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Public Sale next Saturday. Bring in Corn, Potatoes, Apples, Chickens or Any Old Thing This Week and Leave it with ROBERT BOWSHER.

ATE ROAST DOG.

Decatur County Men Snowbound In the West.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 21, 1902.

ED. REPORTER: I will tell you a little of our experience in the west. The first obstacle we encountered was a blizzard, worse than Iowa ever dreamed of. Our train only made three miles an hour for 400 miles. There is not a livery team in Leon that cannot beat it. Have not seen a good horse since leaving Kansas City. We have been snowbound and had nothing to eat for two days, that being when we got to Denver. Forty people froze to death on the train ahead of us. Two "strong-arm" men in the party walked five miles through the blizzard and coming upon a section house containing one lonely woman, at the point of a revolver forced her to deliver to them all the eatables she had. Not finding enough they killed her dog and roasted it in the baggage car ahead. Roast dog is fine, too, when a fellow is hungry. Perdue ate so much of the canine delicacy that he went barking all around the car. The sheeny news agent raised the price on all of his apples and oranges to 25 cents each.

We are now making up a party of men to play a game of pitch, the person losing to walk eleven miles through the snow to the nearest depot and hold up the operator for his dinner bucket. If we stay here till morning we expect to have boiled owl on toast for breakfast with wolf pancakes on the side. For dinner we will have what is left over and for supper we will worry along on sponge cake and stomach ache.

Merry Christmas to all.

K. P. BAKER.
J. R. PERDUE.

EXPRESS COMPANY WINS SUIT.

Does Not Violate Law In Transporting Packages of Liquor C. O. D.

Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 22.—Judge McPherson of the federal court handed down to-day an opinion in the case of the United States vs. the Adams Express company, in which the corporation was indicted for carrying on the business of a retail liquor dealer without having paid the special tax as required by law. The federal court in its opinion holds that the express company is only an agent of the venders in carrying liquors and collecting and returning the money.

As the express company did not sell liquors it was not engaged in the business of a liquor dealer. The court in this opinion has overriden the decisions of the supreme court of Iowa.

The packages of liquor were sent by a liquor house at Dallas, Ill., to parties at Birmingham, C. O. D. The express company was indicted, the government claiming title was transferred to the company when it received C. O. D. packages. Judge McPherson in his opinion says:

"The only question to be considered in the case is where and by whom the liquor was sold. If in Illinois, the court is without jurisdiction. If by the Dallas company in Iowa, then the grand jury has erred in naming the defendant in the indictment. Did the Adams Express company carry on the business of liquor dealers in Iowa.

"The defendant as a common carrier may exact carrying charges in advance, or it may waive prepayment of such charges, in which event it has a lien on such merchandise, for carrying charges, by payment of which consignee removes the lien. In such case the carrier has no interest or profit in the transaction, other than as a carrier. It receives no commission for the sale of the liquor."

Judge McPherson holds that the title to the liquors passed from the Dallas company to the consignees when they were deposited in the express office at Dallas.

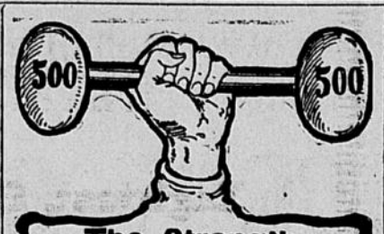
Senator Porter Resigns.

The resignation of Senator Claud R. Porter of Centerville was received by Governor Cummins Saturday. His resignation from the senatorship is made necessary by his election to the office of county attorney of Appanoose county. Senator Porter represented the Third senatorial district, consisting of Appanoose and Davis counties. He served in the house from Appanoose county in the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh general assemblies. He is a democrat in politics and ranked as one of the foremost orators of the senate and one of the ablest men in the legislature.

The governor will call no election to fill the vacancy which will probably exist until a successor to Senator Porter can be elected in November, 1903.

I am now ready to grind corn, corn meal and chop feed, either for cash or toll at my poultry house on east side of square.

14tf. J. L. METIER.



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R. A. M. Installs New Officers.

As the regular meeting of Leon Chapters No. 33, R. A. M. last Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term:

M. E. H. P.—A. Biddison.
E. K.—Carter Scott.
C. H.—S. L. Darrah.
P. S.—H. Farquhar.
R. A. C.—Dr. F. A. Bowman.
G. M. 3d Veil—H. L. Long.
G. M. 2d Veil—Dr. H. R. Layton.
G. M. 1st Veil—A. McCartney.
Treas.—M. A. Gammill.
Secretary—J. J. Evans.
Sentinel—Charles Carroll.

