

Reputation

Our reputation hinges on the goods we sell, hence we have made it a rule to give our customers the best the market affords and at prices that will make you buy. We have just received another shipment of

Heinz Bottle Goods

You take no chances on these goods, for none better are put up.

We sell

Chase & Sanborn Coffees.

Get it in 50 pound sealed cans, and fresh from the roaster, so there is no chance for you to get stale coffee from us.

We have a fine line of Toilet Soaps and can suit you in quality and price.

Our bakery goods are always fresh. We sell the Sommer-Richardson line.

J. A. CASTER

A short prayer can reach a long way.

Remember the new harness shop of Cash T. Smith when you want any repair work.

Dr. Morris, the new dentist has opened office in Biggs' block opposite Dr. Foxworthy's office.

Up-to-date photo mounts and carbon prints at Swearingen's. See our new double photos too.

Will Epperly, who went to Colorado a few months ago to take a position as brakeman, has returned to this city and is now employed as a helper at the Q depot.

Lightning struck the house of Fred Evens in northeast Leon Monday night and knocked the chimney off as well as a few boards. The house was unoccupied at the time, Mr. Evens having gone to Oklahoma a few weeks ago.

It was announced in the Des Moines papers Sunday that the Q, and K, & W. trains would commence using the Union Depot in that city Monday morning, but it was an error, and it will be a couple of weeks yet before they run into the Union Depot.

Roe Caster, the popular ice man, met with a painful accident last Saturday. He was getting out ice at the ice house and a large cake fell and caught his leg, crushing it badly although no bones broken. He is confined to the house and it will be some days before he is able to be around.

A new rural mail route has been ordered established running out from Lamoni, service on which will commence Oct. 1st. It is 22 1/2 miles in length and runs three miles west of Lamoni, then south into Missouri, serving a large number of people who live across the line. It is the third rural route running out from Lamoni.

The season for holding fall sales is drawing on, and we desire to call the attention of REFORMER readers to the fact that we are fully equipped for printing artistic sale bills of all kinds. If you are contemplating holding a sale this fall get your bills printed at the REFORMER office.

The general store of Mike Miller, the genial Spring Valley merchant, was struck by lightning during Monday night's storm and building and stock were burned, nothing being saved. Mr. Miller was sick in bed at the time, and the loss falls heavy on him. The stock being worth about \$1500, and he carried no insurance. The building was worth \$400 or \$500 and was insured for \$200. It was owned by Henry Cowles.

Sam Meadenhall, of Duncan, Okla., who came back here a few weeks ago for a visit met with a serious accident while helping thrash at the farm of Ed Rainis in Woodland township last Wednesday. In some manner he got his left foot caught between the engine and separator and it was badly crushed, several of the bones being broken. Sam had made arrangements to return to Oklahoma the next day and the accident did not stop him, as he secured a pair of crutches and started on his journey on the noon train Thursday.

D. F. Avery has accepted a clerkship in the grocery store of J. A. Caster.

If you want good photos try Vogt's new gallery, north side square.

FOR SALE—Three room house in west Leon. Call at Empire Bakery.

Miss Velma Smith is a new clerk at the Graham, Darrah & Hansell store.

Lowest prices and best harness sold in Leon is at the new shop of C. T. Smith & Co.

Mrs. C. E. Gardner entertained in her usual delightful manner a number of her lady friends Tuesday afternoon from 3 till 6 o'clock.

Want your pictures framed? See Swearingen the Photographer for frames and large crayon portraits at lowest rates and work guaranteed first class.

Miss Blanche Biddison entertained a number of her young friends at the residence of her parents last Thursday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday.

Mrs. Jonathan Hamilton has our thanks for some fine peach plums which she brought back with her from St. John, Wash. She says the fruit crop there is simple immense.

If you want a farm sold or want a farm loan at lowest rate of interest and best terms go to E. J. Sankey, southeast corner Main and Commercial streets, Leon, Ia.

M. Bilderback, of Hampton, Iowa, editor of the Hampton Globe, one of the best and most widely circulated papers in northern Iowa, was visiting typographical friends in this city yesterday.

