

New Court Cases.

T. J. Grimm vs Louisa Grimm. Action is brought for a divorce on the grounds of adultery. Hoffman & Jackson attorneys for plaintiff.

Barton Burrell adm. vs. F. E. and Angie Peck. The plaintiff as administrator of the estate of G. M. Acton brings suit on two notes aggregating \$216.46, and asking that an attachment issue against the property of defendants, as they are about to leave the state. Hoffman & Jackson attorneys for plaintiff.

Shas Worden vs. Laura A. Worden. The parties were married in March, 1864, and lived together as man and wife until November, 1897, when they agreed to a separation and at which time plaintiff deeded to defendant 206 acres of land near Weldon worth \$60 per acre and she also received personal property worth \$1000. The defendant is now residing in Nebraska. John W. Harvey & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

Annabel Malone vs. Milton A. Malone. Action is brought for divorce. Parties were married at Des Moines June 2, 1894, and lived together until July 17, 1902, plaintiff in her petition states that she has always conducted herself as a dutiful and loving wife. That the defendant has treated plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner so as to injure her health, using vile and vicious names, and while sick neglected her, that plaintiff has struck her. She asks for divorce and that she be restored to her maiden name and \$200 temporary alimony and \$20 a month permanent alimony. G. W. Baker, attorney for plaintiff.

Myrtle Savage vs. Joseph Savage. Action is brought for divorce. Parties were married at Leon, March 29, 1901. Plaintiff states in her petition that she has always conducted herself as a dutiful and loving wife. That plaintiff during the time marriage relations existed did strike and beat plaintiff and threatened to kill her, and that as a result of such treatment her life was endangered and her health impaired. Stivers & Haymaker attorneys for plaintiff.

A New Lumber Yard.

For several years there has been a demand here for a second lumber yard, as with the business controlled as it has been by one firm, it drives considerable trade away from Leon which should by rights come to this town, as many farmers refuse to trade where there is no competition, and it has been a frequent sight to see wagons loaded with lumber drive right through Leon, the consumers buying their material and hauling it from neighboring towns.

We are pleased to announce that a new lumber yard will be established in Leon just as soon as the sheds can be built and the stock purchased, a lease for a term of years having been closed last week by Mr. C. F. Fransham, of Ridgeway, Mo., for the half block of ground owned by W. A. Boone, just north of the residence of Dr. H. R. Layton on Main street, two blocks south of the square. Mr. Fransham has been engaged in the lumber business for many years and with the Cadle Lumber Co. owns a number of yards at various points. They have ample capital and will carry a first-class stock of lumber and be ready to meet all competition.

Fire at Hotel Leon.

The north side of the square embracing one of the finest blocks of business houses to be found in southern Iowa had a very narrow escape from destruction by fire. As about half past eight o'clock last Saturday morning dense smoke was discovered pouring from the roof of Hotel Leon. The alarm was quickly given and the fire company were on the scene in a few minutes and soon had two lines of hose throwing water. The fire was located between the ceiling of the second story and the roof and had evidently been burning a long time, for when the water was raised the whole interior was a mass of flames and it looked as if the building was doomed, but after a stubborn fight the fire boys soon had the fire extinguished, but not until the whole building was flooded with water.

The origin of the fire is considerable of a mystery as there does not appear to be any burned place in the vicinity of any of the flues, and the electric light wires were all cut out, so that the only plausible theory is that the fire was started by mice carrying matches into the loft or the fire was the work of an incendiary. The building was closed as a hotel a couple of weeks ago, although Mr. Lawrence and family have still been living in the house. All of the furniture of the hotel had been stored down in the office and dining room as Mr. Lawrence had advertised to sell it at public sale that day. The damage to the hotel building will probably reach close to \$1,000, covered by \$3,500 in the Hanover Co. Mr. Lawrence had \$1,000 insurance on the furniture in the Capital, and his loss is confined to the damage done by wetting the goods and in carrying them out in the mud. The entire clothing stock of Owens & Forbes located in the corner room under the hotel was carried across the street, and stored in Biggs & Co.'s store, and as the water was pouring through the ceiling and it was raining quite hard they suffered considerable damage from water, but the loss is fully covered by insurance. There was also about \$50 damage done to the furniture stock of W. A. Alexander by water and it too is covered by insurance.

