

Have You Donated Any for the Library?

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

MISS OLLIE ROBERTS WINNER

Popular Young Lady and Winner of the Leon Reporter's Piano by a Large Majority.



The most successful and most popular of the many voting contests held by THE REPORTER closed at six o'clock last Thursday evening and was won by Miss Ollie Roberts, the popular saleslady at the store of Graham, Darrah & Hansell Co. All day Christmas the friends of the two leading candidates, Miss Roberts and Miss Marvin brought in their favorites by the thousands, and under the conditions of the contest it was impossible to even guess who was the winner until the judges had finished the official count.

As quick as the clock struck six o'clock the ballot box was sealed and the key which had been deposited two weeks before with the Farmers & Traders State Bank, was delivered to the judges by Mr. T. S. Arnold. The judges selected to count the ballots were I. N. Beard, J. A. Caster and O. C. Clark and they were all on hand ready to commence work. A representative of each of the candidates was also present to watch the count, while outside THE REPORTER office was congregated a large crowd who braved the cold weather for more than four hours eagerly waiting to learn the result. There were 343,287 votes cast in the contest and the count was not completed until half past ten, when it was found that Miss Roberts had won by a plurality of 34,411 votes. The following is the complete vote cast:

Miss Ollie Roberts.....155,258
Miss Mae Marvin.....120,847
Mrs. Nora Gilreath.....25,175
Miss Dora Barnes.....17,752
Other candidates, who had withdrawn....24,257

Total.....343,287

The last two weeks the contest raged furiously, the friends of the two leading candidates bending every energy to win for their favorite. Up to the last two days Miss Marvin evidently had a good lead, but in the final hours many thousand votes were cast for Miss Roberts which pushed her ahead. Both of the candidates were most estimable young ladies and we are sorry that both could not win the piano, but as is the case in all contests one had to lose. Miss Marvin made a remarkable race, being practically alone in the work done, as her votes were nearly all secured through her individual efforts. Miss Roberts was fortunate in having friends who rendered her material assistance.

The contest has resulted in placing a large number of new subscribers on THE REPORTER's list, and we desire to thank the many friends who aided us in making the contest a success.

Card of Thanks.

To Editor of Leon Reporter.
Dear Sir: As it is quite impossible for me to thank my many friends in person for their kindness and noble manner in which they so generously assisted me in the late piano contest, I wish through the medium of your valued paper to ask one and all to accept my heartfelt thanks. I need not say that at any future time, provided I can return the favor, it will be a pleasure to so comply. As regards the piano it is a splendid instrument and far more than met my expectations. But permit me to say that the piano is only second consideration to me compared with the

kindness of friends who so bountifully bestowed their support, which will never be forgotten or erased from my memory, and words cannot express my gratitude. I have, Mr. Editor, to thank you, as well as your employes, for the impartial and gentlemanly treatment I received at all times as I had occasion to do business at your office.
I am, very respectfully,
OLLIE ROBERTS.

The Paris, Ill., Gazette says: "Thelma" played to one of the largest audiences of the season. It was a first-class production. The costumes and scenery were all beautiful.

FROZE TO DEATH.

Alexander Lewis, a Traveling Piano Tuner, Freezes to Death near Kellerton.

Alexander Lewis, a traveling piano tuner aged 38, is dead from 16 hours exposure to the cold and snow as a result of intoxication, and was buried Sunday without a relative near or friend present to mourn his tragic end or to furnish a scrap of information as to his history and family connections.

Lewis was in the employ of Wilson & Rhodes of Mt. Ayr. The time of his exposure was Tuesday night of last week, in Decatur county, near Kellerton. His death resulted Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday at Elk chapel in Bloomington township, Decatur county.

The unfortunate man lay in the snow and cold from 5 o'clock Tuesday evening to 9 o'clock Wednesday forenoon. His legs were frozen half way to his knees, and his ears and nose were frozen. His death however, resulted from pneumonia and heart failure.

Lewis in company with Archie Rhodes the 15 year-old son of F. M. Rhodes of Mt. Ayr, had driven Monday with Mr. Rhodes' team from Mt. Ayr to deliver an organ to Mr. Donaldson in Decatur county. Returning Tuesday afternoon when about four miles east of Kellerton they met Thomas McClaran. They stopped to talk, and before they parted the men had emptied a bottle of alcohol furnished by McClaran. Soon afterward Lewis became violent, claiming they were on the wrong road, and in spite of the boy's protest turned the team. Young Rhodes jumped out and walked to Mart Monosmith's where he stayed all night. At 9 o'clock next morning Thomas McClaran going to a turkey shoot, found Lewis in the road and took him to Monosmith's house. The team was found standing at Mr. Shields' barn half a mile east of the place where Lewis had, either fallen or jumped out.