Ben Toovey has decided to locate in Canada, and shipped a car of live stock and farming implements to Weyburn, Canada, last Friday. He went with the car and his brother-in-law, Will Odgen accompanied him. Mr. Toovey's family will join him after he gets located.

FOR SALE—A scholarship issued by the Iowa Business College at Des Moines, good for six month's tuition in any shorthand, telegraphy or bookkeeping department. It is transferable and will be sold for considerable less than was paid for it. Full information can be secured by calling at THE REFORMER office.

Vandette Lucille Lefollett, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lefollett died at their home in this city Saturday, age 16 days. Funeral services were held at the Advent church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Elder A. E. Hatch, and the frail little body was laid to rest in the beautiful Leon cemetery. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Many Leon friends will be pained to learn of a serious accident to Mrs. W. A. Brown, the popular hostess at Manhattan Beach Hotel, Lake Okoboji. While curling her hair with a hot iron she let it slip and the iron struck her in the right eye and burned it severely. For several hours it was feared she would lose the sight of both eyes, but prompt treatment by an expert oculist saved the sight.

No one is ever deceived by the flatteries spoken at a funeral.

New up-to-date photo mounts and portrait lenses as good as they make. SWEARINGEN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker and Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Baker's mother, spent Sunday on the lake hunting and fishing.—Oaksdale (Wash.) Tidings.

FOR SALE—Two good milch cows, one with calf by side, other fresh soon; two good brood mares with colts by side; one two-year-old filly.—H. G. Lutz.

W. H. Davis will hold a public sale of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep at his residence five miles northeast of Leon on Thursday, September 4, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

The East Grand River Baptist Association held their annual meeting at Palestine church last Saturday and Sunday, there being a large attendance and an interesting session.

On Monday, August 18th, 1902, Mr. S. E. Burnison and Miss Jennie Cornett, both of Davis City, Iowa, were united in marriage at the Leon M. E. parsonage by Rev. I. N. Woodward.

Rev. R. K. Sadler, editor of the Baptist Record and the Humeston Advocate, attended the East Grand River Baptist Association meeting at Palestine church last Saturday and Sunday. We acknowledge a very pleasant call.

The democrats of Woodland township will hold a township caucus at Woodland, on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a township ticket. Every democrat in the township is cordially invited to attend the caucus. W. H. WILSON, Township committeeman.

City Marshal Chandler is wearing a black eye but he wants it distinctly understood he has not been fighting. While going home Tuesday night he collided with a man on west Commercial street, the trees preventing either person from seeing the other, and they came together rather forcibly. They were both so surprised that neither said a word, and Straud does not know who he ran into.

The K. & W. ran a special excursion train to Des Moines for the accommodation of the state fair visitors Monday morning. Among the many who took the train at this station were: Carl Eale and little son, Peter Cruikshank, J. N. Smith, Walter Cruikshank, J. H. Evans and wife, C. T. Smith, J. S. Beavers, B. W. Garrett and wife, Grant Rumley, Mrs. Freeland Bobbitt, A. S. Tharp and wife, Misses Blanche Gardner, Blanche Allen and Jessie Pryor.

On Friday, August 15th, as expressman L. D. Miller was bringing the express up town from the noon passenger train a package containing a pair of pants addressed to M. Mayer fell from the wagon in front of the residence of S. Farquhar, unnoticed by Mr. Miller. It was picked up by a man driving a bay and sorrel team hitched to a top buggy in which was a woman and two children. Two different parties saw the man pick up the package and can identify him. Unless the package is returned at once the matter will be placed with the authorities for action.

Mrs. John O. Hamilton died at Enid, Okla., last Thursday evening after an illness of four weeks with typhoid fever. Her remains were taken to her old home at Murray for interment, the funeral being held from the Union church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The deceased was a most estimable lady and resided for several years in this city. She was married to Mr. Hamilton less than a year ago, and their married life has been a happy one. Mr. Hamilton arrived in Leon Monday and will visit a few days with his father in this city. He has many warm friends here who extend their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

The heavy rains which we have had all summer is seriously delaying the contractors on the new school house, and although they are working a full force every day the weather will permit it is feared it will be late in November before the building is ready for use. The school board is unable to secure suitable rooms to use for school purposes so it has been decided not to open at either building until the new building is completed except that the school year for the coming graduating class and the B class in the High School will open about the middle of September, in charge of Prof. Drake, as it is necessary that they get in full time in order to graduate.

