

Library Report.

The annual public meeting of the library was held at the court house, January 2, 1903, for the purpose of electing new members of board, J. H. Drake presiding. Treasurer's report for 1902 as submitted:

Balance on hand Jan. 6, 1902	\$222 23
Received from Librarian	13 15
Received accounts and notes from Bowsler & Biddison's sale	343 92
Received Library Benefit, Oct., 18	49 14
Received Library Benefit at M. E. church	7 55
Received rebate on books	3 88
Total	\$837 87
Paid for Librarian	\$ 92 50
Paid for books	203 75
Periodicals for reading room	5 35
Supplies for library	5 50
Freight and drayage	2 28
Insurance	4 00
Advertising	27 45
Certificates of deposit	150 00
Total	\$491 53
Balance on hand Jan. 6, 1903	48 34

The librarian submitted the following report:

Number of books in library	1,080
Number of books loaned for year 1902	7,500
Number of borrowers	571

Report for three months:

Number of books loaned	1,861
Fines collected	\$5 63
Application cards	47

The books donated were: "The Mississippi Bubble" by Mrs. Curry, "Prescott's Conquest of Mexico" 3 vol. "Prescott's Conquest of Peru" 2 vol. by Mrs. Stempel, "Life and Character of John Henry Gear" by Rev. H. H. H. The following members of board were then elected:

For long term or three years—J. H. Bowsler, Mrs. I. N. Beard, J. H. Drake, Mrs. S. Varga, Mrs. Bell Harvey, W. E. Myers.

For short term or one year—James F. Harvey, Mrs. Stempel. Adjourned.

CHARLOTTE J. VOGT, Sec'y.

The library board was called to order Jan. 5, 1903 by Mrs. Layton. Minutes were read and approved. The librarian's report for December as submitted:

Books loaned	659
Fines collected	\$3 76
Application cards	13

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

C. B. & Q., freight and drayage	\$ 58
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Library bureau	15 00
Book Supply Co.	51 54
Total	\$68 12

The resignation of Mrs. Stempel was accepted and J. A. McIntosh was unanimously elected to fill vacancy.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Mrs. Layton; Vice President, Fred Teale; Secretary, Charlotte Vogt; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Caster; Librarian, Ida Brooks.

Mrs. Curry's motion carried that the association adopt the following rule: Any person wanting books saved shall leave their card with the book card and if desirous of being notified that a deposit of one cent necessary for postal card must be made with librarian. And in case any borrower does not conform with rules of library they will be denied the privilege of a borrower. A motion to adjourn carried.

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George A. Robbins.

George A. Robbins died at his home in Davis City, Iowa, January 11, 1903. The funeral services were held at the union church on Monday following, Rev. Lemon of Tuskego officiated after which the remains were taken to our cemetery and there placed by the side of his loved mother who had passed from this life December 28, 1890.

He was first taken sick with a cough last spring thought to be brought on by exposure while working out in damp weather earlier in the season. He was taken to his bed June 16, and was confined to his room and bed most of the time from then until death released him from his suffering all of which he bore without a murmur. He was a son of John and Rachel Robbins. He was born March 19, 1872, in Decatur county, Iowa, and has ever made his home in and near Davis City. He leaves a father, four brothers and four sisters and a large circle of relatives to mourn his loss. He had never married, was a quiet, hard working young man, honest and upright in all his dealing with his fellow man and was liked by every one. He knew he could not get well, and told his friends all was well and bid them all good by. May his soul rest in peace.

Senatorial Candidates.

Saturday's Register and Leader credits Decatur county with four candidates for the office of state senator, and among those named was Bert Teale of Lamoni. While Mr. Teale would fill the position with honor to himself and the district, he is a man of large business interests that require his personal attention, and he does not feel that he could afford to neglect them for the sake of political honor. We have interviewed Mr. Teale, and he stated to us that the mention of his name in connection with this office was entirely unauthorized, and that he was not a candidate for any political office.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels as fine bred birds as you can find, especially for breeding purposes. Also some choice young Poland-China sows.

BEST WOODARD, 1841

A COAL COMPANY FOR LEON.

An Effort on Foot to Organize Company to Sink a Shaft.

The great scarcity and high price of fuel in Leon this winter has aroused our citizens to the necessity of doing something to provide fuel for the future and not be placed at the mercy of the coal operators and railroads as at the present time.

