will go toward the purchase of a new church organ.

**17 January; Review;** Milford: Otto Blackburn drew the prize cutter at Scoggin & Corbins one day last week.

**18 January; Sun;** Milford: E.C. Beals has received official notice of the approval of his bond for justice.

**1 February; Sun;** Milford: The firm of Scoggin & Corbin has been dissolved by mutual consent, Scoggin continuing the business. He has bought the Bancroft store room and intends enlarging it.

— B.L. Blackburn has taken possession of the hotel. Otto Blackburn will be the hustling host ...

**14 February; Review;** Milford: J.W. Smith has just put up ice for his dairy next summer.

**21 February; Review;** Milford: A photograph gallery has been put up on the corner opposite the hotel.

**8 March; Sun;** Milford: A literary society and a debating society have been organized by the older pupils of the public school. ...

**28 March; Review;** Milford: A.B. Courcier has added a set of emery wheels to his blacksmith shop.

— B.L. Blackburn is building a large barn to run in connection with his hotel.

**29 March; Independent;** Milford: The professionally pious must learn to bridle their tongues, or there will be a demand for a second edition of Dissensionville.

**18 April; Review;** Alex Caywood of Milford was in the city yesterday, and ordered some cards for the fine Clyde horse, Duke, which has a splendid record for prize winning in Canada, and Alex says is the best horse he ever handled. Alex and his son John are owners of four fine bred stallions.

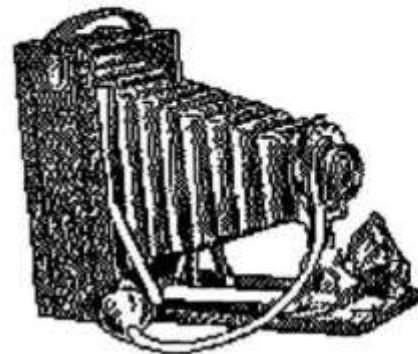
**17 May; Sun;** Milford: Our mail facilities have assumed a shape which can be characterized as confusion worse confounded. Our mail now arrives at 7:00 p.m.

**24 May; Sun;** Milford: David Vetter will be our new post master.

*(Note: Date of appointment, 10 May 1889.)*

**13 June; Review;** Milford: Methodist church trustees will build an extension on the north end, slightly narrower than the present auditorium, and extending north about 12 feet.

*(Note: Long range planning. Apparently nothing of this order was done until 1905.)*



**21 June; Independent;** Milford: (Taken from a long article): ... the hue and cry was raised ... that the trustees, the preacher and elder, at the laying of the corner stone of said church, had caused to be concealed therein some scathing, scandalizing cussedness, that was to be handed down and revealed to posterity. ... No person has ever been able to say what that terrible something was ... That croaking has been chronic for nearly 20 years. ... In order to cleanse and purify the atmosphere ... the corner stone was removed ... they found that the water had penetrated and the contents so decayed that they were utterly unrecognizable except a small portion of a hymn book and a corroded nickel coin ...

**11 July; Review;** Milford: The fireworks on the Fourth were the best ever had in Milford and were witnessed by an immense crowd.

**19 July; Sun;** Milford: The election passed off quietly. About two-thirds of the voters came out, 147 against and 18 for the tax.

*(Note: The tax was for building the present courthouse.)*

**9 August; Sun;** Milford: Orson DeWitt has taken charge as p.m. and has moved the office into a cubby-hole of a building he had erected especially for it just east of David Vetter's store.

*(Note: Date of appointment, 24 June 1889.)*

**23 August; Sun;** Milford: The Masonic brethren have commenced work on their new hall. They will raise the roof of the Howard Building and put in an upper story. The lower story will be fixed up for a public hall if there is a demand for one.

**28 November; Review;** Milford: Rev. Potter dedicated his new UB church building, six miles east of Milford, last Sunday.

*(Note: It was called Potter's Chapel. The United Brethren also built a church on the south line of Cass County, called Long View, but a date hasn't been found.)*

—Thanksgiving, next Thursday. Let us be thankful for everything but the democratic governor and the return of the saloons.

*(Note: I found nothing to indicate a liquor question on the 5 November ballot, but it seemed to be the consensus that a Democratic administration would mean the end of prohibition.)*

**5 December; Review;** Milford: Link Long moved to town and goes into the blacksmith trade with Mr. Cushner.

— The stay-at-home republicans are practicing home consumption by eating crow of their own production.

**20 December; Sun;** Milford: H.A. Embree has struck coal on his farm at a depth of 25 feet. He thinks the roofing is good.



COUNTY

# Montgomery Independent

Republican In Politics: Independent In Thought.

VOL. II.

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1890

NO. 38.

**2 January; Review;** Milford: Dame Rumor reports another railroad at Milford. That will make only the ninth road for us in the last 20 years. ...

**30 January; Review;** Milford: We understand the GAR Boys organized a post in our city Saturday night. Home guards not eligible ...

— Wolf hunts are all the rage nowadays. Thus far more hunt than wolves. ...

**13 February; Review;** Milford: We are authorized to say there will be a meeting next Saturday p.m. at Milford for the purpose of organizing a joint stock association and erecting a creamery on the modern plan of extracting cream from milk. ... there is said to be big money in the late process of butter making. ...

**27 February; Review;** Milford: Sneak thieves broke into the store of O. Dewitt last week and recklessly appropriated quantities of tobacco, sugar, candies, etc. Milford should incorporate at once, and be prepared to administer condign punishment for all such dastardly meanness.

**7 March; Sun;** Milford: The GAR post recently organized at this place has made a permanent lease of the lower story of the Masonic hall for meeting purposes.

**27 March; Review;** Morton Mills: During the protracted meeting at Milford there have been 69 conversions and over 50 new members...

**25 April; Sun;** Milford: Articles of Incorporation of the United Brethren Church of Milford were filed for record in the County recorder's office on Tuesday. ...

The trustees are ... D.H. Gray, J.C. Barker, Chas. Scott, J.M. Roberts, and I.P. Latimer. One purpose of the incorporation is to build a parsonage.

*(Note: A controversy arose in the UB church over the question of admittance to membership of persons belonging to secret societies. A division in the denomination occurred at the General Conference of 1889 which resulted in the existence of two United Brethren fellowships. The majority of the members and all of the local congregations and property went to the new group.*

*(Followers of the old constitution in the Milford circuit attempted to rebuild, but the venture failed. In 1890, three churches were established on Milford Circuit: Milford, Quincy and "Fountainelle". J.D. Mounts was the first preacher in charge of the circuit. In 1892, J.W. Linthicum came; he was the last pastor.*

*(A vague report says that at one time a UB church met on the corner west of Lot 4, Block 1, Donoho's Addition. If true, it must have been an old constitution congregation, perhaps meeting in the pastor's home.)*

**13 June; Independent;** Milford: The memorial exercises at this place were conducted in a manner worthy the credit of a much larger city. The boys of the GAR post acquitted themselves nobly in every respect, surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine. The procession formed at the appointed hour, headed by the Mt. Etna drum corps and the Morton Mills band, then came the boys in blue carrying a banner fitly worded "To the Memory of Our Fallen Comrades", followed by the veterans of the Mexican War, and a citizen's procession that extended from the village to the cemetery where the floral decorations and all the services were excellent, solemn and impressive. After which all repaired to the park to partake of a basket dinner. ...





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**10 July; Review;** Milford: Constable Hunt and posse were on our streets Monday, killing mad dogs.

**28 August; Review;** Milford: The camp fire at Milford has come and gone. The boys in Blue, their wives and daughters, and the Sons of Veterans did all their loyal hearts and willing hands could do for the success of the occasion and it was a grand success. The net proceeds were about \$76, which is for the benefit of the new hall ... The speakers and stands were located in the park at the east wing of the college ...

**11 September; Review;** Milford: At the sham battle last week, by the old Veterans at Griswold, our old pard Geo. Rhue was captured; being hard of hearing, he failed to hear the command for retreat, and kept peppering away till he found himself surrounded by the Rebs and taken prisoner. One flag was also captured with tents and army stores which will be retaken at the battle of Atlantic next Thursday.

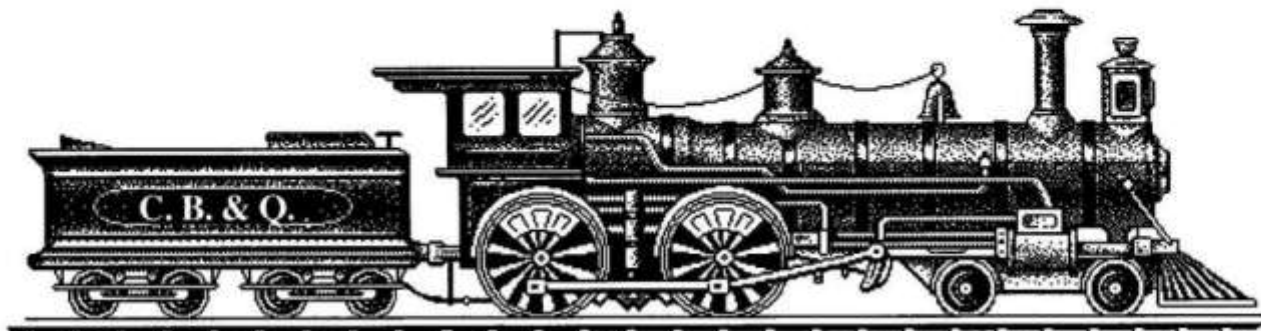
— Dr. Farlow left ... Our post office is to change hands. O. DeWitt retiring and David Vetter to take his place.

(Note: Date of appointment, 2 September 1890.)

**23 October; Review;** Sam. M. Smith of Milford has been right after the dear people in this vicinity this week. He is pursuing the office of County Supervisor, but will never catch it.

**25 December; Review;** Milford: They are rebuilding the bridge east of town.

— The population of our town is still on the increase ... 14 late arrivals from Illinois (and three dogs).



# The Red Oak Express

VOL. XXIV.

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1891.

NO. 5.

**9 January; Express;** Milford: Beware of this place and vicinity, for diphtheria is raging. Fourteen have died and more have it, some of which are very low ... All schools in the township have been closed for three weeks.

*(Note: the Grant school was closed for 11 weeks.)*

**27 February; Express;** Milford: A new school house bell has been purchased to take the place of the old cracked one ...

**6 March; Express;** Milford: Mrs. Susan Wichham has moved up from Morton Mills into the Geo. Smith house where she may be found by those desiring her services for carpet weaving.

**7 May; Review;** Milford: The harness shop has been moved from under the Masonic hall to the old stand on Main Street.

**4 September; Sun;** Milford: The campfire held here Aug. 27 was a grand success. Milford never does things by halves. ... The singing by the Milford male quartet was an honor to the occasion. The sham battle at dusk was well managed. It brought forth "memories of other days" but with no desire for repetition. ...

— The new fence running from Vetter's store to Sam'l Smith's line, erected by the G.A.R. boys and Geo. T. Cary is quite an improvement.

**17 September; Review;** Milford: Creamery busted up - but Kraut factory in full blast.

**6 November; Express;** Milford: Protracted meeting was closed for two weeks during which the church will be improved by a new spire, platform and papering.

**4 December; Express;** Milford: The new spire on the church is finished and all that heart could wish, towering heavenward in monumental grandeur, silently directing the gaze of the weary wanderer to fairer worlds on high.



# THE GRANT COURIER

GRANT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, MARCH 25, 1892

**5 February; Express;** Milford: Uncle Sam'l Kite is the boss trapper on the creek. Three coon and two large otters, one of them measuring six feet from tip to tip after the hide was prepared for market. Uncle Sam'l will please call on the Mayor for bounty on coons and at the office of the West Nodaway SS Navigation Co. for medal for removing obstructions to navigation.

**26 February; Express;** Milford: The community will be glad to learn that Mr. S. M. Smith will soon commence work on the new dam. We have had no mill by a dam site because their (sic) has been no dam by the mill site for nearly a year.

**1 April; Independent;** Elliott: We see there is a new paper in circulation, "The Grant Courier", published by George T. Carey, of Grant. We are glad it is large enough to support a paper, and wish the editor success.

**8 April; Express;** Milford: We are sorry to learn that after service last Sabbath a horse race was instituted and engaged in by some of the heretofore reputable young men of the community. Through regard for Christian parents we forbore the publication of their names. Boys, take our advice and effect a radical reformation at once, or the first thing you know you will be squirming in the relentless grasp of the iron arm of the law.

— We learn from Saml. M. Smith that negotiations are pending for the purpose of placing the roller process in our city mills.

— The latest resident arrival is a young doctor, A. Weaver. He comes from college with necessary credentials ...

**22 April; Express;** Milford: The natives were astonished last Friday night by the wonderful phonograph invention.

**22 April; Red Oak Sun;** Milford: Milford is experiencing a building boom. Kite & Cary are the persons engaged in it.

*(Note: It seems that by September 1891, George T. Cary had taken possession of all Lot 8, Block 1, except the south west quarter, although the deed wasn't made until November 1892. Presumably Cary erected or enlarged a building and conducted his drug store there until 1901.)*

**20 May; Sun;** Milford: A force of volunteer workmen turned out last Tuesday and put in a good day's work on the road leading to the cemetery. ... John A. Sadler with his team of seven yoke of oxen did some good work with the breaking plow.

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**24 June; Sun;** Milford: Sam'l M. Smith is pushing work on the new mill dam. He expects to have the mill ready for work by the middle of July. The millwrights are also hard at work putting in the improved "Pansifter Roller Process." It's a new invention and marks an era of progress in the milling business.

**8 July; Express;** Milford: The great celebration at Milford has come and gone. . . . At the appointed hour, headed by the Moyers cornet band and Reed drum corps, the callathumpians, hoodoos, hoebokins and hobgoblins, paraded the streets in all their fantastic hideousness . . . Headed by the GAR the gathering hosts hastened to cross the far famed Nodaway, some wading, some on horse back, some in wagons, carts, carriages, while more crossed by a dam site on foot. . . . The national airs by the Milford choir, drum corps and cornet band nearly lifted the people from their seats and did entirely the moment that dinner was announced. . . . There were on the grounds six stands besides the speaker's, two shooting galleries, one swing and one dancing floor, and all suffered some. . . . At 4 o'clock the conflict opened by a discharge of the first gun from the rebel masked battery near the river bank; skirmishers were immediately thrown out by both armies; then came the curling smoke and boom from the union battery in the woods; a few moments of breathless anxiety, then a broad side roar from both armies, and they advance to deathless conflict; the battle rages; the mimic dead and wounded are borne from the field . . . suddenly the left wing of the enemy was turned, a rout ensued, their flag and artillery was captured, finally unconditional surrender and the entire rebel army was marched in triumph to union headquarters as trophies of cruel war, and the country is safe and the people go home happy.

— Mortons Mills: Mr. Gridley had a horse drowned in the Milford milldam on the Fourth accidentally.

**30 July; Sun;** Milford: A number of boys and not a few men have been in the habit of indulging in foot and horse racing on our streets every Saturday night, to the annoyance of those living in the vicinity. This is a flagrant violation of law and if further indulged in will call for some arrests. . . .

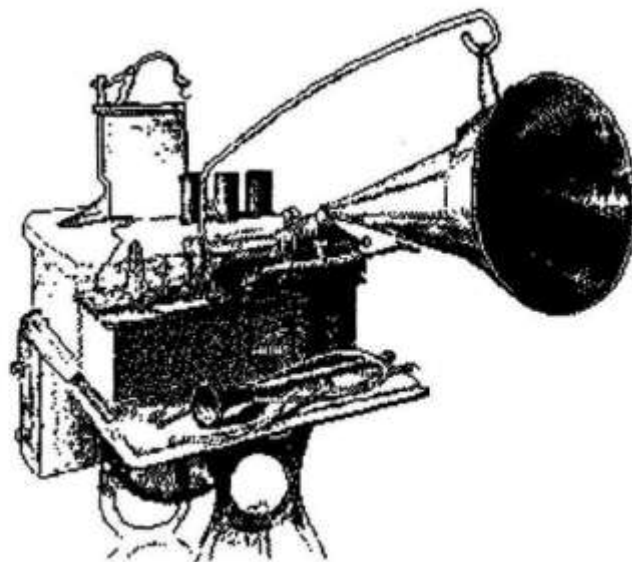
**23 September; Sun;** Milford: The Misses Maude and Eva Ruckman have rented the residence property east of the hotel of Mr. Blackburn and will take in sewing.

**30 September; Sun;** Milford: The G.A.R. post is putting up a temporary building for their public entertainment to be held here Friday evening of this week. There will be tableaux of war scenes, camp and field life, etc. Admission 25 cents.

**18 November; Express;** Milford: S.M. Smith is in pursuit of an engine as there is not enough water to run the mill . . .

**18 November; Sun;** Milford: Mr. Means the new proprietor of the Cary House moved in last week.

**16 December; Sun;** Milford: Milford has a meat market now. It is in the basement of the hotel.





# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOLUME XXII, NO. 48.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1893.

EIGHT PAGES.

**17 March; Sun;** Milford: Mr. Blackburn will take charge of the hotel again, Mr. Means having tired of the business.

**13 April; Review;** Milford: David Vetter, merchant of our city was again victimized by burglars last Friday night. His large safe was blown open and the door entirely ruined. The parties evidently were well acquainted with the surroundings, as tools were gathered from shops and lap robes and blankets from different places were saturated with water and thrown over the safe to deaden the sound of the explosion. The rascals, whoever they were, had all their trouble for nothing, as Mr. Vetter had removed his cash valuables from their covetous clutches.

**14 April; Independent;** Elliott: D.B. Goble has purchased the hack line between Elliott and Grant of Albert Bills.

**26 May; Sun;** Milford: Sam'l M. Smith has established a flour exchange for the Milford mills at Elliott with H. Hinman in charge. The new machinery is the latest and the mill is turning out an excellent grade of flour at a capacity of 50 barrels a day.

**2 June; Express;** Milford: "Seeing is believing", but the electrician of McOughneyville takes special ocular assistance. He does it in this wise: He tells you there is an unbroken connection between the ends of two wires charged with electricity - you can't see it - he persuades you to place your tongue between the ends of two wires then nearly splits his sides with laughter at the suddenness of your conviction.

**2 June; Sun;** Milford: A Law and Order league has been organized here to put a stop to the acts of lawlessness ... The people have suffered from petty thieving and cases of arson and are now determined to have no more of it ...

**16 June; Sun;** Milford: The lower room of the Masonic hall building is now nicely seated and will be used for public occasions. The Baptist people have engaged it to hold Sunday services in.

**22 June; Review;** Milford: "Uncle Sam" Smith is expecting his new gasoline engine for the mill this week ... Our mill was treated to a steamer last week to moisten the wheat preparatory to grinding.

— A reading circle composed of the upper twenty was formed the other evening for the purpose of mutual improvement.

**14 July; Express;** Milford: We have had five saloons in our village in the last 20 years and all came to grief. Now we have indications of a beer garden. We are told that full fledged beer bottles (minus the corks) are being grown in a garden adjoining the hotel barn. The proprietor of the garden says they must be of spontaneous production for he never planted any seed.

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**15 September; Sun;** Milford: Sam'l Smith is building an addition to his flouring mill to store grain in ...

— Moorehead and Heilman are doing a good business closing out the stock of general merchandise they bought of W.F. Scoggin.

**28 September; Review;** Grant Breezes: Our hot candy man has returned from his round at the fairs.

— Milford can boast of only two merchants, one druggist and one Doctor.

— We have a novelty in a telegraph line of about two and one-half miles, and the most of the way on barbed wire fence. ...

— We feel sorry to lose our old and reliable merchant, W.F. Scoggin, but are glad to hear that a good, straight and rustling young man, Mr. Andy Waldhen, from Elliott, is to take his place.

— Our mill is to have a 3-story addition and a new engine to use when the water is low.

**3 November; Sun;** Milford: The trustees of the ME church have put in a bored well at their parsonage, striking water at a depth of about 50 feet.

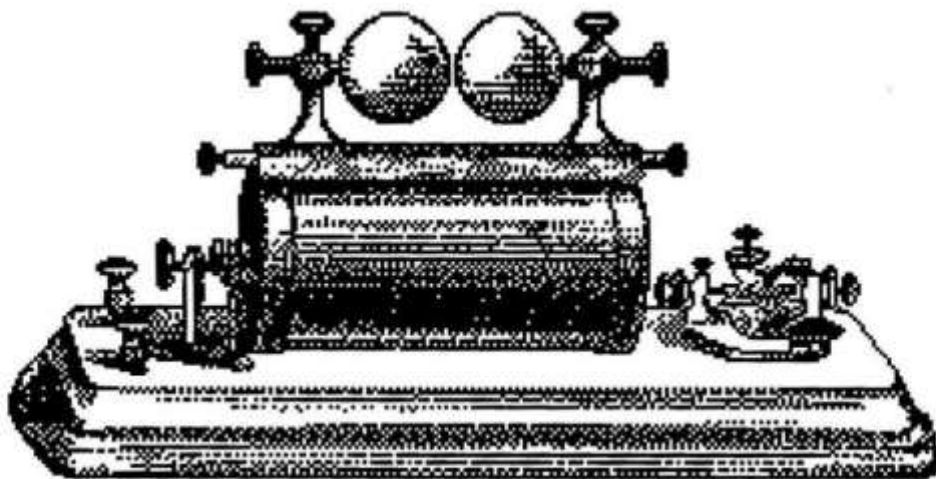
**24 November; Sun;** Milford: H.N. McConoughey has made a telegraph instrument that works first rate.

— Ira Jones has opened a stone quarry on Wm. Stipe's land and has contracted to get out 100 perch of stone for \$75.

**1 December; Sun;** Milford: Rev. C.L. Parsons has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Villisca. The Sciola work will be attached to the Villisca church and Newland Grove will belong to Cumberland.

**14 December; Review;** Milford: There is to be an entertainment at the schoolhouse Wednesday evening for the benefit of Uncle Billy Reade. We hope to see a good turnout, as Uncle Billy is too old to work, and is a good Christian man and should be helped.

— Grant Breeze: ... the tenderest spot of some persons is their pocketbook, and others their stomachs, and the two combined may account for the anxiety concerning the Milford Mills. The engine does not pull it properly as the parties having charge have not been able to keep her packed more than two or three hours at a time while running. Flour is getting scarce in these parts and one can readily see how the shortage of bread touches one of those spots, while many of the farmers have wheat at the mill and can't get it ground ...



# THE SUN.

VOL. XVII, NO. 36

RED OAK, IOWA FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1894.

EIGHT PAGES

**4 January; Review;** Milford: Dr. Beaver and family are going to leave our little town ... This will leave us without a Doctor.

**8 February; Review;** Milford: We have a new Dr. in our town by the name of Hiett. (John)

**15 February; Review;** Milford: There was a lot of ice put up this last week for Ed. Dought, who intends running a meat market at this place this summer.

**15 March; Review;** Milford: Ed. Duff has completed his new butcher shop on Main Street.

*(Note: I think that the butcher shop was in George Cary's building. The north-south street seems to have been called Main at that time. In October 1896 Duff was appointed post master at Mortons Mills.)*

**22 March; Review;** Milford: Last Saturday the ladies of this place organized a Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Mains acting as leader.

**29 March; Review;** Milford: Our mail line exchanged hands last Tuesday. Geo. Rhue has charge of it now.

**5 April; Review;** Milford: The Christians held meeting this week at the hall.

**4 May; Sun;** Milford: The trustees of the M.E. church have made a good improvement by putting up 135 feet of two-inch tubing for hitching racks.

**19 July; Review;** Adv. - Dr. W. Newhart, veterinary surgeon and dentist. Rooms on 2nd floor of the Buster House, Grant.

**22 August; Express;** Milford: Squire Cary got the post office. Vetter retires.

*(Note: Date of appointment, 11 August 1894. The post office may have been just east of Vetter's store.)*

**30 November; Sun;** Milford: An attempt was made to hold up the hack a short distance east of Mr. Foote's place Saturday evening a week ago by two fellows who were not recognized.



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOLUME XXV., NO. 21.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1895.

EIGHT PAGES.

**10 January; Review:** Milford: Pete Boggs has bought out Jim Bridwell's share in a buzz saw.

**21 March; Review:** The telegraph instruments on the Villisca and Arlington line were replaced last week by late pattern, improved telephones . . . The line will be extended soon to Milford ...

**25 April; Review:** Telephonic communication was opened up Tuesday evening between Villisca and Milford ...

**2 May; Review:** Milford: The telephone was finished Saturday to Elliott.

**16 May; Review:** Milford: G.W. Anderson has a repair shop of windmills and pumps.

**23 May; Review:** Milford: Miss Mamie Blackburn is proprietor of a millinery store.

**6 June; Review:** Milford: Dr. Mason . . .

**13 June; Review:** Milford: Jack Ackerman expects to start Thursday for Missouri with his steam well machine.

**11 July; Review:** Milford: The Indian show, Minnetonka Medicine Company, is here.

**19 July; Sun:** Milford: Peden Hamilton, from Elliott, has opened a barber shop in Milford.

— The Baptist brethren will pitch their tent in our village next week and conduct a series of meetings.

**6 September; Sun:** Milford: A new tin roof has been put on the school house.

**25 October; Sun:** Milford: E. Ackerman has traded his bicycle to Free McConoughey for an old fiddle. Either fiddles are high or wheels are low.

**12 December; Review:** S.M. Smith of Milford was here Monday making arrangements to have his Milford Mills flour handled here. His flour is made by the latest approved processes and he does not fear to place it in competition as to quality with any foreign grade of flour sold in Villisca and at a much lower price. He has about 6,000 bushels of high grade wheat on hand.

**19 December; Review:** Adv. - Patent Pansifter Flour per sack \$1 - Pansifter Flour per sack 90 cents - Baker's Choice Flour per sack 85 cents - The flours are made at Milford Mills.





# THE ELLIOTT GRAPHIC

ELLIOTT, IOWA • THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1896

**21 February; Review:** Milford: The GAR's have put up an ice house and have it filled with ice for the reunion.

**24 April; Express:** Milford: A new refrigerator in the meat market.

**30 April; Review:** The new Baptist church at Milford is 32x62, with belfry, vestibule, baptistry, choir loft and two class rooms. There will be seating for 250. The stone foundation is already complete, and F. Swanson and Lum Higgins went up Tuesday to begin the superstructure. The plans were prepared by Rush Hale and the elevation shows a very handsome building, which will be a credit to the town and to the flourishing society which builds it.

**22 May; Express:** Milford: The meat market has again changed hands. A Mr. Boggs is the proprietor.

**24 July; Express:** Milford: Uncle Tom's Cabin show struck our town last Wednesday evening. The tent was full to overflowing.

**20 August; Review:** The new Baptist Church at Milford was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. Bartlett of Des Moines, Baird of Malvern, Catlin, the new pastor and Parsons and others engaged in the ceremonies. A large audience was present. The balance of the amount due on the church, about \$1000 was easily raised ... The exterior is silver gray with dove trimmings. The windows are glazed with art glass. The total cost including carpets and furniture was \$2,780. ...

**27 August; Review:** The Elliott Graphic appeared in the national colors last week in honor of the Milford Reunion. . .

**28 August; Sun:** Old Soldiers at Milford - The fourth annual reunion of the Cass County Veterans' association, held here Aug. 18, 19 and 20 was a fine success in every way. The attendance on Wednesday was estimated at 5,000 and it was nearly as large on Thursday ... Tents were scattered over the grounds. ... There were 208 old soldiers registered ... The steamboat was a great attraction ...

— The annual meeting of the Southwestern Iowa Baptist association was held in Emerson this week, ...

*(Note: From minutes of Association Meeting: Your committee on admission of new churches into this Association find that at Grant, Montgomery county, Iowa, a Baptist church has been organized and that they have adopted the Philadelphia Covenant. They call themselves the Milford Baptist Church and through their delegates, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Lemon, apply for admission into your body, and your committee recommend their reception into this Association.)*

**11 September; Express:** Milford: A. Wahlund's hall was engaged for the Republican speaking. . . the crowd gathered in and Mr. Mills began speaking, as the floor began settling. The brass post underneath broke through the lower floor and settled about two feet ... the crowd adjourned to the GAR platform ...

**27 November; Express:** Milford: The meat market is being run now by B.F. Cozad.



Parties having legal notices to publish will confer a favor for this paper by instructing their Attorney to Make Publication in the Red Oak Sun. Under the law no attorney or official can disregard such a request.

# THE SUN.

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VOL. XX. NO. 52.

RED OAK, IOWA, AUGUST 13, 1897.

EIGHT PAGES

**22 January; Express;** Milford: The ME church is to have a general repairing and cleaning up in the way of a new roof and paper and painting inside.

— We understand our new harness maker is doing a good business and repairing done reasonable ... Milford has needed something of this kind for a long time ...

**29 January; Express;** Milford: Mr. Sumner has opened a carpenter shop in town.

**12 February; Express;** Milford: Milford is to have a Marshal band. The sons of veterans will be the musicians.

**23 April; Express;** Milford: S.M. Smith, the pioneer miller of Milford, has sold his mill and will retire from the business.

*(Note: The new owner was H.K. Givan)*

— Mr. Raffenburg the horse trainer is in our town again. If you have any horses to break you had better see him.

— The mill dam came near going out last week during the heavy rains. About 20 men and several teams worked all day and succeeded in saving it.

**30 April; Sun;** Grant: The house adjoining the Baptist Church ... is being repaired and will be used as a Baptist parsonage. Rev. Mr. Nichols and wife will move in next week.

*(Note: S.M. Smith bought Sub-Lot 5 in January, 1897. There is nothing to indicate that the Baptists ever owned the property. Smith sold it in 1907.)*



**11 June; Express;** Milford: Milford will celebrate July 3d ... The GAR Post has ordered a big cannon ...

**13 August; Sun;** Milford: The 35th anniversary of the organization of the Milford Baptist Church was observed with special services last Sunday. ... The roll was called and a short history of the church was given by Father Brown of Atlantic ... The singing by the choir was excellent.

*(Note: This would seem to indicate continuous operation, but there must have been times when it was a church in name only. No record has been found of any services being held between 1874 and the early 1890's. The Baptist Archives state that the Milford church was organized in 1896.)*

**17 September; Sun;** Milford: Next Sunday will be old people's day at the Baptist church. In the morning Rev. J. Nicholls will preach to the old people; in the afternoon at 3 o'clock the old people will render a program; ...

**26 November; Sun;** Milford: A cement floor has been laid in the cellar under David Vetter's store in the hope of shutting out rats.



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# THE MILFORD HERALD

MILFORD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA

JANUARY 21, 1898

**27 January; Review;** Milford: The Milford Herald made its first appearance last Friday.

*(Note: And last?)*

**4 March; Sun;** Milford: Rev. Mr. Skinner has moved to Milford.

*(Note: Baptist)*

**3 June; Express;** Milford: D. Vetter has purchased the Elliott and Milford telephone.

— A new telephone line has been put up between Strand and Milford with headquarters at A. Wahlund's store.

**10 June; Express;** Milford: The new tool house and woven wire fence recently added to the cemetery are quite an improvement.

**10 August; Express;** Milford: Sam Smith is building an addition to his store building, occupied by D. Vetter, to be occupied by the post office.

*(Note: Date of appointment, 14 July 1898, David Vetter.)*

**22 September; Review;** Milford: Mr. Hawkins has put in a harness shop in the Masonic hall.

**23 September; Express;** Milford: The mill is running 14 to 15 hours per day.

— Tom Murray's men are putting up steel tower windmills for Wm. Kreager and Wm. McCue.

**25 November; Express;** Milford: The Milford baseball team played last week with Lincoln Center. Milford came out ahead 20 to 0, all resulting from the thorough training given by Amos Paulin.



Renew your  
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for 1900.

# The Stanton Call

ALL THE NEWS  
FROM STANTON  
EVERY WEEK.

STANTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, CHRISTMAS NUMBER, 1899

**27 April; Review:** Milford: F.E. McConoughey returned from St. Louis Friday. He graduated from the Marion Simms Medical school of that city.

**4 August; Express:** Grant: The cellar is now being excavated under the ME church for the new furnace which they are going to put in soon.

**24 August; Review:** A representative of the Review recently had occasion to stop over night in Milford, putting up at the Carey House. He says that, of all the places to eat, Landlord Blackburn has the best. There were no fancy little dabs served up in soap dishes, nor was there any bill of fare on the table, but there was some of the best cooked victuals, meats, bread, vegetables, jellies, jams, preserves and cakes that the Review man ever sat down to... Landlord Blackburn is very proud of his table and makes it a special feature.

**29 October; Review:** Milford: The Methodist church will be heated by a furnace hereafter. C.W. Brelsford of Villisca is putting it in.

**3 November; Express:** Grant: A new heating and ventilating apparatus will be put in the school house this week. One will also be put in D. Vetter's store.

**16 November; Review:** (from Griswold *American*): One day last week Emery Eshelman of Noble Township husked 126 bushels of corn in ten hours. This corn was weighed and the figures are accurate.

**Christmas Number; Stanton Call:** ... The Grant school has 160 pupils ... There are two churches, Methodist and Baptist, with good memberships. There are five civic societies in Grant, G.A.R., Masons, Macabees, Sons of Veterans, and W.R.C. The Masonic lodge was organized in 1876 and have a hall of their own. Dick Rouet Post, G.A.R. was organized in 1890 and they also own their own hall, where the Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans also meet. The Macabees were organized in 1896 and now have a membership of 30 members. Grant has a good hotel and livery barn, flour mill, cheese factory, two general stores, drug store, two doctors, barber shop, two blacksmith shops and a harnessshop. ...

— Adv. —

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Annunciators, Etc. Repairing Clocks and Sewing  
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GRANT, IOWA





# The Red Oak Republican.

Vol. 6 Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa, Wednesday, September 28, 1900 No. 11

**8 March; Review;** Milford: Our neighborhood telephone line east of town has 13 phones and connects at Milford with the main line.

**22 March; Review;** Milford: Our jeweler, Dan Hardin, is located over Wahlund's store. Will Carey, our barber, is also in Wahlund's upstairs.

**5 April; Review;** Milford: Walter Curry has been busy laying sidewalks in Milford.

**10 May; Review;** Milford: Fishing is good at Milford.

**28 June; Review;** Milford: Mr. McCune is in our vicinity working for the interests of the MWA. He is organizing a camp.

— Al Bills has a new Champion Binder.

**2 August; Review;** Tenville: Tenville and Milford crossed bats here last Tuesday afternoon and the Milford boys discovered that they couldn't play ball for the score was 24 to 12 in favor of Tenville.

**13 September; Review;** Milford: Wilbur Hall, of Corning, passed through this locality with his medicine wagon the first of the week.

**20 September; Review;** Milford: The MWA Lodge meets every two weeks in the school house.

**28 September; Red Oak Republican:** ... W.W. Merritt and Ed Mills had a most excellent meeting at Grant last Saturday evening. At the close of the speaking a McKinley club was organized.

**25 October; Review;** Milford: Rev. Nichols is the new UB minister in this charge.

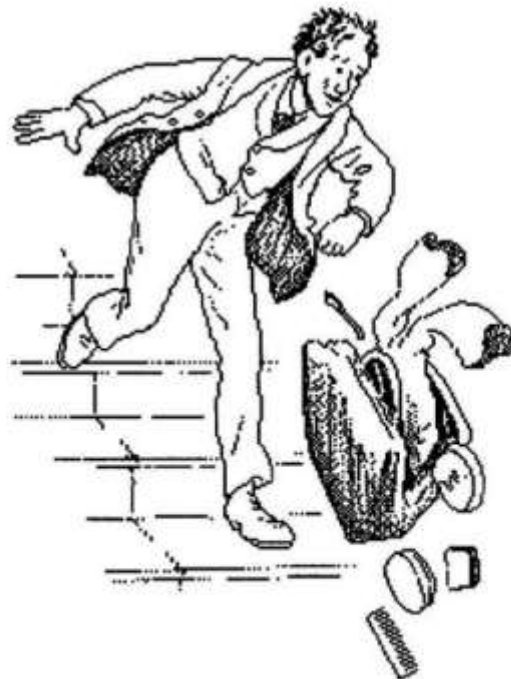
**13 November; Review;** Milford: Mr. Blackburn has leased the Hotel Carey to George Hawkins, who will take possession in a few days.

**28 November; Review;** Milford: Milford is talking of organizing a football team this fall.

— Frank Cozad Jr. has purchased Johnny the Barber's interest in the shop.

— Ed Duff, a former merchant of Morton Mills will soon complete his new building in Milford and then he will be ready for business.

**26 December; Review;** Milford: The Milford Brass Band has been reorganized. Bert McCue is leader.



# THE SUN.

VOL. XXV. NO. 3

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 1901.

TEN PAGES

**18 January; Express**; Douglas Twp: The Social Game Club of Milford held their first meeting at D. Langston's last Wednesday evening.