A strong wind was blowing at the time of the fire but everything was very wet as the result of the two weeks rain or the story might have been different. From the amount of damage done in the garret of the building it is evident the fire had been burning several hours before it was discovered, and had it broken out in the night the entire block would probably have been burned.

Advertisement for laxative bromo-quinine tablets, signed E. W. Brown.

Hon. T. M. Stuart.

Hon. T. M. Stuart, candidate for congress in the 8th district of Iowa, now represented by W. P. Hepburn, will address the people of Decatur County, at Leon, Friday Oct. 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and hear the issues discussed from a democratic standpoint by one of the oldest speakers of Iowa and learn whether we are drifting and the inevitable results of paternalism and centralization of power by modern republicanism.

License to Wed.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk Kehler since our last issue: Wilber McIntosh 31, Myrtle Fullerton 22, Lorne Fetty 23, Sadie Shotts 19, W. A. Alexander 44, Adella Merwin 29, John D. Abercrombie 23, Grace Lillard 21, John Rees 75, Eliza Hayes 64.

Cutting Affray at Tuskego.

Oliver Boyer and Newt Fesler indulged in a serious fight at Tuskego Tuesday. The trouble arose over an account which Fesler had sued Boyer on. Boyer struck Fesler with his fist whereupon Fesler drew his knife and cut Boyer on the head several times, inflicting several painful but not serious wounds. The parties were arrested for fighting and disturbing the peace. The case was tried before Justice of the Peace, M. R. Marshall and jury. The jury failed to agree, standing 5 for conviction and one for acquittal. County Attorney Olsen appeared for the state and Win. Kelly, of Lamoni, appeared for the defendant.

Knife Used in Fight near Pleasanton.

Ed Vaughn, of Mercer county, Mo., was arrested Tuesday at Pleasanton by Constable Cornett and brought to Leon where a warrant was sworn out before Justice J. L. Harvey by G. E. Davis, a constable from Missouri, charging Vaughn with assault with intent to kill. The trial is set for Friday unless requisition papers arrive in time, in which case he will be taken to Missouri to be tried, and his bond was fixed at \$500, in default of which he is now in jail. It seems the trouble arose over the settlement with his landlord in which Mr. Robb received several cuts in the back and arms. Vaughn claims that Robb hit him on the head with a hoe, which caused him to use the knife.

Family Reunion.

At the home of Mr. James Farnes in east Leon, October 5th, there occurred one of the most pleasant events of the season. A family reunion was held early in the morning, the guests began to arrive with well filled baskets to help celebrate the event. The forenoon was spent in social conversation and at 1 o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room where a table was spread with good things to eat, to which all did justice. After dinner was over and the shades of night began to draw near, the guests departed to their homes, wishing that all might live to again enjoy such an event. Those present from afar were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Trogdon and two daughters, Marcia and Edith, of Billings, Montana. They departed for their home Monday after a two week's visit in this city with Mrs. Trogdon's father.

Roe Caster Is Seriously Injured.

Roe Caster, a student of Drake university, lies in his room near University Place suffering from injuries received during a class fight between the freshmen and the sophomores, which are believed to be a most serious character. Caster has been unable to leave his bed since last Thursday, when he was hurt. Much of that time he has suffered great pain and part of it he was unable to move hand or foot. His condition is now so serious that the physician in charge of his case refuses to move the patient to his home in the southern part of the state where he could be better cared for.

It is believed that Caster has injured his spine. When first examined after the accident it was announced that he had only strained the muscle of his back, but later developments indicate that the trouble is of a much more serious nature. Caster was trying to get away from two freshmen who had climbed on his back when he was injured. Just at the moment when he had lifted both men from the ground a third assailant leaped upon him and threw him to the ground. The injured student played third base on last season's baseball team.—Des Moines Capital.