Uncle Bob Bowsher one of the most popular men who ever lived in Leon is dangerously ill at his home in this city. He has suffered from a rupture for a number of years, and received an injury Sunday which made an operation for strangulated hernia necessary. Owing to complications Dr. Jacob Geiger the celebrated surgeon of St. Joe was called to perform the operation which was performed Monday night, in the presence of Drs. Brown, Bowman, Eiker, Bone and Landis, and Mr. Bowsher is doing the best that could be expected. His condition yesterday was very favorable, and his recovery is looked for although he will be confined to his bed for several weeks. Uncle Bob has a host of friends who sincerely hope he may be spared for many years yet.

A bouncing boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of this city last Saturday morning.

B. L. Gale the opera house barber this week received a new set of barber fixtures and now has one of the neatest shops in southern Iowa.

Money to loan on improved farms at 5 per cent interest for 5, 6 to 10 years time. F. VARGA & SON.

Try Vogt's new gallery on the north side for any kind of photograph work. The best of work at lowest prices and satisfaction guaranteed always.

S. L. Darrah has purchased the residence property owned by A. Merwin on north Church street, and will occupy it as a home. Mr. Merwin expects to remove to Iola, Kan., soon.

It is not often that two brothers sit as members of the same grand jury, but the grand jury this term of court has them, they being Mr. John F. Garber of Franklin township and his brother L. D. Garber of Center.

A Most Liberal Offer

All our former readers should take advantage of this unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with THE REFORMER, The Iowa Homestead, its special Farmers' Institute editions and the Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, county and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four one year only \$1.70. Never before has so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own, are well known throughout the west and commend themselves to the readers' favorable attention upon mere mention. The Iowa Homestead is the great agricultural and livestock paper of the west; The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while The Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office. O. E. HULL, Publisher LEON REFORMER.

Avoid Fraudulent Imitations. Use the genuine Russ Bleaching Blue and preserve your clothes. All grocers, 10c.

THE CHURCHES.

The C. W. B. M. Auxiliary of the Christian Church will meet with Mrs. J. M. Caster Wednesday, September 3rd, at 2:30 o'clock.

"By Their Fruit, Ye Shall Know Them" is the title of the morning sermon at the Christian church, August 31st. Every Christian should hear it, if it is possible to do so.

Rev. Levi Fosdick, of Tuskego, attended the East Grand River Baptist Association meeting at Palestine church Sunday, leaving Monday to fill an appointment at Cambria.

Owing to a mistake, an item relative to the movements of Rev. W. H. Isley intended for this week was published in our last issue. Mr. Isley will return Thursday or Friday of this week and will preach at Union chapel next Sunday afternoon.

Elder A. E. Hatch, pastor of the Advent church in this city, left Tuesday for Gravity to attend the Adventist campmeeting in progress in that city, and will then go to Omega, Okla., to attend and assist at a big campmeeting for a week or ten days.

Attention is called to the services in the M. E. church for next Sunday. The Epworth League and Sunday School at usual hours. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor. The subject of the evening sermon will be "Choosing a Husband." This will be the second of a series of sermons to young people. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

If you really want first class photo's. See Swearingen successor to Hummer.

Come early in April and get your nursery stock from the Leon Home Nursery. My stock has never been culled. W. A. GARRETT.

For 30 Days Only.

Big premium with every dozen of photos at Swearingen's photo gallery. Call and see.

List of Letters Uncalled For.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice in Leon, Iowa, for the week ending August 23, 1902:

Pat Mahoney	Mr. Jesse Smith
M. Simon	Miss Jane Sifer
Miss J. Martin	Mr. Lewis Jandott
Bro. H. T. Keller	Mrs. Helen G. Hunt
Grant Grigby, Esq.	Mrs. Mable Watson

In calling for the above please say "advertised." JOHN LEDGERWOOD.

Our New Dentist.