**6 February; Review**; Milford: The Masons will soon build an addition to their hall.

**6 March; Review**; Milford: Burt McCue, the paper hanger will resume work soon. He has 300 samples ...

**8 March; Express**; Douglas Twp: Frank Kenworthy has purchased the T. Davis wood saw.

**13 March; Review**; Milford: The new hardware store is opened up.

*(Note: Smith and Waterman)*

**22 March; Express**; Douglas Twp: A. Wahlund has opened up a feed store.

**24 April; Review**; Milford: At present the busiest man in Milford is C.K. Givens the miller. He is building a new dam.

**15 May; Review**; Milford: Milford has a pest house for her small pox patients. It is on Water Street.

**22 May; Review**; Milford: A. Almonson the barber has put in some new gasoline lamps.

**7 June; Express**; Douglas Twp: O. Almonson, the tonsorial artist of Milford will begin the erection of a new shop east of the GAR hall.

**24 July; Review**; Milford: Frank Kenworthy tried his new threshing machine ... Monday.

**16 August; Express**; Douglas Twp: Uncle Sam Smith has purchased the Masonic Hall. The Masons will build a fine hall east of Ed Duff's store building soon.

**28 August; Review**; Milford: Johnny Larson is engaged in hauling rock for the Masonic building.

— Adv. - Smith & Waterman - buggies and wagons.

**11 September; Review**; Milford: A. Wahlund the merchant is building an addition to his store building.

**13 September; Sun**; Milford: An addition has been built by Samuel M. Smith to Smith & Waterman's agricultural hardware and implement store.

**18 September; Review**; Milford: H.K. Givens the miller has sold part interest to Elmer Smith.

*(Note: There is no deed for such a sale.)*

**20 September; Express**; Douglas Twp: Geo. Cary, the druggist, has moved back to his old building and is building an addition on in front.

**4 October; Express**; Douglas Township: The Milford mills had a gasoline engine explosion last week, wrecking the engine entirely.

**16 October; Review**; Grant: Oscar Almonson will take charge of the hotel at Grant the last of the month. George Hawkins goes to Oakland.

**18 October; Express**; Douglas Twp: The Milford millers are putting in a new steam engine.

**6 November; Review;** Grant: Ed Bennett of Atlantic has purchased the bake shop of O. Almonson.

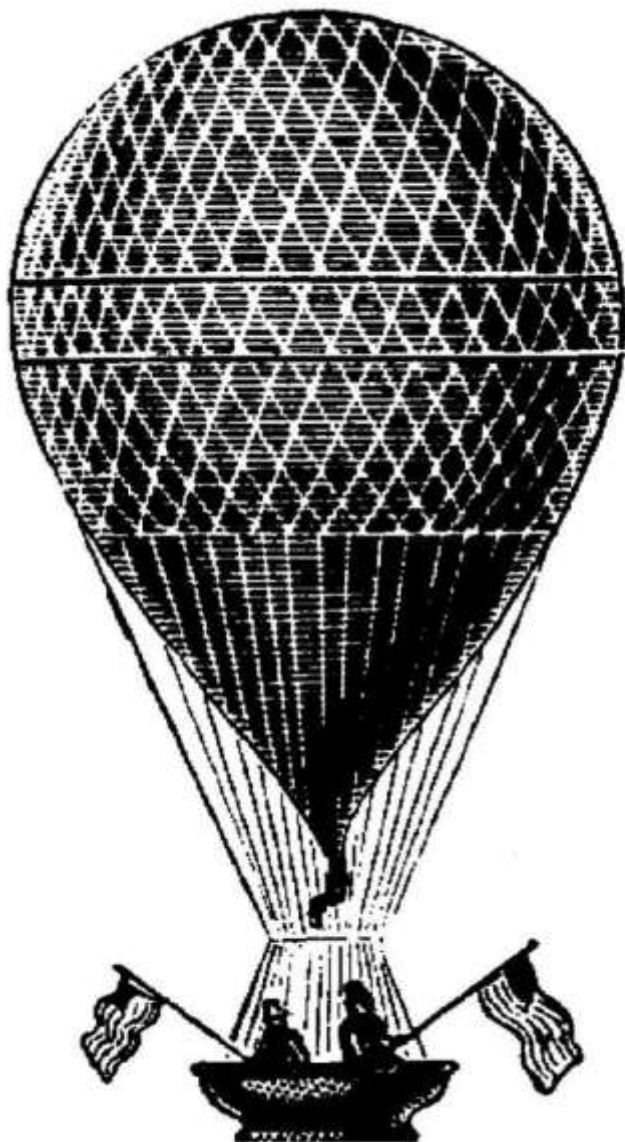
**13 November; Review;** Milford: The Milford steam mill will soon be ready to grind your wheat.

**29 November; Express;** Douglas Twp: Gus Courcier the blacksmith is moving his shop across the street where he will enlarge extensively.

**11 December; Review;** Grant: Milford is improving fastly and all it needs is a railroad ... She has three good general stores, a fine drug store, a first class hardware doing a rushing business, and one of the best flouring mills in southwest Iowa. A good hotel, a barbershop, two blacksmith shops that do thriving business. She also has two churches ... also a fine Masonic hall which has been erected this fall. Land in the vicinity is worth from \$50 to \$75 per acre.

— Gus Courcier the blacksmith was lucky enough to have possum for Thanksgiving dinner. Possum and sweet potatoes is surely good enough for a king.

— Waterman & Smith have each a fine lot of Guns and ammunition.



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOL. XXXI, NO. 51.

VILLISCA, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1902.

EIGHT PAGES

**1 January; Review;** Milford: Rev. Wilson was presented with a fine fur coat for a Christmas present.

**8 January; Review;** Grant: Van Schoick & Givens the millers of Grant have their new engine in running order ...

**24 January; Express;** Douglas Twp: Chas. Sumner the carpenter, is putting up a new building for a furniture store east of the hardware on the corner.

**14 February; Express;** Douglas Twp: Andy Ashbaugh and Gus Courcier have both purchased new gasoline engines for their shop work.

**12 March; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Ada Warfield has purchased a new stock of millinery goods which she will open next week in the new Masonic building.

— Proclamation - Hear Ye! Hear Ye! To whom it may concern and others, and know all men, etc. ... Our goodly city is to have another railroad, and whereas we have had at least seven during the last 30 years, none of which have yet made their appearance and in view it is hereby ordered that further procrastination shall cease to be a virtue ... It is hereby ordered that a 5% tax be voted for said purpose ... and that said tax or any part thereof shall not become payable or due until the old-fashioned steam whistle of the engine at the depot in Milford shall be distinctly heard at the mayor's office ...

**14 March; Express;** Douglas Twp: Gus Courcier ... has purchased a new steam engine to be used in his shop.

**28 March; Express;** Douglas Twp: Jesse Mercer is the proprietor of the new butcher shop.

— Adv. - C.F. Sumner's new store at Grant, Ia., is now open with a complete line of furniture, undertaker and funeral supplies, carpets, window shades and poles and pictures of all kinds. Everything first class. Embalming done and a first-class hearse supplied.

**2 April; Review;** Milford: Ed Bennett the barber has a fine new mirror for his shop.

**18 April; Express;** Douglas Twp: Frank Kenworthy started his new saw mill on the river this week.

**2 May; Sun;** Milford: ... A central office is to be established in Milford and connection made with the other mutual lines.

**9 May; Sun;** Milford: The public library is now ready for use.

*(Note: From Frank Kenworthy's 90th; by Kate Givan: ... Charles Sumner had a furniture and undertaking business and his daughter, Belva Sumner, had charge of a good loan library there.)*

**14 May; Review;** Grant: Uncle Sam Smith has begun grading for the new bank building.

**16 May; Express;** Douglas Twp: Richard Barry is quarrying a fine quality of blue, gray and white limestone just north of Grant which he is offering for sale. This is the finest quarry on the Nodaway.

**21 May; Review;** Grant: Milford has improved very much by grading her streets.

— Ed Duff the merchant at Grant has sold his store to T.R. Westrope.



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**23 May; Sun:** MILFORD - ... The board of directors at their spring meeting decided to put in another department and another teacher for the next school year. ...

*(Note: The new department was the tenth grade.)*

**20 June; Express:** Grant Wakes Up - At the election in Douglas Township Tuesday p.m. to vote on the railroad proposition, the ballot showed 128 for and 33 against. The result of this had a striking effect on some of the citizens, and filled them chock full of business. The Blackburn hotel changed hands at once at \$1500; John Larson got it. L.D. Foote sold his real estate and loan business to Ed Duff, and we understand Ren is to be the cashier in the new bank. - from Elliott *Graphic*.

**25 June; Review:** Grant: Pipher & Wilcox are going to enlarge their bank building by putting up a two-story building instead of one.

— Uncle Sammy Smith is building an addition to the Baptist parsonage.

**27 June; Express:** Douglas Twp: Ed Duff is our new insurance agent. His office is in the Masonic hall.

— Ray Bills is running the butcher wagon for Barry.

**2 July; Review:** Grant: Milford will have plenty of shade, good speaking, fine music, lots of amusements and a steam boat ... on the Fourth.

**11 July; Express:** Douglas Township: T.R. Westrope & Co. have put a plate glass front in their store building.

**16 July; Republican:** Milford: Ed Bennett has an up-to-date ice cream parlor.

**23 July; Republican:** Milford: The Villisca, Grant & Atlantic RR Co. ... The road will be built and nothing is in the way at present to prevent its construction from Villisca to Grant by early fall. It is to be an electric road with its power house at Grant ...

— A number of bronchos were sold on the streets of Milford Saturday, prices running from \$20 to \$40.

**1 August; Express:** Douglas Twp: Al Bills has purchased the city butcher shop from Fred Berry.

**6 August; Republican:** Milford: D. Vetter, the merchant, has purchased the building he now occupies of S. Smith.

**6 August; Review:** Milford: Uncle Sam Smith will soon begin work on a new business building between the bank and hardware store.

**8 August; Express:** Douglas Twp: Bert Porter of Mortons Mill has purchased a half interest in the hardware at Grant ...

*(Note: Waterman & Wyman. There is no record of when the firm ceased to be Smith & Waterman.)*

**29 August; Express:** Douglas Township: The meetings at the Baptist Church at Grant held by Evangelist Gregg and Sweetman continue with fine audiences.

**3 September; Review:** Milford: A great excitement was caused in Milford last Thursday evening when Bert Courcier was stabbed in the stomach by George Margerum. It seems that Margerum was engaged in calling Courcier names which were not exactly pleasing and the latter warned the former of danger if he did not cease his outpour of unwholesome language, but Margerum continued and Courcier knocked him down. The former then jumped up and stabbed Courcier in the stomach which did him up and for several days it was feared that the wound would prove fatal, and in fact, all danger is not yet passed. Margerum was arrested and is in jail at Red Oak awaiting the outcome.

— H.K. Givens has sold his milling interests to O.J. Powell of Red Oak.

**24 September; Republican:** Milford: The Milford Mills again changed hands this week. A gentleman from Kansas City now owns it.



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— Porter & Waterman, the implement men, are selling lots of those John Deere buggies.

— Dr. J.W. Elliott preached at Grant for the new Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

**2 October; Express;** Douglas Twp: T.R. Westrope the merchant has bought F. Cozad's residence. He will put up a fine two story brick to be used as a general store.

*(Note: The house was moved to the southwest corner of the block.)*

**8 October; Republican;** Milford: Preaching at the Baptist church every Sunday by the Christian minister. The Christian denomination having rented the church.

— See A.R. Coryell for blacksmithing.

**22 October; Republican;** Milford: H.N. McConoughey, the electrician and telephone man, has a new arc light of 2000 candlepower. The pole is 45 feet high. The power is furnished by a 1 1/2 horsepower gasoline engine. The dynamo is 1 1/2 horsepower. He also has six incandescent lights in his office of 25 candlepower each. The engine also furnishes power for a feed grinder, corn sheller, emery wheel and general repair work ...

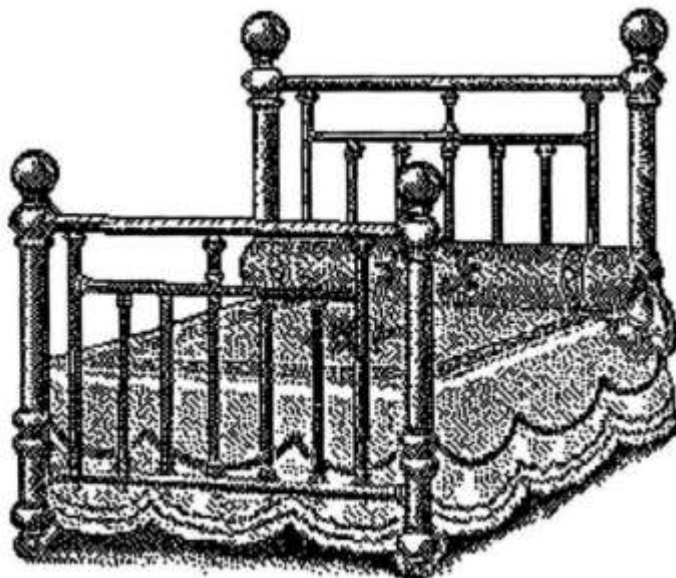
**29 October; Review;** Milford: Wilder Weeks is delivering wood to Milford at \$2.25 per load.

**5 November; Republican;** Milford: Westrope has a force of men hauling brick from Elliott. O. Christopher has the contract for Westrope's new brick store building.

**5 November; Review;** Grant: Uncle Sam Smith is laying out lots east of Grant; south of the school house.

**3 December; Review;** Milford: Ed Bennett the barber has rented the shop under the new bank.

**17 December; Review:** The "boys" of Dick Rouet Post, Grant, will give an oyster supper Thursday evening, Dec. 18, for the purpose of helping to erect a monument in the Grant cemetery in memory of our fallen heroes or noble dead ...



# The Red Oak Republican.

VOL. 8

Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa, Wednesday, February 4, 1903.

NO. 32

**21 January; Republican;** Milford: Coal is scarce at Briscoe.

**4 February; Republican;** Milford: The new Mutual Telephone Co. line will run directly west to Milford. There is about 20 families ... T. Westrope's new store will be the central office.

**11 February; Review;** Grant: The UB are holding meetings at Long View.

**13 February; Express;** Douglas Township: Meetings are still going on at the Baptist Church. Rev. Lemon is the pastor.

**18 February; Republican;** Milford: Mr. Dietrick is our new shoemaker. He is located in the hardware store.

— Mr. Payne, the general jeweler, is suffering from a gathering in his knee.

— Lon Mullen is our new hustling insurance agent ...

**25 February; Review:** In the trial at Grant last Saturday, between the Milford precinct and the outside territory of this district to divide the district, the county superintendent affirmed the decision of the present school board and the district will not be divided unless the case is carried to higher court and changed.

**4 March; Republican;** Milford: John Alcorn, the butcher ...

**4 March; Review;** Grant: Pay your taxes at the Bank of Grant.

**11 March; Republican;** Milford: Sumner, the furniture man, received a fine \$450 hearse this week.

— Guy Waterman has rented the west part of the furniture store for a restaurant.

— The meat market will move into Westrope's old stand.

**3 July; Elliott Graphic:** Adv. - For Rent - the Hotel Property at Grant. Inquire at once, of B.L. McCue, Grant, Iowa.

**10 July; Sun;** Milford: The 4th of July celebration at Milford this year was one of the best of the many good ones the town has had. ...

*(Note: from "Quaint Sayings of Your Uncle Fuller", by Seth M. Smith, 1905: ... At the hour appointed, tramp! tramp! tramp! the boys are marching - the girls too - led by the far-famed Lyman band to the shady grounds, where everything was fully prepared for the pleasures to come. Stands overflowing with goodies - the dance floor ready for the pigeon wing - even the West Nodaway Inter-state Steamship Navigation Company had steam up waiting to sell tickets to pleasure seekers of a "life on the ocean wave". ... )*

**7 August; Review;** (from *Graphic*): L.D. Powell traded his mill at Grant to Frank Zappe for an 80 acre farm near Villisca.

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**21 August; Review:** One of the most horrible accidents that has occurred in this vicinity for many years was caused by a traction engine and separator breaking through a small bridge one mile east of Grant last Monday. Bert Sadler, Joe and Frank Kenworthy were in charge of the machines and had carefully planked the bridge, but the rains had washed in dirt at its approach so that the elevation was over a foot above the bridge. As the rear wheels of the engine struck the planks the structure gave way causing the engine and separator to collapse. Joe Kenworthy had the presence of mind to jump, escaping injury, but Frank Kenworthy and Bert Sadler became the unfortunate victims of the wreck.

*(Note: Sadler's leg was amputated at the knee. Kenworthy's right leg was amputated at the thigh; after a difficult convalescence, he was fitted with a peg-leg. "Hop" wore out several peg-legs.)*

**16 October; Express:** Milford: C.F. Sumner has traded his furniture store to E.A. Schoalts, of Corning . . .

**21 October; Republican:** As a result of the bridge accident east of Grant several weeks ago, Montgomery County has a big damage suit on its hands. Frank Kenworthy and Lee Sadler, who went through the bridge with their threshing machine ... have served notice of a claim for damages in the sum of \$50,000.

**23 October; Express:** Milford: Mr. Tice of Villisca purchased the furniture of E.A. Shoaltz.

**6 November; Express:** Douglas Twp; J.W. Winters has traded ... for the Milford Mills, owned by Frank Zappe.

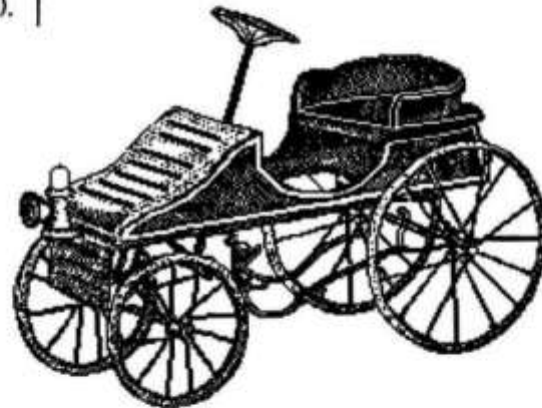
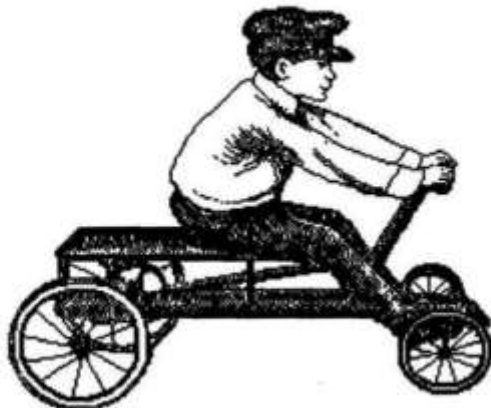
**20 November; Express:** Milford: J. Bridwell purchased the hotel last week, paying \$1950 for it.

— F.E. Courcier bought the restaurant of G. Waterman for \$385 and has taken possession.

**11 December; Express:** Milford: Mr. Herbert Goble's dental parlors are at the hotel ...

**25 December; Review:** Milford: A stranger in Milford is naturally surprised on entering the General Merchandise store of T. Westrope, or the Department store of D. Vetter, to find such well equipped business houses in a town of that size. ...

Mr. H.N. McConoughey is another among the many prominent citizens and deserves special mention. Mr. McConoughey has made many valuable inventions of electrical contrivances ... The farmers mutual telephone system which has recently been established in that section is largely the result of his efforts.





# THE SUN.

VOL. XXVII. NO. 51.

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, Aug. 12, 1904.

EIGHT PAGES

**28 January; Review;** Milford: There are 14 telephone lines running into central in this little town.

**5 February; Express;** Milford: While J.M. Smith was hauling ice from the river Saturday morning one of his fine black horses was drowned. The lines became fastened, causing the horses to back off of the ice into the water. The horse was valued at \$200.

**19 February; Review;** Milford: D. Vetter is having a basement dug out under his store. Fred Kreger is doing the work. He will cement it up and use it as a store room.

— The butcher shop has changed hands. Jim Paulin now owns it. John Alcorn, the former butcher, will move on a farm.

— Mr. Winter, who owns the mill, is remodeling it, putting in some new machinery and fixing it up in fine shape ...

**11 March; Review;** Milford: There is a new jewelry store in town, located in the rooms in the bank.

**1 April; Review;** Milford: Gus Courcier is building an addition to his blacksmith shop.

**15 April; Review;** Milford: There was a rather disgraceful occurrence on our streets Saturday night and an arrest and fine followed on Monday. Why not arrest the ones that do the boot legging?

**22 April; Express;** Milford: Thomas Tice of Villisca has traded his furniture store at this place to G.W. Perham of Atlantic. Mr. Tice has been here the past two weeks, selling his furniture at greatly reduced prices.

**6 May; Review;** Milford: Milford is soon to have a new doctor, Dr. Coakley, Jr., from Mt. Etna.

**13 May; Review;** Milford: F.E. Courcier has sold his restaurant to J.W. Houchin ...

**12 August; Sun;** Milford: Arthur Reed has the appointment as carrier on the new rural free delivery mail route from Grant post office, service on which began Aug. 1 ...

**18 August; Review;** Milford: At a meeting of the telephone association ... it was decided to leave the central office at A.J. Ashbaugh's. Misses Jennie and Alma Ashbaugh are the operators.

**2 September; Sun;** Milford: J.W. Houchin has disposed of his interest in the restaurant to his son, Fred.

**8 September; Graphic;** Grant: Geo. Margerum has just put in a system of water works for the bank building. There are usually two or three families living over the bank and Drs. Scott and Cokely in the rear, really makes a water system necessary.

**15 September; Graphic;** Grant: Frank Kenworthy and Bert Sadler each received \$4000 from the county for damages for a defective bridge.



# THE ELLIOTT GRAPHIC

ELLIOTT, IOWA • THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1905.



**2 February; Review;** Milford: Geo. DeVoss is going around, stopping at all the homes and asking all kinds of questions. The worst of it is they have to be answered, too.

*(Note: Was George the tax assessor or the Census taker?)*

**30 March; Graphic;** Grant: The big cottonwood tree which has long been a landmark in front of the Courcier blacksmith shop was cut down recently and worked up into an enormous pile of wood and there are a couple of good saw logs left which would measure about four and five feet through and eight or ten feet in length.

**13 April; Graphic;** Grant: Grant will have one of the best baseball nines in southwest Iowa this year. The boys met and organized the other day. They are skinning a diamond and putting it in good shape. They have ordered new uniforms ...

**14 April; Express;** Milford: Porter & Coziah Hardware ...

**21 April; Express;** Grant: Grant can now boast of having a Degarrison car for a few months. Who will be the first to try and break the machine?

**12 May; Express;** Grant: The first meeting of the newly organized alumni association of the Grant school was held last Friday evening ...

**8 June; Graphic;** Grant: D. Vetter has installed a new oil tank and pump.

**15 June; Review;** Milford: The mill dam has sprung a leak and most of the water has run out. Some large fish are being caught.

**16 June; Express;** Grant: Dr. Weir will be with us next week. ... He will be in partnership with Dr. Scott.

**29 June; Review;** Milford: Sunday the last services were held in the old Methodist church.

**20 July; Review;** Milford: Persons coming to town are warned against tying teams to private fences as they will be taken care of by the constable.

**4 August; Express;** Grant: B.F. Porter sold his interest in the hardware to Chas. Redmon. The firm will be Coziah & Redmon.

— E.L. Duff has sold his insurance to Mr. Porter.

**4 August; Sun;** Milford: Every day of the 13th annual reunion ... at Milford will be a big day ... There will be a camp fire each evening ... Tents for old soldiers and their families will be furnished free. There will be tents to rent to others at reasonable rates.

**10 August; Graphic;** Grant: George Selby of Elliott became the owner of the City Meat Market.



— Post Master Vetter has built the first cement sidewalk in Grant. J.W. West and Jap Paullin put in a good substantial walk at his residence last week and today Mr. Weston is busy laying a five foot walk on the west side of his department store.

**9 August; Graphic;** Grant: Frank Kenworthy's new Gaar-Scott threshing machine is about the nicest running machine that ever happened. The engine, too, is a Gaar-Scott of the latest improved type. A stranger might say that he would think Frank would never want to see another engine, but not so, he is perfectly at home with one.

**11 August; Express;** Grant: D. Vetter ... has added a new porch to the south side of his store.

**16 August; Graphic;** The Daily Grant Graphic: (special for the reunion) Gordon is on the grounds and doing a rushing business in the photo button line ... The Milford Roller Mills have shut down so the water will be deeper for the boats. ...

**18 August; Express;** Grant: The reunion of the Cass county veterans is now in progress and Grant is a lively place indeed. ... The camp ground is on the hillside east of the river and is a veritable white city. Old veterans by the score, with their families, are there enjoying a few days of camp life. A large speaker's stand holding 100 chairs has been erected, also seats and benches for 2,000 people. Feed stables for one hundred and fifty horses have been erected east of the camp grounds and they are doing a lively business. On top of the hill is a big pile of wood to be used as fuel by the campers. The grounds are brilliantly lit up at night by electricity, the current being furnished by H. N. McConoughey's gasoline engine and dynamo, which occupies a tent some distance to the right of the speaker's stand. Wednesday a crowd of several thousand people listened to an eloquent and convincing address by Gov. Cummins ... Music for the reunion is furnished by Bert McCue's band.

**31 August; Review;** Milford: Some miscreants recently broke into the schoolhouse and destroyed some of the school fixtures. Boys, beware! Such acts are punishable by law and may lead to the penitentiary.

**15 September; Express;** Grant: Dr. Pipher who has been sole owner of the bank of Grant informs us that he has disposed of two thirds of his interest ...

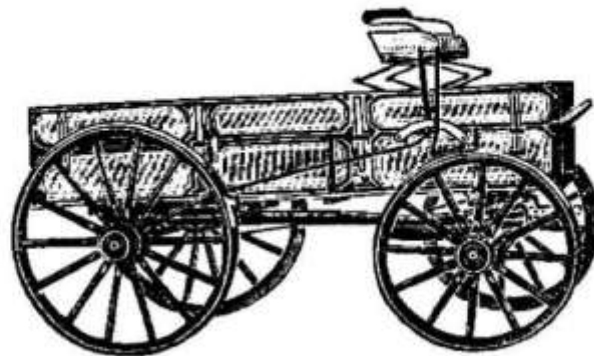
**22 September; Express;** Grant: Mr. E. Bennett has bought the building where the restaurant and pool hall are kept. Mr. Minard is running the pool hall; he has bought the restaurant and will serve meals and sell confectionery.

**26 October; Review;** Milford: J. Barr and Frank Kenworthy drove to Massena and brought back a wagon that was won in the pulling contest. Frank's famous pulling team won the contest.

**8 December; Express;** Grant: Frank Smith has bought the restaurant and pool hall and Mr. Miner the building where the barber shop was and will run a restaurant there, and the barber shop will be under the bank.

**14 December; Review;** Milford: Mrs. Kenworthy and Mrs. W. Corbin were in Elliott Tuesday to buy the carpet for the new church.

**15 December; Express;** Grant: The barber shop has changed hands. Bert Porter is now the owner. Pearlie Paullin will still be the barber.



PART 1  
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# The Red Oak Express.

16 PAGES

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR RED OAK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1906 NUMBER 18

**HERE ARE SIXTEEN PAGES AND EACH ONE WORTH YOUR ATTENTION**

**4 January; Review:** Milford: It is 50 years since the first Methodist class was organized here, and there will be a week of jubilee following the dedication services ...

**11 January; Review:** A large crowd attended the dedication service of the new Methodist church Sunday. The sermon was by Dr. T.C. Iliff and following the sermon was the raising of the money to finish paying for the church. \$1,600 was the amount which was raised in less than one half hour. We now have a fine church all paid for and a church that would be a credit to a much larger city. ...

William Stipe was here 50 years ago when the first Methodist class was organized and was able to attend the Dedication services. He is 86 years old. Also there were 22 present who attended the dedication of the old church 30 years ago.

*(Note: This is misleading; the old church building is still there. A complete remodeling was done, including additions of a class room on the north and a pulpit and choir area and a small storage room on the south.*

*(14 March 1930; Review: [when] the addition to the church was built, Charles Sumner was the carpenter. He nailed gables on three sides of the building and was getting ready to nail on another when the trustees decided that they did not want a church of seven gables and stopped him. ...)*

**12 January; Express:** ... Grant has three general stores, one drug store, one hardware, two blacksmith shops, two restaurants, two hotels, one butcher shop, one band, one insurance and real estate agent, two doctors, two churches, one millinery and dressmaker shop, two livery and feed barns, one connected with the Bridwell hotel, and the other owned by F.M. Smith, the Milford Roller Mill and a public school of ten grades. (T.R. Westrope erected a large store room about two years ago.)

... The name of our new bank is Farmers Savings Bank ... The door west of the bank is the restaurant and pool hall owned and operated by F.M. Smith. Next is the hardware store Coziah & Redmon ... East of D. Vetter's is G. Selby, butcher shop ... on east Miner's restaurant ... and D. Hardin's jewelry and trinket shop. South of the bank we find Bogg's hotel.

**18 January; Review:** Milford: Mrs. Dumlér, of Ottumwa, the lady who organized the ladies' Maccabee lodge here, was seen on our streets Monday.

— Frank Kenworthy has a large pile of sawed wood. It took three days to saw it. The saw was run with his engine.

— Last week was court week in this city, several cases coming up before the justice. They helped to replenish the city treasury.

**1 March; Review:** Milford: The class of 1906 of the high school will hold a "pound" social in Wahlund's hall Friday evening. Ladies are expected to bring a pound of something good to eat.

**8 March; Review:** Milford: The Modern Woodmen are to increase their camp Wednesday night by taking in 32 members ...

**16 March; Express:** Grant: The new switch board is here and will be placed at central in a few days.

**23 March; Express:** Grant: The (ME) church ... has a gasoline lighting system.

**6 April; Express:** Grant: B.L. McCue traded the hotel for land in Texas. Frank Kenworthy has bought the pool hall and restaurant of Frank Smith.



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— Bert Porter bought the building and restaurant occupied by Mr. Minard and the barber shop will be moved into the building.

**19 April; Review;** Milford: The Royal Neighbors will have a box supper at the hall Wednesday night. Everybody invited. Ladies, bring well-filled boxes.

**7 June; Review;** Milford: Frank Smith is suffering with a sore arm. He was bitten by his horse Friday.

**14 June; Review;** Milford: A.J. Boggs will soon begin to peddle patent medicine. He will work for the Clawson Medicine Co.

**15 June; Express;** Grant: Frank Smith is the present owner of the hotel. It is supposed that J. Bridwell will again be the landlord.

**6 July; Express;** Grant: Frank Kenworthy has rented the Boggs hotel and is fixing it up for sleeping rooms to be able to accommodate the public in connection with his restaurant.

Mr. Ware, the present owner of the hotel has had new windows put in the north and west, the building repainted and new screens put on ...

**6 July; Sun;** Milford: There will be a Jubilee meeting at the Baptist church here on July 13 and 14, in charge of Rev. Watson of Villisca, the occasion being the paying off of the church debt. ... it is hoped that regular services may soon be resumed in the fine church building ... There have been no regular services in the Baptist church here for several years.

**3 August; Express;** Grant: It was estimated that 3,000 people attended the old settlers picnic here July 25.

**14 September; Express;** Grant: Frank Kenworthy has bought the barber shop ... Bertsel Chew will continue to wield the razor.

**27 September; Review;** Milford: The first number on the lecture course will be Oct. 6; subject, "Ben Hur". Season tickets \$1.50.

**25 October; Review;** Milford: The meetings closed at the Baptist church Sunday night. Part of the program was the burning of the mortgage. The church is now out of debt.

**26 October; Express;** Grant: B.F. Cozad will be the landlord at the hotel.



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VOL. XXX. NO. 43

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1907.

EIGHT PAGES

**22 March; Review;** Milford: Lon Carlton has traded his farm of 40 acres southwest of town for the hotel here.

**29 March; Review;** Milford: Geo. L. Selby sold his meat market here to Howard Gilchrist.

**2 May; Review;** Grant: The Woodmen have carpenters at work fixing them a hall over the bank.

— The Mutual telephone company purchased the building known as the Ed Duff residence in the north part of town and will move the central office into the same. Mrs. Lucy Ackerman, who is operator for the present year, will occupy the house.

**14 June; Sun;** Milford: There were about 90 people at the Milford High School Alumni association banquet. The banquet was prepared by Mrs. Chew and served in the Modern Woodmen hall.

**12 July; Express;** Grant: On the morning of the Fourth large crowds were seen coming to Grant ... until about 1,000 had gathered. ...

**19 July; Express;** Grant: Blackburn & Kilpatrick has bought the butcher shop of H. Gilchrist and have rented the shop to Amos Paullin of Villisca.

— Barber Cary has left ...

**25 July; Review;** Grant: Hereafter the teams that are tied to the private fence adjoining the church lot will be cut loose by the owner of the fence as it is not a public hitch rack. Notices on the fence have been disregarded and if people will still tie there they may have some broken buggies.

**29 August; Review;** Grant: Bert Courcier is preparing to build a new blacksmith shop. He will build just east of the Baptist church.

**30 August; Sun;** Milford: The Baptist church is being equipped with a lighting plant.

**19 September; Review;** Grant: The baseball tournament held here was very well attended. Grant, Villisca, Carbon and Griswold played each day. Grant won the purse ...

**4 October; Express;** Grant: Frank Kenworthy has rented his restaurant, barber shop and pool hall to Leonard Chew.

**25 October; Express;** Grant: At a recent meeting of the school board they decided to add another teacher as the work was too hard for three ...



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOL. XXIV.NO. 51.

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1908

EIGHT PAGES

**The Republican party is against contraction of the currency. Therefore it is against monometallism.**

**9 January; Review;** Grant: A. Wahlund is having an addition built to his store.

**10 January; Sun;** Grant: Postmaster D. Vetter has put in new post office fixtures that are a decided improvement over those in use for a number of years past.

**16 January; Review;** R. W. Corbin of Grant sold 18 head of hogs to Scott and Spargur yesterday which averaged 392 pounds. A splendid bunch.

**19 March; Review;** Grant: The barber shop has been moved into the basement of the bank building.

**29 May; Sun;** Grant: Frank and Carl Vetter are the proud owners of a fine new boat for use on the Nodaway river.

**18 June; Review;** Grant: H.S. Rattenborg, vice president; and C.B. Judd, chief engineer, of the AN & S R'way Co., are in this vicinity this week in the interests of the new proposed railroad between Atlantic and Villisca. They have so far sold 150 shares at \$150 the share, ... The amount asked is \$50,000 and there is assurance that that amount will be raised without great difficulty ... The general desire here is to run the route to Villisca and it is very likely that Grant will subscribe more money for a road in that direction than for one east and west ...

*(Note: Finally! After 40 years of rumors a railroad was actually built. Now, more than 80 years later, the subject is still controversial. The very mention of the road is guaranteed to raise the blood pressure of descendants of those who invested heavily in the project. There is a large amount of material available for the serious student of this subject, but here it will be treated only superficially.)*

**3 July; Express;** Mayflower: The Kreger & Nichols livery barn at Grant burned last Saturday ...

**17 July; Express;** Grant: A moving picture show at Wahlund's hall Friday and Saturday nights of last week drew the usual crowd.

**31 July; Sun;** Milford: F.E. Kenworthy has returned from St. Louis, where he had been taking treatment to overcome the drug habit which he acquired while suffering from an accident in which he lost a leg five years ago.

**11 September; Sun;** Milford: John West has purchased the Kilpatrick & Blackburn meat market.

**24 September; Review;** The village of Grant, 15 miles north of here, is soon to take on very metropolitan airs. Four automobiles are due to arrive there in a few days, all five-passenger, Auburn touring cars to be delivered to the following persons: Dr. E.S. Montgomery, Dr. Weir; John Winter, the miller, and Benjamin Leonard, a farmer living east of Grant.

**9 October; Express;** Grant: The "Sunny Side" meat shop has again changed hands. Rollie Smith is the new owner.

**23 October; Sun;** Milford: The GAR ... will get prices and award the contract ... for a soldiers' monument to be erected in the cemetery. ... A concrete base four feet thick for the monument was put in by the post several months ago. ...

