

How to Search the Slater News Database

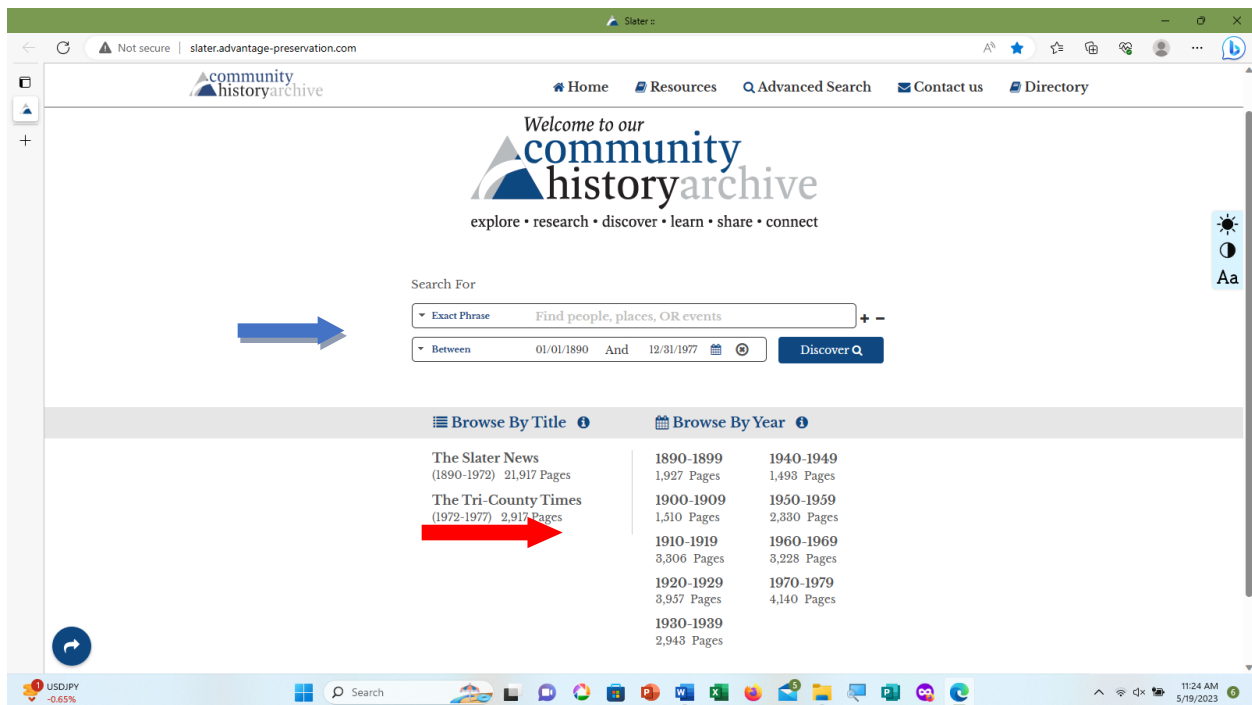
The Slater News Database, digitized by Community History Archives, allows the *News* to be searched by any name, topic, or other terms and to see the actual pages of the paper with the search terms highlighted. At this time (2022) we have 1890-1977 available to search. More years will be added as funds become available. Some of the examples below were created before the years to 1977 were added.

The link to the database is below. If it is blue or purple, place the cursor on the link and press CTRL/CLICK to go to the website.

<https://slater.advantage-preservation.com>

NOTE: Use Microsoft Edge as your browser. Certain operations may not work on other browsers.

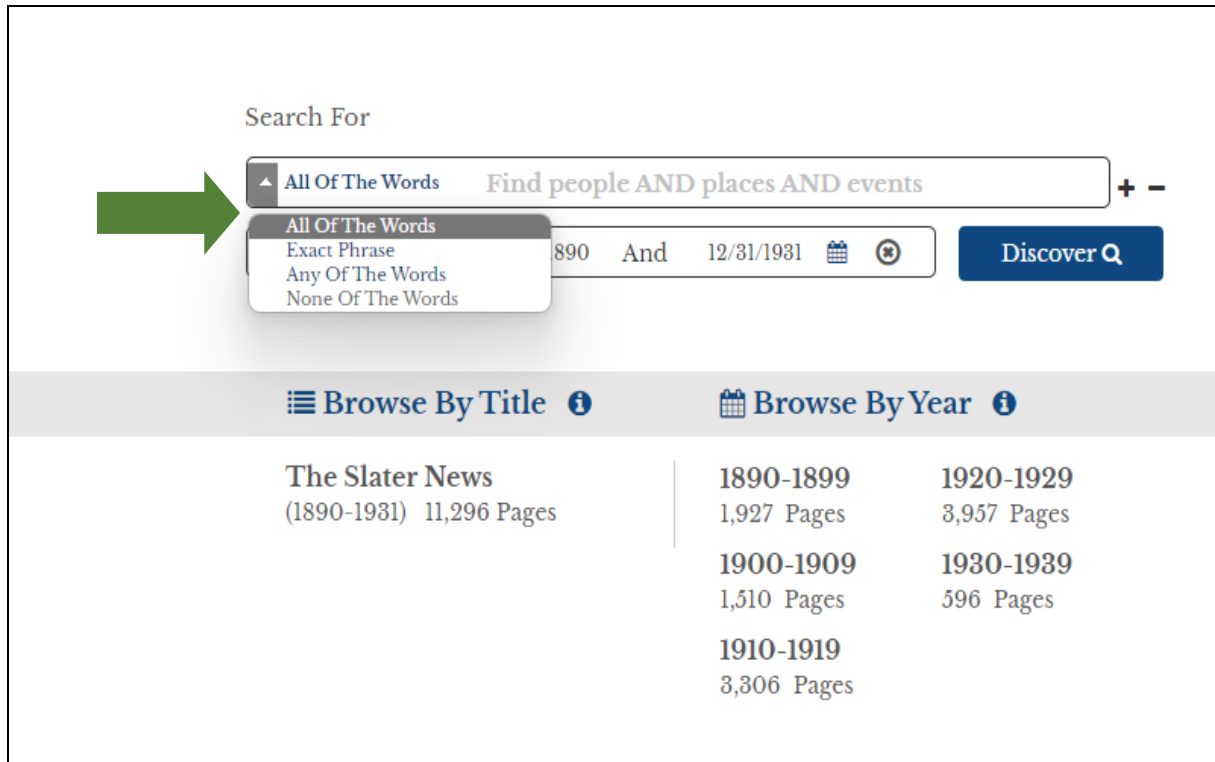
Opening Screen



Blue arrow: enter search terms and dates here.

Red arrow: years covered by database.