Dr. Camp was called from Kellerton, and injected a heart stimulant, all that could be done at that time. In the afternoon he dressed the frozen limbs. The next day Dr. Horner, of Lamoni was called, but could not come. Dr. J. W. Greenman, of Kellerton, was called Friday, and after examination stated that the patient was not likely to recover, but that should he recover his limbs could be saved. Lewis died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, pneumonia having resulted from the chilling he sustained, and his heart being unable to stand up under the strain. The evening he lost his way was not severe but at 2 o'clock the following morning a severe storm with a cold wind from the northwest set in, so that Wednesday forenoon the thermometer stood at 3 degrees above zero.

Lewis came some weeks ago from Chariton to Leon, working there for W. A. Alexander, who later sent him to Bloxton. At Bloxton he boarded at F. M. Rhodes' hotel and when Mr. Rhodes moved to Mt. Ayr, Lewis came also to ask employment as piano tuner for Wilson & Rhodes. The firm offered him a job if he would sell instruments as well as tune them. The trip to Decatur county a week ago was his first work for the firm.

Practically nothing is known of Lewis. He said he was 38 years of age, and that he had lost his wife, mother and property within a year. A letter is dated Sept. 4, 1901, from attorney H. L. Ross, of Indianapolis, addressed to Lewis at Lacona, Warren county, was found among his effects, which may indicate that Lacona was his permanent address. The letter refers to beginning a divorce suit, but says "If the parties decide to come up with them," so the divorce was evidently not sought by Lewis for himself.

The funeral was held at 11 a. m. Sunday from Elk chapel, conducted by Rev. S. Lemon, the United Brethren minister at Tuskego. The text was "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after death the judgment." The front seats usually reserved for the relatives and friends were vacant. After general remarks the minister reach the point of drawing the lesson from the particular circumstances, "These empty seats" said he, "say more than I can." The speaker was overcome by emotion of which every hearer felt the effect, and was unable for some time to proceed.

Burial was made at Elk chapel cemetery, a mile south of the church. The trustees of Bloomington township had provided a handsome casket instead of the plain style so often furnished at public expense. The remains of the unfortunate man were laid away with the greatest care and reverence.—Mt. Ayr Tuesday News.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes are the cleanest to use. They do not stain the hands or spot the kettle (excepting only green and purple). There is therefore, no labor of scouring after dyeing. Sold by druggists, 10c. packages.

SHOT HIMSELF IN TEMPLE!

Thomas Koger who Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself With a Revolver.

Thomas Koger, who resided with his wife and six children near the Q. depot in this city, committed suicide Tuesday evening by shooting himself in the right temple with a 32-calibre revolver, killing himself instantly.

The deceased was 39 years of age and for the past year up to three weeks ago he has been employed in the feeding room of Swift & Co.'s poultry establishment in this city. He was an industrious and hard working man, and his work gave perfect satisfaction. About three weeks ago he quit work and said he was going to take a rest. Since then he has done no work and has remained around the house, and while he did not complain he was evidently not feeling right. Tuesday morning he shaved himself and was around the house all day, but appeared despondent and would stand for hours looking out of the window. A few minutes before the shooting Mrs. Koger had started up town and had stopped at the home of Sam Rock. Mr. Koger and the children were in the house, and the eldest girl, aged 15 years, says her father went to the bureau drawer, unlocked it and took the revolver out. He then went into the bedroom and laid down on the bed, placing a pillow under his head and fired the fatal shot, which killed him instantly, as they only heard him utter a slight groan. The children ran from the house and told some of the employes of Swift & Co. of the shooting, and when the men reached the house Mr. Koger was dead, the revolver still clutched in his right hand, and it was removed by Ed Albaugh. Koger purchased the revolver in St. Joe about a year ago when he went there to look for work. Mrs. Koger says she knows of no reason why he should have committed the deed, as he had no trouble with her or anyone else so far as she knew, but that he had appeared to be worried about something.

The deceased was the youngest son of the late Jordan Koger and prior to coming to Leon two years ago had resided on a farm west of Decatur. He leaves a wife and six children, four girls and two boys, the oldest child being a girl fifteen years of age, and the youngest a baby two years old. The authorities decided it was not necessary to hold an inquest and the funeral will be held at Decatur this afternoon.

Grand and Trial Jurors.

The following is a list of the new grand and trial jurors, the grand jurors to serve during all of 1903, and the trial jurors for the January term of court which convenes in this city on Monday, January 19th, Judge Parrish presiding:

GRAND JURORS.