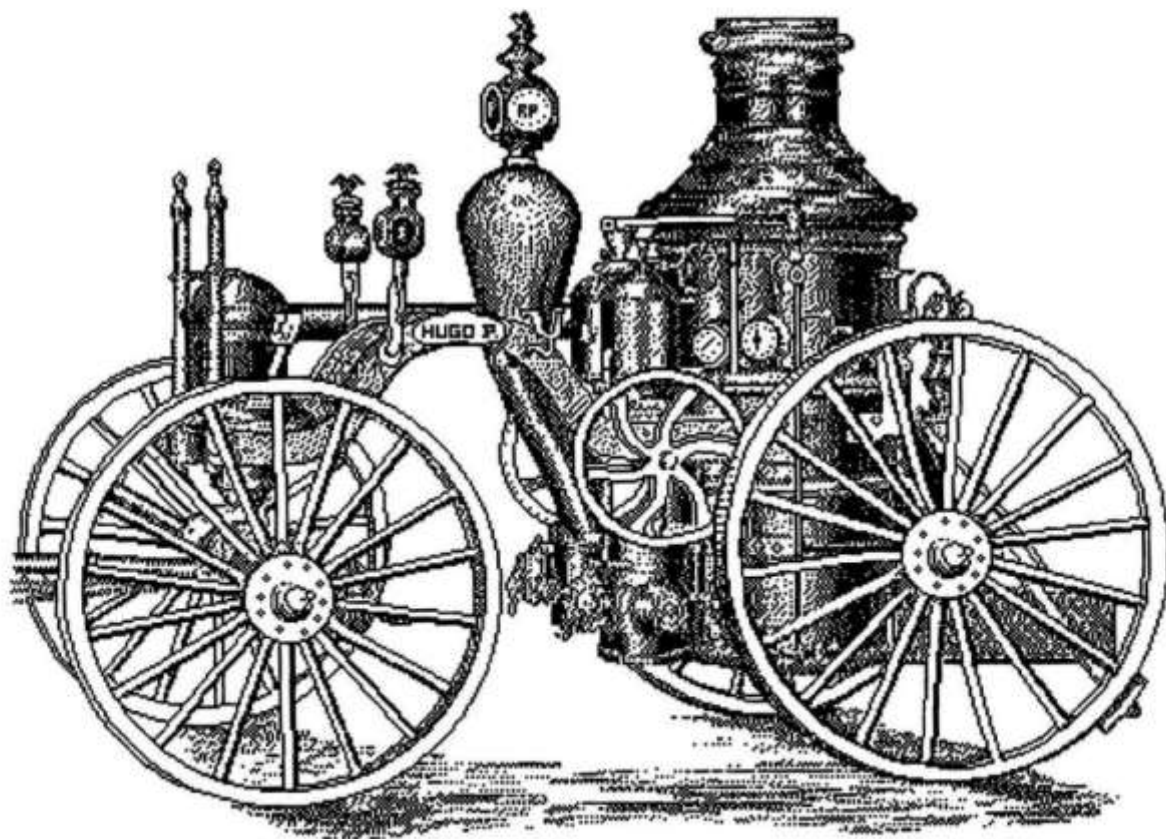
**30 October; Sun;** Morton's Mills: Rev. Bailer, pastor of Memorial Chapel, now preaches at Grant also every Sunday at 3 p.m.

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**26 November; Review;** Grant: The second number of Grant's lecture course was given at the Methodist church last Friday evening ... This is the fifth season that the committee of the lecture course has arranged for a series of entertainments .

— Grant has a lumber yard and she acquired this substantial and valued addition in mighty short order. One week ago yesterday E. Crawford of Atlantic, general manager of Fullerton lumber yards, appeared here and purchased two lots of Elmer Smith. In about 30 minutes after the deal was closed several wagon loads of lumber hauled from Cumberland and nearly a dozen workmen made an appearance and before night hammers were flying ... Walter Jones of Cumberland has been employed as local manager ...

**4 December; Sun;** Milford: The contract for the soldiers' monument at Milford has been let by the GAR post to Seefeldt & Hobson, of Red Oak, at \$500. ... The monument will be of dark Barre granite and will be 15 feet and two inches in height. (*sic*) (*Includes a lengthy description.*)





# THE SUN.

VOL. XXXII. NO. 30

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1909

EIGHT PAGES

**1 January; Sun;** Milford: F.E. Kenworthy has built an addition to his billiard hall and put in a bowling alley.

**14 January; Review;** Grant: Elmer Smith has built a large ice house and commenced Monday to fill it ...

**11 March; Review;** Grant: Hughes and Sons have opened a paint shop in the building that was occupied by the meat shop.

**12 March; Sun;** Milford: S.E. Smith has traded for the J.W. Winters store building and R.R. Smith has moved his meat market into it.

**18 March; Review;** Grant: Johnson & Son from Griswold have opened a clothing store in Grant.

**3 June; Review;** Grant: A large crowd came to Grant Saturday, for decoration and the dedication of the soldiers' monument, erected in the cemetery here.

**17 June; Graphic;** R.W. Corbin, Sr. has purchased a fine new Auburn touring car.

**25 June; Sun;** Grant: J.W. Winter was here from Sciola a few days recently. He ran the mill for a few days, but the heavy rains caused the river to get so high that about 20 feet of the east end of the mill dam washed away.

**26 August; Review:** Commercial Wire to Grant - Saturday the new commercial telephone wire running from Grant to Villisca was connected to the mutual central board here and the line was opened for use. It is a direct wire and has no phones on it anywhere between the two towns, furnishing a direct unencumbered service. There is no toll fee to mutual phone holders.



**10 September; Sun;** Milford: Louis Schueller ... has bought the hardware and implement business of Redmon & Coziah ... He will add a line of automobiles ...

**23 September; Review;** Grant: Our mail carrier, W. Curry, has resigned.

**24 September; Sun:** MILFORD - The program for the lecture course of 1909 and 1910 has been completed and is announced in a handsome little booklet which is being distributed. There are to be six numbers in all, ...

**7 October; Review;** Grant: R.G. Sutton of Osceola has purchased the T.R. Westrope stock ...

— An exciting time occurred in our city Thursday afternoon when the cry of fire was heard on our street. In fixing the lamps at Westrope's store the gas exploded and started a fire in the basement, but prompt action soon extinguished the flame. Mr. Westrope and Fred were quite badly burned on their arms and hands.

**4 November; Review;** Grant: The boys performed their Halloween pranks on Saturday night ...

**11 November; Review:** Frank Kenworthy of Grant, on a bet of \$60, shucked over 90 bushels of corn in six hours and 30 minutes. The bet was that he could not shuck 80 bushels in eight hours. ... Now, Grant claims the cornhusking championship.

— Grant: There was a large crowd of ladies at Mulholland's store Tuesday, all wanting a share of that thousand yards of calico advertised to be sold between 2:00 and 3:00 of that day.

# THE VILLISCA REVIEW.

VOL. XL, NO. 3

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1910

EIGHT PAGES

**13 January; Review;** Grant: Scott Wilson of Mortons Mill will be the mail carrier between Grant and Elliott...

**14 January; Sun;** Milford: B.C. Mulholland has offered to set aside ten per cent of his total cash sales each Saturday during January to establish a fund for building a cement crossing across the street in front of his store, provided other business men furnish the remainder. Bert Courcier has agreed to build a walk from his shop along the west side of the Baptist church if the congregation of the church will haul the material for their share.

**3 February; Review;** Grant: John Rhul has bought the meat shop and will take possession Febr. 1.

**31 March; Review;** Grant: Higgins & Higgins barber shop is moved to one door west of Dr. Weir's office and they have dissolved partnership.

**21 April; Review;** Grant: The Sunny Side meat market has changed hands. Ed Bennett is the present owner.

**5 May; Express:** ... According to astronomers we passed through the tail of Haley's comet Wednesday evening. Nothing of an unusual sensation was perceptible ... there were perhaps a few of the more superstitious who were alarmed over the prospect for the annihilation of the world.

**3 June; Sun;** Grant: The cannon which belongs to Dick Rouet post G.A.R. has been mounted on a cement base on the soldiers' lot in the cemetery.

**21 June; Review;** Grant: ... The graders are working on the AN & S north of Grant.

**29 September; Review;** Grant: Dr. W.A. Lewis, dentist, has offices over the Grant Savings Bank. First class work guaranteed.

**28 October; Express;** Grant: ... The UB parsonage at Grant has been sold and a new parsonage will be bought at Carbon which is nearer the churches.

**18 November; Sun;** ... Practically all the grading for the railroad has been done, ... In order to obtain the money raised by taxation for the assistance of the project, it is necessary to run a train over the entire line from Atlantic to Villisca by Dec. 31 of this year.

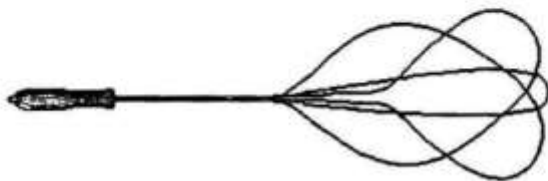
**25 November; Sun;** Milford: The county bridge men put in a new bridge across the mill race last week.  
— The new elevator being erected by J.A. Campbell & Son is almost completed.

**9 December; Sun;** Grant: Ben Sprague is putting in a feed exchange in the building west of the Fullerton lumber office.

— The Green Bay Lumber Co. have their lots leveled, and are now ready to begin building.

**16 December; Sun;** Grant: Most all those that could get away and had teams have gone to Villisca to haul ties and rails for the A.N.S. railroad in order to help them get through by Dec. 31. Grant expects to see the new railroad completed in time to hold the 5 per cent tax. If necessary the business men will close their places of business and go to work on the railroad.

— A pile driver has been at work for several days on the railroad bridge near here. The track laying machine is expected to be in the city next week.



CORNING, ADAMS COUNTY, JANUARY 21, 1911

**5 January; Review:** SILVER SPIKE DRIVEN OPENING A.N. & S. R.R. -Grant Banquets Construction Crews - The town of Grant, which now feels so highly elated over having a railroad, gave expression to its exuberance (sic) on Christmas night and again on Tuesday, Dec. 27, by tendering banquets to the construction crews of both the north and south ends, the north crew being treated to a splendid supper Christmas, and the south crew two days later. The banquets were prepared by the ladies of Grant and vicinity and were held in the Masonic hall at Grant. Owing to a lack of accommodations it was impossible to banquet the entire crew of workmen at the same time so each crew was taken in turn as they came.

The north end crew operating the mammoth Hurley track laying machine reached Grant on Christmas day, and were given the freedom of the town and a most cordial reception. There were 153 railroad men seated at the tables and the serving began at 6 o'clock.

At the Tuesday night banquet there were 150 railroad workmen and officials and perhaps a half hundred others, who were as cordially received and as liberally fed. Beginning at 5 o'clock, the banqueting lasted until late in the evening. The south end crew which had been running the north end men a close race, did all its track laying by hand. Feeling that some token of appreciation was due the citizens of Grant for their kindness, the south end crew had purchased a large silver loving cup, and after the first table had been fed, Mr. C.A. Ross, on behalf of his men presented the town of Grant with the cup ...

*(Note: What became of the cup?)*

**12 January; Review;** Grant: Elmer Smith ... has opened a restaurant and short order lunch counter.

**26 January; Review;** Grant: Colonel Lafferty and wife have rented and taken possession of the Kenworthy restaurant. They will serve short order lunches.

**2 February; Review:** The way the AN & S railroad looks when you get as far away as Corning is succinctly told in the *Free Press* in its last issue. Editor Weissel interviewed C.S. Given of Grant about the new railroad:

C.S. Given was in Corning this week from Grant. He came by way of Villisca, coming from Grant on the new railroad. The only coach the road had was burned a few nights ago and the road is now carrying its passengers in "Wearie Willie Sleepers". Mr. Given says the passengers are loaded, the doors closed and sealed, and at the next station the seal is broken, and the passengers are invoiced and if they compare with the report from the previous station then the door is opened and the passengers are allowed to jump out. Mr. G. says there is one good thing about the road, that is you get a good deal of riding for your money. First you are on one side of the car, then on the other, next you are thrown to the end, but all this time the train is moving and the passengers are moving in two directions. The visitor declared it had all the appearance of a regular railroad and soon they would have the road-bed in good shape and the company will be running good trains and giving the people the best service.

— H.V. Barnes from Chicago, a builder and contractor, has bought a lot south of the bank and built a carpenter shop, and is permanently located here.

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**23 February; Review:** Dick Rouet Post No. 472, of Grant, has obtained its majority. The 21st anniversary of the organization was held in the GAR hall by the Post and Circle #7. The ladies served a grand good dinner . . . A short history of the Post and Circle was read.

Dick Rouet Post #472 . . . was organized Feb. 8, 1890, in the Masonic hall at Grant with eleven charter members. . . . The name of the Post was chosen in honor of Col. Dick Rouet of the 7th Illinois Infantry of which Comrade Warfield was a member. The Post used for a hall the lower story of the Masonic building, now used as a hardware store by L.C. Schuler, and later occupied the upper room of the Grant high school building and in August of 1890 the Post bought the lot and built the hall . . . (the post) entertained the Veteran's association in Grant in 1896 and again in 1905, and are making preparations to do so again in 1911.

Grant Circle #7 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized on Sept. 19, 1890. ...

*(Note: Abstracted from a long article)*

**2 March; Review:** Grant: There is to be a newspaper in Grant. Hill from New Market is to be the editor.

**9 March; Review:** Grant: ... a new central telephone operator was elected. Mrs. Moyer from Villisca got the position.

— Mr. Barnes was raising his carpenter shop and it fell over Monday. No one was hurt. ...

**23 March; Review:** Grant: Milo Ling traded a farm northeast of town to Lon Carlton for the hotel in Grant.

— Mr. Young from Nebraska has purchased the east restaurant and has taken possession.

**30 March; Review:** Grant: The Fullerton Lumber Co. is building an immense shed to store their lumber.

— Mrs. Lucy Akerman has rented the hotel and will soon move in and have it open for business.

— M.E. Hubbard, manager of the new Cash produce house in Grant, is now ready to buy your produce.

**13 April; Review:** The initial number of the Grant Chief, the new paper at Grant, made its appearance last Thursday. Lafe Hill is the publisher. The paper is a five column quarto and carries about four pages of local news and advertising. It seems to be well patronized and no doubt will enjoy the highest success possible in its limited field.

**20 April; Grant Chief:** The harness shop has changed hands ... C.D. Mitchell.

— Adv. - Arcade Restaurant; Prop. Mrs. James Young.

**21 April; Sun:** It is said that the light caused by the recent burning of Dr. Montgomery's barn, in Grant, was so strong that it attracted a lot of wild ducks and geese, which circled around the blaze. Although it happened in the dead of night, the light is said to have been bright enough so that two Grant men succeeded in shooting a duck each.

**4 May; Review:** Grant: An addition is being built on the north side of the GAR hall to be the Chief's office.

**25 May; Review:** Grant: Milo Ling has rented the livery barn to Mr. Neely and is having an addition built to the barn.





**8 June; Chief:** The AN & S is putting in a water tank. It is situated near the bridge.

—We plan to celebrate the Fourth. Drop your own celebration boys and come over to Grant. Plenty of shade, fishing, boat riding and a glorious sane Fourth.

**22 June; Review:** Grant has entered into a contract with Guy Bowers to grade the river road. It commences at the Mercer corner and runs south two and one half miles to the hills. It will cost \$1,000 to have this work done.

**29 June; Review:** The Epworth League of the Grant Methodist church will serve a dinner at the celebration at Grant on the Fourth in a large, cool tent located on the grounds.

**4 August; Express:** Grant: The Big Reunion at Grant — Grant is doing great things these days. Their Reunion comes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 22, 23 and 24. It will be held in Mercer Park, a 20 acre space, where there is plenty of shade. A gasoline engine pumps water from a deep well for man and beast. The grounds will be electric lighted, and is as cool a place as Iowa affords. The reunion grounds are covered with a beautiful natural grove . . .

. . . Lenox Concert Band and Drum Corps will be here during the entire time. Ferris wheel, ball games, merry-go-round and moving picture show and other amusements.

One hundred tents will be on the grounds, free to veterans or rented to the visitors.

There will be an auditorium tent which will accommodate a thousand people.

**31 August; Review:** The Reunion drew a large crowd each day. The second day was estimated there were between five and six thousand in attendance.

**15 September; Sun;** Grant: Rev. D.W. Griffith, of the Baptist church, is on the program of the South-west Iowa Baptist association, which will be given in Sidney Sept. 21 to 24.

— R.R. Smith has bought the building which the Jones store formerly occupied and has moved it to the lot north of the Schueller hardware store.

**28 September; Review;** Grant: Some went from here to Clarinda to see the flying machine at the Fair.

— A number from Grant have been attending meetings at the Tabernacle south of town.

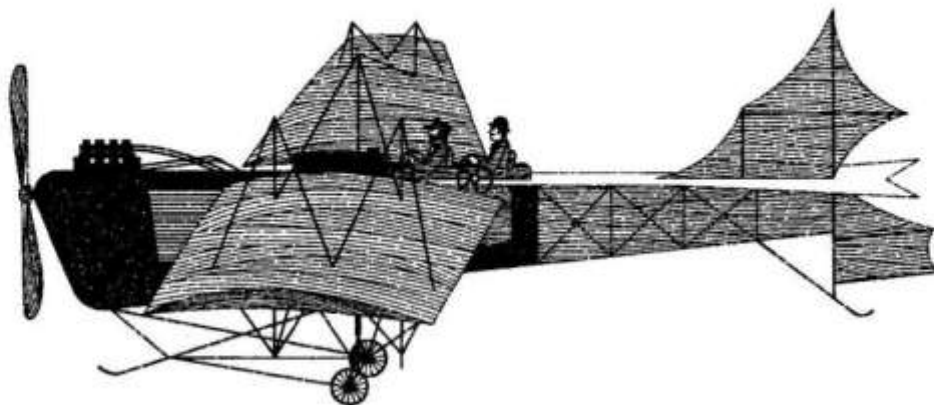
**19 October; Review;** Grant: ... AN & S wreck south of Sciola.

— A fire started in some unaccountable way in the Arcade restaurant Sunday ...


**9 November; Review:** A plat for an addition to the town of Grant has been filed with the county recorder. The addition was laid out by B.F. Mercer and comprises 28 lots in 4 blocks. It is located south of Plaquet's addition.

**30 November; Review;** Grant: James Davis will be the rural carrier out of Grant after Dec. 1.

— The people of Grant voted to incorporate their town at the election Monday, the vote being 50 for incorporation to 15 against.



# GRANT CHIEF



VOLUME 1

GRANT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 25, 1912

NUMBER 30

**12 January; Express:** The first town election of the incorporated town of Grant will be held next Thursday, Jan. 18. ... a caucus was held Monday evening and the following candidates were nominated for the first officers of the town: Mayor- L.C. Schuler; Treas.- B.F. Porter; Councilmen- Jud Ashbaugh, Jake Miller, O. S. Donohue, Walt Mulholland and S.E. Smith.

...The incorporated town of Grant includes within its limits, just one square mile of active enthusiasm over the prospects for a prosperous and growing community.

**26 January; Express:** Grant: A large deal was closed here Thursday when Frank Dewes and Geo. Jones of Fontanelle became the owners of the mill and they will at once begin to put it in operation.

*(Note: The mill had been idle since the dam washed out in 1909.)*

**26 January; Sun:** Grant: An expert telephone man has been here to install the new switchboard which arrived last week.

**9 February; Sun:** Grant: Dr. R.C. Weir, who has been practicing dentistry in Grant and Cumberland, expects to leave soon for Chicago, where he will take a course in medicine and surgery. Dr. F.H. Rogers, from Omaha, has bought Dr. Weir's practice.

**15 February; Review:** Grant: D. Vetter and L. Schuler have installed up to date gas lights in their stores.

**14 March; Review:** Grant: Col. Lafferty and wife have rented the Midway hotel and will take possession Apr. 1st.

**21 March; Review:** Grant: About 30 members of the Maccabee Tent No. 1333 of Grant went to Villisca Wednesday to establish a lodge there.

**22 March; Sun:** Grant: John Smart has succeeded Harry Liston as manager of the Coffey & Irwin Implement Store.

**28 March; Review:** The Bachelor's Club of Grant recently closed a contract with a representative of the Midlands Lyceum Bureau for a five number course for the season of 1912 and 1913 ...

*(Note: The Bachelor's Club didn't last long; they all got married.)*

— W.J. Miner has had a small residence and shoeshop built just east of the Baptist church.

**29 March; Sun:** Grant: Subscriptions are being taken for a fund to build a sidewalk from the Baptist church to the depot. There has been no walk there and with the snow and mud, walking has been pretty bad along there. A plank walk will be put in first, but a cement one will replace it soon.

— A new 40-horsepower gasoline engine has been added to the equipment of the Grant Milling Co's mill. ...

**5 April; Sun:** Grant: A new frame building, 18x30 feet in size, is being built on the lot next to Mullholland's store. Long & Co., produce merchants, will occupy the building.

**12 April; Sun:** Grant: Mrs. Ackerman, who for the past year has been conducting the Midway hotel here, has given up the place. C.E. Lafferty is the new landlord.

— Wm. Lafferty is the new proprietor of the Midway livery barn. He will fix things up and put in some new stock.

**18 April; Review;** Grant: Wilbur Casey has sold the barber shop to J.R. Malcom.

**9 May; Review;** Grant: Dr. M.B. Weir of Grant possesses a new Harley-Davidson motor cycle. The new machine is provided with luggage carrier and the "ful-floing" style of seat ...

**16 May; Review;** Grant: John Bryant of Henderson has purchased and taken possession of the barber shop.

— The first of June a Postal Savings Bank will be established in the post office at Grant.

**17 May; Sun;** Grant: A shotgun shooting match is planned by the Grant gun club. It will be held on Decoration Day.

— With a view of keeping the town more tidy, A. Wahlund has provided a number of large baskets for the principal streets of the town. ...

**24 May; Sun;** Grant: Rev. Reynolds, who has been filling the pulpit of the Baptist church here and at Sciola, departed this week ...

**6 June; Review;** Grant: ... the (Decoration Day) program was carried out in full with the exception of Downing's band which failed to appear, which was a great disappointment to all ... Grant has always paid them for coming, and had the money on hand . . . . The old soldiers feel very indignant to think they should be treated in that manner.

**7 June; Sun;** Grant: The town council has ordered the streets surveyed. . . . The council has also passed an ordinance requiring the pool hall to pay license, but F.E. Kenworthy . . . has the assurance of the councilmen that no license will be issued for that purpose except to him.

**18 July; Review;** Grant: Ben Leonard traded his auto for a new Firestone-Columbus runabout. Walter Curry has a new Carter car purchased of the agent in Elliott.

**25 July; Chief:** The homecoming plan is to have attractions for 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Balloon ascension and parachute drop, five slack wire and swing acrobat performers, merry-go-round, skating rink, dance floor and baseball.

**9 August; Sun;** Grant: An order has been issued prohibiting. . . swimming in the AN & S water tank.

**15 August; Review;** Grant: F.J. Wohlenhaus and James Egan purchased the stockyard business . . . .

— The Jarvis family from Carbon have moved into one of the new houses of Elmer Smith's. Mr. Jarvis is one of the owners of the Grant Mill.

**30 August; Sun;** Grant: Geo. T. Cary, ... has sold his drug stock to H.A. Workman, of Henderson. Mr. Cary has been in the drug business in Grant for over 26 years. ... When he took the stock it was valued at \$650, and when he sold the amount of capital invested in the stock was over \$2600. ... In all the years of his business career here Mr. Cary never made application for a permit to sell alcoholic liquors. Mr. Cary will become active in the management of the bank ...

**19 September; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Ackerman will move into the hotel this week.

**17 October; Review;** Grant: Surveyors were busy in Grant Monday locating streets preparatory to putting in cement side walks.

**18 October; Sun;** Grant: The railroad company has sunk a well and will move the water tank to it. The well contains 18 feet of water ...

— The box car which has been doing service as a depot is to be replaced by a substantial building . . . . The foundation is finished and a sidewalk runs up to it, so that it will not be necessary to get into the mud to reach it.

**25 October; Sun;** Grant: Benj. Leonard, Fred Bourck and Chas. Kilpatrick are erecting a new automobile garage. . . . The building will cost about \$5000.

**29 November; Sun;** Grant: For . . . those who are unable to attend school earlier in the season ... the school board has provided a special course of four months for the study of such practical branches as agriculture, commercial law, business arithmetic, etc. ...

**12 December; Review:** Grant's Mayor has resigned. W.C. Muilenburg ... from now on will devote his time fully to the newspaper work ...

# THE SUN.

VOL. XXXVI. NO. 39

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1913

TWELVE PAGES

**2 January; Review;** Grant: Mr. Bliss sold the Arcade Restaurant to Mrs. Dunn of Lewis.

**30 January; Review;** Grant: The corn and grain show Monday was well patronized. Some good corn was on exhibition.

**14 February; Sun;** Grant: Bert Porter and Jud Ashbaugh have formed a partnership in the real estate and insurance business. They have bought the building formerly used as a produce house by the Mulholland store, and are having it remodeled for their office.

**27 February; Review;** Grant Auto Co. Live Concern - The Grant Auto Co. is a firm that believes in doing things and doing them in right up-to-date style. The three story garage is a busy place these days. The third story, which will be used as a public hall for concerts, entertainments and affairs of a similar nature, has been equipped with a fine new piano. At present the hall is being used as a skating rink and the management has purchased 40 new pairs of skates. They have bought an electric lighting system with which to light the building, and will place a 60-candle power light in front of the building.

A competent mechanic will be secured to look after the auto repairing work. The company will handle the Ford, Overland and Firestone machines.

**6 March; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Thornton Curry was elected last Saturday to attend the central office the coming year.

**13 March; Review;** Grant: An overturned lamp in the basement of the D. Vetter store started a small blaze. Prompt action soon extinguished the fire.

**8 May; Review;** Grant: A banquet of the business men of Grant was held Tuesday evening and a Commercial Club was organized.

**9 May; Sun;** Grant: H.A. Workman has bought a new soda fountain which he will operate in connection with his drugstore.

**15 May; Review;** Grant: Teams are busy grading the streets in Grant.

**16 May; Sun;** Grant: A double tennis court has been laid out in Donoho addition and many young people are taking interest in the sport. A tennis club has been organized. ... No more than 25 members will be accepted.

— The town council has ... decided to build a town jail 12 by 14 feet in size and having three cells.

**22 May; Review;** Grant: Dr. Weir had his barn finished and has moved into it until his house can be finished.

**30 May; Sun;** Grant: ... There was no graduating class this year.

**6 June; Sun;** Grant: Several business houses are now lighted by electricity and before long there will be many more. The Bliss and Arcade restaurants and the Kenworthy pool hall are the last three to install them. They get their current from the Grant Auto Co.

**3 July; Review;** The Villisca Commercial club was successful in their efforts to secure a special train on the AN & S from Grant to Villisca on July 4. ... The Grant baseball team will play Villisca at 4:30 ...



**10 July; Review:** Grant: 151 tickets were sold at the Grant depot for Villisca July 4.

**18 July; Sun:** Grant: The town council has passed an ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles and motor cycles at 15 miles an hour within the incorporated limits of the town.

**7 August; Sun:** Grant: Will Lafferty has sold his livery barn to Dr. D.J. Chalmers and the latter is now conducting a hospital for horses and a feed yard at the place. He does not intend to engage in the livery business.

**7 August; Review:** The Grant Homecoming is a success and the attendance is all that could be asked. Large crowds have been present both days. . . . Wednesday the crowd was the largest ever in attendance at Grant. The balloon ascension was a good one . . .

**15 August; Sun:** Grant: . . . With one exception there were no accidents (at Grant's home coming). The exception was when the man who attempted the "Slide for Life" was hurt when the cable broke just after he started and he fell about 35 feet, breaking his right foot and injuring his left ankle. . . .

**4 September; Review:** Grant: The Grant Chief piano contest ended Saturday evening. Mrs. James Davis won the piano. . . .

**11 September; Review:** Grant: Grant is to have a baseball tournament for three days commencing next Tuesday . . . season tickets will be \$1.

**12 September; Sun:** Grant: Owners of the Grant mill are rebuilding the dam across the Nodaway river which was washed out four years ago.

**18 September; Review:** B.C. Mulholland of Grant . . . traded his general merchandise stock of that place to Jay King of Lorimer . . .

**2 October; Sun:** Grant: The state board of education has approved the Grant school as a two-year high school.

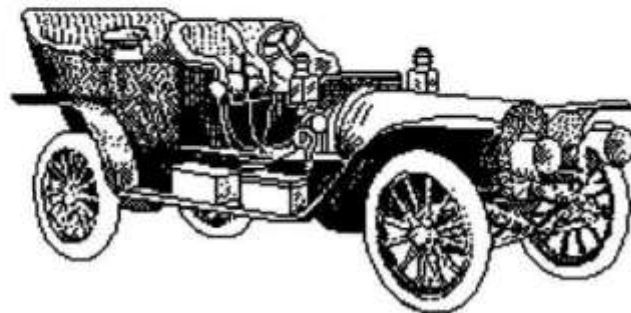
**9 October; Review:** . . . the "B"-line will be marked by painting poles with a white band four feet wide with a big red "B" and a line. . . . it is hoped that citizens, farmers and business men will turn out to complete the work in one day. This road is expected . . . to be a "B" line from Minneapolis to St. Joseph . . .

**16 October; Review:** The history of the AN & S road from its inception down to the present time has been more or less a nightmare. It was started by men untrained in railroad building. It was engineered by men whose estimates were often sadly at fault and in a large part to blame for many of the troubles which followed. It was operated by men who knew little of actual railroading . . .

— The officials of the Atlantic Southern Railway Co. have discovered that certain people have been using two of their old bunk cars, which are standing on the siding at Grant, as a gambling joint. . . . in order to do away with the practice entirely the cars have been condemned by the officials . . .

**13 November; Review:** Grant has organized a football team and have been busy the past two weeks getting onto the intricacies of the game and learning to handle the ball, the garage at that place being used as a training quarters. . . . It is rumored that a game has been scheduled between Grant and Cumberland at Grant on Thanksgiving day.

**25 December; Review:** Grant: Grant now has a moving picture show. . . pictures are shown in the opera house three nights each week and the building is used for a skating rink at other times.



# Red Oak Reporter

Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa — July 16, 1914

**12 February; Chief:** Messrs. Frank Dewees and Charlie Jarvis have purchased the moving picture outfit from Mr. Hathaway of Nodaway. The new proprietors are showing a very high class of picture three nights a week ...

**13 February; Sun;** Grant: ... In case ... the new (school) building is erected Grant will then add a grade or two to the course ...

**19 February; Chief:** The Arcade restaurant owned by Mrs. Laura Bridwell became the property of M.J. Miers of Hepburn last week.

— Wm. Blackburn, the produce buyer, has sold the business to Ernest Long ...

**19 February; Review:** Monday morning the mail service on the AS started and now the people of Grant get their mail at least 24 hours earlier.

**26 February; Review;** Grant: The Jay King stock of goods at the Mulholland store was sold Monday to the highest bidder. John Smart became the owner.

**26 February; Chief:** Rob. Bacon opened a new produce house here Monday in the building just south of the bank ...

**5 March; Chief:** Wm. Lunney has sold his pump and windmill business to Coffey & Irwin ...



**12 March; Chief:** The directors of the Grant Telephone Co. met Saturday p.m. Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick was chosen operator for the ensuing year ...

**12 March; Review:** The Grant school election Monday aroused much enthusiasm in view of the fact that the question of issuing \$1,900 bonds for a new building would be decided. The women were allowed to vote, and the proposition carried ... 118 to 14. The women were not allowed to vote for school directors.

**20 March; Sun;** Grant: M.T. Croft, of Lehigh, Okla., has leased the hotel ...

**9 April; Review;** Grant: The S.L. Collins Oil Co. and the Standard Oil Co. are each building a warehouse on the AS rightaway for storing oil.

**9 April; Chief:** The office building, shed and lots of the Green Bay Lumber Co., recently acquired by the Fullerton Lumber Co., have been sold to the Coffey & Irwin implement firm.

**23 April; Review;** Grant: Amos Paullin has improved the looks of his meat market by putting in a new set of doors and a new awning. The awning is to take the place of the majestic old maple which was cut down last summer.

**14 May; Chief:** Besides cleaning out the old town well a concrete platform was laid, doing away with the old wooden platform. A small galvanized iron tank was also placed at the well, and from now on the old well will not be a wet and muddy spot ...

(Note: *History of Grant*, page 18: The first town well was in the middle of Main street (1858). It had a wooden trough for watering horses and a dipper chained to the pump ...)

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— The Coffee & Irwin people are busy this week in remodeling the former Green Bay lumber company's yards, which they recently purchased. Flooring will be laid under the large shed and when completed will make a fine place for the implement company to display their goods. ...

**21 May; Review:** ... Rev. C.F. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church at Grant, purchased the old (school) building for \$5.00.

**28 May; Review:** Grant: The cement men are laying the cement walk the rest of the way to the cemetery.

**4 June; Review:** Decoration Day was celebrated in Grant with suitable services. ... the 19 graves of old soldiers were decorated by the ladies auxiliary and school children ... The afternoon program was held in Mercer park ... In the evening, the Grant band gave a concert on the Grant streets.

**10 June; Chief:** Coffee & Irwin moved their stock to their new quarters, the former Green Bay Lumber yard. The large shed which formerly kept dry large piles of lumber has been enclosed and a cement floor laid. ...

**11 June; Review:** Sunday the Grant and Villisca baseball teams were threatened with arrest at Grant for playing Sunday baseball in that city. It seems there had been several Sunday games played in that city and the Grant ministers were against it and planned a movement against it. As far as can be learned there is no ordinance in Grant against Sunday ball, but one of the citizens, an old lady, filed a protest with the mayor against the proceedings and this protest was read at the grounds Sunday just before the game by the city marshall. The teams however were ready to start the game when Mayor W. S. Hall appeared on the diamond and said that all parties participating in the game would be arrested, but the game progressed in a clean, orderly manner, so it is not known at present what action, if any, would be taken by the Grant authorities.

**9 July; Chief:** At Villisca ... the score was 3 to 1, in favor of Grant, Jay Corbin, doing the hurling, literally won his own game, striking out 13 of his opponents; smashing out a three bagger and two doubles and bringing in two of the three runs. Only two hits were made off his delivery ...

**23 July; Review:** The Red Oak *Reporter* has a lot to say about the recent roads booster trip throughout the county:

At Grant the visiting delegation was treated to a tubful of lemonade ...

Grant is very much on the map since they have the railroad ... They claim the best ball team in southwest Iowa, a fine Chautauqua, a winter lecture course, a commercial club, a band, a newspaper ...

**23 July; Chief:** Messrs. Dewees and Jarvis have built a raised platform on the east side of their flour mill so that farmers can drive up with their loads of grain and dump it as in an elevator.

The Atlantic Southern has built a spur of track from the main line to the north side of the mill, so the millers will be enabled to load cars with great convenience.

**20 August; Review:** Grant: The third annual Homecoming was held last week ...

**27 August; Review:** Grant: The Grant ball team have gone on a tour through the northern part of the state. They are scheduled to play in several towns and cities and will play three days at Lake Okoboji.

**3 September; Chief:** School Opens Next Monday ... the new building will not be ready for occupancy ... The primary grades will occupy the large hall on the main floor of the Masonic Building; grades 3, 4 and 5 will occupy the lecture room of the Methodist church; grades 6, 7 and 8 will occupy the large hall on the second floor of Wahlund's store; and the high school will be in the building recently vacated by the Coffee & Irwin Co. ...

(Note: The eleventh grade was added to the high school.)

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**25 September; Sun;** Grant: The new store of Boylan & Grover has been opened. They carry a complete stock of millinery.

**5 November; Chief:** A.S. RAILROAD TO QUIT JAN. 1

**12 November; Chief:** The blacksmith shop of John Ashbaugh, which has been closed for a few months, has been leased by Mr. Ashbaugh to John M. Loudon of Council Bluffs. Mr. Loudon ... is an experienced blacksmith ...

**14 November; Review:** ... the Paullin meat market in Grant is to be moved from its present location on the north side of Main street to the lot between the garage and the building formerly occupied by the Coffey & Irwin implement Co. ... A large basement will be put underneath and workmen are now busy putting in concrete walls.

**25 November; Review:** Grant: On Thursday evening the roof on A. Wahlund's store was discovered to be on fire. Prompt assistance from the bucket brigade soon had the fire put out.

**26 November; Chief:** The Paullin meat market is now at its new location. The GAR building which stands just east of where the meat market stood will be moved to the lot west of it. Workmen have been busy this week removing dirt so that the building will be on the established grade on Main Street.

**27 November; Sun;** Grant: The ladies of the Baptist church have been very active the past week in charity work and have gathered together a quantity of clothing and articles that will be distributed to the needy.

**2 December; Review;** Grant: The high school basket ball team went to Massena Friday evening to play. The score was 38 to 1 in favor of Massena.

— W.C. Mulholland will be the new p.m. after Dec. 1. The office will be moved to the building occupied by Smart & Co.

(Note: Date of appointment, 3 November 1914.)

**30 December; Review:** The AS affairs took a new turn this week when a committee of Grant business men went to Red Oak and filed a suit against the road to compel them to operate.





# Adams County Union-Republican

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**2 January; Review:** Thursday night at mid-night marked the official end of the operation of the AS ...