Starting a Search



Search For

▲ All Of The Words Find people AND places AND events + -

Exact Phrase 890 And 12/31/1931 📅 ⊕

Discover 🔍

☰ Browse By Title ⓘ

📅 Browse By Year ⓘ

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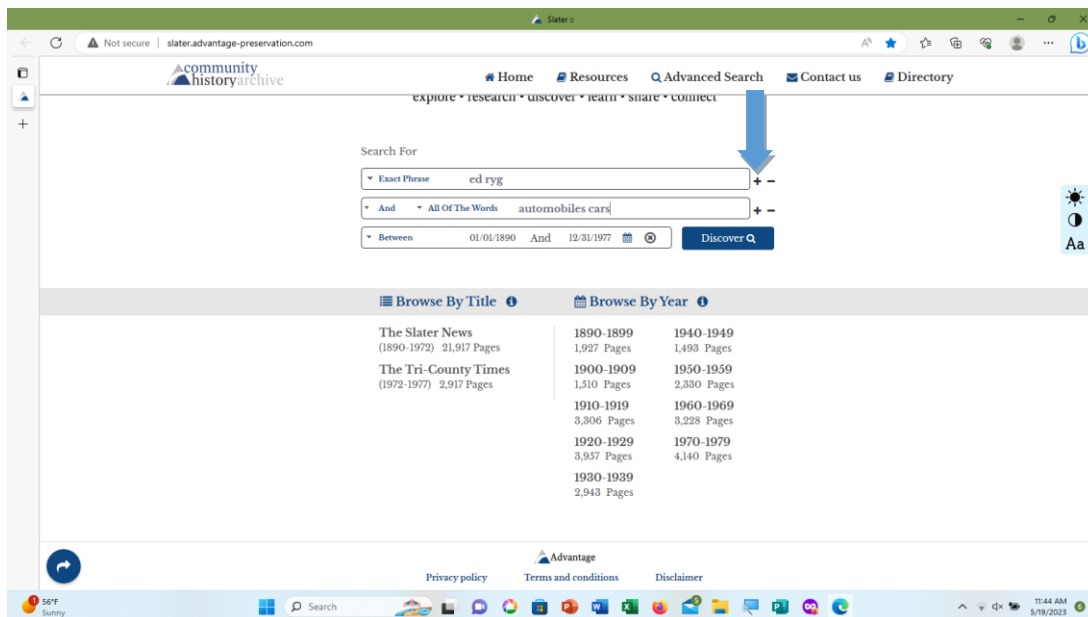
There are different filters that can be applied to your search.

ALL OF THE WORDS: each word entered in the search area will come up.

EXACT PHRASE: the search will bring up only those entries that match the search area.

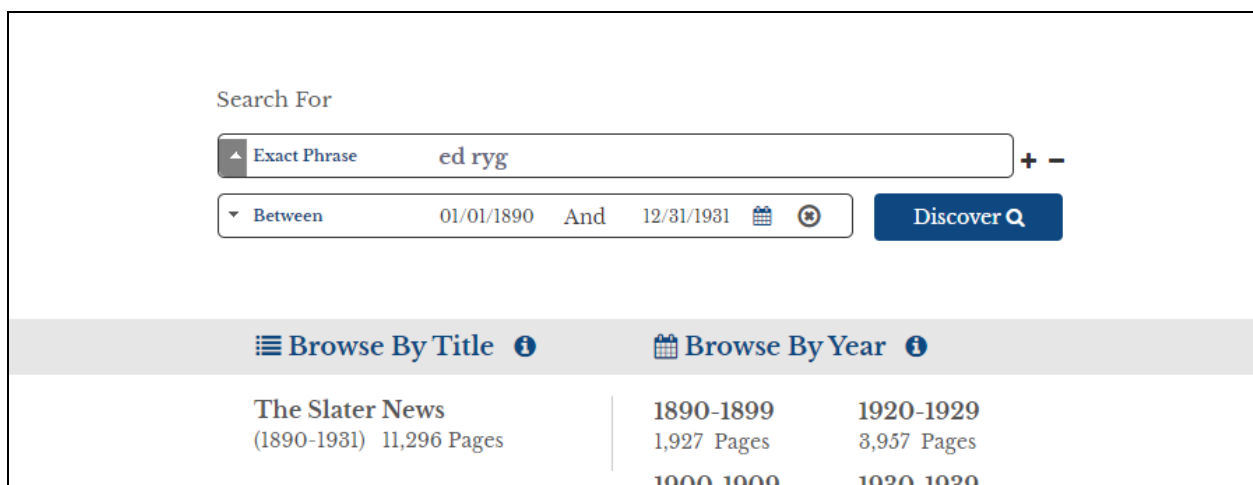
ANY OF THE WORDS: any of the search terms will come up, wherever they appear in the *Slater News*.

NONE OF THE WORDS: self explanatory. (I'm not quite sure yet how this is useful.)



You can add additional search terms by clicking on the plus sign (blue arrow) of the search term box. A second search field will drop down with the same choices (exact phrase, all of the words, etc.). To eliminate the field, click the minus sign.

Let's do a search to see what Ed Ryg was up to between 1903 and 1929.



Use “Exact phrase” as the filter so that “ed ryg” will be found. (No capital letters needed.)

Next, set the dates of the period to be searched.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search For:** A dropdown menu set to "Exact Phrase" with the text "ed ryg" entered.
- Between:** A date range filter set to "01/01/1890" and "12/31/1931".
- Buttons:** A "Discover" button with a magnifying glass icon.
- Navigation:** Two buttons: "Browse By Title" and "Browse By Year".
- Results:** A list of search results for "The Slater News (1890-1931) 11,296 Pages".

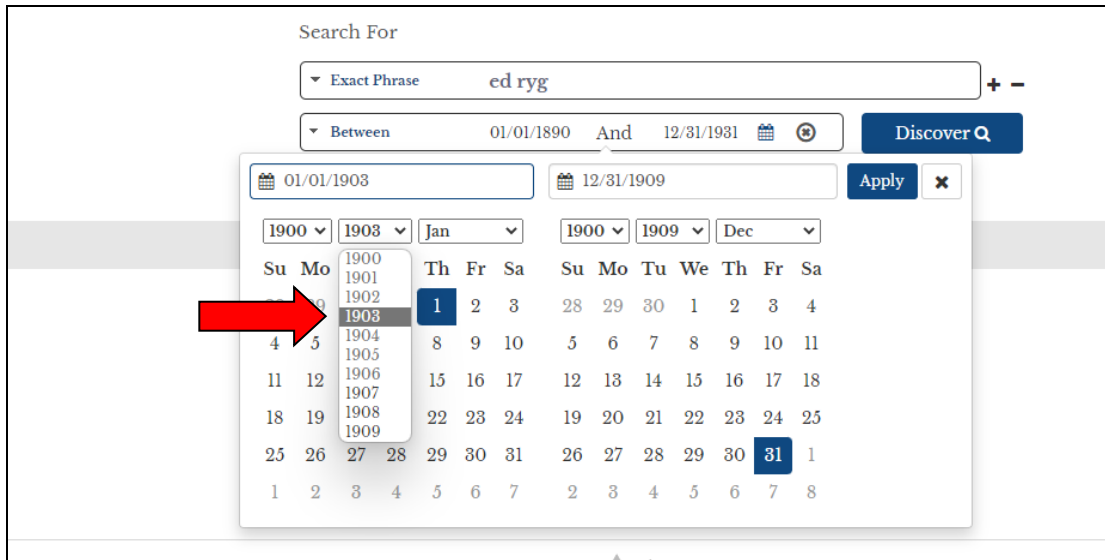
Year Range	Pages
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Click on the first date in the “Between” date area. An instruction note will appear. See below for next step!