Dr. R. C. Morris of Union, Iowa, has located in Leon for the practice of dentistry and has opened a magnificent suite of offices in the Biggs' block across the hall from Dr. Foxworthy's office. He is a young man, who, comes highly recommended, being a graduate of the dental department of the state university at Iowa City, and has purchased a complete new outfit of the latest and most approved dental instruments and office fixtures. He graduated with high honors, and is an educated and refined young man who has decided to make his home in this city, and we extend him a cordial welcome to our city. He will be pleased to have you call at his office and get acquainted and if you need his professional services he guarantees all work to be entirely satisfactory.

Messages to Friends in the Orient

(From the Wilkesbarre Leader.)
Carrying with them more than a score of graphophone records, messages to friends in the far East, the Reverend and Mrs. John Gowdy have started for Foo Chow, China, where they will make their permanent home. Several years ago the Rev. Mr. Gowdy left West Pittston for Drew Seminary to be educated to engage in missionary work, and he was very successful. He received an appointment as instructor in the Anglo-Chinese College there and three weeks ago here ended his journey of 18,000 miles to mark the close of a romance of his earlier life in West Pittston.

Miss Gertrude Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tompson, because his bride, agreed to share his fortune and success in the Orient.

When it became known that the couple will travel through the interior, they were asked to take messages to many friends, and to facilitate the undertaking and perhaps to bring the recipient thereof a trifle nearer home, it was decided to make graphophone records, and this was done. They were packed in a case, and will be delivered as the missionary happened across the friends.

License to Wed.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk Kehler since our last issue:

W. F. Bradshaw	21
Minnie Willis	17
G. W. Hine	26
Josie Finkbone	17

AT HURST'S!

Ladies Suits Reduced

An even dozen made in the celebrated "Palmer" factory. Prices now are \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50 for suits worth \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00—but we cannot make alterations at these prices. If interested come early for we expect them to go with a rush. The raw materials are worth more than we ask for the made-up jacket and skirt.

Fall Dress Goods

Here's a choice stock of heavy goods in the new weaves, Cloths especially desirable for skirts and suits, Cheviots, Ziblenes, unfinished worsted, satia berbers, etamines and basket weaves in a wide range of colors. Prices in the 50 inch cloths from 65c to \$1.35 per yard and you're welcome to come and see them whether you buy or not. Samples mailed to out of town customers on request. Always state colors wanted and about the price you want to pay and give full address.

More New Shoes

Opened up ten new styles in fall shoes this week.

An especially strong, stylishly, good ladies' fine shoe at.....\$2.35

Goodyear welt winter kid in Boston styles at..... 3.00

Selz Lady Elgin fine shoes.....\$1.50

Men's Royal Blue, 5 styles..... 3.50

Men's Perfecto, 4 styles..... 3.00

Box calf McK..... 2.50

Enterprise..... 2.00

Top Notch..... 1.50

Best shoes we've ever had for you. We'll expect you.

We give mail orders prompt and careful attention. Always make your orders as plain as possible. Give full address. Include postage when goods are ordered sent by mail. If you send too much we'll return the balance. Address orders to the firm.

HURST BROS.

Corset Bargains!

Want to clean up a bunch of summer corsets—all new goods and nearly all sizes. We price the 50c grade at 35c, the 40c grade for 30c and what's left of the 25 cent girdles for 15c. Also small line of Bastiste corsets 50 cent quality for 35c. We are selling these at less than factory prices and won't have any more of them when these are sold. Include postage when ordered by mail. Better be quick, they will go fast.

Hosiery and Underwear

Qualities and weights adapted to this fall weather are offered here at very low prices. Splendid values in hosiery at 10c, 13c, 15c and 25c. Ladies' faultless fitting underwear silver gray, fall weight 25c. Union suits 50c. Not the common stuff by any means. Shaped right, every stitch right. Glad to have you see them. Best children's stockings you ever saw for these prices 10c, 13c, 15c and 25c.

Buy Rubbers Here

Cause you can always get your size and they're good rubbers. We carry a very full stock of rubber footwear from my lady's dainty "Newport" to great heavy duck boots for the men folks and try to keep all sizes all the time. It's been nip and tuck this wet weather but we are stocked up again in good shape and won't disappoint you. Depend on us for your rubbers.