**7 January; Chief:** ... School will commence in the new school building next Monday. Seats and desks are now being put down ...

**15 January; Sun:** Grant: The Town Tigers recently defeated the High School Hyenas in a basket ball game by a score of 16 to 12.

**16 January; Review:** Tyler Bros. have purchased an Overland 4-cylinder motor truck and are now running it regularly between Villisca and Grant ... Freight and passengers will be hauled both ways, and cream for the ice cream factory is collected at the Morton Mills and Grant stations ...

**23 January; Review:** (from the *Chief*): ... and now poor Aunt Susie is dead and when she left us we were an incorporated town of about 450 inhabitants with three general stores, a hardware and implement store, a drug store, hotel, bank, butchershop, barber shop, implement business, elevator, mill, two blacksmith shops, two churches, Standard Oil Station, Collins Oil Station, garage, two restaurants, and the largest lumber yard in the county, not to mention Bob Bacon and Billy Blackburn, who buy all kinds of farm products ... the milliners ... the new \$20,000 school-house.

**27 February; Chief:** J. Miers, who has been conducting a restaurant here for the past year, has decided to leave town.

**17 March; Review:** Grant: Ernie Dotson of Nodaway has purchased and taken possession of the Blackburn produce house.

**20 March; Review:** One of Grant's largest business houses and best store-buildings, also the post office now lies a mass of ruins as the result of a fire which visited Smart & Co. Mercantile store Tuesday night ... The L.C. Schuler hardware store fourteen feet east ... caught fire at least 25 or 30 times, but the invaluable "bucket brigade" ... proved too much for the flames and the building was saved.

**31 March; Review:** Grant: M.T. Croft, who has conducted the Midway hotel business the past year, will quit the business on April first ...

**10 April; Review:** A meeting was held in Wahlund's hall in Grant a few days ago by representatives of the several telephone companies that have lines entering Grant. The purpose of the meeting was to talk over a proposed plan of incorporating all the lines entering Grant, some 20 in number. ... A vote was taken and it resulted almost unanimously against incorporation ...

**28 April; Review:** Grant: After a vacation of three weeks on account of scarlet fever, school commenced again Monday.

**29 April; Chief:** AN ORDINANCE RESTRAINING FOWLS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE IN THE TOWN OF GRANT -

— Geo. Rhue has the care of the "city of the dead".

**21 May; Sun:** Grant: Grant will have band concerts each Saturday night this summer. Enough money has been raised to insure the concerts.

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**3 June; Chief:** Milo Ling has leased his livery stable to A.A. Carlton and son Maurice. A room has been built in the northwest corner of the barn and here the Carltons will continue their harness and shoe repairing business.

**23 June; Review:** Citizens of Grant have raised the money by private subscription to build a jail. We can't imagine what they want of a jail! Since the railroad ceased operations the tramps ought not to be plentiful, and surely her citizens do not need such a place. (from *Corning Union-Republican*)

**3 July; Red Oak Reporter:** Red Oak -5; Grant -1. ... The Grant ... team did not line up for playing until about 4 o'clock. This was an hour behind schedule, and some of the crowd ... was ready to go home. The Grant players were fooling around down town somewhere ... It's poor sportsmanship.

**10 July; Review:** Grant: The Baptists have put a new bell on their church.

**21 July; Review:** Annabel Loudon and Geo. Miller were united in marriage at the hotel Loudon in Grant Saturday evening ...

**22 July; Chief:** Dr. Perley the dentist from Henderson... is located on the second floor of the bank building.

**29 July; Chief:** Art Fleharty, owner of the restaurant on upper Main street, has leased the building on lower Main street, formerly the Arcade restaurant, and has fitted it up as a rooming house and restaurant. ...

**5 August; Chief:** L.C. Rasmusan of Ames is now the owner of the Courcier blacksmith shop...

**18 August; Review:** Grant: John Smart has purchased a supply of merchandise and is prepared to start up in business in the Coffey & Irwin building.

**19 August; Chief:** Grant now has three restaurants, Bob Stewart and Bert Smith having opened up for business last Saturday. They are located in the basement of the bank building. ...

**25 August; Review:** Grant: The fourth annual home coming celebration, held on the grounds in the beautiful park in the west part of the city, was a fine success ... On Friday night the big tent of Angell's comedians, a traveling show company, was the scene of an accident ... soon after the curtain arose, a section of the seats, one third of the entire number, gave way, and about 200 men, women and children were dropped to the ground. There were a few serious injuries. ...

A unique feature ... was a ball game Thursday between nines of girls. The girls included a club made up of locals and another from the country. The girls were uniformed in short skirts and sailor jackets.

**2 September; Chief:** The Grant public school will open Monday ... manual training and domestic science have been added to the curriculum.

— Elmer Smith and son Fred are having a small office building erected just east of the Arcade restaurant building. When completed they will open a real estate office.

**9 September; Chief:** The middle of last July the Ladies Aid society of the ME church voted to run an Exchange during the months of July and August. They opened the Exchange July 17 and continued every Saturday. They also ran during the Home Coming. On August 28 the Exchange was closed for this year.

— Postmaster Mulholland moved the postoffice the fore part of the week from the Porter real estate office to the old Coffey & Irwin building, in which John Smart is conducting his grocery business. The postoffice occupies the west side of the building. ...

**18 September; Review:** A new steel bridge over the river just east of Grant will be built ... It will replace the old bridge which was damaged by high water this spring.

**1 October; Sun:** Grant: Mayor W.S. Hall, who sold his insurance business a few weeks ago to Fred C. Smith, has bought it back again. Mr. Smith has gone into the real estate office with his father.

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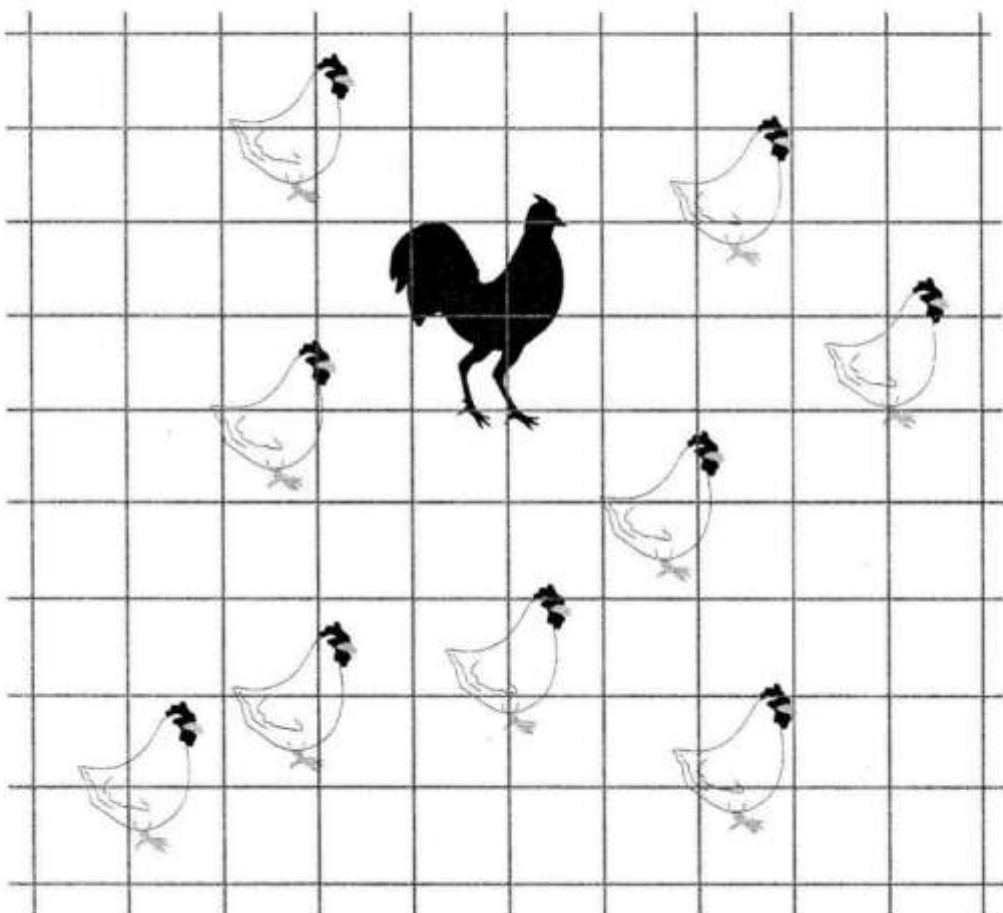
**14 October; Chief:** One of the results of the recent revival meetings held in the Baptist church was the organization of a Sunday School. . . . Classes will meet at two o'clock each Sunday afternoon.

**23 October; Review:** Grant Has \$25,000 Fire - A few minutes before 12 o'clock Tuesday night of this week the city of Grant was visited by a disastrous fire, which reduced five business buildings to ashes and destroyed the stock and fixtures of ten different firms. The fire originated in the Fleharty restaurant . . . and within two hours after it was discovered had laid waste to the building and stock of L.C. Schuler, implement and hardware dealer; the building and fixtures of the Atlantic Produce Co., conducted by E.C. Dotson; the Fleharty restaurant, operated by Arthur Fleharty; the pool hall of Frank Kenworthy; the Farmers Savings Bank, and the poultry and cream station of Bob Bacon. . . .

**28 October; Chief:** . . . The town council met Monday night to discuss an ordinance forbidding further erection of frame buildings in the business part of town.

**10 November; Review:** Grant: Rebuilding the burned part of Grant has commenced. Tylers of Villisca have a new fire proof tile building nearly finished. Frank Kenworthy will commence a building 33x58. It will also be hollow tile. John Bryant on the opposite side of the street is also commencing to build.

**29 December; Review:** Grant: Oscar Zappe is confined to his bed with a sore back, the result of being thrown against a stove while watching the boys practice basketball.



UPPER NODAWAY

# GRANT CHIEF



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**6 January; Chief:** Miss Elizabeth Home, nurse in the Montgomery Hospital, is spending a short holiday vacation in Omaha.

**12 January; Review;** Grant: John Bryant has opened a new restaurant in his new building. He has everything up to date.

**13 January; Chief:** Dr. M. B. Weir this week moved into his new office rooms over the garage ... The Dr. recently purchased a complete equipment of electrical apparatus to replace that burned in the big fire ... The rooms are nicely and tastefully decorated and furnished.

— Frank Kenworthy has part of the basement of his new building completed and fitted up for a pool hall. Four new pool tables and the necessary accessories arrived last week. The main part of the building will be finished as rapidly as possible.

**19 January; Review;** Grant: Jay Askey has started a harness shop in the Smith building in the east part of town.

**9 February; Review:** 1915 census - Grant, 314.

**16 February; Review;** Grant: Bert Smith has moved his restaurant to the Arcade building in the east part of town ...

**25 February; Sun;** Grant: Lucy Ackerman has leased the Midway Hotel.

**18 March; Review:** Last week A. Wahlund of Grant ... went to Des Moines to look over the different auto trucks on display. ... Mr. Wahlund purchased a Republic truck of one ton capacity. ...

**29 March; Review:** Grant: A large crowd attended the play, "The District School", given by the Ladies' Aid Friday night.

**30 March; Chief:** Dr. E. J. Perley, the dentist, suffered a very painful injury last Thursday p.m. when a shotgun he was handling accidentally discharged, the shot striking him in the left foot.

— J.W. Ashbaugh purchased from John Smart the latter's stock of general merchandise and fixtures. Mr. Ashbaugh will move the stock from its present location in the old Coffey & Irwin building to the Cary building vacated this week by the Workman Drug Co., which is moving to the new Kenworthy building.

**31 March; Sun;** Grant: Work has finally been started on the basement of the ME church. The building has been propped up, the old foundation is being removed, and a new foundation of cement blocks put in. As soon as this is completed work on the interior finishing of the basement will be started. The alley on the west side of the church has also been graded down. (from the Chief)

**6 April; Chief:** L.C. Schuler the hardware man, this week moved his stock from the Masonic hall to the old Coffee & Irwin building. He had been at the Masonic building since he was burned out several months ago.

**4 May; Chief:** The post office is now located in the old Bryant barber shop, having moved from the Schuler hardware store. The Atlantic Produce Co., who had their station in the building have decided not to build and at present are without a station in Grant.



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**1 June; Chief:** ... on Decoration Day ... the members of Grant's concert band were clad in their new uniforms and caps. The uniforms are of khaki, and are very neat appearing, while the caps are in the military style.

**14 June; Review:** Grant: Fred Bliss has purchased the Bryant restaurant.

**15 June; Chief:** Adv. - Paige Fairfield "Six-46" - W.F. Jones, Agent.

**21 June; Review:** George Courcier came to Villisca from Grant to enlist. His papers were made out but when he tried to get his father's signature to the same he could not. He stayed at home.

— Grant: Dr. E.J. Perley went to Griswold to open his dentist office.

**28 June; Review:** Grant: Frank Jarvis ...joined Co. F ... at Villisca and left with that Company for Des Moines.

**8 July; Review:** Grant: The new building for the Farmers Savings Bank is being pushed rapidly.

**27 July; Chief:** Last Friday evening the ladies of Grant and vicinity to the number of 41, gathered at the GAR Hall for the purpose of discussing the lack of healthful and proper amusements in the town . . . the ladies decided to band themselves into an organization to be known as the Women's Booster Club of Grant ...

**3 August; Chief:** The Grant Mill Co. is replacing the dam across the Nodaway, which was washed out by the high water a year ago.

**10 August; Chief:** The Grant Eat'em Ups, the junior team, lost 16 to 14 to the Morton Mills Sluggers.

**24 August; Chief:** During the past week Mr. Earl Courcier has taken over the blacksmith shop formerly run by Mr. John Loudon.

**15 September; Express:** The picnic Saturday brought a large crowd to Grant ... There were a number of races. The race between a Ford and a horse was won by the horse. ... The day was closed by band music and free movies.

**21 September; Chief:** Last Tuesday after school, all the boys over 12 were called together for the purpose of identifying themselves with the Boy Scouts of America ... A ballot was cast for the purpose of choosing three patrol leaders: Albert Corbin, Byron Porter and Linn Schuler.

**5 October; Chief:** The new bank building is so nearly complete that the Farmers Savings Bank moved all of their property from the old building into the new one during the latter part of last week ...

*(Note: After their building burned, the bank moved into the office of the Porter-Ashbaugh insurance and real estate business. Shortly after, the building was moved to the bank property.)*

— On last Monday, Amos Paullin traded his butcher shop to B.F. Cozad.

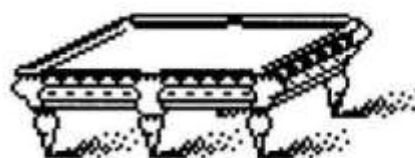
— A gasoline station was installed in front of the Schuler Hardware Tuesday.

**12 October; Chief:** An organization called the Grant Athletic Club has been formed, which holds for its purpose the forming of a town team ...

— Adv. - I have taken over the C.M. Pigglesley Oil Business and am prepared to make country deliveries of oil ... Chas. R. Ruhl.

**26 October; Chief:** Last Wednesday evening in the hall above the garage, the local high school and town teams cleaned up the visiting Henderson teams. ...

**1 November; Review:** Grant: Friday a program was held at the Grant school and a Parent-Teachers Association was organized.



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**16 November; Chief:** On Tuesday Fred Bliss moved his stock and fixtures down the street to the building just vacated by Bert Smith who will run a restaurant in Elliott. The half building belonging to John Bryant, just vacated by Mr. Bliss, will be taken up by Mrs. Ackerman and as she already runs the hotel, it is likely that her daughters will take charge of the restaurant.

**23 November; Chief:** The local Methodist church celebrated a formal re-opening by a series of meetings. ... the interior with its tastefully decorated walls and ceiling is a hundred per cent more attractive than formerly. The outside walls have been treated to several coats of paint and a large basement has been excavated and room made for a furnace ...

**7 December; Chief:** Last Friday morning, when there was no school, a number of boys, supervised by Prof. Rogers drove to the sandpit south of town and went to work. By afternoon they had shoveled nine loads of sand into the basement of the school house and Saturday hauled two more loads.

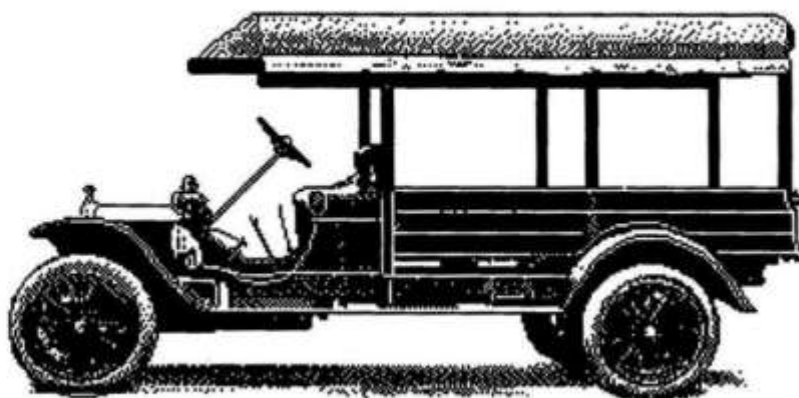
When the local school was constructed a few years past, it was found that the fund appropriated for this purpose would run short, and therefore no floor was put into the large room in the basement which was to serve as a gymnasium. The sand floor is a temporary arrangement, but it will insure the use of the gym for a year or so ...

*(Note: Ed Weeks says that the basketball team practiced on the sand, but that no games were played there. Wire cages were made for three gasoline lamps, and they were hung on the walls of the gym, to provide light for night use.)*

**13 December; Review; Grant:** Earl Courcier had the misfortune to have his index finger on his right hand torn off in the cogs of his engine at the blacksmith shop Friday.

**20 December; Review; Grant:** The Farmers Institute and Domestic Science Course held in Grant last week was well attended ...

**23 December; Chief:** Mr. Bryant moved his barber's equipment into the west half of his new building Tuesday. The restaurant will be opened next Monday.



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# Council Bluffs Nonpareil

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**18 January; Chief:** Among the new, up-to-date appliances installed by the local Farmer's Savings Bank, is a vault which contains a number of safety deposit boxes.

**22 February; Chief:** One morning this past week, there came to our ears the joyful sound of a train whistling at the crossing near the depot ... But alas, the train with its couple of flat cars was here simply for the purpose of hauling rails to Atlantic there to be stored.

For a long time, men have been engaged about a mile south of town, tearing up the rails. When enough had been pried loose, an engine was sent down from Atlantic. The rails were carried down to the depot in a hand car, probably because the bridge across the Nodaway is unsafe for the locomotive to pass over.

*(Note: 1976 Centennial; page 64: ... the Grant depot was dismantled and sold to Wilder Weeks who in 1920 built the house where Lewis Roberts lived.)*

— Early this year the Epworth League purchased one hundred copies of song books. ... There are only eighty copies in the church at the present time ...

**28 February; Council Bluffs Nonpareil; Grant:** A few days ago a force of men were sent here to begin the work of tearing up the rails and switches of the ASRR, which material is now said to be more valuable than when it was laid about nine years ago. An engine crew and cars to haul the material was set at work, beginning at the town of Grant ... the plan being to haul the materials from Grant south to Willisca.

**8 March; Chief:** L.C. Rasmussen, blacksmith, has moved to Morton Mills.

**16 March; Sun; Grant:** At a special meeting of the town council it was decided to continue to permit Scott & Still to operate their stock yards on the unopened street running just east of the Coffey & Irwin Implement Co. office.

**22 March; Chief:** Commencing on Apr. 1st Mrs. Ackerman will lease the entire building owned by John Bryant and will leave the hotel. The barber shop will be made to serve as an ice-cream parlor and dining room and the front part of the partition between the two will be torn out so that customers will be able to move freely from dining room to lunch counter.

**23 March; Sun; Grant:** The firm of Jones & Roberts are fixing up the place formerly occupied by the Rasmussen blacksmith shop and will install a stock of automobiles.

**29 March; Chief:** John Bryant intends to move his barber shop to the room under the Farmers Saving Bank. With electric light service and situated in a new building the situation is a fine one.

**31 March; Review:** On Wednesday of this week a business deal was made whereby S.E. Smith becomes owner of the Grant Chief. W.C. Muilenburg was the owner. ...

**12 April; Chief:** After having purchased about 100 tons of coal for use in the Grant schools this winter, the supply of fuel has run out and the schools are closed until a new supply can be obtained.

**2 May; Review; Grant:** The (Methodist) Bees and Ants contest closed Wednesday night.

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**3 May; Chief:** Postmaster Mulholland moved the post office to the building recently occupied by Dr. Montgomery. John Bryant moved back into the building made vacant by the post office transfer.

— L.C. Schuler will occupy the building vacated by the Bliss restaurant as a furniture and undertaking establishment and will fit up the southwest room as a ladies' rest room.

**9 May; Review:** Harry Jarvis left last week for Walnut, where he will join Angell's Comedians... Harry goes to play the cornet ...

**31 May; Chief:** Spide Workman and Kelly Blackburn were dragging the baseball diamond last week, and Spide sat down on a bolt, the team was put in motion and the drag was pulled from under him, taking with it a liberal section of his pantaloons from the most indispensable spot ... He at once placed a hand over said spot and fled for his life ... and of course met a large number of feminine acquaintances enroute ...

**7 June; Chief:** Citizens of Grant now have the opportunity to give the town a real boost. ... During the past few days Chas. Jarvis and Frank Dewees of the Grant mill have been making a careful inventory of the local sentiment in regard to the installation of an electrical power plant, and have found that with the exception of the usual small minority who never figure in support of any beneficial undertaking, the business men and citizens in general are practically unanimous in the approval of the enterprise ...

... Power will be generated at the Grant mill which is equipped with a 40-hp oil engine and two water wheels, which will supply at once sufficient power for local requirements. According to the estimate, the cost of poles, wire, labor, dynamo, batteries and all incidentals will approximate \$5,000 ...

*(Note: Sounds great, but for some reason it didn't come off.)*



**21 June; Chief:** The good roads have developed a number of "speed demons" in this community who are a serious menace to life and limb. Every Saturday night, these emulators of Barney Oldfield are to be seen chasing up and down our thoroughfares at reckless speed ... But why should we worry? No one was ever reprimanded here for speeding or reckless driving and it is not likely anyone ever will be ... One of the best jokes we know of is the Slow Down sign that greets the eye on the main roads into town.

— Bert Porter has built a fine tennis court at the edge of his alfalfa field.

**28 June; Chief:** Wilbur Hall called Saturday and exhibited a sample of the new Indian head signs which are to be used in marking the Pioneer Trail from the center of Pilot Grove township to the center of Lincoln township in Adams Co. The markers are of heavy galvanized iron, on which is painted a large, red Indian head ... Mr. Hall and O.S. Donoho put them up Monday.

**26 July; Chief:** Mrs. Ackerman has moved her restaurant stock to Griswold ... The John Bryant building vacated by Mrs. Ackerman is being remodeled inside by Mr. Bryant, who will put in an up to date short order cafe and stock of confectionery, etc.

— The interior of the Baptist church belfry is being cleaned and remodeled. ... All openings will be screened ...

**28 July, Review:** The selective draft law is now in operation, and the cruelties of war will now be brought more closely to the hearts of the people ...

*(Note: The first names drawn from the Grant area were Grant L. Curry and Aaron Corbin.)*

**2 August; Chief:** Bert Courcier is again owner of the blacksmith shop and lot which he formerly occupied here.

— ... watch the exciting games of croquet being played on the Joe Kenworthy lawn.





**23 August; Chief:** Chas. Jarvis has sold his interest in the Grant Mill to Frank Dewees. This leaves the mill in the hands of Mr. Dewees and his father, D. Dewees.

**30 August; Review;** Morton Mills: The Fullerton Lumber Co. has purchased a Jeffrey truck for the Grant and Morton Mills yards ...

**13 September; Chief** The water in the mill pond has been leaking through the dam for the past several days. Last Tuesday Frank Dewees drove his wagon and team out on the dam with some material to stop the leak, when suddenly one horse dropped into a hole until only his head was visible, the dirt having been undermined until it gave way. The animal was extricated, none the worse for the mishap, through the combined efforts of four men and a chain hoist from the garage.

**20 September; Chief:** School Notes: Manual training and domestic science work started last week for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

— Workmen are busy preparing the interior of the old Courcier smithy for the Ford garage that soon will be opened there.

*(Note: Red Oak Auto Company.)*

**27 September; Chief:** The main office of the Chief is now located in the Masonic building ... We have installed a fiction library of 250 books in the new office ...

**10 October; Sun;** Grant: Special meetings commenced last week at the Baptist Church. ...

**25 October; Chief:** A cement crossing was laid Monday at the corner between Vetter's store and the hotel. ...

**1 November; Chief:** Frank Dewees and a crew of men were busy last week repairing the dam across the river here. A strip of concrete was laid the entire width of the dam, across the bottom, upon which the overflow will fall when the river raises next spring. This is a great improvement and will keep the water from washing out a hole next to the dam and from undermining the logs ...

**8 November; Chief:** The other day, while Hop Kenworthy was driving a truck with a load of chickens, he, in some unaccountable way, broke his leg. He drove up in front of Bob Bacon's produce house. Bob helped Hop into the office, and laid him out on the floor. Bob worked away until he got the splinters all back in place, bound them fast with stove pipe wire, then nailed them in place. He says Hop never flinched at all while he was driving nails in his leg ...

**28 November; Review;** Grant: The members of the school board went to Omaha Friday and bought a fire escape to be put in the school house. At a meeting of the board, they decided to put another grade in the school, making 12 grades.

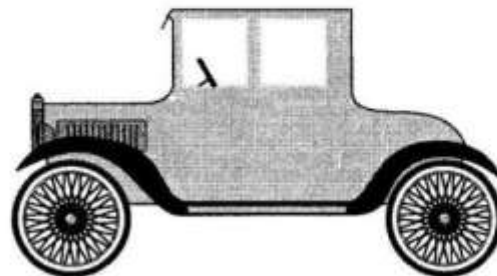
*(Note: This wasn't done until 1922.)*

**6 December; Chief:** The management of the Grant Auto co. recently installed a large furnace in the basement of their garage ... Cars may now be safely left on the upper floor without danger of freezing.

**19 December; Review;** Grant: Carl Vetter, Elder Nelson and Carl Tidgren, Jr., have joined the Navy.

— The Farmers Institute ... held here last week was not attended as well as it should be owing to the extreme cold weather and lack of fuel.

**29 December; Review;** Grant: Everyone in Grant and vicinity is joining the Red Cross.



I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper

UPPER NODAWAY

# GRANT CHIEF

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF GRANT AND WITH THE LATCH STRING ALWAYS OUT FOR OUR FARMERS.

VOLUME 8 GRANT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, FEBRUARY 7, 1918 NUMBER 7

**9 January; Review:** Grant: The two week vacation given our school was extended to save fuel.

**31 January; Chief:** Elder Nelson keeps a hatchet behind the counter of the Bliss restaurant, which he uses on obstreperous parties.

**6 February; Review:** Grant: The meat market has again changed hands. Charles Jarvis . . . the owner.

**7 February; Chief:** Tuesday night a bunch of patriots gave a few of the farm buildings of Alfred Havens, southeast of Grant, a liberal application of yellow paint. Some of the livestock and machinery were also decorated . . . An unconfirmed report says that Mr. Havens had refused to support the Red Cross, or buy Liberty Bonds... on Wednesday, he announced his intention to donate a rooster to be sold for the Red Cross and buy several hundred dollars worth of Liberty Bonds.

**2 March; Review:** Grant: J.W. Ashbaugh has bought the John Bryant brick building and will move his store goods into the building about Apr. 1.

**16 March; Review:** Third liberty Loan - (card index to be made of every citizen in the county and his approximate Monetary Worth)

The new drive will be directly under the Government's advice, control and supervision... The Government has asked that a card index (be made) ... Then every citizen will be expected to contribute according to his actual assets.

If a citizen, who is financially able, refuses to buy Bonds, a yellow card is sent to the authorities in Washington ...



**12 April; Review:** Third liberty Loan - Douglas Township; \$39,000.

**2 May; Chief:** R.A. Bacon has purchased the Fred Bliss restaurant.

**8 August; Chief:** Frank Bates, Jr. has purchased the Grant Ford Garage. He will make a specialty of Ford repairing, radiator work, and vulcanizing.

**12 September; Chief:** The boys of the High school reorganized their basket ball team for the coming year ... the preparation of the basket ball ground which is located on the west side of the campus.

**18 October; Review:** Grant: The festival that was being held in the church basement had to be closed on account of all public places being closed because of the Spanish Influenza. A number of cases are in town.

**15 November; Review:** World Slaughter Ends!

— Grant: A fake understanding that the war was over caused the church bell to be rung all night Thursday night. There was a celebration here Monday. The armistice is signed now for sure.

**21 November; Chief:** Grant's delegation that attended the celebration at Red Oak last Thursday was a large one. About 40 automobiles were in line when we entered the county seat and we had a pe-rade all of our own. Kaiser Bill was sitting in the back end of McClain's truck facing Adm. Rhue's 15 inch cannon and attracted considerable notice.

*(Note: A group of men hauled the cannon from the cemetery for the end-of-war celebration.)*

**22 November; Review:** Grant: The Spanish influenza has broken out again . . . School is closed again.

# The Red Oak Express

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1919

NUMBER 11

**16 January; Chief:** C. Priest of Red Oak has purchased the Alvin Finch barber shop.

**23 January; Chief:** (taken from an article written by S.E. Smith): ... the first store of this town was built in 1865 by Isadore Plaquet; it stood almost exactly on the spot where Mrs. Blackburn's house now stands. Mr. Plaquet later built a dwelling house where Mrs. Ackerman's house stands. ... The Donohos dug the mill race and built the first mill; they later sold it to Samuel Smith. Dr. McCartney was the first doctor; he was a short chunky old Scotchman who always carried a package of baking soda in his coat pocket ... The old basement barn, built by Samuel Smith, was remodeled when the railroad came and used by Coffey and Irwin as an implement house. It is now L.C. Schuler's hardware store. ... The main part of the hotel is the original house and the store was a separate building which has since been torn down. An addition to the house was built by J.M. Hart and covers the spot where the store stood. David Allard built the little store; when the game of checkers between he and J.G. Andrews was being hotly contested he would say to his customers, "Help yourself." ... The Donoho home stood where the street now is just north of the Methodist church. The Smith home stood where the Vetter store now stands. ... Samuel Smith built the first blacksmith shop. The shop was about 60 feet south of where Bob Bacon's garage now stands. A McMurrin ran it for a time, and then Smith sold it to George Close. ...

**14 February; Express; Grant:** Fred Knee received an official notice from the government last week stating that his brother Rupert was killed in France last October.

**27 March; Chief:** The Red Oak Auto co. will give a Fordson tractor demonstration at Grant ...

**1 May; Chief:** Adv. - Come in and see us about that iceless refrigerator - L.C. Schuler.

**12 June; Chief:** Mrs. R. A. Wilson is our new post mistress. She took the office over last week and it is now located on the corner west of the D. Vetter general store.

*(Note: Appointment 2 May, Emma F. Wilson.)*

**17 July; Chief:** J.W. Ashbaugh is having an electric lighting plant installed in his store.

**14 August; Chief:** F.E. Kenworthy has purchased the Pioneer Restaurant of Tom Wheeler.

— Mrs. Ackerman has purchased the Fred Bliss restaurant and Midway Hotel ...

**21 August; Chief:** Harold Stinemates met with a painful accident last Saturday while cranking their Ford. As sometimes happens, old Henry came back with a vicious kick, breaking the boy's arm.

— Keeny & Keller have opened up a produce house in the G.T. Cary building first door north of Wahlunds store and their manager, B.F. Cozad, Jr. greets all comers with a smile ...

— Free moving pictures will be one of the attractions at the homecoming grounds each evening.

**18 September; Chief:** ... A floor has been laid in the gymnasium and it is being gotten into shape . . .

— Have you seen the Boy Scouts in their new uniforms? The organization numbers 15 members ...

**26 September; Review:** A large number of local masons and their families left Villisca. . . for Grant to be in attendance that day at the picnic of the Montgomery County Masonic Fraternity.

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**2 October; Chief:** J.W. Ashbaugh has bought and is moving the old flour building formerly used by the Campbell people who operated the elevator in the days of Aunt Susie. Jud will use the building as a barn.

— The Grant Milling company are making extensive improvements in the way of an entirely new milling system. The old rolls and the old bolting system are being removed and the American Midget Marvel system installed which combines the rolls and bolting system in one small space not one quarter as large as that required for the old system which will be operated with only a fraction of the power heretofore required to operate the old plant.

In the past the flour manufactured by the Milling Company has been as good as procured elsewhere except that it was not quite as white as that of other plants, but with this new system there should be no reason why the output of the Grant Mills should not be as white as the whitest and as good as the best. No fear need be entertained regarding the cleanliness of the flour, since the wheat is put through a process which cleanses it as effectively as though it were washed with soap and water.

... Before being ground it must first pass twice through the receiving separator where the straws, sticks and broken weed stems are removed, then it goes through the milling separator twice where all small foreign elements such as oats, weed seed and small particles of all kinds are removed, after which it passes through four separate scouring machines three times each and at length comes into the new bleacher now being installed clean and bright ... The old practice of taking your own wheat to mill was far ahead of the plan followed by most farmers in the late years and people will benefit by a liberal patronage of the Grant Mills.

**9 October; Chief:** Adv. - Lon Carlton will do your shoe and harness repairing at his residence; also will sell you a Premium oil burner of any size.

**10 October; Review:** Grant: The coal in the basement of the school house caught fire Thursday morning and some trouble was experienced with gas. They were able to have school in the afternoon.

**16 October; Chief:** School News: Seats have been built in the school gymnasium and we are ready to accommodate the crowds . . . at basket ball games.

**24 October; Chief:** Wednesday the new grader recently purchased by the township was tried out on the road running east past the Wilder Weeks place. W.R. Corbin was operating the grader and John Knee was furnishing the power with his Hart-Parr tractor. People who live out in that direction are well pleased with prospects of having their road put in shape, as they express it, once in 20 years.

**31 October; Review:** Grant: Grant was surely on the map Wednesday. An airplane circled over the city. School was dismissed for the morning at 10:30 to give the pupils and teachers the opportunity of getting a "close up" of the airplane. It left in the evening, having collected \$190 from different ones at \$10 a short fly.

**6 November; Chief:** Keeny & Keller, who started in the produce business here some time since, have removed their stock and quit business, while Bob Bacon smiles all over his face and Frank Cozad looks wise as an owl.

— Adv. - 1916 Model Ford for sale. Car is in good condition, has been twice overhauled this summer. Edwin Stavick, Grant, Iowa.

**11 December; Chief:** More than 2,500 Red Cross Seals have been sold by the pupils ... of the school.

**25 December; Chief:** Adv. - I will open my harness shop in the office of the livery barn and will be prepared to oil and repair your harness and shoes.

J.W. Askey.





# GRISWOLD AMERICAN

GRISWOLD, IOWA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1920

**8 January; Chief:** Hop Kenworthy came into the office red-eyed and furious ... an angry red headed woodpecker with a wooden leg ...

— A.C. Stewart and family moved to Morton Mills Tuesday. Mr. Stewart is pastor of the Christian Church here.

— The trucks delivering Grant flour to the surrounding towns traveled more than 1,000 miles last week. This means that the Grant Mill Co.'s Flavo Flour is in great demand.

**16 January; Review;** Grant: The returned soldiers organized an American Legion in Grant Friday. They will hold their meetings in the GAR hall.

**13 February; Review;** Grant: Vannie Ashmore will ... open a tire and tube vulcanizing station here.

**26 February, 1920; Chief:** Yes! Grant High School won a basket ball game last Friday, both boys and girls teams defeating the Elliott high school teams.

*(Note: This was the first game won by either team that year.)*

**11 March; Chief:** The Grant Whisker Emporium is now one of the most up-to-date establishments of the kind to be found in the state. Under the efficient management of Chase Priest new improvements are constantly being added.

At a sale recently, a set of shock absorbers, such as are usually found on a tin lizzie, were offered for sale. Chase purchased the absorbers and now has them attached to the barber chair. ...

**19 March; Review; Grant:** The Red Oak company is having the foundation cleared for their new garage just west of H.A. Workman's drug store.

**25 March; Chief:** Adv. - We are erecting here in Grant a new home for Ford Sales and Service. We are the authorized agents for Ford cars, Ford one ton trucks and Fordson tractors ... Red Oak Auto Co.

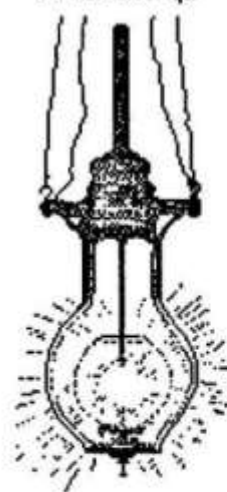
**22 April; Chief:** In the near future the organization of the local Farm Bureau in every township of the county will be started. ...