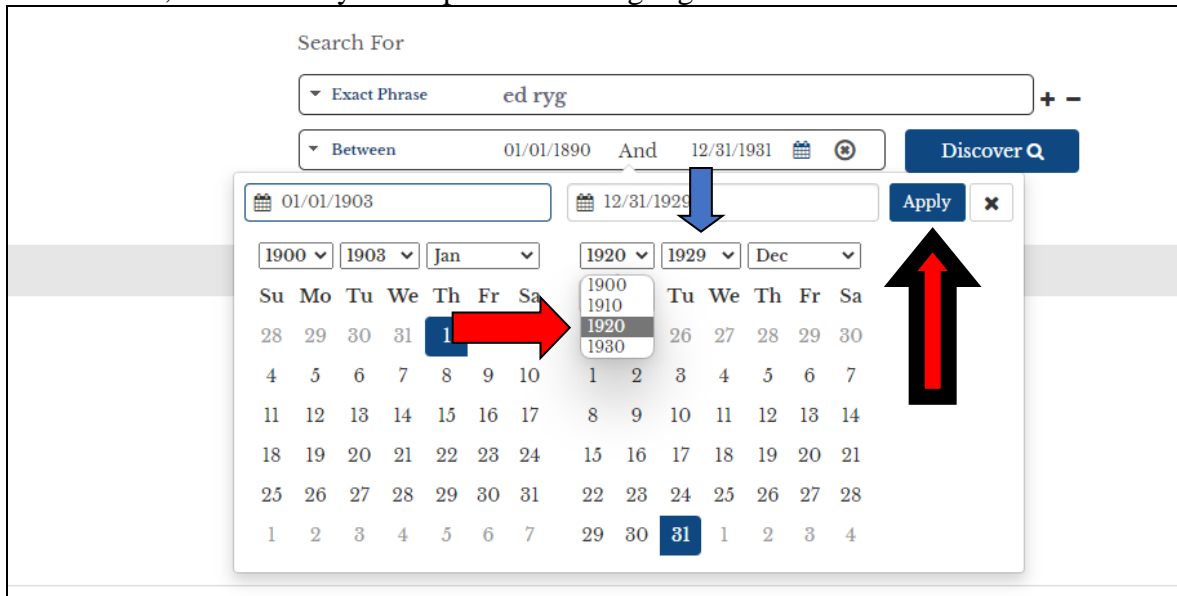
The screenshot shows a calendar interface for selecting a date. The calendar is displayed for the year 1890, with the month of January selected. The date 1 is highlighted. A red arrow points to the date 1. The calendar also shows the date 31 for the month of December.

Year	Month	Day
1890	Jan	1
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1890	Jan	3
1890	Jan	4
1890	Jan	5
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1890	Jan	30
1890	Jan	31

Clicking on the note in the previous illustration brings up a pair of “calendars” with drop-down lists for decade, year, and month. Since we want to start in 1903, the decade is 1900.



Next, click on the year drop-down and highlight 1903.



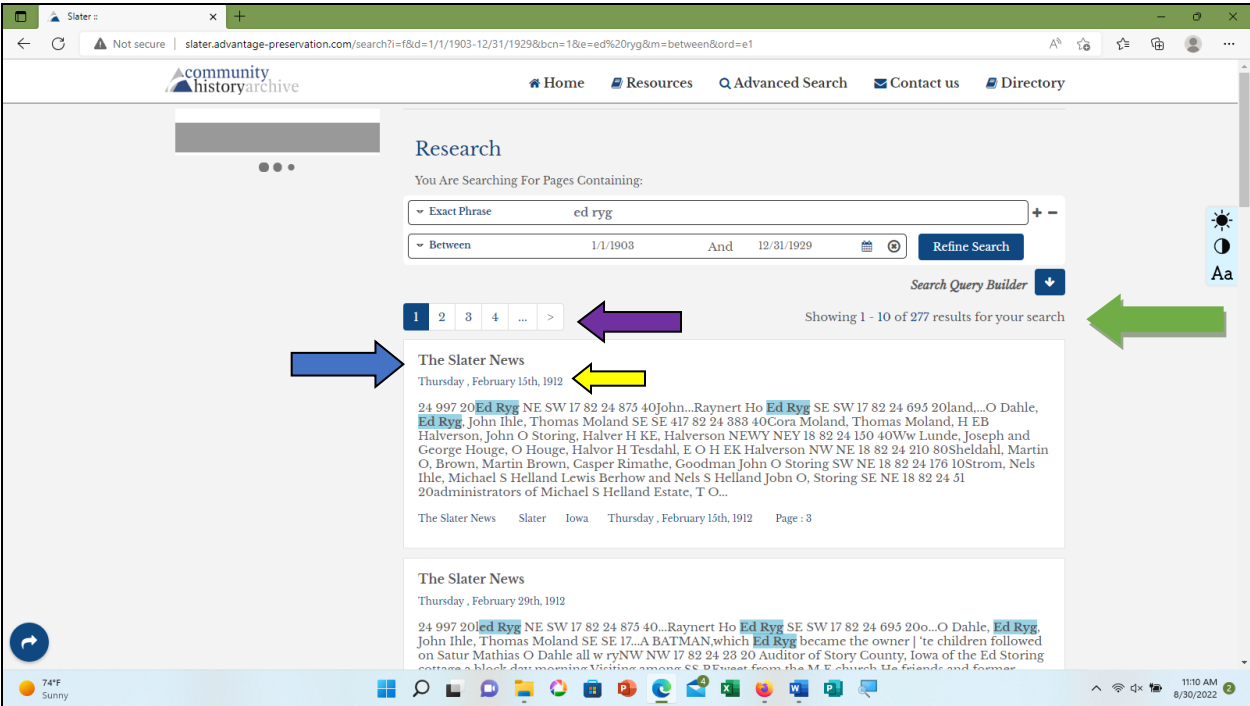
On the right calendar, choose the closing decade, 1920 for this search. Since we want to close in 1929, there's no need to change this field.

IMPORTANT: CLICK “APPLY.”



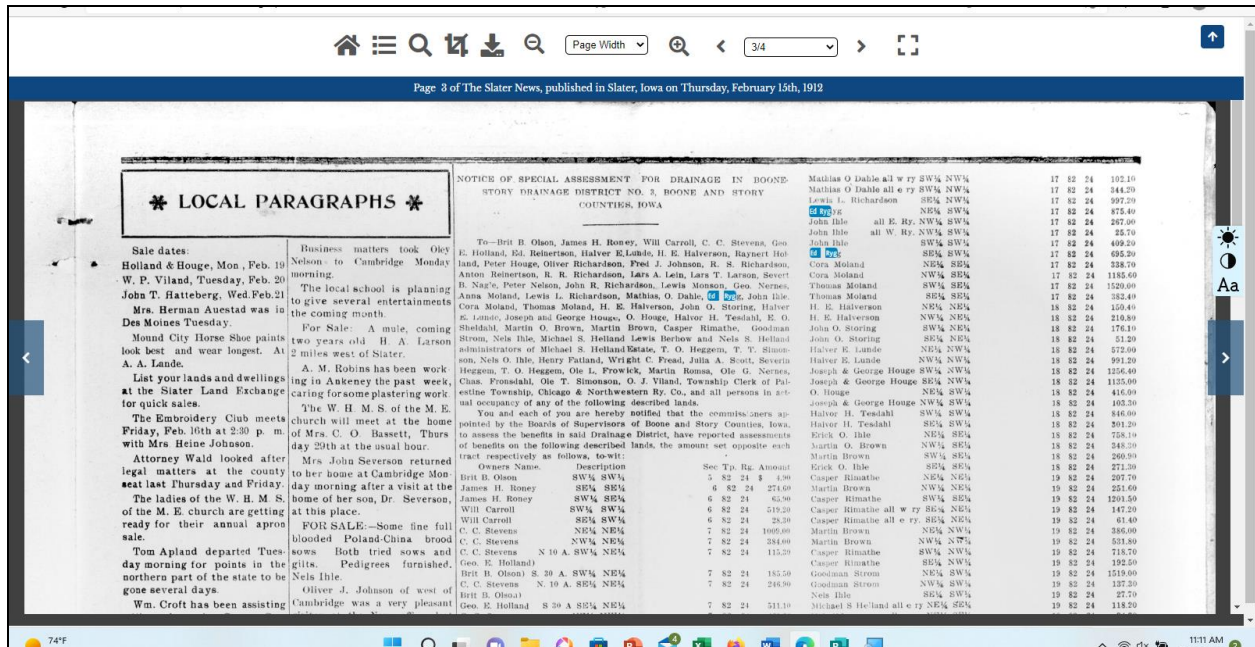
The search is ready. Click on “Discover.”

