

THE STAR BOARDER... The Star Boarder Company, which comes to our Opera House on Tuesday, Dec. 9 has enough fun in his make up to please any audience himself.



But when to his nonsense is added his chorus of charming girls, and the performance of his strong troupe there is no doubt left for a sure enough enjoyable evening.

Farmer's Library Days.

At the meeting of the library association Monday evening it was decided that hereafter an annual donation of farm products be accepted by the library from its country readers, the same to be sold at auction and the proceeds given to the book fund of the library.

List of acceptable articles: Chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, pigs, calves, cows, corned steers, corn, oats, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, apples, pumpkins, butter, eggs, canned fruit, or any other country product, including load of wood.

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Teachers Meeting.

Program for teachers' meeting to be held at Garden Grove Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, December 12 and 13, 1902, at the school house.

Expression in the Public School... B. L. Nay Discussion... Adelaide Headley and Aurelie Zichey Libraries in the Public Schools...

Chorus... High School Girls Drill... Miss Miller's Pupils Music.

Reading, "Jim Smiley's Frog"... Harry Buffum Drill... Miss Arnold's Pupils Music.

The Rural School Problem... J. A. McIntosh Discussion... Prof. A. L. Lyon Discussion... General Vocal Duett...

Mrs. Woodbury, Prof. A. L. Lyon SATURDAY MORNING, Instrumental Music.

Geography... Ella Zook Discussion... Eva Aten, Kate Vail, Lorna Long Music in the Rural Schools... E. O. Coontz Discussion...

Class Drill in Vocal Music... Mrs. Woodbury Paper-Cutting Drill... Miss Headley's Pupils Instrumental Solo... Miss Mabel Adams Paper... Prof. H. S. Buffum, of Lamoni Discussion.

Instrumental Solo... Miss Anna Hoadley Discussion.

Making Poultry Profitable. Hens will lay as many eggs in December as in May if given suitable food and proper care, and with immensely greater profits to the owner.

Leroy Quigley. Died at his home near Davis City November 23, 1902 Leroy C. Quigley, at the age of 23 years, 9 months and 18 days.

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THE CHURCHES

Elder A. E. Hatch departed Friday for Corning, where he is conducting a series of meetings this week.

A committee meeting of the two A. C. conferences of Iowa will be held in Leon Dec. 9th at which a number of prominent ministers will be present.

There will be preaching at the A. C. church, Leon, by the pastor, Sunday Dec. 7th morning and evening. Meeting will also continue each evening indefinitely. All are invited.

A number of young people of the A. C. church passed Thanksgiving evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hatch. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed in a social way.

Revival services are being held every night this week in the M. E. church. Everybody is invited to come. Beginning with next Sunday morning the pastor will be assisted by Rev. E. F. Miller of Chicago, a singing evangelist.

Some of the members of the Christian church raised a purse of \$30.00 and presented it to the pastor, Eld. H. H. Hubbell Monday in token of their appreciation of his work during the series of meetings which he recently closed in this city.

Rev. W. H. Hsley will preach at Crown Chapel next Sunday afternoon at the usual hour. Weather and roads permitting, there will be a series of special meetings through the week, beginning on Monday evening. Definite announcements will be made at the Sabbath service.

There will be the regular services in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Walking With God." That of the evening, "The Two Controlling Spirits." You are cordially invited. During the continuance of the revival meetings in the Methodist church the prayer meetings will be omitted.

Rev. I. R. M. Beeson, of Savannah, Mo., was in Leon the latter part of last week in the interest of the Christian Home Orphanage, of Council Bluffs, a most worthy institution which is caring for aged women and homeless orphans. It is non-sectarian and at the present time they have 220 persons in the home.

The mid week prayer meetings of the Christian church will be discontinued while the special meetings last at the M. E. church. A sermon will be preached to the children at the Christian church, Lord's Day, Dec. 7th at 11 o'clock, all the children and their friends are most cordially invited. Junior Endeavor meets at 2:30 p. m. each Lord's Day and regular preaching services in the evening at 7:30.