The above is nothing but "hot air" from the full brain of some sensational reporter, for word was received yesterday that Roe had recovered sufficiently to be out.

Real Estate Transfers.

- Real estate transfers from Sept. 30th to October 7th, 1902 as reported by Stephen Varga. H. L. Tullis to J. E. Clark, lot in Decatur, \$500. Minnie A. Wickes to Burton F. Lamoni, and Minnie M. Lewis, lot in Lamoni, 2000. Treva M. Sorrenson to Robt. Johnson, lot in Lamoni, 400. Lucy M. Stafford to C. N. Stafford, lots in Lamoni, 500. Farrie E. McKee to Alma C. Maxie, lots in Lamoni, 435. M. A. Gammill to A. W. Minthorn, 124 acres in Woodland, 300. John D. Sullivan and C. S. Stearns to Viola M. Robertson, lots in Garden Grove, 600. I. N. McDonough to M. F. Davenport, 43 acres in Eden, 2000. Martin C. Betts, Adnan to E. O. Kinsey, 112 acres in Hamilton, 1800. E. O. Kinsey to C. D. Mallette 112 acres in Hamilton, 2800. W. A. Alexander to H. A. Jenks, lots in Lamoni, 1500. L. H. Thomas to John Fitto, 165 acres in High Point, 8500. James W. Bravebrooks to David N. Danielson, lot in Lamoni, 600. W. A. Grogan to Geo. M. and Wm. Jennings, 108 acres Woodland, 5400. A. C. Stevens to F. T. McKibben, 60 acres in High Point, 2000. Ira Miller to Wallace J. Davis, lot in Garden Grove \$1 and other consideration.

MATRIMONIAL.

Alexander-Merwin.

Mr. W. A. Alexander and Miss Adella Merwin were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Merwin in north Leon, at high noon Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1902, Rev. I. N. Woodward, pastor of the M. E. church of this city officiating. It was a quiet home wedding only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties being present. The bride is one of Leon's most popular young ladies, having resided in this city a number of years and her friends are numbered by her acquaintances. Mr. Alexander is one of the most prominent business men in our city, being the owner of stores, dealing in drugs, furniture and musical instruments. They left on the afternoon train for a week's visit at St. Louis, after which they will be at home to their many friends. The reporter and a host of other friends wish them hearty congratulations, and may their life be one of joy and sunshine.

THE CHURCHES.

Presiding Elder W. D. Thompson preached at the M. E. church Sunday night and held communion services, a large congregation being present.

Rev. W. H. Halsey will preach at Cross chapel next Sabbath afternoon. Services will begin at 3 o'clock till further notice. An offering will be taken for disabled ministers. Please come prepared.

At the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning the subject of the sermon will be "The Christian's Ingratitude to His Savior." That of the evening will be "A Vital Question." All are cordially invited.

The usual preaching services will be conducted at the Christian church next Lord's day, Oct. 12th. The subject for the morning sermon is "Lord, What Will Thou Have me to Do?" The subject for the evening service is "The Strength of Weakness." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Services in the M. E. church next Sunday will be as follows. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor. In the morning the subject will be "The Power House of Christian Living" and in the evening "The Tragedy of the Forbidden Fruit." The Epworth League meeting will be held by Miss Eva Rhodes. Everybody is invited to the Spinday School service.

The National convention of the Christian churches to be held at Omaha next week promises to attract many visitors from this section. The most prominent workers of this church from all parts of the country will be at Omaha, and those who attend will have an opportunity of hearing a number of noted divines. Among others who will take part in the proceedings will be Dr. B. B. Tyler, of Denver, president of the International Sunday School Union, who conducted a series of meetings at the Leon Christian church in this city a few years ago, and made many friends among the church people of this vicinity. He is one of the oldest ministers in point of active service, but retains all of his youthful vigor and stands in the front ranks of religious workers.

IOWA LEADS IN EGGS.

She Leads All Other States in the Union.