Results Screen



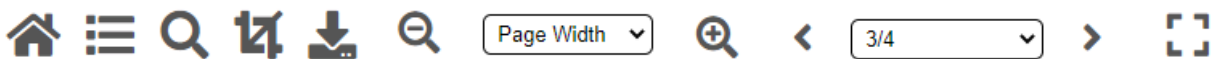
At first glance, the results look like nonsense. Fear not. These are excerpts from the places where “Ed Ryg” appears. Click on “Slater News” above the result that you want to look at (blue arrow).

Also on this screen; number of hits (green arrow). Above each result is the date of the issue (yellow arrow). NOTE: these results are not necessarily in chronological order. If there are multiple results, several pages can be accessed by clicking on the page list above the results (purple arrow).



Ta-Da!

This screen has several symbols on it which allow you to perform different tasks. At the top, left to right:



Return to home screen

Return to results screen

Search

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Download this page

Zoom out

Page width: change page size to fit or enlarge

Zoom in

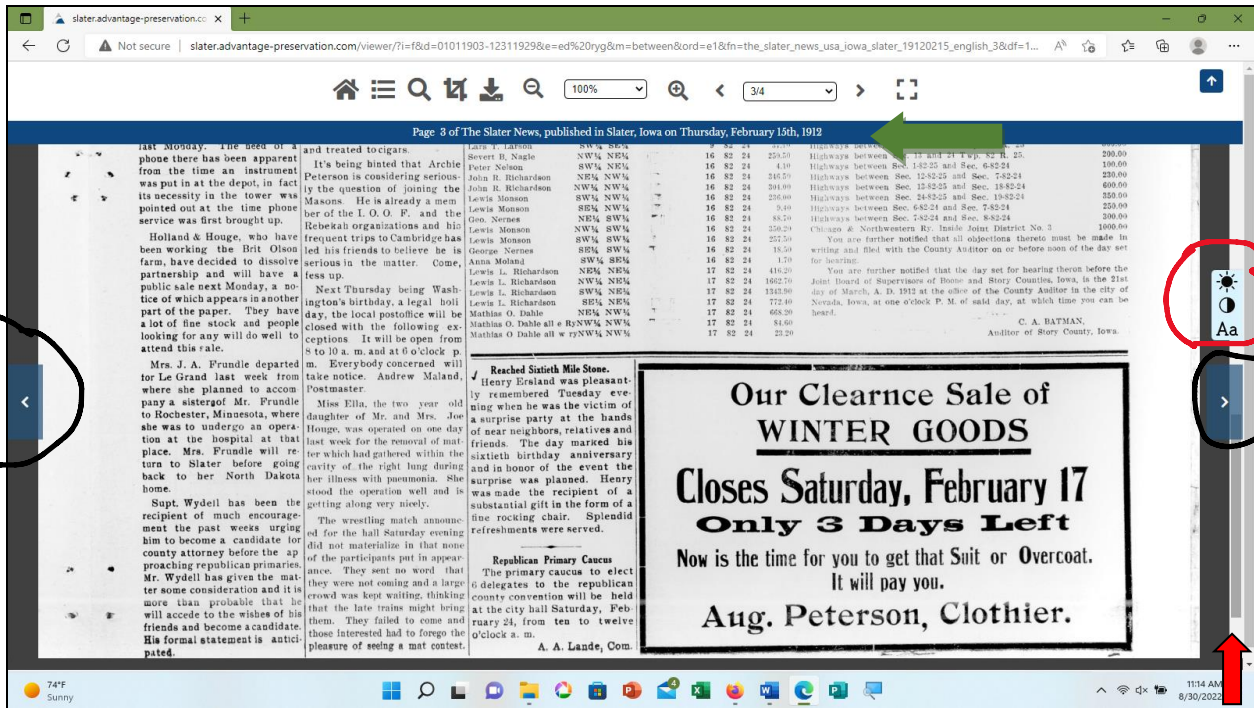
Left arrow: previous page of this issue

3/4 = 3rd of 4 pages. This will drop down to show all page numbers.

Right arrow: next page of this issue

Go to full screen

Also at the far right is a small blue box with a white arrow, which allows you to switch in and out of full screen.



Other symbols on this screen:
Blue arrows on either side

These will bring up next or previous pages and/or issues.

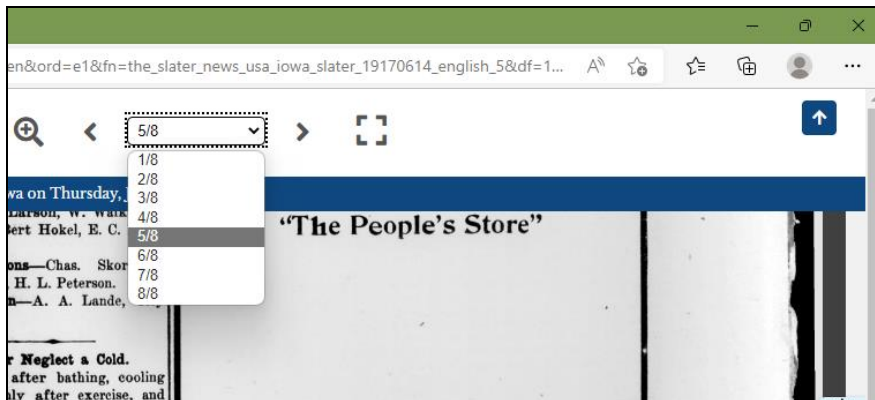
Light and font control (red circle)

This will change the contrast on the page and change the size of the text.

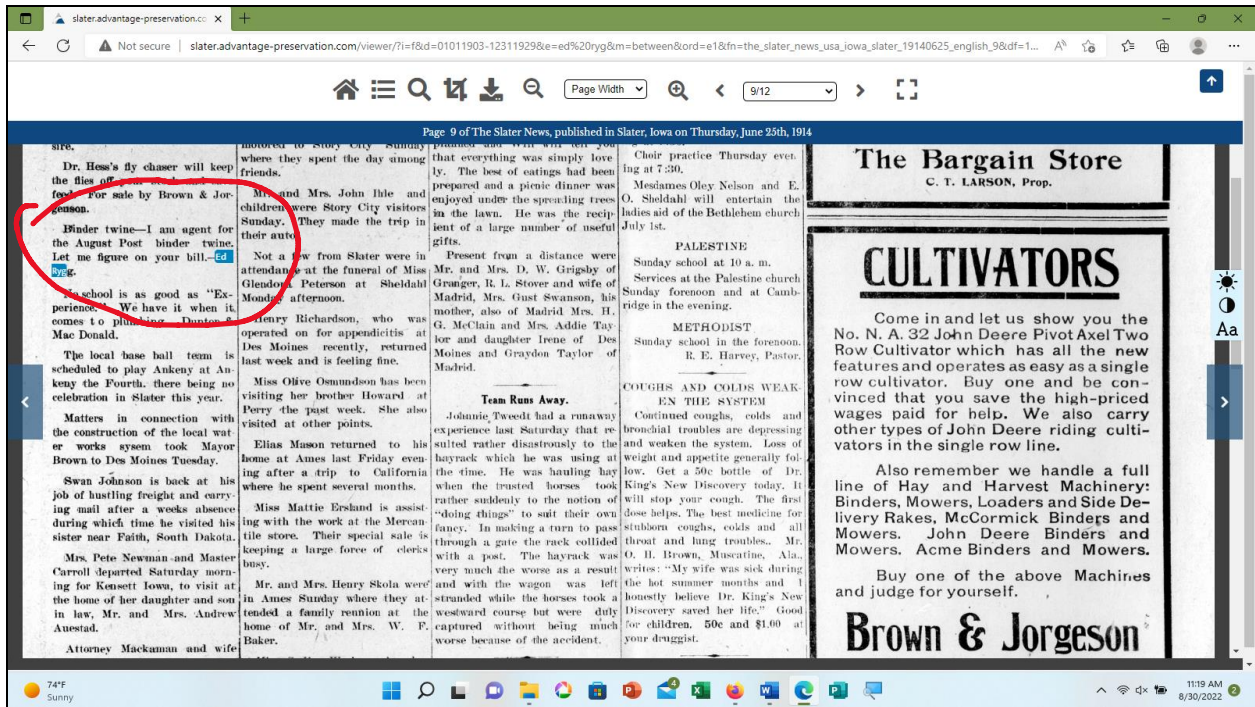
The blue bar (green arrow) at the top of the image gives the page and date of the issue.