Another Wrestling Match.

J. H. Alldredge, of this city, who holds the championship of the state of Iowa as catch as can wrestler, has signed articles of agreement with Joe Cannon, the well known St. Louis wrestler, for a match in this city on Saturday night, January 10th, for a purse of $200, the match to be catch as catch can, three in five falls, two points down. The wrestling match which was held at the opera house some time ago has aroused considerable interest in this sport, and a large audience will witness the coming match. The last match was a clean exhibition of skill between well trained athletes, and the coming match will be even more interesting.

VOTE! TO-DAY!

License to Wed.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk Kehler since our ast issue.

Albert Spray	26
Josephine Gibson	19
Clarence F. Young	21
Bessie Peat	18
Herbert S. Salisbery	32
Leona Gwendolyn Scott	18
Arthur Foland	22
Ollie Brown	19
Verne Beck	22
Josephine Covington	19
Arthur Worden	21
Lucy Cave	19
John McCully	21
Nellie Beasley	18
Daniel Alley	22
Jessie Scott	23
Harry Allison	21
Ora Lillard	24
G. J. C. Hendricks	23
Augusta May Gibson	19

THE CHURCHES

At the morning service at the Christian church December 28th there will be a report of the year's work. The members are especially urged to be present. The prayer meetings will be resumed this (Thursday) evening. All are asked to attend.

The subject of the sermon in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning "Three conditions under which it will be possible to be lost." That of the evening will be "Prisoners of hope." Arrangements have been made by which the help of one of the Synod's Evangelists has been secured, the work to begin in February. More definite announcements will be made later. In the meantime every member of the church is urged to join heartily in the preparatory work which needs to be done.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for at the postoffice in Leon, Iowa, for the week ending December 29, 1902:

Mr. Walter Martin Mr. E. D. Horn
A. N. Kellogg Hay

When asking for the above letters please say "advertised."

JOHN LEDGERWOOD, P. M.

Notice.

The Public Library farmer offering sale was posponed until next Saturday Dec. the 26 so you that feel like this Library is a good cause bring or send in any thing you care to we will see you get proper credit for same and you can help some poor child to have good books to read. Don't put this off but bring something any day this week.

ROBERT BOWSHER.

Public Sale.

I will sell at public sale at my farm 10 miles southeast of Leon, 5 miles northeast of Pleasanton, on Wednesday, December 31, 1902, 12 head of horses and colts, considerable hay and corn, and all my farm implements. Terms 12 months on usual terms.

J. V. ARNEY.

School Report.

Report of Pleasant Hill School District No. 3 Decatur twp. for the month ending December 19, 1902. Pupils enrolled. 12 Average daily attendance 11 tardies 4 Those neither trady nor absent were Charley Dobson, Neva Bute, Dagmer Johnson, Walter Dobson, Villa and Lola Bute.

JESSIE SHY, Teacher.

Leon Library Meeting.

A mass meeting of the patrons of the Leon Library will be held at the court house on Friday evening, Jan. 2, Prof. J. H. Drake, president of the association will preside at the meeting and there will be an interesting program, including music by a male quartet. The following reports will be made which will be interesting to every patron of the library.

Report of the Librarian.
Report of the Secretary.
Report of the Treasurer.
Report of the Book Committee.
Report of Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

There will also be a paper by Mr. Ed Garber on "What the Leon Public Library has done for the Country People.

Following this paper will be the annual election of the members of the Library Board.

Every patron and every person who is interested in the success of the Library is cordially invited to attend this meeting. CHARLOTTE VOGT, Secretary.

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The Des Moines Daily Capital Again Makes Its Bargain Day Offer December 29, 1902, the Day.