A Washington bulletin gives the Iowa leads credit for her quantity of sedativeness and stick-to-it-iveness in business. It says that in the production of eggs, Iowa leads, with 99,621,920 dozens, worth \$10,016,707, Ohio second, with 91,768,680 dozens, worth \$10,280,796; Illinois third, with 84,402,670 dozens, worth \$8,942,401; Missouri next with 85,203,290 dozens, worth \$8,316,371.

The egg product of 1899 was valued at higher figures than the combined gold and silver product of the United States during any year since 1850 except for the year 1900, when the precious metals exceeded the value of eggs by \$9,418,125.

Poultry and eggs takes seventh place among the farm products of the United States, being outvalued by animals sold off farms, hay and forage, dairy products, corn wheat and cotton. Poultry and eggs are worth more than the product of pig iron in the United States in 1901, more than the bituminous coal and more than the Pennsylvania anthracite.

Poultry sold off farms in 1899 was worth \$136,891,877, and eggs \$144,286,370, with a combined value of \$281,178,247.

If all the eggs produced in the United States in 1899 were loaded in ordinary refrigerator cars the train would be 808 miles long, or greater than the distance from Washington to Chicago. Here it is in figures: 1,293,818,144 dozens of 43,127,272 crates of 30 dozens each. These are worth \$144,283,370. In 1899 the product was 474,196,228 fewer than in 1899. The average price per dozen ranged from 7.7 cents in Texas to 43 cents in Alaska. The average price for the whole country was 11.15 cents a dozen. There were 203 eggs for each of the population and these were worth \$108.

Rummage Sale.

Rummage Sale at Hotel Leon Oct. 18, for the benefit of Public Library commencing the morning of the 18th and closing in the evening with entertainment. The board wish to purchase \$100 worth of books and ask the patronage of all interested or benefited by the open library.

Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at his farm 1 1/2 miles north of Westerville on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1902, the following property to-wit: Fifty head of cattle, consisting of twenty head of three-year-olds, fourteen head of two-year-olds, six cows, three yearling steers, rest heifers and calves. Also six head of horses. Terms of sale 12 months. Doc Cole.

M. B. EAYM, Auct. PATRICK GREFFIN, Clerk.

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These four articles of wearing apparel is what we wish to call your attention to this week. Our stock was never larger, the values more greater, as found at this store this season. Goods are new, first-class in every respect and guaranteed to be just as represented or your money back.

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Fancy Millinery.

New fresh goods are arriving every day to fill in the gaps made by the heavy sales this season. You always find the latest styles in this department and the prices are always reasonable.

Cotton Bats at 3c Each!

Only a few left and when these are sold it closes the sale.

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Oklahoma Letter.

It is somewhat late to write, but the heavy rains and busy harvest prevented me from visiting a great many of my old time friends in Decatur county and town of Leon, Okla. (only individually) to inform my many friends. I was obliged to leave of my safe arrival in the land where the sheep of Texas go, loaf or maybe dwell. I seen the effects of too much rain all the way through Missouri and far in Kansas, but finally struck the familiar drouthy looking country of Henrpy, a goodly place to look at, but sun, sun, sunshine told the same old story of dried up pasture and high water in the creeks and rivers. I thought I had lost Lelah but soon discovered he and old Mage, the familiar dog, were in a cloud of dust and sand her eyes shining like stars in a mud hole and her complexion the same color. The Indian says he would rather have a dog in his pocket than a horse in his back. Back to my subject again or I will make a mess of it and that is easy done.

We arrived at El Reno the second day after leaving Leon, completely covered with dust the first that had been on us for two months. I was glad to get out of the mud and to the Choctaw depot one and one half mile away. I thought once I had lost Lelah but soon discovered he and old Mage, the familiar dog, were in a cloud of dust and sand her eyes shining like stars in a mud hole and her complexion the same color. The Indian says he would rather have a dog in his pocket than a horse in his back. Back to my subject again or I will make a mess of it and that is easy done.

J. D. has been hunting several times after night but failed to catch any, so last week he and old Mage, the familiar dog, were in a cloud of dust and sand her eyes shining like stars in a mud hole and her complexion the same color. The Indian says he would rather have a dog in his pocket than a horse in his back. Back to my subject again or I will make a mess of it and that is easy done.

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