Important: on the right side are 2 scroll bars. The inner one (red arrow) moves the page up and down, so that the whole page can be viewed. This screen is the lower part of the same page as above. (This is on Microsoft Edge.)

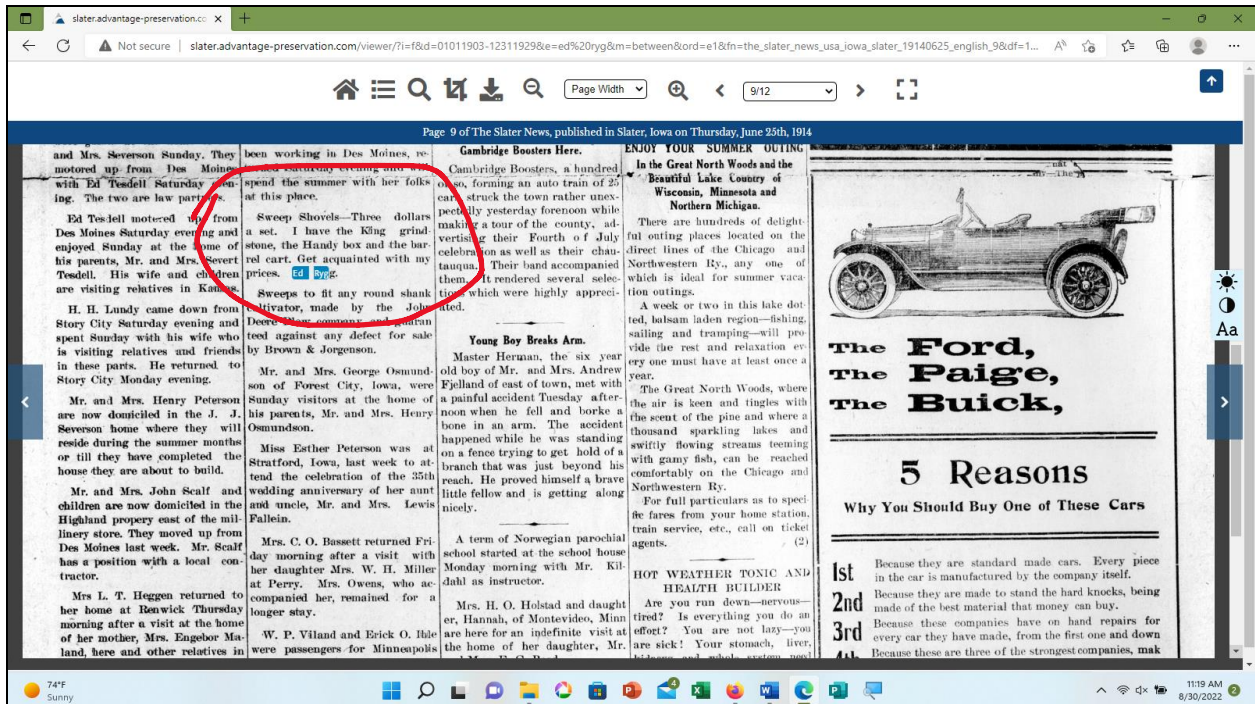
Ignore the outer scroll bar.