— F.W. Bourck of the Grant Auto Co., has sold his interests here to Cecil Grennell of Griswold. ... The new owner is now in full possession. ...

**7 May; Sun:** ... Township Farm Bureaus organized ... There were 64 members present at the Douglas township meeting. Fred Kenworthy was chosen president ... Co-operators were chosen for each school district ...

**11 June; Review:** 1920 census; Grant; 282.

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**30 July; Sun:** A large part of Grant was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, which broke out in the Fullerton lumber yard between 3 and 4 o'clock. When first seen the fire had spread over the entire yard. Grant has no fire fighting equipment and the only means of fighting the flames was by buckets. ...

The origin of the fire is not known. The actual fire loss is confined to one square block, it being possible to prevent the fire from crossing the streets as there was no wind. The total loss will run about \$75,000. ...

The heaviest loss is that of the Fullerton Lumber Co., ... The lumber yard will be rebuilt at once, according to present plans.

The building next to the lumber yard west was the old blacksmith shop, which had been used by the Red Oak Auto Co. as a garage. Just the day before the garage stock and tools had been moved to their new building. ... Next to that was the O.H. Christopher carpenter shop. Mr. Christopher also lived in that building and lost all his tools and household goods. ... The old Baptist church, next to the carpenter shop burned also. The church had not been used for several years. ...

The fire destroyed the residences of W.W. Parker and Mrs. Ran Bacon, the latter occupied by H.W. Hepler. The two residences were practically new and were totally destroyed.

**16 September; Griswold American:** The town of Grant which has been enveloped in darkness for the past 40 years is to be right up-to-the-minute. Recently a franchise was voted on by the people of that city. A vote of 41 to 3 allowed a franchise to the Grant Light & Power Company to "build, maintain and operate an electric light and power system for the production of Light, Heat and Power in the town of Grant."

... The committee has already made the purchase of a Delco system of 110 voltage for the use of the company. The plant will be installed in the basement of the Cecil Grennell garage.

**1 October; Review:** In last week's issue of the *Grant Chief*, the editor, S.E. Smith says the first of October will be the last of that paper. He says relative to the passing of the *Chief*: "She goes out with the lumber yard and the preacher, but unlike them she goes unmourned. Not a serious loss to Marble much less to the town and community. ..."

(Note: The announcement was somewhat premature; the paper struggled on for another year or so. J.N. Wilkerson, detective in the Villisca ax murder case, was campaigning for the office of Montgomery County Attorney. S.E. Smith opposed the candidacy. In a speech at Grant, Wilkerson called the bald Smith a "shiny marble table top ... a useless piece of furniture." After that Smith used "Marble Top" as his pen name.)

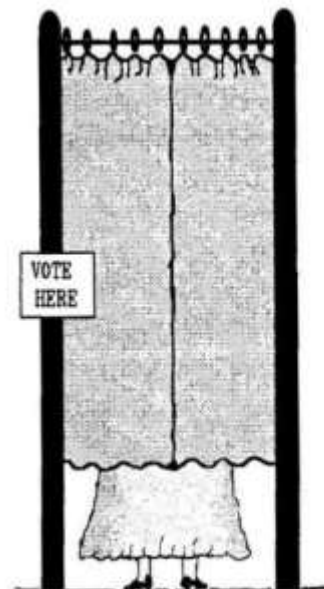
**11 October; Express:** Grant: The poles for the electric lights are being set and Grant will soon be lighted by electricity.

**11 November; Express:** Grant: The election last Tuesday passed very quietly. Most of the women voted in this vicinity.

**24 December; Sun:** Grant: Grant now has her own electric power plant and is enjoying 24-hour service.

— The lumber yard, which was destroyed by fire has been rebuilt and is doing business.

**31 December; Review:** Grant: There will be a watch social in the basement of the church New Year's Eve and at midnight the church bell will ring out the old and ring in the new.



# The Stanton Call

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STANTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1921

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**7 January; Review:** Grant: Mrs. Lillie Curry, our telephone operator has resigned. Mrs. Flora Kilpatrick has been employed again. . . .

**4 February; Review:** Grant: Bert Bacon has bought an interest in the Hepler hardware store. . . .

**25 February; Chief:** The old Midway livery barn will be torn down.

**11 March; Chief:** Jones & Miller are the new pump and repair men at Grant and also will handle Coffee & Irwin Co.'s implements.

— J.F. Mueller says business was "so-so" at his tin-shop the first week, is bully now and promising better.

— Frank Kenworthy has bought the Pioneer restaurant and cigar store from Cliff Moore.

**18 March; Chief:** The local post of the American Legion received ten army rifles on Wednesday from the Rock Island arsenal. The weapons will be used for ceremonial purposes.

— Albert Corbin's Oakland Six caught fire on Saturday while he was on his way home from Villisca and was destroyed.

— ...No provision was made in the tax levy for street lighting, and the company is not able to continue the service at its own expense. Grant, so far as the streets are concerned, is likely to revert to kerosene-circuit days.

*(Note: From an article, "Milford", by S.E. Smith: ... there were lamp posts in those days, - a square glass box on top of a post with a kerosene lamp inside...)*

**24 March; Stanton Call:** The Grant *Chief* which has been in a dormant state for the past few months came out of its coma last week. The new publisher and editor is Frank Bacon. . . .

**25 March; Chief:** Larey-Cooper camp No. 157, Sons of Veterans, was organized last November and has a membership of 48. GAR hall has been deeded to a board of trustees of the Sons of Veterans, and is used also by the local Legion post and other patriotic organizations. . . . There are only three GAR veterans left here.

**8 April; Chief:** High winds on Sunday and Monday put about half the street lights out of commission. The light company purposes transferring the glims from the center of street intersections to poles at the corners.

**15 April; Chief:** The John Deere Implement Company removed a carload of farm machinery from the Coffee & Irwin Implement company warehouse in Grant this week ... It is rumored that the Coffee & Irwin company is in financial difficulties, . . .

**13 May; Chief:** George E. Dillon, Montgomery county agent, writes Paul Wahlund as follows:

"This (daily livestock market report) will come from Omaha, and if you can tune up your apparatus to catch these messages it will give you some good practice. It was our intention to have these reports taken at various points in the county and given to the nearest telephone office for sending out over their lines."

Paul, who is 14 years old, expects to have repairs made this week and his wireless apparatus in shape for receiving reports.

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**1 July; Review;** Grant: Mr. Campbell of Elliott has bought the hardware store and C. Redmond will run the store, so report says.

**13 August; Sun;** Grant: The American Legion post of Grant is making plans for the erection of a hall for their own use. The site has been chosen and a building will be erected in the near future.

**2 September; Review:** According to an announcement in last week's Grant Chief that paper discontinued publication with the issue of last Friday. C.R. Osterhoudt of Elliott, who has been publishing the paper for the last few weeks, in addition to ... the Elliott Graphic, states ... that lack of financial support . . . is the cause . . .

— Grant: Report says that Elmer Smith will again have charge of the Chief ..

**22 September; Chief:** H. P. Grinyer is the name of the preacher appointed for the Grant charge ... but the story is being circulated that on account of the bad condition of the parsonage the gentleman has refused to come.

— The tax levy for Grant and the Independent School District is not the highest in the county, but it will be plenty high enough to cause the tax payer to say a few words under his breath ... The town tax is thirty two mills, which is twice as much as last year and is caused by the fact that ten mills were levied to finish paying off the judgment against the town and seven mills was levied for the lighting fund.

*(Note: In 1913 and 1914, the town of Grant issued 16 warrants to various persons, which the town was unable to pay. By 1915, the warrants were all owned by the Farmers Savings Bank of Grant, which eventually sued for payment. Grant was found liable for the sum of \$4,436.59 plus costs. So the taxes went up.)*

**29 September; Chief:** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves together as a body corporate ... which provides as follows:

1. The name ... shall be "Grant Light and Power Company" ...
2. The general nature ... shall be ... to construct, erect, maintain and operate all necessary ... apparatus for supplying electricity ...

**7 October; Review;** Grant: The Legion boys are digging the basement for their new hall, and the work is being pushed rapidly.

**13 October; Chief:** At the mass meeting called for the purpose of voting on the question of transferring the Y.M.C.A. fund to the American Legion building fund, the vote was unanimous in favor of the transfer.

— The Grant Milling Co. are putting a new foundation under the south side of their mill.

**21 October; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Clark Givan and Mrs. Ira Foote were . . . delegates from the Home Makers club here to the federation convention at Council Bluffs.

**3 November; Chief:** . . . boys of the high school are . . . deserving of the highest praise for installing the electric wiring in the school. . . . deserve special mention are: Paul Wahlund, Earl Spiker, Harold Embree, Darl Ashbaugh, Edwin Curry, Leland Romig, and Fred Westover.

**10 November; Chief:** Those people who have books belonging to the Chief Library will kindly return them. Please be prompt about it. Yes, you have them. It was only carelessness that you didn't return them sooner.

**14 November; Express;** Grant: A.V. Jones of Villisca has traded for the Grant Hardware Co.'s stock and fixtures and has moved them to Villisca .

— The Homemakers' Club will give a play, "The Spinsters Convention", Thanksgiving eve.

**28 November; Express:** Grant was teeming with merry makers and farmers interested in the Corn and Poultry show held throughout Saturday under the auspices of the Farm Bureau. 400 . . . were in attendance. . . .

**15 December; Chief:** The basketball game Tuesday evening between the Bearcats and the Wales girls, resulted in favor of our girls, the score being 18 to 8. The game between the All Stars and the Wales boys was won by the Grant boys, the score was 33 to 7.





# THE SUN

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AUGUST 4, 1922

**12 January; Express;** Grant: Last Tuesday Fred Westfall moved the barn from the parsonage lot to its present resting place in the southwest part of town.

**20 January; Sun;** Grant: The local American Legion Post gave a social in their new hall Friday evening ...

**2 February; Express;** Grant: Dr. Chalmers, Merrill Foote and Frank Vetter were in Atlantic Wednesday p.m. to purchase a piano for the legion hall.

**23 February; Chief:** Darle E. Ashbaugh and Paul Wahlund will receive wireless telephone messages from almost anywhere each week for the Grant Chief, hence the Chief is up to date, and the boys are ahead of date.

— Adv. - Harness & Shoe Repairing - E.E. Hoyt

**24 March; Sun;** Grant: Patrons of the Grant school are interested in the fact that their children will be given the benefit of a full four-year high school course without leaving home in order to finish the 12th grade.

**12 May; Sun;** Grant: Fred Spiker of Griswold is helping Frank Spiker at the garage.

— A lesson in clothing construction was held by the women co-operators of the Farm Bureau in the American legion hall last Friday.

**26 May; Sun;** Grant: The cellar for the new parsonage has been completed and the remainder of the work will be pushed as fast as possible.

**14 June; Review:** The Grant Chief has a new editor, Dayle Sprague having taken charge of the paper, according to the following statement by H.T. Willey, the retiring editor, which appeared in last weeks' Chief: We have quit the Chief for the reason of lack of support. As far as we are concerned the paper is a joke. We have done our best to make it pay out, trying for four months ...

**26 June; Express:** Twelve girls' garment clubs were organized in the county ... At Grant two clubs were organized ...

*(Note: This was the beginning of girls' 4-H clubs in Montgomery County. A Miss Spencer formed 14 clubs in three days, with 212 members.)*

**4 August; Sun;** Douglas Township: The S-Triple-H club met at the home of Mrs. Fay Corbin Wednesday ... to plan for the Montgomery Co. Farm Bureau picnic ... The demonstration team ... are Clara Bills and Edna White ..

**10 November; Review:** Maurice Foote ... has secured the position of manager of the Red Oak Auto company garage at Grant ...

**27 November; Express;** Grant: One of the old landmarks, the Midway Hotel, which was built more than 50 years ago, has been torn down by Mr. Cocklin of Griswold who is erecting a fine oil filling station in its place. We understand that Cecil Grinnell will conduct the business.



# The Red Oak Express

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

RED OAK, IOWA, APRIL 19, 1923

NO. 32

**15 January; Express:** Grant: The Grant Light and Power company held a meeting Tuesday night and decided to build a power house for the better handling of their plant. . . .

**5 February; Express:** Grant: Chase Priest has sold his barbershop to Raymond E. Linder. . . .

**9 February; Sun:** At a meeting . . . held Monday; the township pig club leaders were chosen. . . . Douglas Township, Roy Conrad. . . .

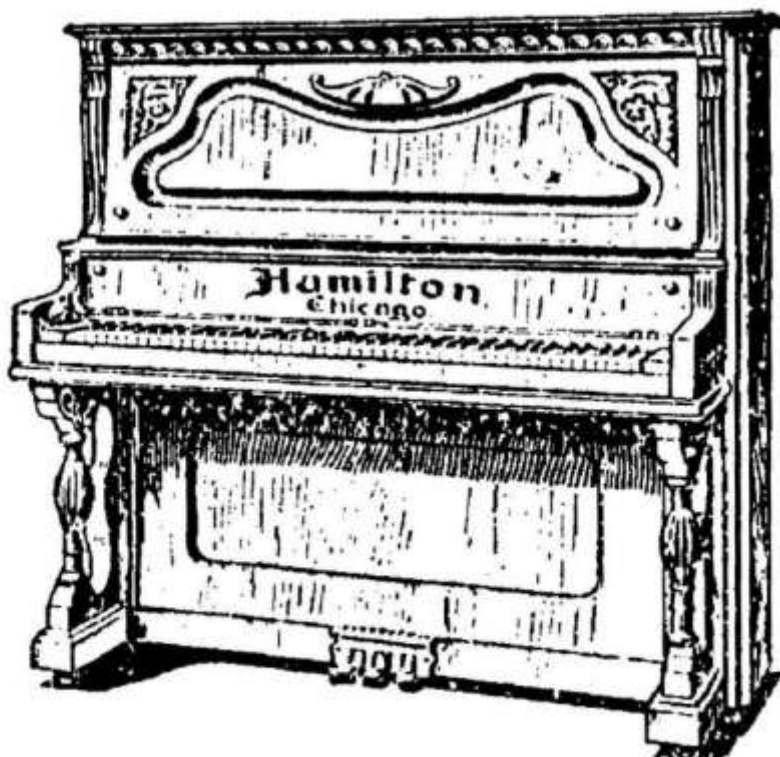
**22 February; Express:** Grant: Last week as Jarvis and Son were sawing ice they dropped their engine and saw into the river. They succeeded in getting it out of the water, but found the coils so sprung that they will not be able to saw any more ice until they get repairs.

**19 April; Express:** Grant: H.A. Bacon has installed a new oil filling station which he will operate in connection with his poultry and cream shipping station.

**12 July; Express:** Grant: The members of the Legion are putting on two moving pictures a week ...  
*(Note: The Legion hired Lois Blackburn to play the piano accompaniment for the silent movies.)*

**26 July; Express:** Grant: The Purity Oil Co. filling station is looked after by Leslie Embree.

**28 September; Review:** Raymond Linder is employed in the H.H. Nordyke barbershop. . . . Mr. Linder several weeks ago leased the barber shop which he owns in Grant, when he left to play baseball, and the lease on the place has not yet expired.



# The Record

VOLUME I, NUMBER I

GRANT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA

JANUARY 12, 1924

**11 January; Sun:** A new industry is to be established in Grant . . . the Grant *Record* will make its appearance tomorrow . . . The paper will be issued from this office and ye editor will also bear that same title to the new journal. It will not be connected with *The Call* in any way, but a separate and distinct newspaper. Grant has been without a newspaper for a couple of years or more and the people of that community welcome the idea . . . - Stanton *Call*.

**14 January; Express:** Grant: Grant is right up to snuff when it comes to the light proposition. The Grant Light and Power company has turned their plant over to Frank Dewees . . . installed a large generator and has arranged to use either a large forty horse engine or water power, and now when we push the button light penetrates into all of the dark corners.

**17 April; Express:** Grant: We had a city election here March 31 and interest in town government was so great that no nominating convention was held, and as a consequence no names were printed on the ballot and as a result we had a free-for-all, write in the name of your best friend for any office, election. Nearly everyone living here received at least one vote . . .

**1 May; Express:** Grant: The firm of Brouck (Bourck?) and Conrad have installed a radio set and are doing their best at entertaining the public . . . but after listening to the machine for a short time one feels like giving it some such a dose of medicine as Andrew Wahlund gave the cat. Andrew's cat had been with him for a number of years and had always performed the duties of a store cat to Andrew's entire satisfaction. The cat was always vigilant and no mouse ever was able to get into the cheese box and get away alive. Consequently Andrew valued the cat very highly. But Thomas in the course of time developed a severe case of cat distemper and although Andrew fed him milk and doctored him in every way he could think of Thomas . . . could hardly navigate and one evening when

there was a roaring fire in the stove and Thomas lying near the stove was seized with a violent fit of coughing. Andrew could stand it no longer so seizing the big iron poker and biffing Thomas one over the head he opened the stove door and threw him in remarking, "he yust better off, he yust cough and cough so bad." ...

**25 August; Express:** Thieves looted the H.A. Workman drug store and the Community oil station at Grant . . . and made their escape without leaving any clues. Entrance was gained after breaking locks on windows in each case.

**28 September; Des Moines Register:** On the Mrs. M.J. Miller farm, two miles north of Grant, stands an old log cabin, one of the first in Montgomery County, built on the old Stipes place, about 1855, which for several years served not alone as a home, but also as a church and general meeting place and community center for that part of the county. In 1873 the cabin was moved to its present location by John Romig, who, with his family, lived in it for 16 years. Later, the Cicero Miller family occupied it for ten years. . . . The cabin today is well-preserved and is ending its days of service by serving as a tool shed.

*(Note: The cabin was given to Albert Eshelman, who carefully dismantled it and moved it to his museum three miles west of Grant. The museum has closed, and the cabin has been moved to Elliott.)*

**22 December; Express:** Grant: H.A. Workman has erected a fine new building on his lot on the south side of main street and . . . now has on display a fine assortment of holiday goods. He has up to date furniture and puts on as many airs as a city druggist.



# The Red Oak Express

FIFTY-EIGHT YEAR

RED OAK, IOWA — DECEMBER 31, 1925

NUMBER 105

**16 January; Sun:** Radio sets are exempt from taxation, according to the assessors of Montgomery County. F.E. Courcier is the assessor for Grant. . . .

**23 January; Sun:** The Department of Agriculture is vitally interested in the census of agriculture for which the enumeration is now in progress. . . . It will be used for the preparation of estimates of each year until the next census.

**28 May; Express:** Eight members of the Grant high school graduated Thursday evening. The class is unique in that all the members are boys. . . . the alumni banquet was held. Seventy-five were served.

**29 May; Review:** That which the residents of Grant have been anxiously awaiting for many years will come to pass on June 16, when the present system by which Grant is supplied with mail is changed and that city will receive its mail daily, except Sunday, directly from Villisca.

At present mail directed to Grant is carried to Elliott where it is taken by rural carrier to its destination, thus always arriving a day late and sometimes even later. . . .

**9 October; Review:** Work on Federal Aid road Number 18 . . . will begin at once. . . . From the Sciola church the road will extend on north to Grant entering Grant without making the bend at the south edge of town as in the road now is use . . .

**31 December; Express:** Census figures; Grant:

1915	1920	1925
314	282	285





# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR — NO. 7

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1926

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**22 January; Review:** At a special election, held in Grant Saturday, the citizens there voted almost unanimously for the granting of an electric franchise ... A transmission line will be constructed from Cumberland to Grant.

A bond issue of \$3,000 also was voted by Grant for the purpose of constructing a municipal lighting system. ...

**12 March; Review:** In the three day high school boys sectional tournament which was held here in the armory ... the Grant high school took first place in the Class B division. ...

**30 September; Express:** Grant: Lin Linder has accepted a position at Eldora. Slim will be the only barber in our town. He will see to it that all ladies wanting bobbed hair will not have to wait very long.



**11 October; Express:** Grant: H.A. Workman stretched a wire across the street to the J.W. Ashbaugh store and the barbershop, giving the baseball fans a chance to listen to the world series ballgames. The Cardinals were the favorites of the great majority here and all are happy.

**15 October; Review:** The Montgomery county board of supervisors were in Grant the latter part of last week arranging for the purchase of right of way for primary road No. 71, formerly No. 18, through that town and for barrow pits between Grant and Sciola.

**12 November; Review:** Grant: N.H. Jones, Grant's progressive implement dealer, will in the course of a few weeks, be located in his new building which is being constructed of hollow tile on the street which will next year be a part of federal highway number 71. Mr. Jones will have a filling station in connection with his building and will sell Sinclair Refining Co. products. Adjoining the Jones place, C.C. Conrad is erecting a building to be used for his produce business, the same kind of material being used in this structure as in the Jones place. ...

— J.B. Christenson is building a new ice house in the west part of town. The structure is 40 feet square, and is built of hollow tile.

— Stakes have been driven defining the course of the new channel for the river when the straightening process begins. The river is to run between the present bridge and the mill.

**17 December; Review:** Grant: Andrew Wahlund, after 35 years in the general merchandise business, is closing out his entire stock.

# The Red Oak Express

SIXTIETH YEAR

RED OAK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, JANUARY 6, 1927

NUMBER 2

**6 January; Express:** Three business buildings and a residence were destroyed by fire at Grant early Sunday morning, causing an estimated loss of \$18,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

Firms in the path of the blaze included the J.F. Mueller Hardware store, the A. Wahlund General store, the V.O. Ashmore Produce station and the combined Bert Smith restaurant and home.

Starting from an unknown origin, the blaze was discovered shortly before 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The fire had gained such headway that the bucket brigade viewed as futile any attempt to halt the progress of the blaze. ...

Within an hour after the blaze was discovered it had wiped out the business block and left it a black, hot smoldering ruin. At the height of the fire embers threatened nearby buildings and caused considerable damage to buildings on the east side of the street, the Vetter store suffering the greatest damage. It was saved by the bucket brigade. ...

The south and west sections of Grant and the rural communities south and west were without telephone communication the first of the week as the fire destroyed about 100 feet of cable.

Mr. Mueller will temporarily occupy the back room of the Masonic building, and Mr. Ashmore has moved into the Dr. J.J. Chalmers office. ...

**17 January; Express;** Grant: Mr. Christenson is putting in a stock of groceries for he thinks the two lines, groceries and meat go well together. . . . he has his new ice house just about completed. . . .

*(Note: J.B. "Shortie" Christenson did his own butchering, and sold the meat from a peddler's wagon.)*



**4 February; Review;** Grant: Work was started Monday morning on the walls of V. Ashmore's produce house. ...

— All the timber except one huge old elm which could not be sawed down is cleared from the right of way where road No. 71 is being straightened just south of Grant.

**4 March; Review:** N.H. Jones' big opening day, Saturday, Febr. 26, was a big day in Grant. His new hollow tile building, located on the corner opposite the Purity oil station, has recently been completed and a gas pump installed. Mr. Jones is in the implement business and carries also a full line of windmills and pumps. Large crowds witnessed the special demonstrations and contests conducted during the afternoon. An auction on farm machinery and harness was held. A Dexter washing machine was sold by ballot, and Fred Penfold was the lucky man, his bid being the highest. Pete Nelson won the ten pound can of axle grease given on the cream separator guessing contest. The total sales for the day amounted to \$1,225. Adjoining Jones' store on the south is Clyde Conrad's produce house. This, too, is a new hollow tile building, erected at the same time. ...

The Ladies auxiliary served a lunch and held a bake sale all through the day ...

J.W. Ashbaugh, merchant, furnished free coffee and graham sandwiches for everyone ...

**11 March; Review;** Grant: At the tournament at Villisca last week, the Grant high school basketball team won all of the games they played, which gave them first place in class B ... A plaque was given by the state and a beautiful cup by the business men of Villisca. ... The team is undefeated for the year ...

— C.F. Jarvis has started in the produce business in connection with his general store.

**1 April; Review:** The following reminiscence of early days in old Milford ... is contributed by a well known resident of Grant who was born there 64 years ago.

... That first old saw mill ... A spot was cleared of timber and brush for a long yard which was well filled with logs, then the old saw was started to humming. But first, logs were brought up on the logway and for this purpose a yoke of oxen was kept in readiness. The whip stalk touches the noses of the oxen lightly. The chain is hooked, the driver gives the word and the oxen slowly tighten up on the chain. The driver winds himself up into a sort of double bow-knot, brings his whip suddenly around high over the backs of the oxen, producing a report equal to that of a small cannon, at the same time yelling at the top of his voice at the oxen.

The log is pulled up on the logway, and with the use of handspikes and cant hooks the log is rolled down on the carriage, the head blocks properly adjusted and the dogs that hold the log in place securely driven into the side. The sawyer pulls the lever and the mill is soon going. Slowly the log creeps up to the swiftly moving saw. As the slab of lumber drops down, it is shoved out into the proper pile.

... The old saw mill passed out of existence long years since, and even most of the trees that once clustered about the old mill site have disappeared. ...

However, many evidences of the existence of the old saw mill are still to be found in this community. Numerous houses still contain some of the lumber which was sawed at that mill ... The frame timbers in the old barn built by my father more than 60 years ago still stands on the stone foundation. ... It was converted into a business building by covering the sides with drop siding and putting in pine floors.

— Grant: The foundation for J.F. Mueller's hardware store was finished last week and they began laying blocks Monday.

**1 April; Review:** Adv. - When in Grant eat at the Harden hotel and restaurant. Good home cooking and everything neat and clean. Rooms in connection ...

**15 April; Review:** Grant: The picture, "The World War" played to a small crowd on Friday night, but on Saturday night there was hardly standing room in the hall.

**6 May; Review:** Grant: Geo. Courcier and family have moved ... to the Harden restaurant and are ready for business.

**20 May; Review:** Grant: Many people from all directions came Sunday to see the work being done on road No. 71. Workmen have the new channel cut and the old one filled in.

**10 June; Review:** Grant: The tennis court across from Fred Bourck's garage is being cleaned up and put in shape.

**22 July; Review:** Grant: W.A. Westover's new combined harvester and threshing machine is attracting the attention of people far and near. Cars are coming and going continuously. Some of the folk take pictures and all ask endless questions.

— J.B. Christenson has moved his butcher shop and grocery store into the Legion hall.

**12 August; Review:** ... That part of primary No. 71 between Morton Mills and Grant, which has been under construction for the last several months, will be open to traffic next Friday. The bridges and culverts have all been completed.



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**26 August; Review:** The people of Grant and vicinity, who on Tuesday entertained the annual picnic of the Montgomery Co. Farm bureau, were well repaid for their many weeks of work in preparation for the event, in the satisfaction of seeing it one of the best attended picnics in the history of the organization. The crowd was estimated at 5,000.

The program of the day began with the baseball game at 9 a.m. and ended in the evening with a motion picture entertainment.

The speaking and exhibitions by the girls' demonstration teams were at the picnic grounds in the Kenworthy grove at the west edge of Grant. . . . The women's work, displayed in the basement of the Methodist church, was viewed by large crowds throughout the day.

The pigs and sheep were shown in the east part of town and the baby beeves at the picnic grounds. . . . an airplane also was one of the attractions of the day. There was also a horse shoe pitching contest.

**16 September; Review:** Grant: Fred David (Davis) started his sorghum mill Monday morning.

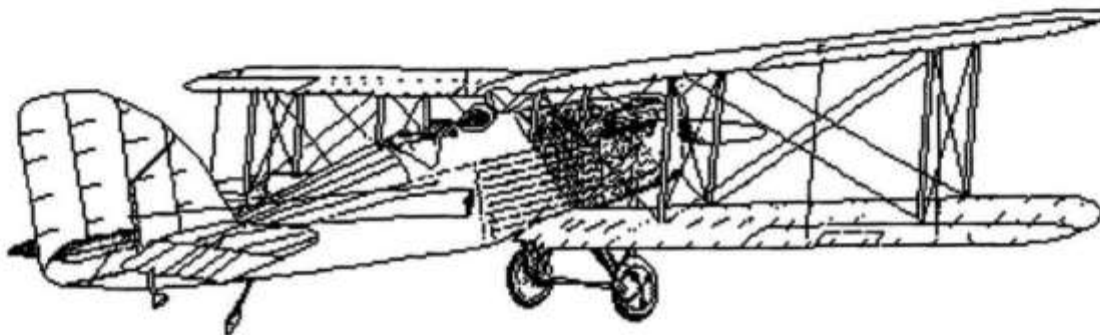
**4 November; Review:** Grant: School will be dismissed Wednesday for a week's cornhusking vacation.

**11 November; Review:** Grant: The Grant town football team won a game from Lyman Sunday afternoon.

**2 December; Review:** Grant: More than one thousand chickens have been stolen in Douglas Township.

— Five quilts and three comforters, besides embroidery and other things aplenty will be sold at the Methodist Ladies' Aid Bazaar on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3.

**23 December; Review:** Grant: The local bowling team was again defeated by Red Oak players when they played at Bruce Ackerman's bowling alley Monday night.





# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR , NO. 21

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1928

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**6 January; Review;** Grant: All the teachers were ready to begin school Monday but could not because the pipes in the heating system had frozen and burst.

— J.B. Christenson finished filling his ice house on Friday before Christmas, having stored 375 tons.

**13 January; Review;** Grant: . . . the old bridge across the Nodaway . . . was built about 1880. Work of tearing it down was begun in November. The plank and joists were sold...

— Seymour Enarson has resigned... as janitor of the schoolhouse, and Frank Kenworthy has been hired .

**20 January; Review;** Grant: J.B. Christenson sold his butcher shop and stock of groceries to Ralph Gottsche....

**27 January; Review;** Grant: . . .date set for the tractor school... at the N.H. Jones implement store. A tractor will be taken apart and rebuilt.

**2 March; Review;** Grant: This is the second consecutive season for the Grant high school basketball team to complete their regular season without a defeat.

**23 March; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Seymour Enarson has rented the front rooms of the Masonic building and will conduct a bake shop and restaurant.

**30 March; Review;** Grant: George Westerlund moved into the hotel property Tuesday.

**6 April; Review;** Grant: The local tennis court... repaired, rolled and lined, and is ready for the tennis enthusiasts.

**20 April; Review:** Geo. Stinemates... bought . . . the garage building in Grant in which Bert Smith is conducting a restaurant. . . Mr. Stinemates' son-in-law, Earl Spiker... will move to Grant and conduct a garage.

**11 May; Review;** Grant: Bert Smith opened a restaurant in the Kunce building Tuesday.

**25 May; Review;** Grant: Bruce Ackerman moved the building in which he will start an auto shop onto his mother's lot ... He expects to cover the building with tin.

**15 June; Review;** Grant: ... Road men are at work repairing the grade on federal highway No. 71, where the high water undermined it. ...

**29 June; Review;** Grant: W.S. Brink of Shenandoah is operating the pool hall and restaurant...

**13 July; Review;** Grant: The single pump at Elver Shafer's oil station was replaced by a double pump...

**21 September; Review:** Adv. - The Red Oak Star Laundry, having a regular laundry route through Grant will gladly call at your door ... if your name and address are left at Linder's Barber Shop.

**2 November; Review;** Grant: That old landmark, the town pump, has been moved from the center of Main street to the north side of the street. The old well will be arched over and covered.

**14 December; Review;** Grant: At a meeting of the town council, certain streets were set aside for coasting, and the young folks made good use ....



# The Red Oak Express

Montgomery County's Family Newspaper

SIXTY-SECOND YEAR

RED OAK, IOWA, MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1929

NUMBER 4

**11 January; Review;** Grant: Lester Swanson has rented the oil station in front of N.H. Jones' implement store.

— Mrs. Seymour Enarson has opened her restaurant in the north half of C.O. Conrad's produce house. A partition has been run through the middle of the building, making room for 10x40 for the cafe, and leaving adequate room for the cream station.

**14 January; Express;** Grant: The blizzard of the last two days have made the roads next to impassable. Many snow shovel gangs have been on the roads. Dr. Montgomery's car was in a drift just east of town ...

**1 February; Review;** Grant: Ralph Gottsche, who has been operating a grocery store in the Legion building, has sold his stock to J. B. Christenson.

**8 February; Review;** Grant: Frank Adams of Griswold has bought the tires and accessories of Elver Shafer at the Purity oil station and will take possession next week.

**15 February; Review;** Grant: The high school is raising the money so that the old picture machine may be traded for a new and up to date machine.

**1 March; Review;** Grant: Grant again won from Morton Mills in a pinochle tournament by a margin of one game. The tournament was held in S.E. Smith's office Friday night, and supper was served by Howard Hepler in the GAR hall.

**8 March; Review;** Grant: The Grant high school basketball team won the Championship in Class B of the sectional tournament held at Villisca last week. This is the third year the boys have won this honor.

— A partnership was entered into between Mrs. C.O. Conrad and Mrs. Seymour Enarson in the restaurant business. ... The business is more than one person can handle now ...

**5 April; Review;** Grant: If spending money is any indication that folks are having a good time, then the large crowd at the high school carnival had a lot of fun. ... the athletic association took in nearly \$55. ...

— There are still a number of mud holes between here and Atlantic on No. 71 which are almost impassable. It takes a sober driver to cross those that are planked.

**24 May; Review;** Here's a tip. If you don't want to get "pinched", slow down when you drive through the town of Grant. There's a motor cycle officer on duty there whose business it is to arrest anybody and everybody he sees going faster than 25 miles an hour in the residence district and 15 miles an hour through the business district.

... Mayor Wilson informed the Review that booze peddlars who have been infesting the town of Grant also will be watched in an effort to rid the town of their nefarious traffic.

— Grant: The Boy Scouts, with their leader, Rev. Breeling, are working at cleaning up the old cemetery east of town.

**28 June; Review;** Grant: Many availed themselves of the opportunity to take a ride in an airplane Sunday afternoon at the Donoho pasture south of town. ...

— The Homemakers club took a picnic dinner and went to the timber to pick gooseberries Wednesday.

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**2 August; Review; Grant:** Howard Hepler ... has purchased the Purity oil station from Harold Roberts. ...

— On Wednesday the Lucky Lindy 4-H Club took possession of the two front rooms of the Masonic hall which they will use as club rooms.

**30 August; Review; Grant:** Ted Lenz has purchased the old restaurant building at the east end of main street and is tearing it down, moving it to the farm to be used in remodeling his residence.

**13 September; Review; Grant:** The new settees purchased by the Homemakers Club for the cemetery are now in place.

**27 September; Review; Grant:** Two more custom jobs and the sorghum making season will be done at the Davis sorghum mill. The largest day's run was around a hundred gallons.

**4 October; Review; Grant:** Mrs. Madge Ashbaugh will have the west room of J.W. Ashbaugh's store for a dress making shop as soon as the equipment arrives. She is putting in a hemstitching machine and will also handle fancy work.

— Two more new corn shuckers were sold this week, Asa Miller and Knee Brothers being the purchasers. Guy Lathan and Embree brothers are operating the other two.

**15 November; Review; Grant:** The high school orchestra, organized by Miss Rickhoff, had charge of the assembly Friday morning.

**29 November; Review; Grant:** The Legion held a shooting match Saturday. The prizes were turkeys, ducks and geese.

**6 December; Review; Grant:** Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Conrad have closed their restaurant and moved their produce business back to the south side of their building, putting a line of feed in the north side.



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR, NO. 34

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1930

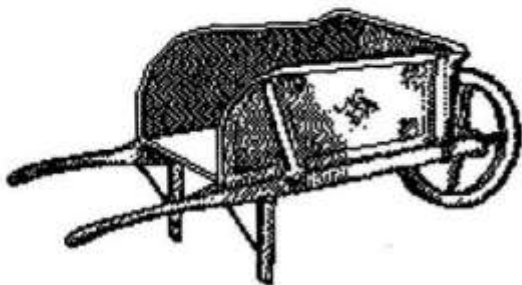
PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**7 March; Review;** Grant: Miss Margaret Hendrickson has opened a beauty shop in the rest room of the Jones oil station.

**14 March; Review:** The 75th anniversary of the Methodist church of Grant was celebrated last week with services each evening except Monday and Saturday, and all day Sunday with an old fashioned basket dinner at noon. One of the most interesting features of the program was the history of the church, prepared by O.S. Donoho and S.E. Smith of Grant, and read at the Sunday morning service.

**11 April; Review;** Grant: Improvements at the Masonic hall were completed Monday. A door was cut opening into the east front room and a service window into the west room so that it may be used as a kitchen. The entire interior is to be redecorated. This will in no way affect the occupation of the rooms by the Lucky Lindy 4-H Club.

**18 April; Review;** Grant: On Tuesday, Apr. 8, road #71 was closed south of town, and the work of settling the grade north of the bridge was begun. The top of the road is plowed off and the grade bored full of holes, in rows about eight feet apart, and these holes are filled with water. ...