- J. F. McMorris, Eden.
- J. M. Palmer, Richland.
- H. F. Wasson, Moran.
- J. B. Hampton, Long Creek.
- A. G. Craig, Burrell.
- C. M. Akes, Leon.
- Tom Boyce, Garden Grove.
- W. W. Wiley, Bloomington.
- J. V. Arney, Hamilton.
- W. K. Green, Franklin.
- George Ogilvie, Decatur.
- Willis Frost, Center.

TRIAL JURORS.

- C. W. Robinson, Burrell.
- Sam Sams, Burrell.
- George Williams, Decatur.
- Sam McFarland, Franklin.
- C. B. Davis, Garden Grove.
- David McCutchan, Eden.
- D. T. Edwards, Richland.
- J. L. Fender, Fayette.
- Wilbert McIntosh, Richland.
- A. J. Bellis, Leon.
- Fred Cash, Burrell.
- Peter Daniels, Garden Grove.
- A. G. George, Leon.
- W. Feight, High Point.
- W. H. Brenneman, Franklin.
- W. A. Hill, Morgan.
- E. N. Lane, Leon.
- E. G. Monroe, Garden Grove.
- J. F. Hagan, New Buda.
- George Franklin, Hamilton.
- E. A. Pace, Leon.
- J. G. McDaniel, New Buda.
- J. M. Houston, Decatur.
- J. M. Clark, Fayette.

One question which worries us these days is how in the world some of these poor, lazy fellows about town can live over the winter.

Des Moines "News" of Age.

The Des Moines News recently celebrated its 21st birthday. The Daily and Sunday News now has 38,500 circulation and is rapidly approaching the 40,000 mark. Its news, literary and editorial features are steadily improving and the price of its 305 issues is only \$1.60, the yearly subscription price. It is the only daily paper in the world that is stopped when the time is out. Address The News, Des Moines, Ia.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

The Son of a Former Leon Minister Kills Himself.

The following dispatch in last Thursday's Chicago Record-Herald tells of the suicide of the ten-year-old son of Elder H. A. Lemon, who was at one time pastor of the Christian church in this city. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Adelbert Lemon, the 10-year-old son of Rev. H. A. Lemon, state evangelist for the Christian church, shot himself this afternoon and died to-night. The boy was conscious several hours after the shooting and said in effect that the act was deliberate and premeditated. He told the doctors he had bought Christmas presents, had had a good time and wanted to die. Rev. Lemon is prominent in church work and his son had everything he could wish for.

License to Wed.

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

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| G. J. C. Hendricks..... | 23 |
| Augusta May Gibson..... | 19 |
| Sherman Bedell..... | 23 |
| Lulu Wellington..... | 19 |
| F. B. Bowman..... | 32 |
| Eva Aten..... | 19 |
| George E. Sniveley..... | 26 |
| Ethel M. Garland..... | 20 |
| T. E. Cottingham..... | 42 |
| Kate Stanley..... | 35 |
| H. W. Helmick..... | 25 |
| Myrtle Buftum..... | 18 |
| I. P. Orday..... | 20 |
| E. Genevieve Lanning..... | 22 |

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Announcements

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Mardi Gras

This occurs at New Orleans on February 24, 1903. For its excursion rates will be in effect to New Orleans on specific dates which your local ticket agent will be able to advise you.

New Orleans

A delightfully unique city for the tourist to visit. Winter tourist rates now in effect. Double daily service and fast steam-heated vestibule trains with through sleeping cars, buffet-library-smoking car service and all meals en route in dining cars. Ask for an illustrated book on New Orleans.

Mexico

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Florida

Through "Dixie Flyer" Sleeping Car Lines, St. Louis to Jacksonville, and Chicago to Nashville, the latter connecting en route with through Jacksonville car from St. Louis. Route via Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

California

Personally Conducted Weekly Excursion Cars through to Los Angeles and San Francisco as follows: Via New Orleans and the Southern route every Wednesday from Chicago; every Tuesday and Friday from Cincinnati; every Monday and the scenic route every Friday night from Chicago.

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Through Sleeping Car Lines, sleeping car service, the Central's last Pullman vestibule "Limited" train. Send for book describing this most interesting of health and pleasure resorts.

Homeseekers

The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company is issuing monthly circulars concerning fruit growing, vegetable gardening, stock raising, dairying, etc., in the States of Kentucky, West Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. Every Farmer or Homeseeker who will forward his name and address will be mailed free Circulars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and others as they are published from month to month, on application to J. F. Merry, A. G. P. A., I. C. N. E. Dubuque, Iowa.

Full Particulars

concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Illinois Central, or by addressing the nearest of the undersigned representatives of the "Central".
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