Drop-down box for all pages of the issue

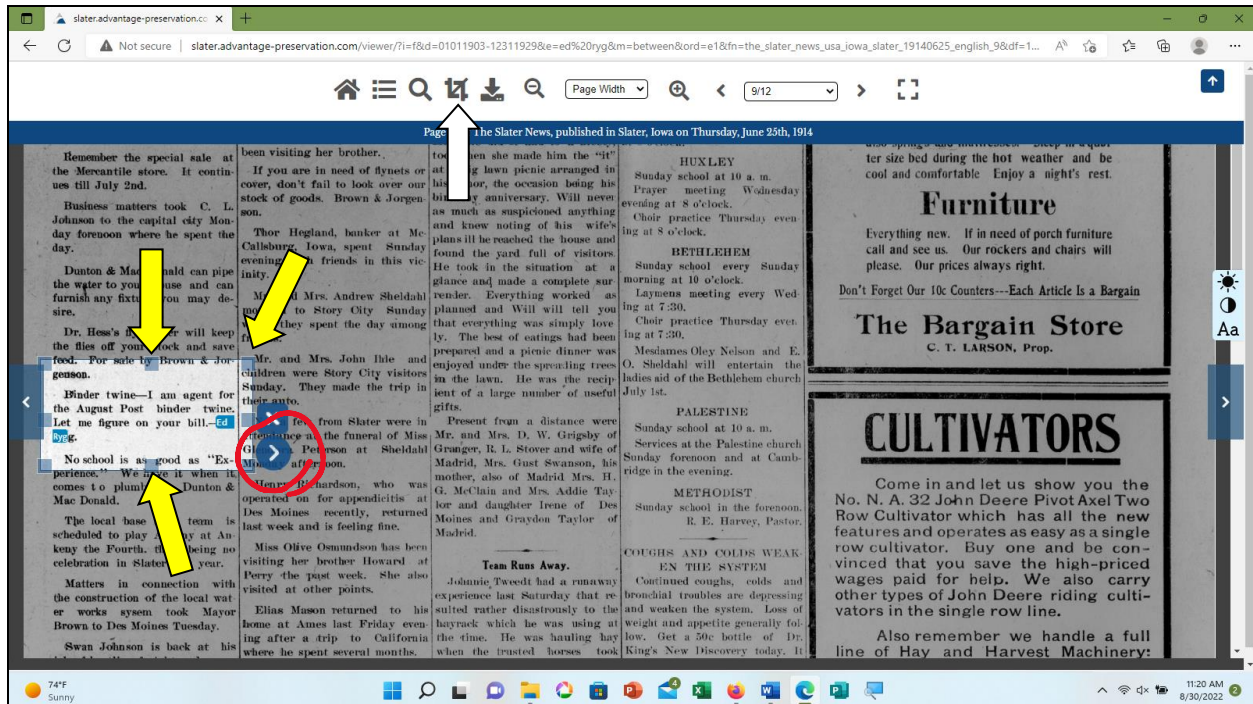


On this page there are two items about Ed Ryg, This one—



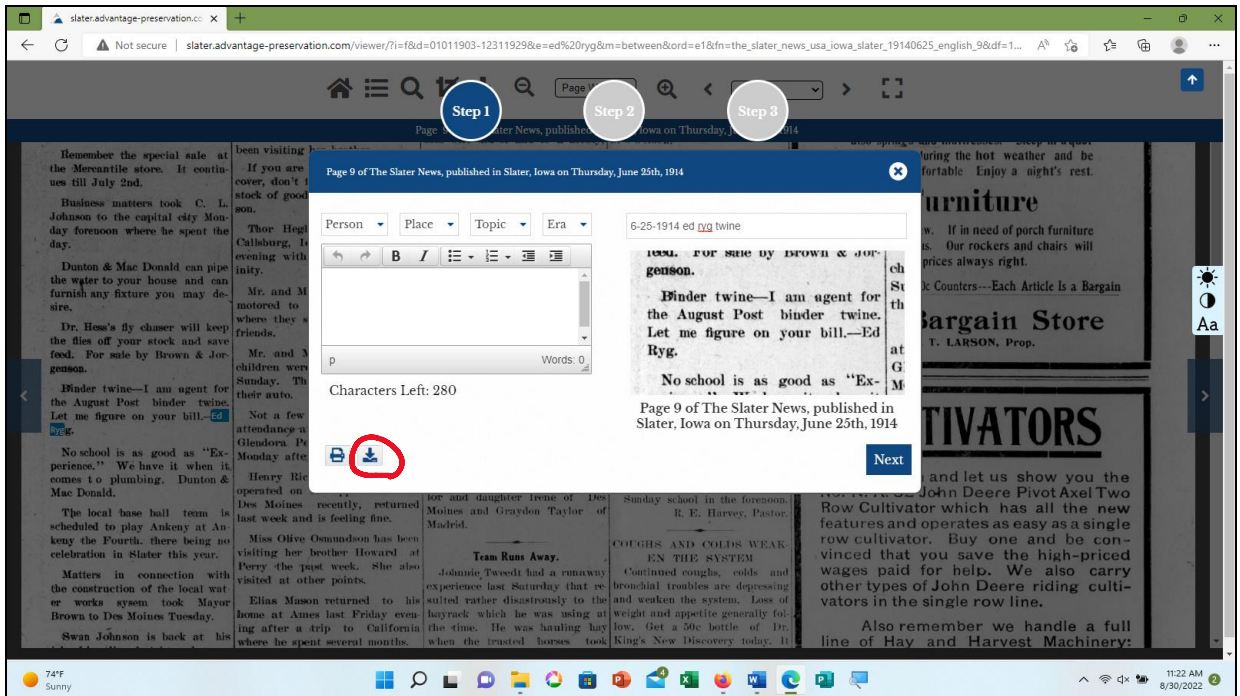
--and this one. We want to save these clippings.

Cropping and saving a clipping

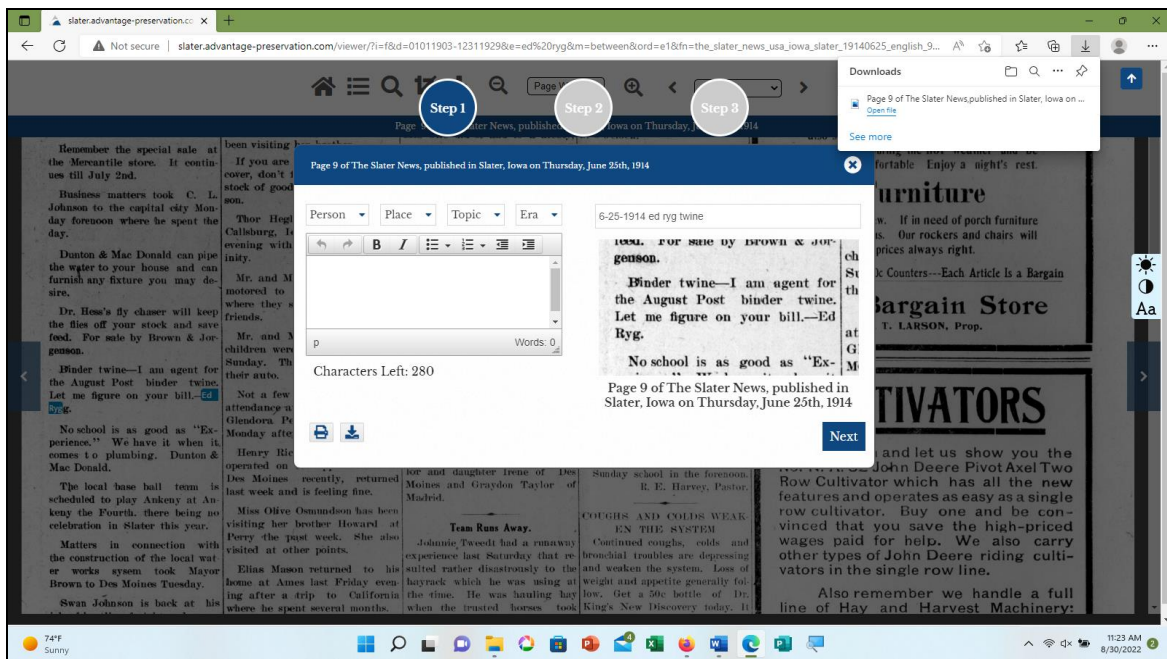


1. Click on the Crop symbol.
2. A crop box will appear. Manuever the box to the clipping and fit it by using the box tabs (yellow arrows) at each corner and centers of sides. (Allow plenty of room around the clipping so that it's all included.)
3. Click on the blue arrow to crop (red circle). DON'T click on the X. It will delete the crop box and you'll have to start over.

See below to finish the crop.



The next crop screen shows the clipping and possible enhancements that can be applied. I recommend adding a title (area just above the clipping) that describes it. As you can see, there are three steps that are possible to add further enhancements. Don't bother. Click on the download symbol. To the left is a print symbol as well.



If the download is successful, a message will appear. Note that the title is the page and date of the issue. Click on the X on the crop box to return to the issue page. Return to the results screen or home page as desired.

Why to use “Exact Phrase” whenever possible

The screenshot shows a search results page on the Community History Archive website. The search criteria are: "All Of The Words" filter, search term "ed ryg", and date range "Between 1/1/1903 And 12/31/1929". The results show two newspaper entries from "The Slater News": one from March 19th, 1924, and another from November 9th, 1927. The 1924 article is titled "COUNTY, IOWA, v ED SDAY, MARCH 19 1924 1 50 A. TO MRS RYG NATES TICKET Pie Lites of Bitile Men...". The 1927 article is titled "The Slater News Wednesday, November 9th, 1927".

In a new search, nothing is changed except that the filter is now “All of the Words.” (Note that the search button is now “Refine Search” instead of “Discover.” It still does the same thing.)

The results are a lot different. There are many more hits, but while Ryg is still shown, Ed now includes the joined letters ED wherever they appear. Most of these hits will be useless.



Moral: plan your search and use of filters.

My experience: Searching a patron's request

A patron emailed SAHA to request a copy of Lillie Ryen Richardson's obituary, which was not in our paper files. Her name did not appear in this database either. She was married to Lars Lewis Richardson, but didn't appear under Mrs. Lars Richardson. So I searched under Mrs. L.L. Richardson (below).

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Search For

Exact Phrase + -

Between And

Browse By Title **Browse By Year**

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Another clue was that she had reportedly died in August of 1908. The dates are set for the entire year of 1908.

The screenshot shows the search results for "mrs l l richardson" on the Community History Archive website. The search filters are set to "Exact Phrase" and "Between 1/1/1908 and 12/31/1908". The results are displayed in a list of newspaper articles from "The Slater News".