**25 April; Review:** The work of paving highway No. 71 from the Cass Co. line to No. 34 was started Wednesday ... the first concrete was poured at the Stinemates corner one mile south of Grant.

Sixty-five trucks for hauling the paving material were started on the 14-mile trip to the concrete mixer. ... (at Villisca)

— Another of the old landmarks in Grant is being removed. The frame building on the south side of the street, formerly used for a hardware store, is being torn down by the owner, Glen Kunce, and moved to Villisca. It was formerly a basement barn, built by S. M. Smith in 1860.

**6 June; Review;** Grant: The Masons are planning a more extended use of their two front rooms than was previously announced, so the Lucky Lindy 4-H Club girls were compelled to move ... The Circle invited the girls to use the GAR hall for club rooms.

**18 July; Review;** Grant: The people of Grant and community will enjoy four days of Chautauqua commencing July 22. Two big plays, lectures and music feature the program.

**1 August; Review;** Grant: Paving on 71 through Grant to the A. W. Stinemates corner was completed Monday at 1:30. Something about the mixer was broken so that the last few feet of the cement had to be dumped by hand and that took about two hours longer to finish the job.

**29 August; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Madge Ashbaugh and Mrs. Jennie Ashbaugh opened the A & A cafe Thursday in the J.W. Ashbaugh store building. The interior of the building has been refinished with a partition in the middle. Part of the building will be used for the cafe and part for a dressmaking room.



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— N.H. Jones is improving his place of business by paving the street between the paving on No. 71 and the filling station, and also paving a strip six or eight feet wide on the north side and filling the rest of the street with cinders.

**19 September; Review:** The Farmers Savings bank of Grant closed its door Tuesday morning by order of the board of directors. Slow assets are given as the cause of the action.

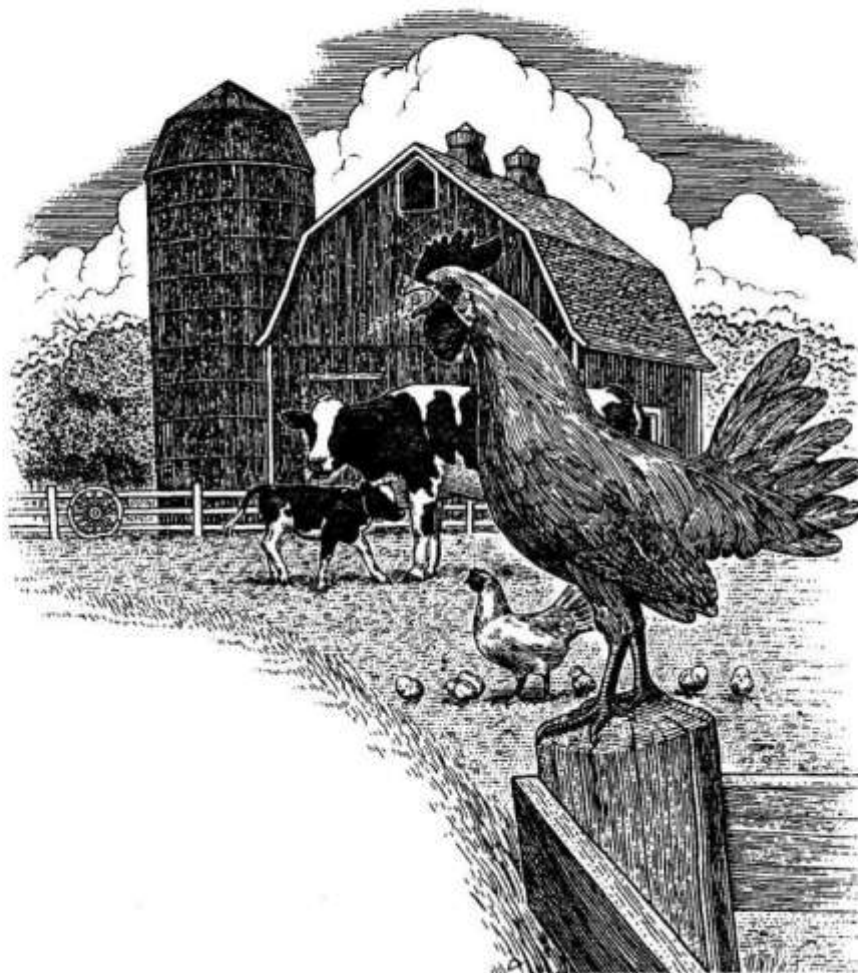
— Harry Carlton has established a shoe repair shop in the north part of the C.O. Conrad building ...

**10 October; Review:** At the election held Wednesday in Grant, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of granting to the Iowa Electric company a franchise and right to erect, maintain and operate a plant for the manufacture of gas and to use the streets and alleys of the town for the distribution of gas.

**17 October; Review:** Grant: There was a free dog and pony show with a double trapeze act in town Wednesday and Thursday nights.

**7 November; Review:** Grant: Someone broke into Workman's drug store Sunday night. The lock on the door was broken with a crowbar and apparently in the act the large plate glass was shattered. Nothing has been missed from the store.

**14 November; Review:** Grant: Earl Courcier purchased the lot and building on the south side of main street formerly owned by C.F. Jarvis and has moved his blacksmith shop to the new location. He has placed his engine in the basement and the covered stairway leading to the upper floor will be rebuilt.



# The Red Oak Express

Montgomery County's Family Newspaper

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR

RED OAK, IOWA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1931

NUMBER 16

**16 January; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Flora Kilpatrick was reelected as operator for the Grant Mutual Telephone association, a position which she has held for ten years.

**30 January; Review;** Grant: More than one hundred children have been given the toxin-anti-toxin in an effort to make this a diphtheria free community. The movement was sponsored by the school board in cooperation with the state board of health which furnished free serum for the work. The vaccinating was done by Dr. Ed S. Montgomery.

**23 February; Express:** A 50 per cent dividend will be issued by the Farmers Savings bank of Grant this week ... The institution closed its doors last September 16 and the present dividend is the first.

**20 March; Review;** Grant: Montgomery County Methodism assembled Thursday night in Grant for a 7 o'clock dinner and mid-year quarterly conference ...

**3 April; Review;** Grant: The members of the two 4-H clubs Lucky Lindy and Jolly Peppers, held a joint meeting Saturday afternoon and elected their officers for 1931. The two clubs will be combined this year.

*(Note: New name- Full-O'-Pep.)*

**24 April; Review;** Grant: The Blackburn sisters, Mrs. Mary Linder, Helen and Lois Blackburn, sang in a contest at the opening of radio station KICK Saturday night and won several prizes. They will also be awarded a contract as regular entertainers ...



**1 May; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Mary Linder will buy an interest in the Beauty Shoppe with Miss Margaret Hendrickson.

**12 June; Review;** Grant: The Great Lakes Pipe Line Co., a corporation of Kansas City, has completed the purchase of a right of way for their gasoline line from Osceola to Council Bluffs. ... A six inch pipe will be laid and telephone and telegraph lines erected along the right of way.

— Although it rained Saturday night the free movies were shown to a crowd of about 300. The machine has been established on the H.A. Workman lot back of the drug store. ... The community owns the moving picture machine and it was used in the school for a time and later was used by the American Legion.

*(Note: Anyone who remembers silent movies will recall that no matter where you sat, there was someone behind you who read the captions aloud.)*

**10 July; Review;** Grant: Mary Chalmers, 7 years old, fell into the old well in the pasture where the depot used to stand. Mary and her sister were with their father, Dr. D.J. Chalmers, pumping water for the cows when the accident happened. The plank on which the child stood broke and as she went down she grabbed a piece of the plank which went through with her and she retained her hold on it. The board wedged fast just above the water, enabling her to hold on and keep her head above the water until her father slid down the pipe to her rescue. Two of her teeth were knocked out and two more were badly damaged. The well is a 35 foot dug well with 16 feet of water in it.

**17 July; Review:** The Grant city council plans to cut city expenses approximately 28% during 1931, according to the new city budget. ... Last year Grant spent \$2,013 in carrying on its city government.

**24 July; Review:** The 71 Garage in Grant, owned by Earl Spiker, was broken into Tuesday night and eight A batteries and five B batteries were taken. ...

**21 August; Review:** J.B. Christensen of Grant has sold his grocery and meat market in Grant to H.F. Porter of Morton Mills. ... Mr. Christensen will retain the ice business ... and he will do the butchering for Mr. Porter.

**11 September; Review:** Grant: Ed Bourck is the new manager of the Purity oil station ...

**2 October; Review:** Grant: J.B. Christensen has purchased the C.O. Conrad produce house and Ira Pigglesley from Cumberland is putting in a barber shop there.

**6 November; Review:** Gerald Schuler, of Grant, with his yearling heifer, Black Beauty, won the grand championship of the 4-H club short-fed heifer division at the Ak-Sar-Ben stock show in Omaha.

— Thieves looted the J.T. Mueller hardware store in Grant Thursday night of last week. ... They rifled the safe in the store, which had been left unlocked, but gained only a few pennies in cash ...

**20 November; Review:** Grant: The new Shell oil station is going up with a rush. If bad weather does not hinder the work the station will soon be completed. The lot has been lowered to street level and the paving will extend to the paving on highway No. 71. A building 12x20, complying with the fire ordinances of the town will house the station. The sidewalk was sloped from the J.F. Muller hardware store across the A. Wahlund lot to the proper level. The old town pump will hold its corner and continue to furnish refreshment to all who will stop.

— In order to take care of increasing business, Mrs. Jennie Ashbaugh has rearranged her building so as to have the entire front for the restaurant. This makes room for two more tables.

**18 December; Review:** Grant: ... plans were completed for the community Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Carey have generously loaned their evergreen for the purpose. ... Lights are being placed in the tree ... A short program will be given at 7:30 on Christmas eve. The kiddies will have a treat. No program will be given in the church for children because of whooping cough.



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

SIXTIETH YEAR — NO. 48

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1932

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**8 January; Review;** Grant: Mrs. H.F. Porter was elected as operator for the Grant switchboard ... at a salary of \$960.

**22 January; Review;** Grant: Residents in the northeast part of town should proceed very cautiously when driving their cars because of the coasting on the Bridwell hill.

**29 January; Review;** Grant: Seymour Enarson is the driver for the Purity oil truck.

— Mrs. Mary Linder has completed the redecoration of the barber shop operated by her brother, Byron Blackburn. The paint was badly smoked in a fire two weeks ago when the lead pipe to a gasoline burner broke and set fire to the building.

**11 March; Review;** Grant: Chas. A. Wright, local mail carrier, made the route Monday in his car. Glen Conrad has been carrying the mail on the southern half of the route on horseback or on foot, and George Conrad has been helping on the northeast part while Mr. Wright himself made the main road. ... He has worn out \$50 worth of chains.

— E. Shafer took possession of the Shell station Monday. Harold Eaton, former operator, has gone to Shenandoah.

**13 May; Review;** Grant: There are still people in this world who would steal from a graveyard. The roll of woven wire to complete fencing of the east cemetery has been silently removed. Much needed repairs are underway in this old burying ground ... the resetting of all the old headstones. Albert Bills is doing the work.

**20 May; Review;** Grant: J.H. Ashbaugh has completed the cementing of the driveway at his oil station. ...

**10 June; Review:** Free movies ... bi-weekly ...

— Machinery for quarrying the rock on the John Ogden farm, known as the old Cavin place northeast of Grant, is being moved to that location. ... a 26-ton crane will move the dirt and an 8-ton crusher will be employed to reduce the rock to gravel.

**8 July; Review;** Grant: Work was abandoned on the quarry. The rock contained too much dirt.

**19 August; Review:** The biggest all-county event of the year, the Montgomery Co. Farm Bureau picnic and achievement day will be ... next week in Grant.

A stellar speaking program headlining Gov. Dan W. Turner and a generous awarding of premiums totaling \$365 ...

Some of the finest livestock specimens raised by Montgomery Co. boys and girls will be on display ...

The Methodist church will contain scores of exhibits ... by the ladies ... and the 4-H girls ...

The beautiful 30-acre homecoming park at Grant will be the site for this picnic and its numerous oak trees will provide ample shade for all festivities. A platform will be erected in the park, which is located at the southwest edge of Grant and all speaking programs will be held there. A sound amplifying system will be installed.

Several baseball games, a horse shoe pitching contest, with prize awards for each, junior sports ...

The business men of Grant ... have arranged for a free picture show which will be shown Tuesday evening.

**7 October; Review;** Grant: ... Clyde Jones runs the skating rink.

**2 December; Review:** Two young men confessed to an attempted robbery at the general store of Chas. Jarvis at Grant. They were frightened away when Mr. Jarvis fired through the door at them, wounding one in both hands.



# The Red Oak Express

Montgomery County's Family Newspaper

RED OAK, IOWA,  
SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1933

CIRCULATION 3257  
NUMBER 8

**6 January; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Estella Porter was reelected switch board operator but she will take a 20% cut in wages.

**26 January; Express;** Grant: Several people from here took the Civil Service examination in Villisca Saturday morning to fill the position of postmaster at the local office, made vacant by the death of Mrs. Emma Wilson ...

**10 February; Review;** Grant: The Fullerton Lumber Co. yard at Grant, which was opened here before the Atlantic N & S railroad was built, will be closed and moved to Villisca.

**17 February; Review;** Grant: Harold A. Embree was appointed postmaster to succeed the late Mrs. Emma F. Wilson.

*(Note: Date of appointment; 14 February 1933.)*

**24 March; Review;** Grant: The largest attendance yet at a church and community program was registered Friday night when the northeast corner of the community had charge. Forty people took part in the program alone, and others served the refreshments.

*(Note: Centennial History; Grant Methodist Church; 1955; page 28: The community was divided into four parts and each division sponsored a program and social evening. In addition each club or organization in the community was asked to sponsor a Sunday evening service which included a brief talk by the pastor. ... In all fifteen organizations took part.)*

**7 April; Review;** Grant: Hurrah for the big Easter party for all the children of the community. It will be held at Grant, Saturday afternoon, with an Easter egg hunt and everything.

**16 June; Review;** Grant: For the third consecutive year folks in Grant are to have free movies. There will be only one show each week and it will be Wednesday night.

**30 June; Review;** Grant: Clifford and Leslie Embree returned home Monday from Nebraska with the new airplane which they have purchased.

**14 July; Review;** Grant: Two of the business men purchased cigarette licenses July first. They are J.B. Christensen and C.F. Jarvis.

**11 August; Review;** Grant: All the stores in Grant were closed at night this week in compliance with instructions from the county NRA chairman. All are waiting first hand information and correct interpretation of the code under which they are closed.

**25 August; Review;** Grant: ... The business men of Grant held an NRA meeting at Workman's drug store on Friday night, August 18, with 15 in attendance. ... All the stores have discontinued the evening closing program which had been in operation the past week.

**8 September; Review;** Grant: Roy Jarboe is the proprietor of the Hardin cream company station opened this week in the Fullerton Lumber Company building.

**22 September; Review;** Grant: Harold Embree resigned as postmaster ...

**29 September; Review;** Grant: The ditch in the northeast part of town is being straightened and deepened from the bridge on North Adams Avenue to the bridge at the east end of Main Street.

I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper

**27 October; Review;** Grant: Mr. and Mrs. Workman have remodeled the rear end of the drug store and arranged it for living quarters during the winter months.

— ... Classes have all been dismissed for a week of corn shucking vacation.

**17 November; Review;** Grant: Mrs. Seymour Enarson has been appointed post master at Grant. G.S. Embree has been acting p.m. since the resignation of his son Harold Embree.

*(Note: Date of appointment; 2 November 1933.)*

**15 December; Review;** Grant: The Post Office has been moved from the bank building to Mrs. Jennie Ashbaugh's cafe. It occupies the east part of the building.

**22 December; Review;** Grant: The state game warden was in Grant last week and set aside section 3 in Montgomery County, and half of section 34 of Cass County for a game management area. This is to be patrolled by Montgomery and Cass County wardens for the protection of a colony of beavers that has established itself on the above described land. ... this colony is one of three or possibly four known colonies in Iowa. ...



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

SIXTY-SECOND YEAR - NO. 4

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1934

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**26 January; Review;** Grant: J.E. Brown received his new electric incubator Friday night and is busy installing it in the bank building.

**2 February; Review;** Grant: Almost all of the farmers in the north half of the township came to town Monday forenoon to sign the corn-hog contracts ...

**6 April; Review;** Grant: Another epidemic of measles is sweeping through the Grant schools. About one third of the pupils are absent.

**20 April; Review;** Grant: A Queen Esther Missionary Society has been organized by the girls of the Sunday School.

**18 May; Review;** Grant: Graveling of the streets of Grant began the first of this week. Twenty-two blocks have been graded and are ready for gravel.

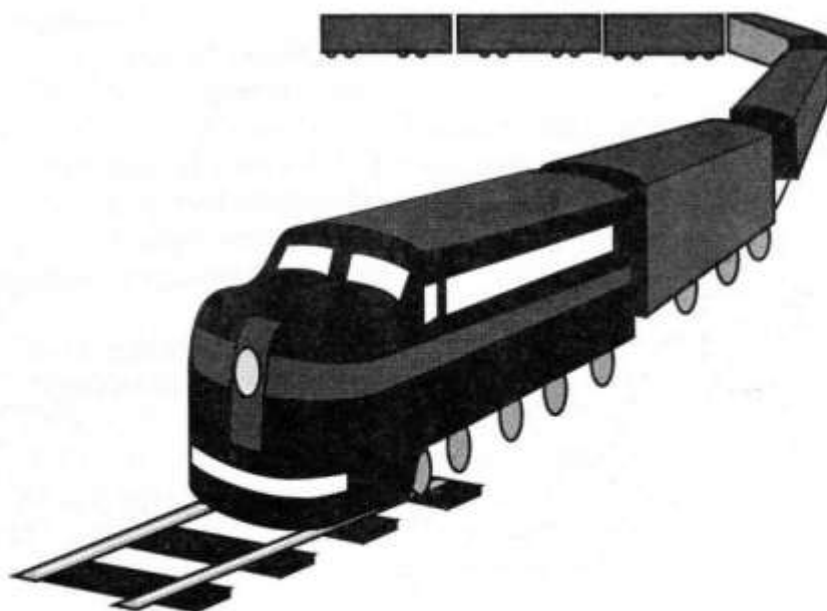
**25 May; Review;** Grant: Several people from around Grant went to Villisca Sunday morning to see the ... Burlington Zephyr.

**29 June; Review;** Grant: Work of graveling the road from Grant to Elliott was begun last week.

**27 July; Review;** On Monday, Montgomery County was designated as one of 24 southwestern Iowa counties in the emergency drouth area ...

**14 September; Review;** Grant: Harold Roberts took up his duties as janitor of the school last week.

**28 September; Review;** Grant: J.B. Christensen recently purchased the Fullerton Lumber Co. building and it has been torn down. The office and one room were left standing.



# THE SUN

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RED OAK, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1935

EIGHT PAGES

**4 January; Review**; Grant: The Elver Shafer oil station in Grant was robbed Sunday night or early Monday morning, entrance to the building having been gained by prying open the door. Radios, tires and batteries to the value of approximately \$75 were taken.

**31 January; Review**; Grant: Ed Brown has moved his hatchery from the bank building into the Tyler building, previously the R.A. Bacon Produce Co. building.

**1 February; Sun**: Montgomery county farmers yesterday were signing the 1935 corn-hog contracts at the several places designated for that work. ...

**15 February; Review**; Grant: Ross Parke of Griswold is employed in the Grant barber shop.

**12 April; Review**: ... delivery service on the rural route from Grant will be discontinued May 1.

With discontinuance of the route, Chas A. Wright, rural carrier at Grant, will be retired, and the route, approximately 35 miles long, will be taken over by Willisca, Cumberland and Corning carriers.

**26 April; Review**: Grant, Ia., April 22, 1935 - Notice of Clean-up Week in the city of Grant, ... in which all ashes, tin cans, brush and other refuse is to be cleaned from all alleys and premises in the city ....

**3 May; Review**; Grant: The Homemakers club and the Auxiliary will hold a cooking school at the church basement ... admission of 10 cents will be charged. ...

**17 May; Review**; Grant: The township trustees recently purchased one and one half acres of land across the road from the cemetery. This will be made into a cemetery and the lots will be sold at \$10 each.

**7 June; Review**; Grant: Mr. Bender of Creston took possession of the J.B. Christensen store last Monday. Mr. Christensen is operating a beer parlor.

**21 June; Review**; Grant: 500 friends met on the lawn of Dr. Ed. Montgomery ... to serenade Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery who were recently married.

**26 July; Review**; Grant: The Masonic lodges of Lewis, Elliott, Griswold, Red Oak, Willisca and Grant held a group study at the Grant hall ....

**23 August; Review**; Grant: Gerald Workman is the new proprietor of the Purity oil station.

**27 September; Review**; Grant: Albert Bender has charge of the post office ...

*(Note: Appointment 26 September)*

**4 October; Review**; Grant: The town baseball team of Grant took first place in a tournament held at Anita..

**11 October; Review**; Grant: The post office has been moved from the A & A Cafe to Bender's store.

**1 November; Review**; Grant: The work on the cemetery has been completed. They have enlarged it ... A fence has been taken out, making it all in one, and a new large arch has been put over the gate. . . .

**29 November; Review**; Grant: Delbert Starlin and Everet Davis ... to take charge of the Purity oil station.

**20 December; Review**; Grant: The town council met Monday night and decided with the help of the Homemakers club to have a Christmas tree on Main street. It will be lighted.



# THE ELLIOTT GRAPHIC

ELLIOTT, IOWA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1936

**17 January; Review:** Grant: Thursday night will be the first of a series of 12 shows at the Jones amusement hall, sponsored by the business men.

**7 February; Review:** Grant: Vern Hensel will take charge of the Purity Oil Co. Everett Davis expects to go to California soon.

**14 February; Review:** 21 Days Below Zero Break All Time Cold Record

**21 February; Review:** Grant: There was no school last week because of blocked roads and it is doubtful if there will be any this week. No church services were held Sunday because of weather conditions and roads.

**8 May; Review:** A severe hail at Grant Tuesday night, when hail stones as large as big eggs fell, broke many window lights from the school building and residences, and automobile tops were punctured. Only a light rain accompanied the hail.

— At the track meet at Clarinda Friday afternoon, Billy Rose tied for first in the pole vault and Marvin Penfold got second in the 100 yard dash.

**29 May; Review:** Grant: Each business man donated a gift to be given to the persons with lucky numbers on their poppies.

**5 June; Review:** Grant: A large crowd attended the alumni reception held Friday evening at the Jones amusement hall. After a delightful program the reception ended with a dance.

**26 June; Review:** Grant: Nevinville 6; Grant Chevrolet team, 5. "Hop's" Grant team 5; Red Oak 4.

— A large crowd attended the Orange Brothers circus held in town Monday evening.

**17 July; Review:** Grant: Ralph Myers is now in charge of the Purity Oil Co. station. ...

**6 August; Graphic:** Official announcement of Montgomery County in the emergency drouth area has been received ...

**18 September; Review:** Grant: Glen Knee took over the management of the Purity oil station Monday morning.

**2 October; Review:** Grant: Reuben Westerlund will have charge of a lunch counter in Shortie Christensen's cafe.

**30 October; Review:** Grant: The town council has purchased a truck so they may haul gravel for the streets.

**20 November; Review:** Grant: Saturday was opening day of the Shafer cafe. The cafe is part of the Conoco oil station. Lyle Roberts is helping in the cafe.



# The Red Oak Express

Montgomery County's Family Newspaper

SEVENTIETH YEAR

NO. 30

RED OAK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1937

THE PAPER WITH THE BIG CIRCULATION

**1 January; Review;** Grant: A very large crowd attended the basket ball games and dance held at the Jones amusement hall Friday night. The town team girls defeated the high school girls 18 to 19. The House of David team from Omaha defeated the town team 39 to 50. ...

**22 January; Review;** Grant: Several from this community held a fox hunt Sunday in the woods east of town. The men caught two foxes.

**15 April; Express;** Grant: The Montgomery county high school baseball tournament will be held at Grant April 23.

**7 May; Review;** Grant: The Auxiliary ladies planted a black hills spruce tree in the church yard Wednesday afternoon and a red leaf maple in the new cemetery. ...

**11 June; Review;** Grant: Orchestra practice under the direction of Wayne Chaney was held Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium. Thursday evening of every week will be their regular practice.

**18 June; Review;** Grant: A large crowd attended the free picture show in town Saturday night. Each Wednesday evening through the summer months the show will be given.

**25 June; Review;** Grant: A few members of the Homemakers Club and the American Legion auxiliary went to the cemetery Tuesday afternoon and planted beds and borders of iris. Mrs. Frank Long donated the plants.

**27 August; Review;** Grant: Work was started last week to rebuild the dam that was washed out by the early spring rains.

**15 October; Review;** Grant: A meeting was held Wednesday evening at the school house to organize a Parent-Teacher association ... For the last number of the program, the Grant school band made its first appearance, playing two march numbers.

**22 October; Review;** Grant: The Grant school had a carnival Friday evening at the Jones amusement hall ... The High School cleared around \$160, and they will use their money to buy new basket ball suits ...

**19 November; Review;** Grant: A meeting of the business men of Grant was held Tuesday evening to organize a fire department. ...



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND THE VILLISCA LETTER)

SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1938

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**20 January; Review;** Grant: The young folks, with the help of Rev. Chambers, organized an Epworth League Sunday evening.

**7 April; Review;** Grant: Reuben Westerlund took charge of the Texaco Oil station Monday morning.

**21 April; Review:** The post office in Grant was robbed sometime Tuesday between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and \$173.68 in cash was taken ... \$119.85 in postage stamps was found in a ditch near the Sunnyside schoolhouse four miles northeast of Grant by school children ...

The safe was blown open by drilling holes into the door and inserting an explosive. The holes were made with an electric drill taken from the Earl Spiker garage. . . .

**5 May; Review:** Two charges were filed Monday in Des Moines by post office inspectors against James O'Brien who was captured in Clarinda Wednesday night of last week and confessed that he robbed the post office at Grant . . .

**9 June; Review;** Grant: With the help of Dr. Freeman McConoughey, the young folks have organized an orchestra. It has been named "The Jolly Scouts Orchestra."

**11 August; Review;** Grant: Donations were given by the citizens of Grant and the surrounding community to buy a cow for Mrs. Mary Sprague. The cow was given to Mrs. Sprague Wednesday.



**15 September; Review;** Grant: The "Hatcher's" players came Monday for a week's showing.

— The initiation party for the freshman class was held Friday evening in the high school gym ... During one of the stunts Marilea Chambers had the misfortune to fall and hurt her back.

*(Note: The school board stopped initiations.)*

— Fire threatened the schoolhouse at Grant Monday morning. Several loads of coal have been put in the school basement and it became overheated and caused it to smoke. The Villisca fire department came and the coal was taken outside.

— The high school baseball team went to Stanton Monday evening. The game was called at the end of the second inning because of rain ... Clarence Weaver took the team and others to Stanton in his truck.

*(Note: That was the usual mode of transportation. George Westerlund made more trips than anyone else. Planks were laid across the stock rack to make seats. The fare was a dime for non-team kids.)*

**29 September; Review;** Grant: ... the ladies of the GAR Circle ... voted to allow the GAR hall to be used two days a week for a public library. ...

— Dr. Bastron of Red Oak opened an office Tuesday in the H.A. Workman Drug store.

**17 November; Review;** Grant: The school board met with N.H. Jones Wednesday evening in Supt. L.C. Johnson's office and it was decided to install showers in the Jones amusement hall and to keep the building heated for the high school basketball team. ...

— The members of the school band went to Omaha Thursday afternoon where they attended a concert given by the US Navy band at the city auditorium.

Tell Your Merchant  
"I Saw it in The Express."

# The Red Oak Express

ONE SECTION  
Eight Pages

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR RED OAK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1939, COMPLETE COUNTY NEWS COVERAGE NO. 17

**9 February; Review:** ... The Grant girls successfully defended the County basketball championship they won in 1938 by nipping Stanton 24 to 22 in the finals Saturday.

*(Note: Cal Lindeman of Lyman had a bus. The Grant school board hired Cal and his bus to haul the basketball teams to games.)*

**27 February; Express:** Grant: A Band Mothers Club was organized Tuesday afternoon at school ...

**27 April; Review:** Grant: Mrs. Edwin Curry of Grant was elected chairman of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's clubs Thursday afternoon at a convention held in the Grant church.

— Grant Friday swamped Wales-Lincoln 12 to 5, to win the Montgomery County high school baseball championship for 1939. The annual tournament was held at Grant, with six teams competing ...

— The official opening of the library was held Tuesday afternoon at the library. Tea was served from 2 o'clock until five ... The library will be open every afternoon and Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Mrs. Lois Westerlund is librarian.

*(Note: The library was in the little office building built by S.E. Smith east of the Jones hall.)*

**29 June; Review:** Grant: A large crowd attended the band concert given Saturday evening by the school band. Each Saturday evening through the summer the band will have a concert.

**13 July; Review:** The mill at Grant has taken on new life this year and is operating by water power for the first time in many years.

**3 August; Review:** Down By The Old Mill Stream - It's a far cry from 1873, when the Grant flour mill was built by Samuel Smith, to 1939.

The old mill was constructed in the days when farm boys used to ride on horseback with sacks of grain and wait for their flour to be ground....

26 years ago last January, Frank Dewees bought the Grant Mill from Lucian Powell of Red Oak, who had gained possession of the property through litigation. Mr. Dewees is still running the mill with the assistance of Owen Davis. ... capacity of 25 barrels of flour a day.

Although powered by water, the Grant mill does not have the picturesque outside mill wheel. Instead there is a turbine under the mill, which the water turns horizontally rather than vertically. The mill wheel is under 13 feet of water and there is four feet of water under it ...

**31 August; Review:** Saturday night is fight night at Grant, and crowds ... fill most of the seats in the Jones amusement hall to see the events seem to enjoy them ...

... Wild Cat Taylor ... and Buck Kenworthy of Grant delighted their audience.... The fight ended in a draw. Just before the event got underway, some of Kenworthy's friends rushed in with a stretcher and set it down near his corner...

**9 November; Review:** ... Friday was "field day" at the Wilbur Pogue farm southeast of Grant where 19 members of the Homemakers club picked 19 bushels of corn [for] the Iowa Federation Women's club fund.

**16 November; Review:** Grant: The Grant school held its annual carnival... The domestic science girls had charge of the lunch. A Bingo stand, free throw, dart throw, fortune telling and minstrel show ...



# THE VILLISCA REVIEW

(AND VILLISCA LETTER)

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR — NO. 43

VILLISCA, IOWA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1940

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

**8 February; Review:** The Villisca male chorus ... will present its initial 1940 concert program Tuesday evening at Grant under the auspices of the Grant Parent-Teacher association.

— . . . The Grant girls defeated Elliott in the final game of the county basketball tournament at Stanton ...

**14 March; Review:** Grant: The town council met in the library with Mayor Oscar Zappe in charge. They voted to buy a siren for the town.

**4 April; Review:** Grant: The school band, under the direction of Eugene Larsen, went to Red Oak Thursday evening where they took part in the Montgomery County music festival.

— Mr. and Mrs. George Westerlund, who have had charge of the Westerlund cafe for the past eleven months gave up the cafe.

**2 May; Review:** Grant: The Grant school music festival, under the direction of Eugene Larson, was held Friday evening in the high school auditorium. Every member of the Grant school took part, and Mrs. Roscoe Kenworthy was the accompanist. The program was written by Mr. Larson and was in the order of a radio broadcast.

**1 August; Review:** Grant: At the meeting of the Montgomery County Conservation league held last week in Red Oak, arrangements were made for fixing the dam at Grant and the river will be stocked with fish.

*(Note: No date for the closing of the mill has been found, but the milling had ceased by this date. The doors of the mill remained open, as livestock feed was sold there. Also, a number of persons still had flour due them, and they were urged to come and get it. Frank Dewees, the owner, became ill, and the mill was closed completely about the first of December.*

*(30 October 1941; Review: - A picture of Grant Mill - Caption: Old flour mill on the banks of the West Nodaway river at Grant, which will soon be torn down by Ellis Parker of Anita, Ia., who recently purchased it ...)*

— Albert Bender moved the goods from his grocery store Thursday to the building that was formerly the A & A Cafe. Mr. Bender purchased the building and has had it remodeled, including a six room home above the store. The post office is located in the new store.

**7 November; Review:** Douglas Township voters at the polls Tuesday approved by special ballot the question of levying a tax not to exceed one mill for the purpose of maintaining a fire truck in Grant, to be used in Douglas Township. The town of Grant bought the truck a year ago from Villisca.

**14 November; Review:** Grant: A new electrical score board has been installed in the Jones amusement hall and will be used for the first time Tuesday.

**19 December; Review:** Grant: The American Legion Auxiliary have put up a large Christmas tree in the yard of Mrs. O.S. Donoho and have it lighted for the Christmas season. The town council have put up lights across the pavement on 71 highway ...



I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper . . . I read it in the paper



*Photo provided courtesy of Gerald Schuler*

***The Nancy Hanks — 1905***

## *Steamboating on the Nodaway*

There was probably a canoe on the mill pond at Grant the next day after the first dam was built in 1854, but history tells us very little about those early days, and fails to mention boats. In later years, the files of the area newspapers reveal some fascinating accounts of boating on the Nodaway. We find that an earlier generation took their pleasures very seriously.

**29 April 1886; Villisca Review:** Milford: In view of the excellent boating facilities offered by the millpond, several of our enterprising citizens formed a joint stock company for the purpose of building a pleasure boat. Pending its construction, Messrs. Vetter, Cary and Smith formed a syndicate for the purpose of gaining control of the boat. They succeeded in manipulating the stock so as to freeze out all small shareholders, thereby gaining complete ownership of the boat.

**3 June 1886; Review:** Milford: Some cowardly miscreant took it into his head to destroy the boat on the millpond one night last week, and the way that boat looked the next morning was a caution. The number of men, or rather, things, in the community low-lived enough to do such things, is mighty small, which makes it easy to guess the perpetrator. The fellow and his chum are spotted.

**4 June 1886; Red Oak Sun:** Milford: The firm of Cary, Vetter & Smith, owners and proprietors of the rowing craft recently launched on the Nodaway, were called to mourn the entire collapse of their dainty vessel. Thinking no harm they left it at the moorings a few days, thereby giving consent to the unrestricted use by all parties and the public generally. Shame to say some apology for a human being proceeded to utterly demolish it beyond repair. The firm offer a reward of \$10 for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

**18 June 1886; Red Oak Express:** Milford: Messrs. Vetter, Cary, and Smith have a new and bigger boat to take the place of the one lately destroyed. Vandals had better tread lightly around the new craft. She is a regular torpedo.

**11 November 1886; Review:** Milford: Frank Smith has rigged a sail on the "Aletha". She is now the fastest craft on the upper Nodaway.

**24 June 1887; Express:** Milford: Your correspondent availed himself of the opportunity offered him by D. Vetter to take a boat ride with him one day last week, on the picturesque Nodaway. We journeyed six or seven miles north-east ...

**11 May 1888; Sun:** Milford: Vetter and Carey has let the contract for a pleasure boat to Beals and Donahoe. The engines to be used are of the Armstrong pattern.

**20 June 1890; Review:** Milford: PROCLAMATION; There will be no syndicate organized and charter granted or boats purchased for the West Nodaway Steamship-Navigation Company until all the stipulated specifications are fully complied with, to wit: When the Hon. R. N. Lafferty shall, according to contract, hitch his \$600 mule team, which he says can pull anything, to one end of the aforesaid channel of the West Nodaway and straighten it, and in connection therewith, send us a good shower of rain. Then, and not till then, will we be ready for business. By order of the Mayor.

**26 June 1890; Review:** Milford: Uncle Fuller has gone away. It is rumored that he has gone to purchase a new steam boat to start his boat line.

**20 May 1892; Express:** Milford: Because of too much wet weather the gunboats are water lodged and the Syndicate has gone fishing ...

**10 June 1892; Sun;** Milford: The West Nodaway Interstate Steamship Navigation Company is to be pestered by competition. The firm name of the corporation will be known as the Conard Electric Float Co. One boat is now on the stocks all complete, only waiting an ebbing tide for a successful launching. She is a snug built craft of two tons burden, and will be seen principally in the interest of the Milford dam site. As she will navigate the pond will sport the very appropriate name of Ponderosa, will run to the upper rock quarry at the head of navigation, touching at all intermediate points, will carry the rough males, but no females (except in very calm weather) as that class of boats is not calculated to weather the trade winds.

**17 June 1892; Sun;** Milford: Navigation on the Nodaway has opened. The sloop of S. M. Smith has been on the skirmish line. It makes several trips daily to and from the stone quarry. No passengers allowed on the hurricane deck...

**1 July 1892; Express;** Milford: Milford will celebrate and don't you forget it, ... The day will open with a salute from the gunboats and field batteries. At sun up the West Nodaway Interstate will get up steam and prepare for excursion rates. ...