Rev. C. W. Reeder was most agreeably surprised Monday evening when Mrs. C. F. Bachelder and her Sunday school class, composed of fourteen members, took possession of the parsonage, bringing their own refreshments. That was not all they brought, however, for they left the neat sum of twenty-one dollars with the minister and his wife to show in what high esteem they were held by the class. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Reeder were again pleasantly surprised by a party of Baptist young people who dropped in unawares to spend the evening. The occasion was enjoyed by all present.—Carroll Herald.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

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Mr. J. P. Hall

The Denver Illustrated Weekly of December 3d, devoted its first page to an extended write-up of the passenger department of the Santa Fe railroad and its general passenger agent, Mr. J. P. Hall, formerly of this city, in the center of which appears a fine half-tone portrait of Mr. Hall. It says, in part:

Competition for traffic, both passenger and freight, is vigorous and while possession of points of excellence in system and service count for much with the representative of the department in securing business, capacity for maintaining such relations with shipping interests by perpetual diligence is infinitely more consequential in bringing results. It is only by the weighing of results that employes are judged at general offices. Credit must accrue to the representative whose territory shows steadily increasing business year after year, commensurate with the advancement of his section as a whole and no higher testimonial can be paid for such service than promotion from time to time and retention at an important post of the employe whose record is such.

J. P. Hall, general agent of the passenger department of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, has been in the service of that company in Denver since 1882 and will have completed his twenty-first year of service January 1, next. In point of service he is the dean of the corps of Colorado general agents, a thorough traffic man, familiar with every detail of that branch of service and closely in touch with industrial and commercial interests of the Rocky mountain states. He is eminently possessed of the qualifications that make his value appreciated by his employer.

A native of Iowa, born at Chariton, that state, he engaged in railroad service first in 1872 on the Iowa division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. He worked there for four years at various places, being transferred by promotion at the end of that period to telegraph operator and ticket agent of the company west of the Missouri river at Lincoln, Nebraska. He came to Denver in 1882 as chief clerk in the general agent's office of the Santa Fe, where he has since been, holding successively the positions of contracting freight agent, city passenger agent, and Colorado passenger agent until 1895, when he was appointed general agent, passenger department, for the territory embracing Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and part of New Mexico.

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Real Estate Transfers

- From November 27th to December 2, 1902, as reported by Stephen Varga: Hugh T. Smith to E. E. Elsey, 80 acres in Woodland \$2,000. W. C. Garrett to O. A. and A. O. Bullcock, lots in Decatur 225. Mary A. Gibson to Flora A. Lillard, 80 acres in Garden Grove 3600. E. E. Elsey to Edward M. Patten, 80 acres in Woodland 2,200. R. E. Cozad to G. B. and Cora A. Moon, 80 acres in Eden 3,000. Sheriff to C. S. Stearns, lots in Garden Grove 500. Elizabeth J. Stanley to Maria Harris, lots in Leon 1,050. Martha Wilson to F. H. Fletcher, lots in Lamoni 175. Jefferson Miller to Chas. E. Henderson, lots in Davis City 350. Harriet A. Ferguson to I. P. Baggerly, lots in Lamoni 125. Amanda A. Wemple, guardian, to C. S. Stearns, land in Garden Grove 764. B. F. Hubbard to Robin Kizzire, land in Burrell 350. W. F. Blair to J. F. Jones, lots in Van Wert 110. Board Supervisors to Alice Kalkas, lots in Leon 65. Alice Kalkas to Anna Bennett, lot in Leon 250. Joseph A. Brown et al to W. W. Martin, 40 acres in Bloomington 750. F. A. Greenland to Martin Hopkins, lots in Grand River 450. Pennington County Mercantile Company to Josephine Jackson, 505 acres in Franklin township 26,200. Joseph E. Adams to I. K. Fisher, 60 acres in Decatur 2,700. W. P. Marshall to J. A. Marvin, lots in Leon 950.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my trouble to a lady friend, who said: Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party, I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enable me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by L. Van Werden.