You Are Searching For Pages Containing:
"mrs l l richardson"

Decade: 1900 (3 Pages)

Year: 1908 (3 Pages)

Month & Day: February 1908 (3 Pages)

The Slater News
Thursday, February 6th, 1908
Page: 5

sickwith pneumonia Mrs L L Richardson ofnortheast of town continues ser iously sick with pneumonia Thomas Wagner of HagleGrove arrive Tuesday for avisit at the home of AmosWalker George Walden and familiare now occupying the Dobbbuilding infmediatly south othe park Mr and Mrs Randolph Peter son of Sheldahl rejoice over thearrival of a boy at their homeMonday Arthur Paimer, clerk at theBig Store, was in Ames yester day where he took the examin ation for carrier Mr Jacobson of near Gilbert,candidate for supervisor, wasinterviewing our people lastSaturday in the interest of...

The Slater News
Thursday, March 26th, 1908

His sister, Mrs L L Richardson who has been sick for some time, continues poorly.The series of meetings which have been in progress at the M EK church the past weeks closedlast night The meetings throughout were well attendand much good was accomplish ed Hadley Nervig and Charley Skortman returned from Chica go yester day They were lothto leave the windy city, think ing they would be missed from among the big throngs on the thoroughfares Banker Helland departed forthe Dakotas Monday eveningwhere he went to investigate aproposition made him for hishotel property at this place Mr Helland...

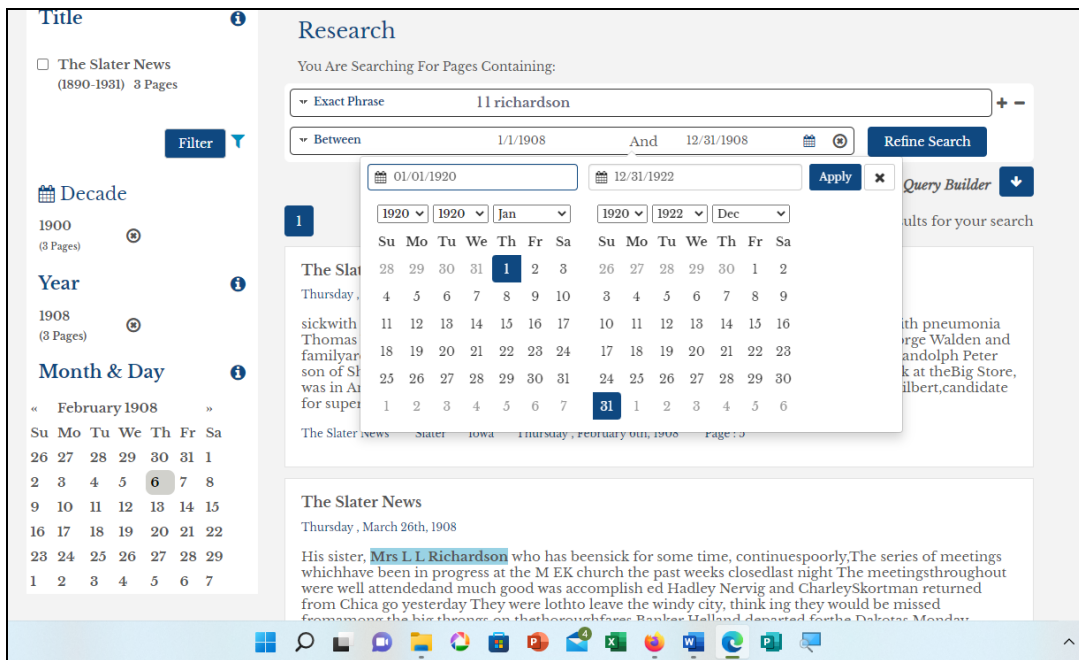
The Slater News
Thursday, August 27th, 1908

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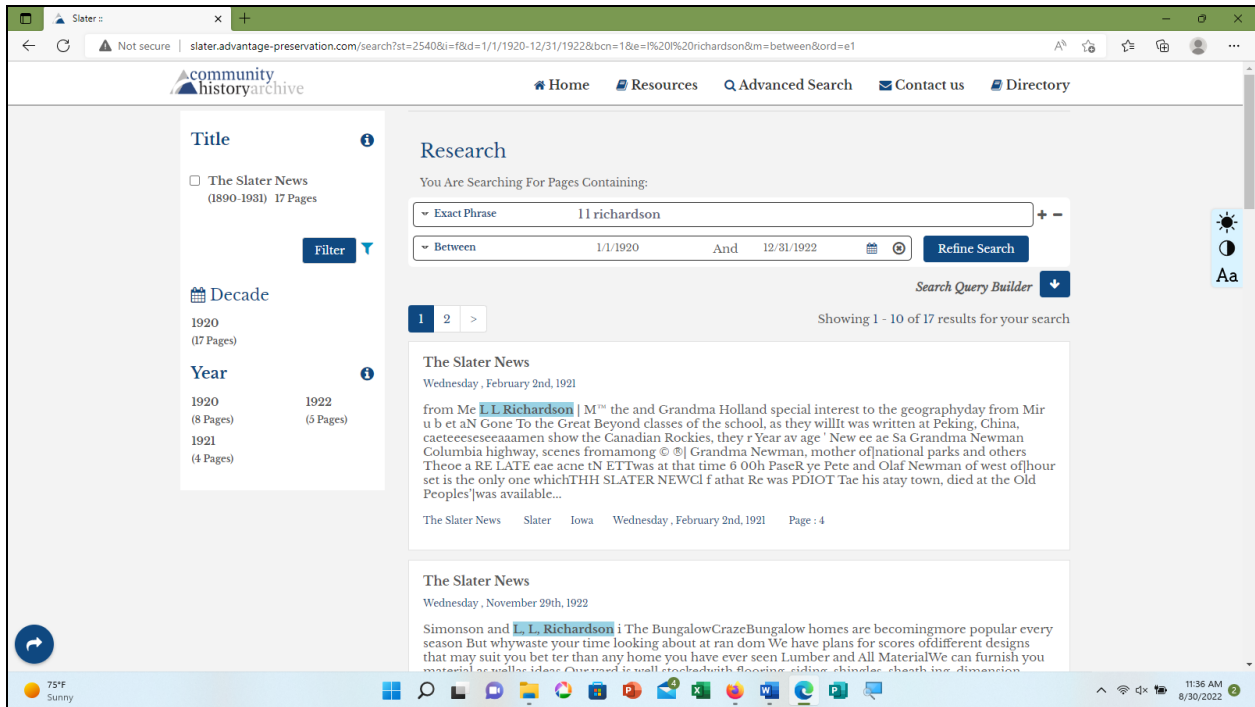
Looking at the results, it connects Mrs L. L. with pneumonia, perhaps a clue as to how she died. It might be worth downloading as well.



Here is her obituary, published a week after she died.



In the same email was a request for information on a trip around the world that L. L. Richardson took in 1920. We have a booklet on the trip, but we decided to see what was in the paper about it. I took the Mrs off the search key and changed the dates to 1919 through 1922.



Checking the results found several mentions of L.L.. including several about the trip.



Searching by Lars Richardson yielded more results, including letters from China and Egypt.

LARS WRITES FROM CHINA

Tells of Trip Across the Mountains To Where Miss Belle Richardson Is Working.