**8 July 1892; Red Oak Independent;** Milford: The great celebration at Milford has come and gone. ... The cowardly conduct of the West Nodaway Interstate Steamship Navigation Co. merits public exposure and criminal censure. Never showed up at all-day were afraid of the gunboats and land batteries. -the cowardly critters. The Conard Electric Float Co. done nobly. The ponderosa was pushed to her utmost capacity, in fact she strained her gizzard and sprung a leak in transposing artillery, ammunition, cannon, soldiers, musicians, camp-equipment, camp followers and munitions of war from the main land to the battle ground. ...

**8 July 1892; Sun;** Milford observed the Fourth in her usual grand style ... The passenger packet, Nancy Hanks, was in great demand. ...

*(Note: Seems to be two different stories here.)*

**20 August 1896; Review:** The Soldiers Reunion occurs at Milford ... this week ... Every arrangement has been made for the comfort and entertainment of visitors even to providing an excursion steamer carrying 30 people on the raging Nodaway, round trip of three miles.

**28 August 1896; Sun;** Milford: The steam boat built and owned by Frank and John Smith, running on the Nodaway river as a pleasure boat was a great attraction during the soldiers reunion here last week. The boat is of the side wheel pattern, is eight feet wide and twenty-two feet long, twelve feet to top of upper deck and is equipped with an engine of six horse power. The boat is guaranteed to safely carry twenty-five passengers. Thos. Rawlings was engineer. A big business was done during the reunion, the fare for the trip being ten cents.

**10 September 1896; Review:** The 4th Annual Fair at Villisca - ... There are a number of side amusement features and a novelty in the way of a steamboat on the Nodaway. ...

**11 September 1896; Express;** Milford: We understand that the steam boat from here will run in the Middle Nodaway at Villisca during the fair.

**2 July 1902; Review;** Grant: Milford will have plenty of shade, good speakers, fine music, lots of amusements and a steam boat to accommodate the passengers up the Nodaway the Fourth.

**16 July 1902; Red Oak Republican;** Milford: Elmer Smith has ordered a new engine for his steam boat.

**10 July 1903; Sun;** Milford: The 4th of July celebration at Milford this year was one of the best of the many good ones that town has had. ... S.E. Smith's steamboat, equipped with a new 6 horse upright boiler, plied back and forth on the river all day and had big patronage. ...It seemed to be the chief attraction in the way of amusements. ...



**16 August 1905; Sun;** Milford: Every day of the 13th annual Old Soldiers' Reunion will be a big day ... Elmer Smith's steamboat will navigate the Nodaway each day and evening. It has a carrying capacity for 20 grown persons or 30 children.

**17 August 1905; Elliott Graphic;** Grant: The heavy fog delayed steamboat traffic a little yesterday morning. The constant use of the fog horn and the cannon on the shore prevented any collisions. The Milford Roller Mills have shut down so the water will be deeper for the boats.

**18 August 1905; Express;** Grant: Thursday ... the steamboat was crowded to its utmost capacity all day and up till midnight.

**29 May 1908; Sun;** Grant: Frank and Carl Vetter are the proud owners of a fine new boat for use on the Nodaway river.

**8 June 1911; Chief:** ... We plan to celebrate the Fourth ... Drop your own celebration boys and come over to Grant. Plenty of shade, fishing, boat riding and a glorious sane Fourth.

### **MORE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FOUND AT THE LAST MINUTE**

**13 December 1877; Review:** Amidst this financial crisis . . . our cozy church is not without its misgivings. But while it stands with trembling gaze fixed upon the sherrif, the dear good ladies of our town came to the rescue with a week of Festivals . . . Come everybody and help.

**2 March 1882; Review:** Mr. Thos. Hallam, of Quitman, Mo., has rented Smith's mill at Milford...

**11 January 1884; Express;** Milford: Mrs. Cary, wife of our first assistant postmaster, was up to Lewis ...

**13 March 1885; Sun;** Grant: Orson DeWitt is conducting a pharmacy at Hart's old stand.

**8 May 1885; Express; Milford:** ... Mr. Cary, who has moved his stock of groceries into Blanchard's Hall, temporarily, has painted his counters and shelving.

**17 June 1886; Review;** Milford: Messrs. Cary, Vetter and Smith have built another craft, the "Dora", vice the "SWAMP ANGEL", destroyed by mid-night marauders sometime since. They launched the new cruiser last Thursday. It was

built by Frank Smith (Seth's Frank) of the firm and is a model for beauty, speed and strength. It is capable of carrying six or eight persons.

**15 July 1886; Review;** Milford: Geo. Cary sold his groceries to L.A. Chapman and has bought the stock of drugs recently owned by J.C. Ecker. He moved them into the post office building last Monday.

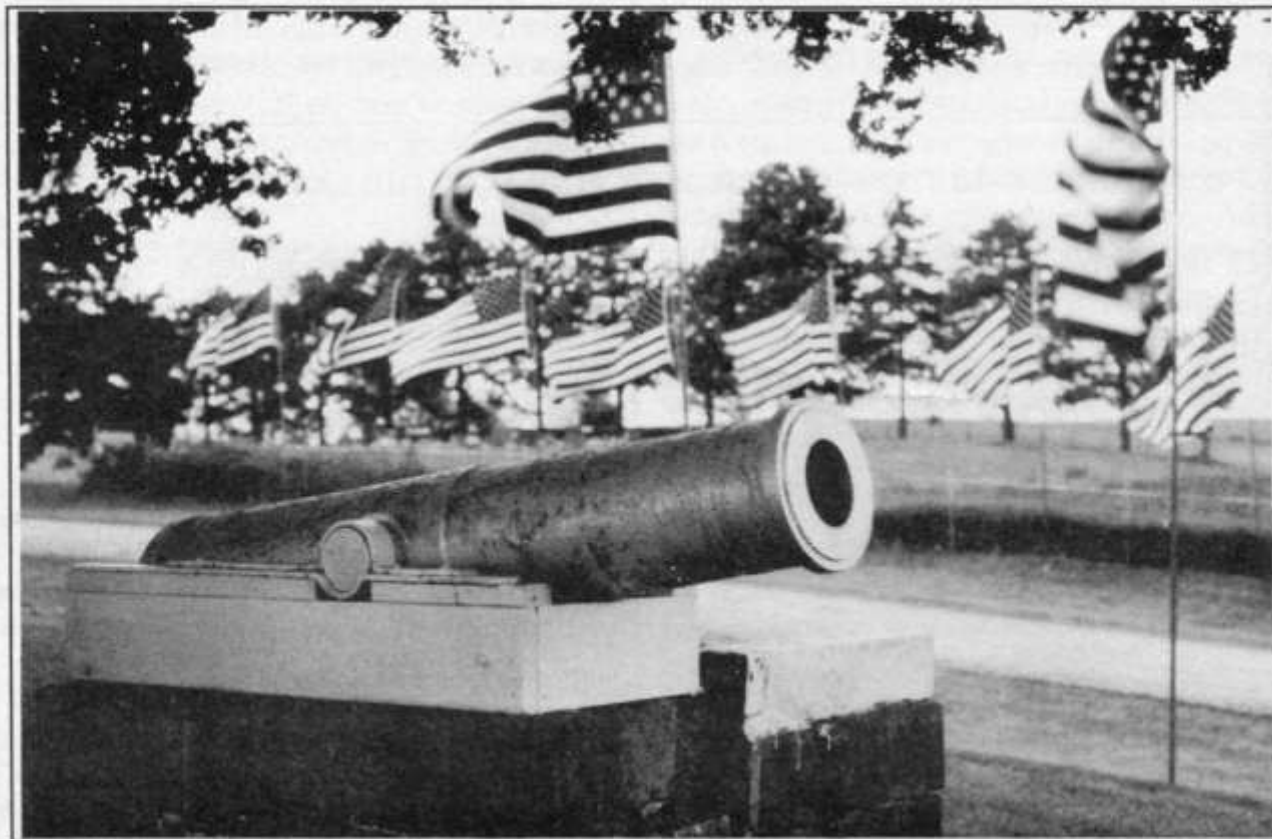
**21 April 1887; Review;** Milford: Orson DeWitt went to Omaha last Tuesday for a stock of goods for his wagon.

**28 June 1888; Review:** Judge Snider was the first to live on the land where William Stipe now lives . . .

**8 June 1939; Review:** ... the town of Grant took the Villisca fire truck. A total of \$200 in cash changed hands at the city hall Tuesday p.m. and the 14 year-old truck, which was driven a total of 500 miles during its years of service, was led away as several firemen stood silently shedding tears at the loss of an old friend. Treat the old girl kindly gentlemen from Grant.



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*Photo provided courtesy of Theron Shafer*

***The GAR's cannon at its permanent site in the Grant Cemetery.***



# Boom!

**8 July 1892; Red Oak Sun:** Milford observed the 4th in her usual grand style. ... The crowning feature of the day was the sham battle. ... The rebels seemed to be on the winning side, ... but owing to the dogged tenacity of Artillery Commander Rhue the seeming victory was turned into defeat. ... Gen. Matthews ordered a transportation of the prisoners of war on board of a gun boat which happily had come to his rescue. ...

**26 April 1895; Red Oak Express;** Milford: The admiral and the colonel are anxious to take the battery down to Buzzard's Bay to keep the mosquitoes off of Grover while fishing. A little chain lightening, grape and canister would be death to the mosquitoes and perhaps stop the accumulation of the national debt.

*(Note: I have no idea what they were firing, but these items introduce the idea that the GAR boys liked to play with guns.)*

**11 June 1897; Express;** Milford: The GAR Post has ordered a big cannon.

**13 August 1897; Red Oak Express;** Milford: Say, if anybody hears a big noise and the earth trembles don't get alarmed, it is only the big gun going off here. The GAR have got their cannon. It weighs 1500 pounds and takes 15 pounds of powder to load it.

**19 August 1897; Villisca Review:** The GAR post at Milford has recently received a cannon, a 24 pounder, from the war department and will use it in firing salutes on celebration days, reunions, etc.

**20 August 1897; Red Oak Sun;** Milford: The cannon recently received by the GAR post weighs 1480 pounds and has a 5 3/4 inch bore. The post take it to the soldiers reunion at Cumberland.

*(Note: History of Grant; page 29: the cannon ... was shipped from the old fort at San Francisco, by the war department. It was loaned, not given. It is a 5 1/2 inch siege gun used to throw shells into the enemy camp. It explodes a 32 pound shell. It takes five pounds of powder to load and it carries four miles.)*

**20 May 1898; Red Oak Sun;** Milford: The GAR boys took the big cannon out west of town one evening last week and fired it three times in celebration of Commodore Dewey's great victory in Manila Bay. Six pounds of powder was used in each load, properly compressed with wet paper and sod. The report of the gun was heard at Elliott and Cumberland.

**10 July 1903; Sun;** Milford: The 4th of July celebration at Milford this year was one of the best of the many good ones the town has had. A national salute was given at sunrise by Messrs. Rhue and Weston. ...

**8 July 1904; Villisca Review;** Milford: Admiral Rhue thought to waken the town in the fore noon of the Fourth, accordingly he loaded a cannon with powder and touched it off. As a result, he has four large windows in the Seth Smith house to replace. ... moral: beware of cannon.

**15 September 1904; Villisca Review;** Milford: Mr. Rhue and Mr. Cozad took the cannon to Mt. Etna to the reunion.

**10 August 1905; Elliott Graphic;** Grant: Admiral Rhue will have charge of the heavy artillery during the reunion and you need not be surprised to be awakened by the booming of the cannon each morning at sunrise.

**17 August 1905; Elliott Graphic;** Grant: The heavy fog delayed steam boat traffic a little yesterday morning. The constant use of the fog horn and the cannon on shore prevented any collisions.

**20 July 1906; Sun;** Milford: The cannon which belongs to Dick Rouet post, G.A.R., at Milford weighs 1400 pounds ... It was shipped from San Francisco to the post here several years ago. The freight on it was over \$40. Geo. Rhue and Mr. Weston are old gunners and one or the other of them is always with the cannon when it is in use. It was used at the soldiers' reunion here last year and at the 4th of July celebration at Elliott this year. It will be in use at the soldiers' reunion at Elliott next month. Before that time the frame work of the cannon will be rebuilt.

**30 August 1906; Elliott Graphic;** The first day of the (Elliott) reunion brought out an unusually large crowd ... Admiral Rhue always starts the ball to rolling with his big cannon.

**29 August 1907; Villisca Review;** The opening of the Cass and Montgomery countys Old Veterans reunion at Villisca takes place today, Wednesday, August 28 ... The firing of the cannon will be in charge of Admiral Rhue of Grant who states that each day during the reunion there will be a salute at sunrise, two o'clock p.m. and sunset. The first salute was heard Tuesday evening ...

**18 June 1909; Red Oak Sun;** Milford - Much interest has recently been shown in Dick Rouet post no. 472 G.A.R., of Milford, owing to its activity in raising money for the erection of a handsome soldiers' monument, ... An old howitzer cannon, now in keeping of George Rhue, will be placed near the monument.

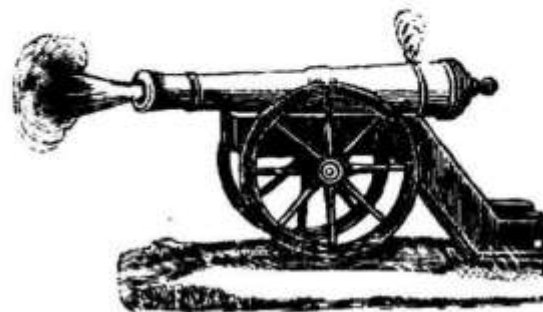
**3 June 1910; Sun;** Grant: The cannon which belongs to Dick Rouet post G.A.R. has been mounted on a cement base on the soldiers' lot in the cemetery.

**17 November, 1918; Grant Chief;** When word came last Thursday that Germany had surrendered, Grant waked up and began to celebrate in a proper manner ... The old cannon from the civil war and shotguns roared and roared, bells rang and people yelled ...

**21 November, 1918; Grant Chief;** Grant's delegation that attended the celebration at Red Oak last Thursday was a large one. About 40 automobiles were in line when we entered the county seat and we had a pe-rade all of our own. Kaiser Bill was sitting in the back end of McClain's truck facing Admiral Rhue's 15 inch cannon and attracted considerable notice.

*(Note: That was the last mention found of the cannon. Probably it was the last time it was taken from the cemetery. Ed Weeks says that they were concerned about the safety that time, and used very weak charges of powder.*

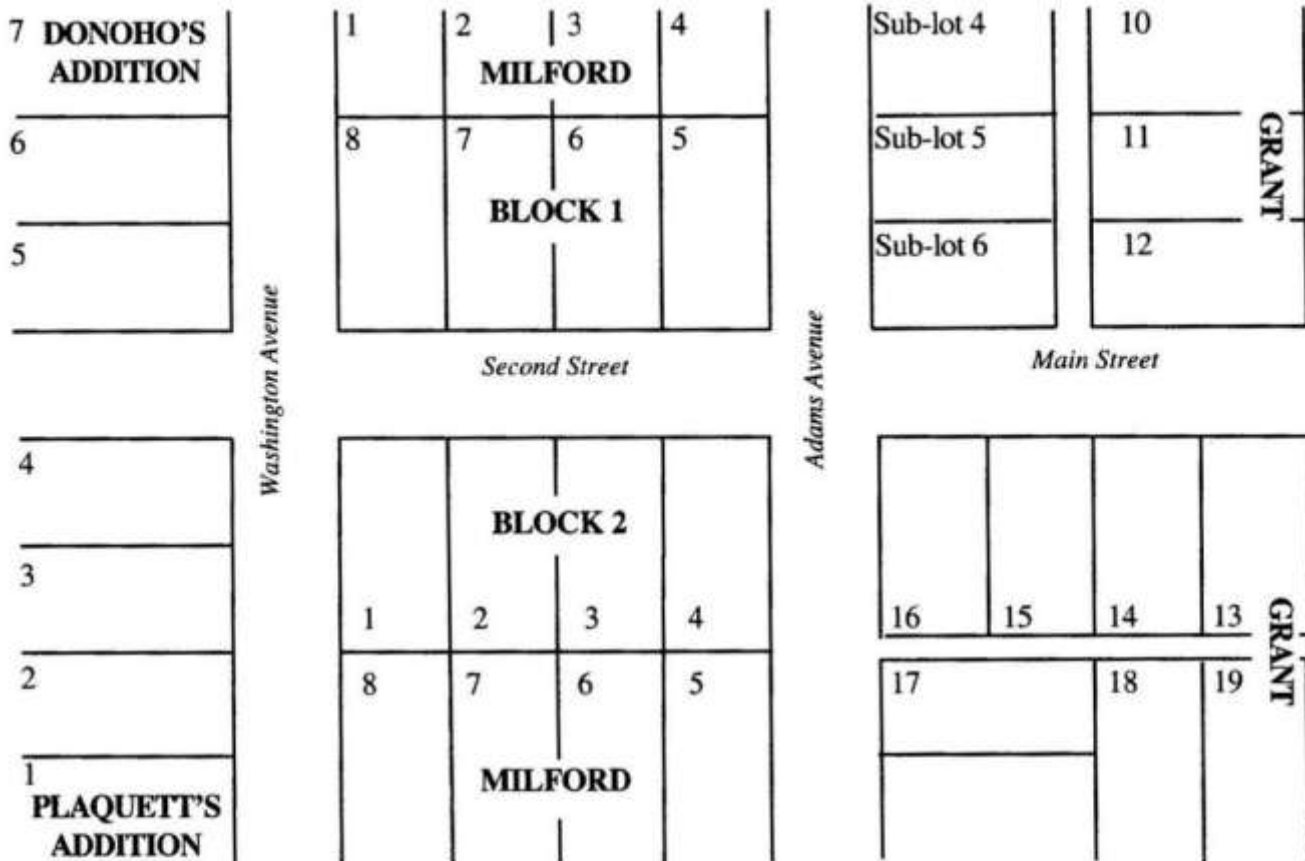
*There is a sad postscript to this "military" history of Grant. In the summer of 1993 vandals removed the cannon from its base and took it from the cemetery. After nearly a century as a part of Grant, the old gun is gone. What a shame!)*





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## Block Layout of Downtown Grant, Iowa



## Locating Grant's Businesses

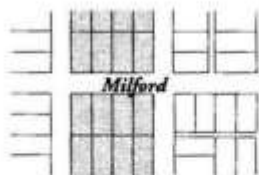
Determining the locations of early Milford businesses has been difficult at best and sometimes impossible. The plat of Milford was filed 29 June, 1858, by Thomas Donoho. The first deed recorded the sale of that plat to Samuel M. Smith in 1859. Business houses were constructed on the various lots, sometimes by Smith, but frequently by the proprietor of the business. Those buildings were bought, sold and sometimes even moved, leaving no record of the transaction. The same practices were followed in the additions to the town as they were platted.

Milford, as a village, was slow to develop. In 1861, Smith deeded land for a school house to the board of education. It was 1869 before the next deed was made: the Allards bought Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2. In 1867, Isadore Plaquet bought ten acres and opened a store, but his land wasn't platted then.

After 1870 businesses began to appear in Milford. By 1875, there was a drug store, hardware, harness shop, hotel, millinery shop, a doctor's office, a cabinet shop, the mill, two blacksmith shops, and two or three grocery, or general stores. It is impossible to say when some of these businesses opened, who owned them, or where they were, as there are no deeds. That state of affairs continued, in some cases, until after 1900.

I have consulted everything but a Ouija board in trying to solve these puzzles. The following pages contain the results of my research on the businesses of "downtown" Milford/Grant.





## MILFORD

date of plat: 29 June 1858

### LOT 1; BLOCK 1

1871: The Baptists bought from S.M. Smith the south half of the lot, and built a parsonage.

1874: The Methodists bought the north half of the lot. Tradition says their parsonage was built in 1869.

1875: The Baptists sold their property to S.M. Smith.

1875: To Amos Warfield

1881: To Henry Howard

1892: To Ellen G. Cary

### LOT 6; BLOCK 1

23 October 1901; Bk. 21:25: S.M. Smith to Masons, Sub-lot 1 ...

Sub-division of Lot 6 was filed 25 Oct. 1901. The Masons bought the southwest corner, and erected a building on it. In February 1917 they bought another portion of Lot 6, making their property 36x132.

At different times various persons or businesses rented space in the Masonic Hall. They included the following:

1902: Ada Warfield; millinery

1906: Hardin jewelry

1915: After the big fire in October, Schuler hardware was in the Masonic building until the first of May.

September 1917: office of the Chief

January 1927: After J.F. Mueller's store burned, he conducted his business in the rear of the Masonic building until his new store was built.

March 1928: Mrs. Seymour Enarson will conduct a bake shop and restaurant in the front rooms...

August 1929: Girls' 4-H club met in the front part of the hall.

1974: The Masonic Order merged with the Griswold lodge. The hall was given to the Legion Auxiliary.

1991: Andrea Holldorf bought the hall, and plans to have a craft shop there.

In 1908, Samuel Elmer Smith bought the east 30 feet of Sub-Lot 2. He sold it to Milo Ling in 1915.

Other owners have been A.A. Carlton, R.A. Wilson, Mrs. John Wilcox, Maud Brown, a Thompson.

### LOT 7; BLOCK 1

19 October 1875: Amos Warfield bought Lot 7 from S.M. Smith. (also Lot 8 and the south half of Lot 1) The Warfields went bankrupt, and in 1878 the Sheriff sold Lot 7 to J.H. Merrill, who sold it to Henry Howard in Nov. 1881.

There is no record of the erection of a building on Lot 7, but that is probably the "new store room" that Howard moved into in July, 1884. Howard was the post master and no doubt the office was in his store.

4 January 1887: Howard sold the stock from his store on Lot 7, Block 1, to J.R. Edmonds, trustee. (Miscellaneous Records) In March 1887, Mort Carpenter purchased the stock, and apparently moved into the building.

23 September 1887; Express; Milford: The store room formerly occupied by M. J. Carpenter has been moved onto a lot across the street ... 6 years delinquent taxes.

In 1892, J.H. Merrill acquired the lot again by tax sale, and sold it to the GAR. They built a hall on the west 27 feet of the east 44 feet. In later years the GAR said that the hall was built in 1890, but it doesn't seem likely. The Sons of Veterans also met in the hall.

It isn't known if there were other buildings on the lot when the GAR purchased it, but the location they used suggests that structures already occupied each corner.

In 1911 an addition was built on the north side of the hall to house the Chief office.

The American Legion was organized in January 1920. They met in the GAR hall until they erected a building of their own.

Nothing further was found concerning Lot 7 until late 1900, when Ed Duff erected a building in the southwest corner of the lot. In May 1902, Duff sold the store to T.R. Westrope. Westrope built a new



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store across the street, and in March 1903, the meat market moved into the old Westrope building.

Judging by the rapid turnover of proprietors, the meat market wasn't too profitable.

1903: John Alcorn

1904: Jim Paulin

1905: George Selby

1907: Howard Gilchrist

1907: Blackburn & Kilpatrick bought it and rented to Amos Paullin.

1908: John West

1908: Rollie Smith; he moved the shop to a building south of the bank.

1909: Hughes & Sons paint shop

1910: John Rhul; meat market again.

1910: Ed Bennett

1910: Amos Paullin

In November 1914 Paullin moved the building to the east half of the lot where the garage was, later known as the Jones hall. Then the GAR hall was moved onto the site where the meat market had been.

March 1921: the GAR hall was deeded to Sons of Veterans Camp # 157.

June 1930: Girls' 4-H met in the hall.

The building was used as a town hall; during WW II it was the ration office. In the late '50s, it was sold to Maurice Proctor of Lyman, who tore it down.

In June 1901, Oscar Almonson built a barber shop east of the GAR hall, in the southeast corner of Lot 7.

3 November 1905: Miner will run a restaurant where the barber shop was.

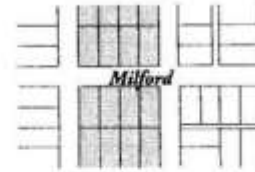
April 1906: Bert Porter bought the Minard restaurant building and the barber shop will be moved into the building.

1910: J. Higgins

April 1912: Wilbur Casey sold the barber shop to J.R. Malcom.

May 1912: John Bryant has purchased the barber shop.

November 1914: John Bryant bought the east 44 feet of Lot 7, which included the site of the barber shop.



After the big fire of October 1915, the Atlantic Produce Co. had their office in the barber shop. They discontinued business, and in May 1916, the post office was moved into the building.

May 1917: Bryant moved his barber shop back into his building.

1919: Alvin Finch sold the barber business to Chase Priest.

1922: Priest bought the barber shop property.

1923: Raymond Linder bought the property and business.

Others who operated the shop included Byron Blackburn, Ross Parke (1935-1941), and Jim Sprague. No date has been found for the closing of the barber shop. The building was torn down about 1960 by Duane Redmon.

In November 1914 the GAR sold to John L. Bryant the east 44 feet of the south 102 feet of Lot 7, which included the barber shop site. The north 30 feet of the lot was sold to George Cary. In 1933 Mrs. Cary sold that strip to the Masonic Lodge.

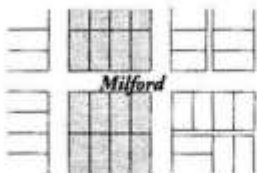
In the fall of 1915, Bryant constructed a building between the barber shop and the GAR hall. In January 1916, he opened a restaurant in half of the building. In June, Fred Bliss purchased the restaurant. In November of the same year, Lucy Ackerman took over the restaurant. In December, Bryant moved his barber shop into the west half of the building.

April 1, 1917: Mrs. Ackerman leased the whole Bryant building. She stayed only until July, when Bryant took over.

February 1918: Bryant sold the property to J. W. Ashbaugh, who moved his stock from the George Cary building to the new location.

October 1929: Madge Ashbaugh installed a dress making shop in the west room of Ashbaugh's store.

August 1930: Madge and Jennie Ashbaugh opened the A & A Cafe in half the Ashbaugh building.



December 1933: The post office has been moved to the east part of Jennie Ashbaugh's cafe.

October 1935: The post office has been moved to Bender's store.

May 1939: George Westerlunds took charge of the cafe.

In April 1940 Albert W. Bender bought the Ashbaugh property and had a second story added as living quarters. He moved his grocery stock and the post office into the building.

Other owners of the building include: Elmer Krohn, 1945; Gilbert Rogers, 1947; B.F. George, 1948; Mary Redmond, 1960; and Billy Lee and Shirley Christiansen, July 1991.

#### LOT 8; BLOCK 1

Tradition says that in 1856 or '57, Samuel M. Smith built a house of native lumber on land that belonged to Thomas Donoho. When Donoho filed the plat for the village of Milford, the Smith residence was on Lot 8, Block 1. When the Legion Hall was built in 1921, the workmen dug up part of the foundation of the old house.

In 1871, S.M. Smith sold the south half of Lot 1 to the Baptist church. The deal included the north ten feet of Lot 8. The tract was sold back to Smith in 1875.

In October 1875, Smith sold Lots 7, 8 and the south half of Lot 1 to Amos Warfield. In January 1876, Warfield Brothers opened a store in the southwest corner of Lot 8. A few months later the firm was bankrupt, and the southwest quarter of Lot 8, including the store building, passed back into Smith's hands. The rest of the Warfield property was sold in July 1878, by the Sheriff. J.H. Merrill & Company bought it, as they did much similar property in Milford.

S.M. Smith operated the store, and in August 1877 built a 20x22 addition on the north end.

In January 1878, Henry Howard became a partner in the store. On 13 July, 1881, the firm of Smith

& Howard was dissolved, and Howard bought Smith's half of the stock and movable fixtures. George T. Cary came to Milford in 1882 and operated a grocery store. Kate Givan wrote that it was this store.

In July 1884, John H. Warfield moved into the building, and ran the store until May 1885 when he sold it to L.A. Chapman of Stanton. Chapman hired a young man named David Vetter to run the store.

In July 1887 D. Vetter bought the Chapman business, and owned it until October 1941.

10 May 1889, Vetter was appointed post master, but served only about three months. He was reappointed to the office 2 September 1890, and held the office until August, 1894. He was again appointed in 1898, and served until 1914.

Sam Smith still owned the building, and in August 1898, he erected an addition on the east side to provide space for the post office.

In July 1902, Vetter bought the southwest quarter of Lot 8, including the store building, from Smith. In November 1913, Lot 8 was sub-divided and Vetter purchased sub-lot 1 from George T. Cary.

Vetter sold the store property and business in October 1941, to his daughter, Fern Zappe. In September 1950, Grace Wohlenhaus became the owner, and is still operating the store.

In November 1881 J.H. Merrill sold to Henry Howard the south half of Lots 1 and 2, Lot 7, and all of Lot 8 except the southwest quarter.

9 August 1889; Sun; Milford: O. DeWitt has taken charge as post master and has moved the office into a cubby-hole of a building he had erected especially for it just east of Vetter's store.

By November 1892, Merrill & Co. had regained title to the Howard property. 18 November 1892, George T. Cary bought all of Lot 8 except the southwest quarter. It seems that Cary had taken possession of the lot by September 1891 when he erected a fence across the front. In April 1892, he was building something. It was probably the store where he conducted his drug business until 1901. Cary was post master from 1894 to 1898, so the post office was there, too.

29 September 1921, Cary sold to the American Legion a plot 28x75 in the southeast corner of Lot 8. A building was erected that fall.

J.B. (Shorty) Christensen was a butcher. After he came to Grant, he sold meat and groceries from a

peddler's wagon. In July 1927, Christensen opened a butcher shop and grocery store in the Legion hall. The Legion confined their activities to the basement.

In January 1928, Christensen sold his stock of groceries to Ralph Gottsche, then bought it back a year later. In August 1931, Christensen sold his business to H.F. Porter, but soon had it back again.

In June 1935, Albert S. Bender took possession of the Christensen store. Bender was appointed post master, and the post office was moved to his store building. In August 1940, Bender purchased the Ashbaugh building and moved his store and the post office to that location.

The Legion building was used as a community center for several years. In 1979, Ron Swartz tore it down. The lot is now owned by the city of Grant.

#### LOT 1; BLOCK 2

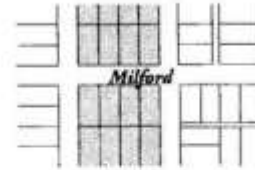
On 21 August 1869, S.M. Smith sold to David and Alonzo Allard Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2. The Allards built a house in the northwest corner of the lot, and a small store building just south of the house. When the Allards sold the property in 1875, it was reported as the Milford Hotel, and no mention was made of a store. From that time until the hotel was torn down in 1922, there was a long list of owners and/or operators.

- 1869: Allard store
- 1875: G.V. Close; Hotel
- 1877: J.G. Andrews
- 1877: Sarah Frakes
- 1879: Catherine Caywood
- 1879: Orson DeWitt
- 1879: Battles
- 1880: S.D. Viers
- 1880: A. Leroux

In 1880, a problem arose concerning ownership of the hotel property, which resulted in a court hearing. The case was listed as F.H. Jerome vs. C.E. Caywood and wife, A. Leroux and wife, Orson DeWitt and S.D. Viers.

In August 1880 the sheriff sold the property at auction to Jerome for \$423.50. The certificate of sale was assigned by Jerome to Paul Evault and by Evault to Hercules Barrett, Jr.

- 1881: Hercules Barrett, Jr.



- 1881: Thomas Reed
- 1881: W.J. Davis
- 1882: Sophia Hart. Tradition says that James M. Hart tore down the Allard store and built an addition to the hotel, but no date has been found for this.
- 1885: W.H. Wells
- 1885: Allen Walker
- 1886: James Hart
- 1886: Lincoln Long
- 1888: J.M. Emmert
- 1889: B.L. Blackburn
- 1892: Means
- 1893: B.L. Blackburn
- 1900: George Hawkins
- 1901: Oscar Almonson
- 1902: John Larson
- 1903: James Bridwell
- 1905: B.L. McCue
- 1906: J. Hendrickson
- 1906: Aleda Smith
- 1906: Jesse C. Ware
- 1906: Frank Smith
- 1906: B.F. Cozad
- 1907: Lon Carlton
- 1910: Fred Bliss
- 1911: Milo Ling
- 1911: Lucy Ackerman
- 1911: Colonel Lafferty
- 1912: Lucy Ackerman
- 1914: M.T. Croft
- 1915: Loudon
- 1916: Lucy Ackerman

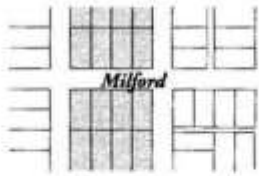
In March 1917, Mrs. Ackerman left the hotel. I didn't find who replaced her.

- 1919: Lucy Ackerman
- \_\_\_\_: Nick Fisher

A Cocklin bought the property and in November 1922 razed the hotel. He put in a Purity Oil Company gas station. Other owners: W.S. Hickcox and Elver Shafer.

In 1889 B.L. Blackburn built a livery barn, and ran it in connection with his hotel. In May 1911, he





rented the barn to a Neely.

12 April 1912; Sun; Grant: Wm. Lafferty is the new proprietor of the Midway livery barn ...

9 August 1913; Sun; Grant: Will Lafferty has sold his livery barn to Dr. D.J. Chalmers and the latter is now conducting a hospital for horses and a feed yard at the place.

June 1914: A.A. Carlton and son Maurice leased the livery stable and will conduct a harness and shoe repairing business.

1920: Jay Askey

The livery barn was torn down in 1921.

The fire station now occupies the northwest corner of Lot 1. It was built in 1954.

In 1906 Lincoln Hunt bought the northeast corner of Lot 1. He sold it to A.A. Carlton in 1909. David J. Chalmers came to Grant in 1911, but I don't know where his office was. In a picture taken around 1905 that corner was empty. A 1915 picture shows a small building there. It was similar to Doc's office, but may not be the same one. In 1923, D.J. Chalmers bought all of Lot 1 except the northwest corner (43x92).

Doc's office is now the mayor's office. The town of Grant owns all of the north part of Lot 1. Ron Swartz owns the south 40 feet. It is part of the Hay Loft property.

## LOT 2; BLOCK 2

The 1875 Andreas Atlas shows a building labeled "Drugstore" between the hotel and the store building on the east end of the block, but it is impossible to tell if it was on Lot 2 or Lot 3.

In 1869, the Allards bought Lots 1 and 2, Block 2. Both lots were sold to George V. Close in January 1875. On 27 February 1877 Sarah Frakes bought both lots. That same day, Sarah sold to J.J. Radabaugh the east 57 feet of the North 87 feet of Lot 2, for \$300. Surely the price indicates that there was a building there.

1878: Sample Hamilton, whose tin shop may have been there.

1879: Simon D. Viers

1880: Orson DeWitt

1884: James M. Hart. He built a house on the lot and lived in it.

1887: John Cary. His brother George Cary lived in the house.

Sarah Frakes died and in February 1879, her heirs sold Lots 1 and 2 (exception) to Catherine Caywood. In October 1879, the Caywoods sold the lots to Orson DeWitt.

January 1880: Simeon D. Viers

April 1880: Alex Laroux. Lot 1 and west 9 feet of Lot 2.

August 1881: Hercules Barrett, Jr. Sheriff's deed.

November 1881: Viers

January 1882: Sophia Hart

October 1885: Quit Claim; W.J. Davis

May 1888: E.C. Wilhelm; Treasurer's Deed

May 1888: J.M. Emmert; Lot 1 and west half Lot 2

June 1888: John C.W. Cary; west half Lot 2. Cary then owned all of Lot 2.

March 1894: all of Lot 2 to B.L. Blackburn

August 1897: Martin Cozad

October 1902: Thomas R. Westrope. The B.F. Cozad home, which stood on the east side of the lot, was moved to the southwest corner of Block 2. Westrope erected a two-story building where he conducted a general store.

1909: R.G. Sutton

1910: Harper & Keeran.

June 1910: Walter Mulholland bought and operated the store.

September 1911: Security Land & Trust; east 39 1/2 feet Lot 2.

January 1912: Edward P. Bennett; east part Lot 2.

March 1912: Charles Kilpatrick; east part Lot 2.

December 1914: J.W. Ashbaugh; east part Lot 2

In September 1913 Mulholland traded his stock of merchandise to Jay King. In February 1914 John Smart bought the goods and operated the store. In March 1915 the store was destroyed by fire.

J.W. Ashbaugh had bought the property in December 1914, and the Ashbaugh family owned the east 39 1/2 feet of the lot until 1944.

April 1912: Mulholland to Milo Ling; west 26 1/2



feet Lot 2.

5 April 1912; Sun; Grant: A new frame building is being built on the lot next to Mulholland's store. Long & Co, produce merchants, will occupy the building.

February 1913: Bert Porter and Juddie Ashbaugh purchased the Long Produce building and used it for their real estate and insurance office. After the fire of October 1915, the bank reopened in the insurance office, and then the building was moved to the bank lot.