On Monday, December 29, the fifty-sixth anniversary of the admission of Iowa into the union, the Des Moines Daily Capital can be secured for $2.00 for the entire year of 1902, by mail only. The regular price is $3.00. This is the Capital's fifth annual "Bargain Day." Present subscribers can get the paper at this price by paying their present account and remitting $2.00 for the new year. Write your letter and mail your check, postal or money order for $2.00 on December 29 and send the same to Lafe Young, Des Moines, Iowa. If you are already a subscriber, send the Capital to your friends for a Christmas present. The Capital is a superb metropolitan evening newspaper, publishing the full leased wire report of the Associated Press, furnishing all the news of Iowa and the world. Its market reports are unexcelled. It is printed in two colors on the finest press in Iowa. Excellent mail facilities make it within the reach of every home in the state. In 1903 the Daily Capital will continue to be the greatest newspaper in the state. Remember the date—December 29, four days after Christmas, two days before New Years.

I have purchased J. D. Williams insurance business and have an office with S. L. Darrah in the rear of the Exchange National Bank. Those interested in insurance are invited to call and see me.

14-4t J. R. PEASE.

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Wants $20,000 for His Legs.

Marshall Sherburn, of Leroy, has brought suit in the United States Court at Des Moines against the Iowa Central Railway Company for $20,000 damages for the loss of his legs. Mr. Sherburn was nominated last fall by the democratic county convention for clerk of the district court, but he had to decline the nomination as he is attending a medical college in Chicago.

Friday's Register and Leader has the following to say of the suit:

Marshall Sherburn yesterday commenced suit in the United States court against the Iowa Central Railway Company and Frank Miller, employed by it as a passenger conductor, for $20,000 damages.

Sherburn says that one night he started to cross the Central tracks in Marshall county at a cut-crossing when his hat blew off. He ran back across the tracks to recover it, leaving his horse. He says that as he was about to return to the carriage he was struck by a passenger train running at a high rate of speed and so injured that both his legs had to be amputated. He charges that the company was negligent because of the failure of the engineer to sound a warning whistle as he approached the crossing.

The action against the conductor is based on a charge that he knew that plaintiff had been run down by the train, and that instead of stopping the train, as was his duty, and going to his aid, he permitted it to continue on its way and left him at the roadside suffering from his injuries until passers by came to his assistance.

The Play "Thelma."

Marie Corelli's popular book "Thelma" has been re-written into dramatic form and will be produced at Van Werden's opera hall on Saturday, January 3.

The dramatization brings into life the most prominent of the characters found in the novel and they are said to lose none of their strength and virility in the many changes of time and place necessary to produce dramatic effect. The discrepancies are claimed to be few and the plot a pretty and most impressive one. A short outline of the play may prove of more than ordinary interest to our readers.

The first act presents the Alten Fjord in midsummer, where two English visitors Sir Phillip Errington and his friend George Lorimer meet Olaf Guldmar the Viking and his daughter Thelma, Errington falling in love with Thelma. The next act shows the famous Norwegian water-fall Njedezgorze, at the base of which Errington declares his love and is accepted by Thelma. The third act is laid in London, in Sir Phillip Errington's home; Lady Winsleigh, a former sweetheart of the English Knight, determines to win him again and accordingly lays a plot to get rid of Thelma, with the support of Violet Vere a ballet girl, she convinces Thelma, that her husband is false. Thelma cannot bear disgrace and flees to her old home in Norway. The last act shows again the Alton Fjord, this time in midwinter with the appearance of the northern lights and the "Rainbow Bridge" the latter according to Norse Mythology, being the summons of the Valkyerie. Thelma arrives just in time to see her father die, he drifts away in his burning ship, after the manner of the Vikings who preferred death by the "Crimson Shroud." Sir Phillip Errington arrives in search of his wife. Everything is cleared up, and the couple set out again for England.

Mr. Benedict, the proprietor of the attraction announces that he has secured one of the best companies ever under his management and an unusally large audience is looked for.

A Sugestion to Bankers.

"If the bankers of the country only knew the great difference a little soap and water makes in a dirty bank note, there would be more clean money in circulation," said a treasury official while talking with friends one day last week. "If you have never seen the operation just spread a soiled note out upon a marble slab, and use a small brush that has been well soaped, and go to work scrubbing lightly, of course. But a few strokes is necessary to secure a clean note. I give my personal attention to all the paper money brought into my household, and I tell you I feel repaid for the little work it causes.

"I can see every reason why there should be a person employed in the banking houses for this particular duty. Certainly the neglect in doing so gives ample cause for complaints from the patrons concerning the dirty, oily notes that are too frequently handed to them. They may be full of germs, which, of course, are dangerous, and this risk could be easily eliminated by the simple use of soap and water. —Mail and Express.

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