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Something About Our Banks.

EDITOR REPORTER.—Below is a statement of the condition of the Citizens Bank of Decatur City at the close of business October 31, 1902:

RESOURCES: Bills receivable \$138,817.77 Expenses 482.06 Cash on hand 24,403.90 Total \$158,703.73

LIABILITIES: Capital \$12,000.00 Interest and Discount 6,104.60 Deposits 140,599.13 Total \$158,703.73

WM. WOODARD, President. E. W. TOWNSEND, Cashier.

I invite a comparison of this statement with those made by the state and savings banks of Decatur county which are made in compliance with law. Now, just one word to the public in regard to securities for depositors between state and savings, or incorporated banks and personal banks. The law reads that the stockholders in all incorporated banks are liable for double their capital. See page 659, section 1882 of the Code of Iowa. For example: A bank that has a capital of \$25,000 has only \$50,000 security. Deposits in the bank over said amount are without security other than the honesty of the cashier. In private banks all the property the stockholders own, except a homestead, are liable for the indebtedness of the bank and furnish security for the depositors. Hence, nearly all private banks have three or four times as much security as they have deposits, besides the same amount of security in the honesty of the cashier. Statistics show that only a small per cent of private banks become insolvent.

If people will jog their memories a little they will recall the fact that nearly all banks that become insolvent are incorporated banks, state savings or national banks and generally large banks that are doing the most business. Now, a word in regard to the payment of interest on deposits by banks in Decatur county. Our banks have the name of paying higher interest on deposits than any banks in Iowa or in any other state. One prominent bank offers six per cent for money and that compels the smaller banks to offer a still higher rate. Depositors are naturally inclined to patronize the county set banks where they have larger bank buildings and can make a better appearance than we can afford to make in small towns. Of course our expenses are not so large as theirs. We only have a little money invested in our buildings and our taxes are small compared with taxes paid in large towns. Our expenses in running our bank are not very high. Hence, we can afford to pay more for deposits than our neighboring banks and then make a good dividend.

We have therefore concluded to pay 6 1/2 per cent for yearly deposits until further notice. Now, of course it may be said that we are hard up for money. Well, the above statement shows how much cash we have on hand. We generally have as large a per cent on hand, according to our deposits, as any of the banks. No, it is not because we are hard up for money that we raise our rate per cent but to give our depositors the benefit of the money we save on expenses over the larger banks.

It has been talked over the county to our detriment that Frank Greenland owes the Citizens Bank a large sum of money. I want to say to the public that Frank Greenland does owe us considerable money, but an examination of the records in the recorder's office will show that every dollar is well secured. Mr. Greenland has given us all the security we have asked. We consider that every dollar he owes us is backed by gilt-edged security. Besides, I am informed by Mr. Greenland that he has 400 head of cattle and about 800 head of hogs on feed that are ready cash providing a bank needed the money. We have not sued a man or lost a dollar in the last four years. Neither have we a note on hand that we would discount a cent to get the money.

E. W. TOWNSEND, Cashier.

Village Improvement.

On Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marion Woodard occurred the second meeting of the committee appointed to do the preliminary work of organization of a village improvement society in Leon. Mrs. Woodard acted as chairman and Mrs. Curry as secretary.

Reports of the sub-committees appointed at previous meeting for the purpose of making a canvass of the business portion of the town to secure expressions of sentiment in regard to the movement were so encouraging that the committee feel justified in issuing the following call:

A mass meeting of the citizens of Leon will be held at the court house Friday evening December 5th at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Village Improvement Society. Let every man and woman and all school children feel that this is their particular interest and come and help to organize for the promotion of this good work in our town. A. L. CURRY, Sec'y.

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