Rev. K. G. Nilsen and Mr. Lars Richardson, on their way around the world, have reached China, from where Mr. Richardson has written his children. Translated from Norwegian, it reads in part as follows:

Well, here we are at Belle's at last. We arrived here December 1st. Everything has gone well so far. Belle met us at the station. She looks as well as when she left Huxley, if not a little fleshier. Of course we were very glad to see her and that she was so well. You know she has been working too hard for a long time, but recently they got a nurse and soon a man and another woman will join the force and that will make it easier for her.

Everything has gone well on the entire trip, but it took a long, long time. China is a strange country, much stranger than I had imagined it. I shall tell you a little about our trip up here, over the mountains. There is no railroad, so we had to be carried up. There was only one carrying chair available when we wanted to leave, and as we did not desire to wait, we engaged this one, taking turns at being carried. Well, I got in first. It certainly felt funny to be lifted into the air on a chair and be carried by four Chinamen, but off we started. Say, that was the most peculiar ride I ever had. Rev. Nilsen was walking, and after we had gone a long distance we were to exchange places, as Nilsen was getting warm and out of breath—I was to walk and Nilsen was to be carried. Well, Nilsen got into the chair. The Chinamen took a good look at him and decided that he was too heavy and refused to carry him. Belle talked to them and tried to persuade them to continue, but they balked absolutely. Much as the Chinese love money, they would not budge. Well, we had to hire two extra men and at last we got ready to start again. It was almost laughable to ascend the steep mountain, carried by six Chinese. It was like ascending a stairway with steps cut in the hard ground all the way up. We could see straight down and if there was any time that I wished that I had had a quilt to throw over my head it was at that time. Heavy clouds

hung over the mountain. We soon entered the cloud and the mist became so thick that we could not see a rod ahead of us. I thought we would never have reached our destination. Rev. Nilsen and I exchanged places many times. We got so very warm and out of "wind," and last we reached the top, but we could not see anything because the cloud, which hung over the mountain, was 2,500 feet high.

The place is much better than I thought it would be. There are many fine houses, and to think that the Chinese have carried all the material up here. There is a strange difference between China and America. Half of the best farming country is taken up by cemeteries and the different graves are as large as ordinary hay shocks and there are thousands and thousands of them in every cemetery. I have not been anywhere yet that I could not stand in one place and count thousands and thousands of graves. Most of these cemeteries are hundreds of years old. They never molest them and it would seem that the entire farming country will some day be a big cemetery.

I went out with Professor Wald and visited the seminary. There we saw some sick ones. Among them was one that was an opponent to the Christians. He lay on a dirty mat in his own home. He had sold his wife and children and everything he had. Now the missionaries were feeding him. The natives shunned him entirely and would have nothing to do with him. Rev. Nilsen is out visiting some other missionaries, so I am now alone. I have again visited the seminary. There are many Chinese attending school there, preparing themselves for missionaries. They looked bright. Yesterday we were down to a small lake and Nilsen shot a wild goose. He borrowed a gun from one of the missionaries.

I don't know how long we will stay here. They say that it is very dangerous to venture far from here. There is a district north of here where seventeen million Chinese are starving and most of these will die through the winter months. The Chinese government refuses to help them in any way and they have all been left to starve.

It's real funny to watch the Chinese farm. They are using some funny looking animals instead of horses and the fields are very small. You ought to see the funny looking hogs they raise. They are

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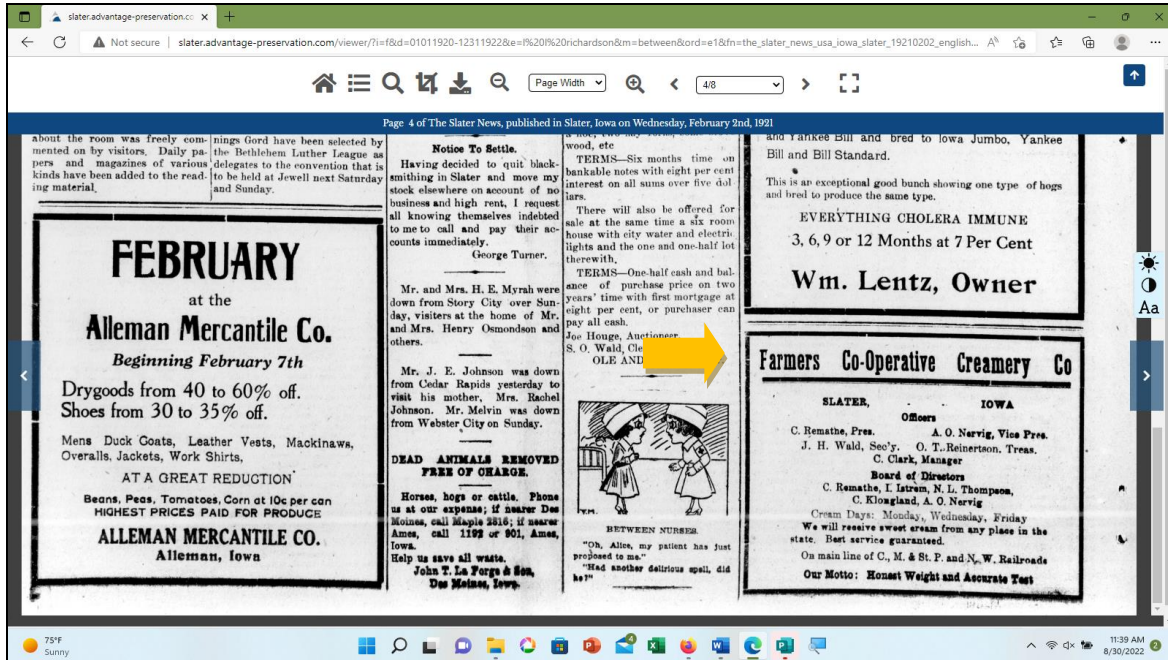
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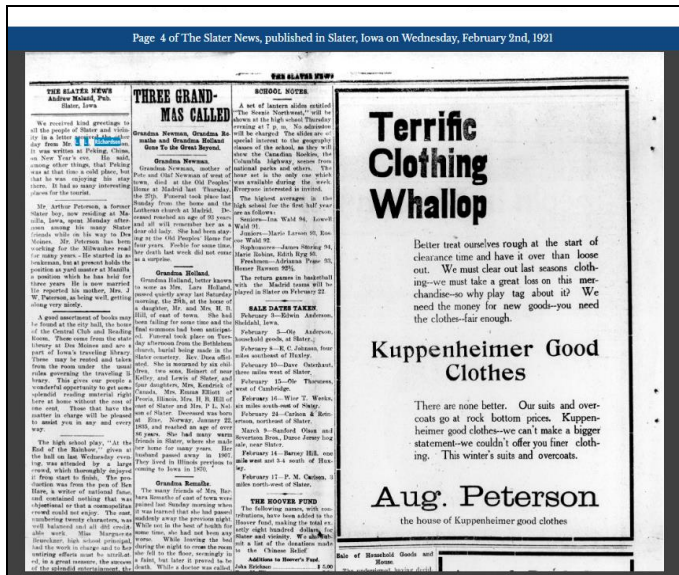
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Having Fun



Part of the fun of searching the paper is stumbling across interesting articles and old advertising. On one of the Richardson pages was this ad for the Farmers Co-operative Creamery Co.



On the same page was an ad for “pioneering” merchant, August Peterson.

Play around with the database. If you have questions or technical problems, our contact at Advantage Archives is Jeff Brown. jeffbrown@advantagearchives.com

SPRING COSTUME.

Suit of Violet Cloth
That Looks Youthful.

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A YOUTHFUL LITTLE SUIT.

This charmingly youthful little suit is of a purple and white mixture, and the