February 1914: H.A. Workman Q.C. to Milo Ling; west 26 1/2 feet Lot 2.

1924: H.A. Workman erected a brick building for his drug store. He operated the business until 1948.

1945: J.E. Brown acquired the full lot.

22 December 1961: J.E. Brown to Elver Shafer

7 May 1975: Elver Shafer to C. Driver

16 October 1979: C. Driver to E. Weeks

### LOT 3; BLOCK 2

In September 1874, Samuel M. Smith sold Lots 3 and 4, Block 2, to John H. Warfield. Warfield sold both lots to Simon and Hiram Maine in September 1875. Other owners of both lots were Henry Pope, 1880; G.V. Close, 1881; Adam Adams, 1881.

It isn't known when a building was erected on Lot 3. A news item of November 1883, says that Henry Howard had fixed up his ware room as a hall. Perhaps that was the drug store of 1875. The structure became known as Howard's Hall.

In January 1888, Corbin & Scoggin opened a general store in the Howard building.

Adams held title until 1889 when he sold Lot 3 to B.L. Blackburn. About six weeks later Blackburn sold the property to the Masonic Lodge. The Masons added a second story which they used as a lodge room, and the lower floor was available as a public hall. In 1893 the Baptists rented the room for Sunday services. In 1898, there was a harness shop in the building.

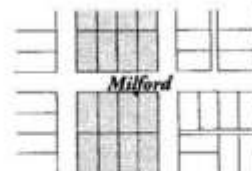
In 1901, S.M. Smith bought the property, and Smith & Waterman Hardware store was opened. Smith built an addition to the structure.

1901 or 1902: Waterman & Wyman

1902: Porter & Waterman; also Dietrich shoe shop.

1905: Porter & Coziah

August 1905: Coziah & Redmon



October 1909: Louis C. Schuler. Schuler bought the lot (except east 12 feet) and store.

4 August 1911; Express; Grant: L.C. Schuler is having a room built on the west part of his store.

Schuler was still operating the store when it burned in October 1915.

January 1920: The Red Oak Auto Co. bought Lot 3 (except east 12 feet) and built a garage.

March 1923: John Imel

July 1926: Abraham R. Marsh

April 1928: G.E. Stinemates

December 1946: Earl Spiker

February 1952: H. Olson and H. Campbell

April 1958: Earl Spiker

February 1973: Swartz and Holldorf

October 1981: Don Chase

### East 12 feet of Lot 3

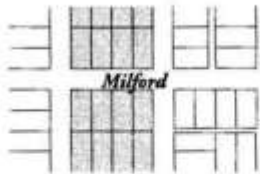
This long narrow lot has been a problem. It was 12 feet wide by 132 feet long. The peculiar dimensions of this sub-lot, and the fact that it was sold with Sub-Lot 3; Lot 4, would seem to indicate that a building occupied land on each side of the lot line. No record of such a structure has been found. A news item of 1902 stated that S.M. Smith was going to erect a business building between the bank and the hardware store. The furniture store was already there, so he must have laid out the two narrow strips for another building. A 1906 news item listed businesses as bank, furniture store, hardware store, but in 1915 there was another building in that area, so perhaps it was on the back of the lot.

The fire of October 1915 destroyed a building belonging to Ernie Dotson, agent for the Atlantic Produce Company. It must have been the one on the two long narrow strips. The structure was not replaced.

December 1908: S.M. Smith to Samuel Elmer Smith; E 12 ft. Lot 3; Sub Lot 3 and 4 of Lot 4

September 1911: Milo Ling; ... East 12 feet Lot 3 ...

April 1913: Ling Quit Claim to Ed. S. Montgomery;



south 58 feet of east 12 feet.

September 1913: Montgomery to H.L. Johnson; south 58 feet ...

February 1914: Johnson to C.H. Frame; east 12 feet Lot 3

November 1914: Frame to R.F. Tyler; south 58 feet of east 12 feet Lot 3

December 1914: Montgomery QC to Frame north 74 feet Lot 3

December 1916: Montgomery QC to Ling; north 74 feet of east 12 feet Lot 3

July 1940: Montgomery QC to Town of Grant east 12 feet of north 74 feet

February 1946: Tyler to Redman; south 58 feet of east 12 feet

*See sub-lot 3 of Lot 4.*

#### **LOT 4; BLOCK 2**

About 1870 Samuel M. Smith built and ran a store in the northeast corner of Lot 4. 29 September 1874, Smith sold Lots 3 and 4 to John H. Warfield. In September 1875, Warfield sold both lots to Simon and Hiram Maine. They operated the store until October 1879, when Simon N. Maine sold his interest in the property to Hiram Maine.

In April 1880 Hiram Maine sold the lots and store to Henry Pope. Pope acquired a partner named Lockwood. In November 1880 the store burned, and Pope sold the lots to George V. Close in March 1881. In May 1881 Close was proprietor of the Milford store. There is no record of when the building was erected.

In August 1881, Close traded the store to Adam Adams, who sold the building to an Evault. In July, 1883 Adams sold Lot 4 to J.M. McDonald. There was a controversy over the ownership and O.S. Kipp was appointed as commissioner to sell the lot. It was sold in December 1884 to E. Blanchard. The building, known as Blanchard's Hall, burned in September, 1886. It was considered arson. The ground floor was vacant at the time. The Masons rented the second floor.

Samuel M. Smith bought Lot 4 in May 1889. In 1902 he divided the lot into four sub-divisions.

#### **Sub-lot 1; Lot 4; Block 2**

Sub-Lot 1 was the east 25 feet of the north 58 feet of Lot 4.

In May 1902, Wilcox & Pipher bought Sub-lot 1, and erected a bank building. The basement, the second floor and the back rooms on the main floor were rental property; the tenants included:

1903: Herbert Goble; dentist

1904: Drs. Scott & Coakley

1905: barber shop

1907: barber shop; Modern Woodmen

1910: Lewis, dentist

1915: Dr. Perley, dentist; Stewart & Smith, restaurant

The bank burned in October 1915, and the officials moved a small building from Lot 2 onto the bank property to use as a bank while rebuilding. In 1917 the building was used as a registration office for the WW I draft.

The bank closed in September 1930. The property was sold in 1932 to L.D. Foote, who sold it to Milo Ling. Then Loren Foote bought it from Ling's daughter. In 1948, Louis Spiker bought the lot. Other owners were Ayres and Hoye.

In 1933, Browns' Hatchery was in the bank building. The structure was razed in 1975.

#### **Sub-lot 2; Lot 4; Block 2**

Sub-Lot 2 was the east 33 feet of the west 41 feet of the north 58 feet of Lot 4.

Early in 1902; S.M. Smith sold Sub-lot 2 to Charles F. Sumner, who erected a building and opened a furniture store. That same fall he sold to E.A. Scholz, who immediately sold to Thomas A. Tice. In 1904 George W. Parham became the owner, followed by Aleda D. Smith, wife of Frank.

In 1906 Lula Kenworthy purchased the property. She sold it to Fred W. Kenworthy in 1913, then bought the lot in February 1916, after the fire. The Kenworthys erected a new building; they retained title to it until 1944 when it was sold to C.F. Jarvis. The Jarvis family sold it to Don Brown in 1952, and in 1958, Brown sold to Ayres.

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There were a number of businesses housed in the building at various times. The list included:

March 1903: Guy Waterman; restaurant in west half.  
November 1903: Earl Courcier bought restaurant  
May 1904: J.W. Houchin, restaurant  
September 1904: Fred Houchin, restaurant  
September 1905: Minard, pool hall, restaurant  
September 1905: E. Bennett bought building  
December 1905: Frank Smith, restaurant  
April 1906: Frank Kenworthy, restaurant and barber shop  
October 1907: Leonard Chew, restaurant, pool hall, barber shop.  
1909: Frank Kenworthy, bowling alley  
June 1909: Walter Mulholland, restaurant and pool hall  
1909: Higgins, barber shop  
January 1910: Colonel Lafferty, restaurant  
October 1915: At the time of the fire- Kenworthy, pool hall; Fleharty, restaurant.  
1916: Frank Kenworthy, basement, pool hall  
1916: Workman Drug Store  
1919: Pioneer restaurant: R.A. Bacon, Tom Wheeler, Frank Kenworthy.  
By 1930: C. F. Jarvis, store  
The building was razed in 1975.

### Sub-Lot 3; Lot 4; Block 2

Sub-Lot 3, on the west side of Lot 4, was 8 feet east and west by 58 feet north and south. The peculiar dimensions of Sub-Lot 3, and the fact that it was sold with the 12 foot strip of Lot 3 would seem to indicate that a building occupied land on each side of the lot line. See East 12 feet of Lot 3.

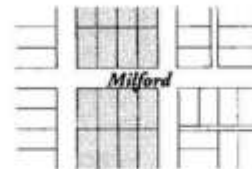
In December 1908 S.M. Smith sold to Elmer Smith Sub-Lots 3 and 4 of Lot 4, plus the east 12 feet of Lot 3.

September 1911: Elmer Smith to Milo Ling  
1941: Mary Ling Carson QC to town of Grant

### Sub-Lot 4; Lot 4; Block 2

Sub-Lot 4 was the south half of Lot 4.

1902: S.M. Smith to J.W. Houchin; south 30x54.  
1905: Houchin to J.W. Winter



1907: Winter to Lucian Powell  
1909: Powell to Winter  
March 1909: Winter to Elmer Smith. Rollie Smith moved his meat market into the Winter building.  
January 1911: Elmer Smith to Harry V. Barnes; east 58 feet of the south 58 feet. Barnes built a carpenter shop.  
April 1912: Barnes to Edw. S. Montgomery  
September 1913: Montgomery to H.L. Johnson; south 58 feet of SL 4 (and of Lot 3).  
February 1914: Johnson to C.H. Frame; south 58 feet SL 4  
November 1914: Frame to Tyler; south 58 feet of SL 4 and south 58 feet of east 12 feet of Lot 3.

When Tylers bought Lot 4 they opened a produce house, with Bob Bacon as proprietor. I don't know if the business was in the Barnes carpenter shop. The building burned in October 1915, and Tylers immediately erected a new building of tile blocks. I don't know when the business closed. The building was used as a residence for a time, and about 1935, Brown's Hatchery was there.

February 1946: Harry Tyler to Duane Redmon.





**DONOHO'S ADDITION**  
Plat filed 20 August 1875

**LOT 5; BLOCK 3**

- 20 September 1875: E.E. Donoho to Margaret Holmes  
15 October 1877: M. Holmes to Aldrich Lockwood  
20 November 1883: Lockwood to John H. Warfield  
30 July 1884, Telephone: . . . Mr. Warfield will move his old store room back and convert it into a dwelling.  
31 March 1890: Warfield to W. F. Scoggin  
17 January 1894: Scoggin to Andrew Wahlund  
28 July 1894: Wahlund to Walter S. Mason except north 15 feet. Mason was a doctor; the doctor's office was in the house on Lot 5.  
7 January 1896: Mason to E.J. Farlow, also a doctor.  
14 April 1898: Farlow to Sina A. Foote  
16 November 1912: Foote to Lottie Loomis  
24 February 1916: Loomis to Farmers Savings Bank  
21 April 1931: Bank to E. A. Walker  
30 December 1935: Walker to Elver Shafer

**LOT 6; BLOCK 3**

27 June 1878: E.E. Donoho to Edward Gould

Gould owned all of Lot 6 until 1892, when he sold it to his brother-in-law, O.S. Donoho. In 1893 Donoho sold the three separate parcels comprising Lot 6.

**North 22 feet; Lot 6**

Gould came to Milford about 1872. It isn't known when he opened a harness and shoe repair shop on the north third of Lot 6, but it was there by 1875. Gould moved to Nebraska in 1887.

- 28 September 1888; Sun; Milford: Mrs. Murray will open a millinery shop . . . in the Gould building.  
7 May 1891; Review; Milford: The harness shop has been moved from under the Masonic hall to the old stand on Main Street.

(It seems that the north and south street was called "Main" in the early days.)

In February 1893 Adam Weaver bought the north 22 feet of Lot 6. The building on the lot was used as a doctor's office for several years. Other

doctors who used it were John Hiett, Walter Mason, George A. Curtis and Ed. S. Montgomery.

H.F. Porter bought the property in 1910, and it was the insurance and real estate office. Then Ling & Foote were there, followed by W.S. Hall.

William Blackburn had a produce station there, and in 1926 V.O. Ashmore became the owner. When the building burned in 1927, Ashmore rebuilt.

Fred Westfall owned the property from 1940 to 1946, and then Donald Brown bought it. It is now owned by Ed Weeks.

**Middle 22 feet; Lot 6**

In 1875, a hardware store stood just south of the Gould harness shop. The proprietor is not known. In 1879 Simon N. Maine opened a general store on Lot 6; it was probably in the old hardware store. In 1885 George T. Cary erected a new building on that site. In September 1885 Cary was appointed post master, and kept the post office in his new building. In July 1886 Cary purchased drugs from the Ecker drug store and became the druggist.

Probably in 1891, Cary moved his drug store to lot 8, Block 1. Cary's building may be where Ed Duff opened a meat market in 1894.

- 15 March 1894; Review; Milford: Ed. Duff has completed his new butcher shop on Main Street.  
20 September 1901; Express; Douglas Township: Geo. Cary, the druggist, has moved back to his old building and is building an addition on in front.

In August 1912 Cary sold the business to H.A. Workman, but retained the building and lot. Workman left in 1916, and J.W. Ashbaugh opened a grocery store in the building. In February 1918 Ashbaugh bought the John Bryant building and moved to it. Keeney and Keller opened a produce house in 1919, but it didn't last long.

In March 1921, Jake Mueller moved into the Cary building. The store was destroyed by fire in 1927; Mueller bought the lot and built a fire proof building. He ran the business until his death in 1968. The property is now owned by Ed Weeks.



**South 22 feet; Lot 6**

The early history of this site is very uncertain. It appears that the James Hart drug store was there when Hart sold the business in December 1884 to Orson DeWitt. Perhaps that is where Hart opened for business in 1877, but no records have been found.

September 1885: DeWitt to Selby

November 1885: Selby to Ecker

July 1886: Ecker sold the drugs to Cary and groceries to Chapman.

August 1886: Old drug store sold to Alex Caywood.

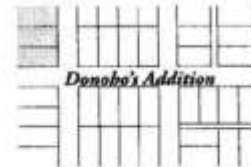
September 1887: Mort Carpenter bought the Caywood building and moved into it.

April 1888: Carpenter to Sumner Bancroft

January 1889: Bancroft to Wm. F. Scoggin

W.F. Scoggin bought the south 22 feet of Lot 6 in January 1893. The following October he sold it to Andrew Wahlund. In January 1894 Wahlund bought Lot 5 from Scoggin. Wahlund enlarged his store that year, and it went over the line onto Lot 5. When Wahlund sold Lot 5 to Dr. Mason, the north 15 feet was reserved.

The store burned in 1927, and was not rebuilt. I don't know who owns the lot now.





**PLAQUETT'S ADDITION**  
**plat filed 18 October 1876**

**LOT 1; BLOCK 1**

In April 1874 Isaac Marsh bought Lot 1. He kept a little store there. In November 1875 Mrs. Patton had a millinery shop in the store building. Alex Patton was a blacksmith but I don't know if his shop was there. The 1885 census gives that location for David Glass, wagon maker, but I don't know if his shop was there or his residence, or both. After that the lot became residential property.

**LOT 4; BLOCK 1**

Isadore Plaquet bought ten acres in 1867 from Samuel M. Smith and built a small store and a residence in the northeast corner of the tract. The store ran until past 1875. In 1883 the lot was sold for taxes. Tradition says that Dean Westover's residence is the Plaquet house, making it the oldest building in town.

In November 1885, Glass & Ashbaugh built a blacksmith shop where the store had been. The news item said they bought the land, but there is no deed for it. The 1885 census says J.E. Glass had Lots 4 and 5.

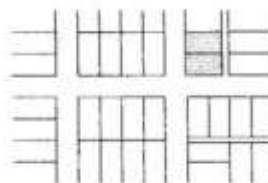
In 1889 B.L. Blackburn bought the lot and built a house. In 1926 N.H. Jones bought the property from the Blackburn estate. The house was moved to where Everett Courcier lives.

Jones sold a plot in the southeast corner of the lot to Clyde Conrad, and they each erected a tile block building. The Jones property is still owned by the family.

J. B. Christensen bought the Conrad building in 1931. In 1935 he opened a pool hall and cafe. In 1939 Shortie sold the property and business to Frank Kenworthy. I don't know who owns it now.

The Jones building was falling down, and the Kenworthy building was in sad disrepair. 6 June 1992, the Grant Fire Department burned both structures.

**GRANT; Sub-Lots of Lot 1; Section 10**  
survey filed 25 May 1888



**SUB-LOTS; SECTION 10**

6 March 1881; all of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 10, Douglas Township which lay east of the Milford plats was designated as Lot 1, Section 10.

25 May 1888: a survey was filed dividing Lot 1 into seven Sub-Lots. Sub-Lots 1 through 6 bordered on Adams Avenue, north of Main Street. The remainder of the tract became Sub-Lot 7 of Lot 1.

It is unclear just when Sub-Lots 1 through 6 became a part of the incorporated town.

**Sub-Lot 5 of Lot 1; Section 10**

In January 1897 S.M. Smith purchased Sub-Lot 5. In June 1902 Smith built an addition to the house. The building became known as the Baptist parson-

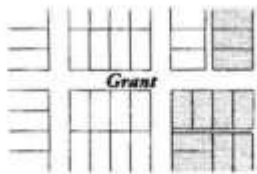
age, although there is nothing to indicate that the Baptists ever owned it. Smith sold the property in 1907. A new house had been erected before 1920, when it burned.

**Sub-Lot 6 of Lot 1; Section 10**

In 1896 the Baptist congregation erected a church building on Sub-Lot 6. In 1902 the property was rented to the Christian Church. That arrangement didn't last long. In 1906 the Baptists finished paying off the mortgage. The building was used until 1916 or 1917.

The church burned in 1920. The lot was leveled and a tennis court was laid out.





**GRANT; Sub-Lot 7 of Lot 1; Section 10  
plat filed 25 July 1905**

**LOT 12**

**West half**

- 2 July 1907; West half; Samuel M. Smith to Wm. Kreger.  
14 August 1907; West Half; Wm. Kreger to Bert Courcier. Courcier built a blacksmith shop on his land.  
11 February 1911: Bert Courcier to Fullerton Lumber Company; east 28 feet of the west half of Lot 12 ...  
26 March 1912; Review; Grant: W.J. Miner has had a small residence and shoeshop built just east of the Baptist Church. Miner didn't own the site. Presumably the building was on the west side of the land owned by Bert Courcier.

5 August 1915 Courcier sold to Frank Ponder the west 38 feet of Lot 12, and then bought it back in 1917.

Courcier sold the property to the Red Oak Auto company in September 1919. They ran a garage there, and were moving out when the building burned in July 1920. The O.H. Christopher carpenter shop and residence also burned. There is no record of when Miner left and Christopher moved in.

In 1928, Fay Corbin bought the land, and he sold it to Frank Kenworthy in 1929.

**East half**

- 18 November 1908; East half; S.M. Smith to Fullerton Lumber Co.  
30 March 1911; Review; Grant: The Fullerton Lumber Co. is building an immense shed to store their lumber.  
July 1920; the lumber yard was completely destroyed by fire. It was immediately rebuilt.  
10 February 1933; Review; Grant: The Fullerton Lumber Co. yard at Grant ... will be closed and moved to Villisca.  
28 September 1934; Review; Grant: J.B. Christensen recently purchased the Fullerton Lumber Co. building and it has been torn down. The office and one room were left standing.  
9 September 1935: Fullerton to J. Hendrickson. ...

**LOT 13**

23 November 1910: S.M. Smith to Green Bay Lumber Company ... Lot 13 and all of Lot 14 except the west four feet ...

The Company erected an office and a storage shed. In March 1914 the business and property were sold to the Fullerton Lumber Company.

In April 1914 Fullerton sold the property to Coffey & Irwin Implement firm.

14 May 1914; Chief: The Coffee & Irwin people are busy this week remodeling the former Green Bay Lumber Co's. yard. Flooring will be laid under the large shed and when completed will make a fine place to display their goods.

In March 1921 N.H. Jones and a Miller became the pump and repair men for Coffey & Irwin. After the firm failed, Jones continued to operate the business and in 1924, bought the property. He stayed there until he erected his new building in the fall of 1926.

**LOT 14**

23 November 1910: S.M. Smith to Green Bay Lumber Company ... Lot 13 and all of Lot 14 except the west four feet ...

28 March 1914: Green Bay Lumber Co. to Fullerton ...

29 April 1914: Fullerton to Coffey & Irwin ...

2 September 1915; Chief: Elmer Smith and son Fred are having a small office building erected just east of the Arcade restaurant. When completed they will open a real estate office.

19 January 1916; Review; Grant: Jay Askey has started a harness shop in the Smith building in the east part of town.

Smith didn't own the land the office occupied. At times the building was used as the mayor's office; town council meetings were held there. It also served as an unofficial men's club. It was the scene of many hotly contested cribbage and pinochle games.



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26 April, 1938: N.H. Jones to S.E. Smith ... West half except west four feet. ...

21 April 1939; Review; Grant: The official opening of the library was held Tuesday afternoon at the library.

No one seems to remember how long the library lasted. The lot is now owned by Gerald Schuler.

**LOT 15**

**East 22 feet**

No record has been found for the construction of a building on this site. It was probably erected before the lots were platted; deeds of title included the west four feet of Lot 14, indicating that a building went over the east line of the lot.

23 March 1911; Review; Grant: Mr. Young from Nebraska has purchased the east restaurant and has taken possession.

20 April 1911; Chief: Adv. - Arcade Restaurant - Proprietor, Mrs. James Young.

12 March 1912: S.M. Smith to W.H. Willet ...

2 January 1913; Review; Grant: Mr. Bliss sold the Arcade restaurant to Mrs. Dunn of Lewis.

19 February 1914; Chief: The Arcade restaurant owned by Mrs. Laura Bridwell became the property of M.J. Miers of Hepburn last week.

27 February 1915; Chief: J. Miers who has conducted a restaurant here for the past year has decided to leave town.

29 July 1915; Chief: Art Fleharty, owner of the restaurant on upper Main street has leased the building on lower Main street, formerly the Arcade restaurant, and has fitted it up as a rooming house and restaurant ...

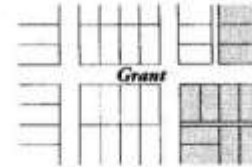
16 February 1916; Review; Grant: Bert Smith has moved his restaurant to the Arcade building ...

16 November 1916; Chief: On Tuesday Fred Bliss moved his stock and fixtures down the street to the building just vacated by Bert Smith.

3 May 1917; Chief: L.C. Schuler will occupy the building vacated by the Bliss restaurant as a furniture and undertaking establishment and will fit up the southwest room as a ladies' rest room.

26 September 1924: W.H. Willet to F.G. Kunce ... Lot 15 ...

29 November 1926: F.G. Kunce to Anna Harden ... east 22 feet Lot 15 and west four feet Lot 14.



7 April 1927; Review: Adv. - When in Grant eat at the Harden hotel and restaurant. Good home cooking and everything neat and clean. Rooms in connection.

6 May 1927; Review; Grant: George Courcier and family have moved ... to the Harden restaurant and are ready for business.

10 June 1927: Anna Harden to F.G. Kunce ...

11 May 1928; Review; Grant: Bert Smith opened a restaurant in the Kunce building Tuesday.

30 August 1929; Review; Grant: Ted Lenz has purchased the old restaurant building at the east end of main street and is tearing it down. ...

12 December 1938: Treasurer to Montgomery county; Lot 15 and west four feet Lot 14. ...

**West 44 feet Lot 15**

Tradition says that Samuel M. Smith built a basement barn in 1860. In 1919 Elmer Smith wrote:

The old basement barn, built by Samuel M. Smith, was remodeled when the railroad came and used by Coffey & Irwin as an implement house.

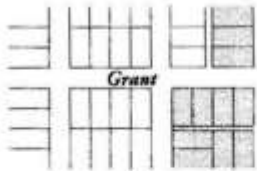
(1927-Elmer) It was converted into a business building by covering the sides with drop siding and putting in pine floors. ...

22 March 1912; Sun; Grant: John Smart has succeeded Harry Liston as manager of the Coffey & Irwin Implement store.

29 March 1912: S.M. Smith to W.H. Willet ... Lot 15 ...

In 1914 Coffey & Irwin purchased the Green Bay property and moved there. The new school house was not ready in September 1914, and school opened with high school classes meeting in the former Coffey & Irwin building.

19 August 1915; Review; Grant: John Smart has purchased a supply of merchandise and is prepared to start up business in the Coffey & Irwin building.



Smart's building burned in March 1915. The post office had been in the Smart store, and in September, it too was moved to the new location where it occupied the west side of the building. The post office was moved elsewhere in April 1917.

6 April 1916; Chief: L.C Schuler the hardware man, this week moved his stock from the Masonic hall to the old Coffee & Irwin building. He had been at the Masonic building since he was burned out several months ago.

4 February 1921; Review; Grant: Bert Bacon has bought an interest in the Hepler hardware store ...  
(Note: No record was found of when Schuler sold the store to Hepler.)

1 July 1921; Review; Grant: Mr. Campbell of Elliott has bought the hardware store and C. Redmond will run the store. ...

14 November 1921; Express; Grant: A.V. Jones of Villisca has traded for the Grant Hardware Co.'s stock and fixtures and has moved them to Villisca.

25 April 1930; Review: Another of the old landmarks in Grant is being removed. The frame building on the south side of the street formerly used for a hardware store, is being torn down by the owner, Glen Kunce, and moved to Villisca. It was formerly a basement barn, built by S.M. Smith in 1860, and has been remodeled several times.

12 December 1938: Treasurer to Montgomery county; Lot 15 and west four feet of Lot 14 ...

## LOT 16

### West Section

Samuel M. Smith sold the west half of Lot 16 to E.S. Montgomery in 1910. A short time later Montgomery sold it to H.F. Porter. In March 1912, Charles E. Leonard bought the lot.

Leonard, Kilpatrick and Bourck erected the building later known as the Jones Hall, and opened a garage. In 1914 Leonard bought the east half of Lot 16.

The building soon became the entertainment center of the community. The upper floor was a skating rink, basket ball court, dance floor and opera house.

After the 1915 fire, Dr. Wei opened his office over the garage.

In 1920 Cecil Grennel became manager of the business. In the late '20s the bank became the owner of the west 40 feet of the lot. N.H. Jones purchased the property in 1931, and it became known as the Jones Amusement Hall.

The building was remodeled to provide a basket ball court on the ground floor. In 1938 the school board arranged for Jones to install showers and keep the building heated for the use of the high school teams. The school bought the property in 1942.

In 1949 Earl Spiker purchased the building and moved his garage there. It closed in 1970.

Delbert Wilcoxon operates a garage there at the present time. He owns the whole lot.

### East 26 feet

In November 1914 Amos Paullin bought the east 26 feet of Lot 16, and moved his meat market building to the site.

The property and business were sold in October 1916 to B.F. Cozad, who sold in 1918 to Charles F. Jarvis.

In 1929 F.E. Courcier bought the property, and in 1930 moved his blacksmith shop to the new location. The date hasn't been found for the closing of the blacksmith shop. The property was sold for taxes, and in June 1966 Earl Spiker bought it. Delbert Wilcoxon now owns the whole lot.



## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

I am involved in an intensive research project, and it is turning up news items missed during the search for material for the Grant book. Some of the late finds made it into the book, on page 133. Here are some others.

1863 (21 July 1893; Red Oak *Sun*): A very interesting service was held at the (Red Oak) ME church last Sunday morning ... G.W. Holt read a paper compiled from the quarterly conference records:

In 1863 we find the first recorded minutes of any quarterly conference ... in ... the Frankfort circuit. The conference was held at Milford. Members present were: Bennett Mitchell, presiding elder; B.W. Coe, pastor of charge; J.M. Hewitt, Wm. Stipe, G. Gardner, stewards ... This quarterly conference allowed their preacher \$350 salary and the elder \$40. The collections then on hand were: Milford \$24, Red Oak \$26.75, Edna \$3, Liberty \$5.50, Frankfort \_\_\_\_\_. Those were the appointments constituting the conference ...

28 May 1886; *Sun*; Milford: The carpenters are finishing Stipes' palatial residence.

14 December 1888; *Review*; Milford: Our township used to bear a very unsavory name, as respects its temperance character. It used to be a common saying that a jug of whiskey would carry the vote of Douglas Township.

24 October 1890; *Sun*; Milford: The G.A.R. post has purchased the building formerly owned by O. Dewitt and will build on 16 feet on the north and use it for a hall.

*(Note: That must have been the cubbyhole of a building just east of Vetter's store erected by DeWitt in 1889 as a post office. If so, it was built on Lot 7, instead of Lot 8. See page 142.)*

29 May 1891; *Sun*; Milford: The masonic lodge voted not to let the lower floor or story of their building for dancing at any time.

16 February 1894; *Sun*; Milford: Mr. Duff has opened a new meat market one door south of Wahlund's store ...

*(Note: Another wrong guess. I didn't know there had ever been a building in that location. That is why the north 15 feet of Lot 5, Donoho's Addition, was reserved when the rest of the lot was sold in 1894. See page 148.*

*The meat market had changed hands several times when B.F. Cozad became the proprietor in November 1896. That is the last account found for that location; I have no idea what became of the building. Nor do I know who was in George Cary's building on Lot 6 while his drug store was elsewhere.)*

26 April 1907; *Sun*; Milford: The steam boat that has been a popular attraction at Milford in the boating season was sold recently to F.P. Tyler of Villisca who hauled it to that town.

6 November 1918; *Review*; Grant: The old building used by the Farmers Saving Bank as temporary quarters has been moved to the L.D. Foote farm north of town.

2 October 1941; *Review*: The Tyler Ice & Coal Co. will establish a new locker plant in Grant ... Work was started Wednesday on construction of the plant which will be in the rear of the large building occupied by the Oscar Zappe general merchandise store ...



- 5 March 1942; *Review*; Grant: The Grant library will close Monday because of lack of funds.
- 19 November 1942; *Review*; Grant: A large crowd attended open house held Sunday at the Comstock nursing home. Mrs. Glen Comstock of Atlantic has charge and is in the H.A. Workman property.
- 9 September 1943; *Review*; Grant: Albert Eshelman of Elliott has purchased the library building and he will move it to Elliott. Saturday was a busy day at the library, giving books back to the ones who had given them and sorting books and magazines. The books that were not returned will be given to the Victory book campaign. The children's books are being taken to the parsonage study and will be loaned to anyone wanting them.
- 1 June 1944; *Review*; Grant: E.H. Krohn of Lewis has purchased the Albert Bender grocery business and work was started Monday in the store to refinish and remodel. Modern shelving will be installed and an up to date self-service system carried out. ... J.H. Rickens of Lewis will have charge of the store ...
- 8 March 1945; *Review*; Grant: Ed Brown has purchased the H.A. Workman drug store and after July first he will move his hatchery there.
- 21 June 1945; *Review*; Grant: The Grant post office was moved Saturday from the Krohn store to the Redman Beauty shop. Mrs. Duane Redman will have charge of the post office ...
- 29 November 1945; *Review*; Grant: Elver Shafer has rented his service station to Vernon and Jack Taylor ...
- 25 July 1946; *Review*; Grant: Members of the Grant Base Ball team sponsored a dance Wednesday evening at the Jones hall. Leo spiker and his orchestra furnished the music. The boys cleared nearly \$100.
- 21 November 1946; *Review*; Grant: Mrs. Delbert Starlin has taken over the cafe that is located in the Fisher and Taylor oil station. Mrs. Lola Cox was the former operator.
- 21 November 1946; *Review*; Grant: The American Legion boys are making preparations for their opening day of the Legion hall to be held Tuesday November 26. The hall has been redecorated, the basement has been finished, and divided into three rooms, a kitchen, club room and utility room, and a new lighting system installed ...
- 28 August 1947; *Review*; Grant: The high school has been discontinued this year because of small attendance ...
- 20 May 1948; *Review*; Grant: Russell Larson has built a landing field on his farm at the north edge of Grant ...
- 27 May 1948; *Review*: The new American Legion park in Grant will be dedicated Sunday, May 30 ... The land, located in the southeast part of town near the site of the old mill, was purchased recently from Mrs. Flora Bacon, and much work has been done in putting it in condition. A baseball diamond has been laid out and other improvements made ...
- 17 February 1949; *Review*: ...permanent organization of the Nodaway Valley Amateur Baseball League was affected ...  
(*Note: Grant won the playoff that season.*)
- 18 September 1950; *Express*: Grant - Several hundred persons were present Sunday for the special baseball program honoring Frank (Hop) Kenworthy, 75, long time Grant resident and for many years baseball manager here. He was presented a plaque and lifetime pass to all Grant baseball games...



**Albert and Doctor.**

Dr. Montgomery, of Grant, was called to Harrison Scott's Friday, and thereby hangs a tale. The Dr., upon receipt of the phone message, immediately proceeded to crank up the famous Overland and "hit the trail". All went merry as a marriage bell or something of the kind, until the Seven Mile was reached, and then the dratted machine coughed once or twice in an asthmatic way and quit. Doc tried to coax it to get off the bridge, but nothing doing.

He got out in the snow and felt its pulse. Nary a throb. He then resorted to a hypodermic injection, in the shape of a little of the liquid that made Rockefeller famous. Nix.

Then the doughty man of medicine concluded a little snow had entered the inner parallelogram of its diaphragmatic thorax, superinducing memoraneous hemorrhage in the outer cuticle of its basiconthomaturagist.

So he let it stay where it seemed to rest the easiest, and proceeded to his destination on foot, or to be more exact feet.

After attending to the sick man, he called up the garage in Grant and told them his troubles, getting in return a promise of immediate assistance. Albert Roberts had accompanied the doctor and had camped with the sick auto while the man of medicine had made the call. But when the doctor got back to the bridge there was only a dull and aching void where Roberts was supposed to be. As no garage men were in

evidence, the doctor started out on a search for his missing companion, calling at all the surrounding farm-houses in the vain search.

And in the meantime: The garage man had started out, and was making anywhere from 69 to 74 miles an hour, when, presto! the vehicle got dippy or dingy or something equally serious, and stopped, like Grandfather's clock, "never to go again". Another machine had to be sent for to pull the obstinate brute in, and another start was made in a buzz wagon that bumped right along like it was on expenses. In due time the doctor's gas wagon was pulsating with renewed vigor and could hardly be induced to wait until the driver got a hold on the wheel.

By this time it was snowing so hard that the Dr. couldn't see to follow the other fellow, and in about 'steen minutes he took a three foot snow bank with a head of steam on that would have made a stern-wheel steamer apoplectic with envy.

The Doctor didn't stop to see which end of the beast was buried in the drift, but grabbed his medicine bag and hit 'er up for home, vowing that if he ever got there, he would be tee-total\* flabbergasted if he would ever leave it again.

At the end of his journey he learned that Roberts had walked in several hours before.

The entertainment given at the church, Wednesday evening, was not well attended on account of the bad roads.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

Attorney general Havner, J. N. Wilkerson, Ed Peterson and Clarence Miller were holding a session behind closed doors at the court house in Red Oak, Monday and Tuesday of this week. No one was admitted, not even representatives of the press. Oscar Wenstrand was acting as judge advocate and opinion at the court house was divided as to the purpose of the meeting. Some said that a love-feast was in progress, while others said that an organization to be known as the Havner-Wilkerson-Wenstrand Mutual Admiration Society was being formed.

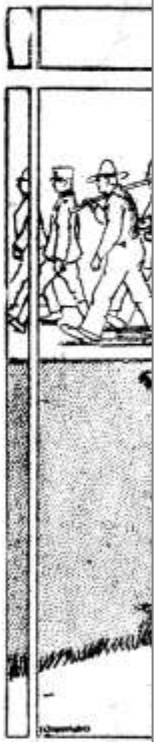
The marble-top editor of the Grant Chief was quite indignant when he was refused admission, as he is such a close friend of Wilkey's as to be affectionately called Marble Top by that gentleman.

**"Cappy" Taylor Married**

Lawrence R. Taylor and Miss Blanche Beeson were married at the home of the bride's parents in Red Oak last Wednesday evening, June 5th, Rev. Geo. E. Wood performing the ceremony. Mr. Taylor owns and operates the Grant Ford Garage, and his many friends here extend congratulations.

**Criticism and Grumbling**

With the administration at Washington confronted by an endless series of problems, all of them demanding immediate attention and action, it is barely possible that errors are being made. In a world crisis such as America is experiencing at this time, the ruling powers are called upon to render decisions one after another in rapid fire succession. Is it likely, or has history proven, that human judg-



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