With this view Mr. W. F. Ghormley, of this city, has had articles of incorporation prepared for the organization of a stock company to be known as the Leon Coal Co., whose business shall be the acquiring of land, sinking a shaft and operating a coal mine. It is well known that there are at least two good veins of coal underlying Leon. In drilling Wm. Biggs' deep well a four and a half foot vein of coal was struck at a depth of a little over 400 feet, and a second vein five and a half feet thick was struck about sixty feet below the first vein. Both veins are lying under a thick strata of rock which would make an ideal roof. Coal can be mined at this depth just as well as nearer the surface, the only difference being the increase in the first cost of sinking the shaft. Mr. Ghormley's plan is to organize a stock company with a capital stock of \$25,000, to be held by Decatur county stockholders, it being a part of the articles that none of the stock shall be sold to any person or corporation residing outside of Decatur county until after full opportunity has been given our local people to subscribe for the stock. The stock subscribed is to be paid for in four payments. One-fourth when the company is incorporated, one-fourth when a mine site has been acquired and the necessary machinery installed, one-fourth when a shaft has been completed to the coal vein, and the final fourth at the call of the board of directors as needed to develop the business. That Mr. Ghormley has entire faith in the proposition is shown by his starting the stock subscription with a subscription of \$2,500 of the stock himself, one-tenth of the entire capital stock.

A public meeting of the citizens of Leon and the surrounding country will be held at the court house on Saturday evening of this week at 7 o'clock to discuss the project and adopt means for placing the capital stock. It is a question of vital interest to every business man and property owner and it is to be hoped there will be a large attendance. A special invitation is extended to the farmers, for with the rapid disappearance of wood for fuel in this vicinity every farmer is interested in securing a future supply of fuel. Let all who can attend the meeting and lend their aid to the project.

To Patrons of Rural Free Delivery.

The department looks to the patrons of the free delivery service who are receiving the benefits of the service to use their utmost personal endeavors, and also to exert their influence with the road supervisors or with the officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways to the end that the roads traveled by the rural carriers may be always kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed.

Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result.

Rural letter carriers are required to serve their routes regularly at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather when it can be done without seriously imperiling their lives or endangering their conveyance or the U. S. mail in their custody.

Patrons should clear away the snow drifts so that carriers can drive up to and reach boxes from their vehicle without dismounting.

It is not apart of the carrier's duty to break out the roads after severe snow storms. Rural carriers are expected to energetically try to serve their routes even though the conditions may be extremely adverse and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require.

W. P. MACHEN, General Superintendent.

Christmas Wedding Bells.

At the residence of the bride at 919 West 8th street, Miss Lou Tharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Tharp, was united in marriage to Mr. William W. Gray, of Omaha, Neb., Rev. W. W. Carr, pastor of the First M. E. church, officiating. The wedding occurred at 3 p. m. on December 25. The guests present were M. E. Johnson and family, B. Mewhirter and family, and L. P. Craig, of Alliance, Neb.; A. S. Tharp and family, of Leon, Iowa; and Miss Lena Herman, of Grand Island. There were many valuable presents. A splendid dinner was served. The bride is a lady well known and highly respected in our city. Mr. Gray is a stock buyer for a large Chicago company. The good wishes of many friends will follow the happy couple to their new home in Omaha.—Grand Island (Neb.) Daily Press.

HUNTER TO COME BACK.

Sheriff Miller to Bring Him Thursday from Ft. Madison.

Matt Hunter is to be brought back from the Ft. Madison penitentiary and to be kept under guard in the Ringgold county jail until the issues of a second trial for the murder of Homer Holland. An order to that effect was received yesterday by Clerk Stranahan. The order was made by Judge Parrish upon application of the defense.

Sheriff Miller leaves this evening for Ft. Madison, and expects to return with Hunter in custody on Thursday morning's train.

J. W. Scott was named yesterday by the board of supervisors to act as guard at the jail during Hunter's stay. Mr. Scott will remain at the jail both day and night.

The jail has been given a thorough cleaning this week by W. M. Calfee. This work was begun before there was any knowledge here of the order for Hunter's return, as the jail has no occupants.

How long Hunter will stay in jail this time is a question. It is generally expected that his attorneys, Henry, & Miles and Lewis Miles, will ask for a change of venue when Judge Parrish convenes court Feb. 9. Should the change of venue be granted, it still remains to be decided when and where the trial is to take place.

Hunter has been in the penitentiary not quite 11 months, having been sent there Feb. 21. At first he was refractory and had to be severely disciplined by imprisonment in the dungeon, but for many months past he is said by Warden Jones to have behaved nicely. His conduct in jail here while serving a sentence for gambling about two years ago was not exemplary.

The state has already subpoenaed four witnesses—Mrs. Walter Rusk (nee Josie Liggett) of St. Joseph, who is visiting here, and Frank Dowling, George Warner and Alfred Lewis—all for the February term.

THE ORDER

The full text of Judge Parrish's order for Hunter's return is as follows:

"In the district court of the State of Iowa, in and for Ringgold county, State of Iowa, plaintiff, vs. A. M. Hunter, defendant. Criminal No. 49. Order. A proceudo in the above entitled cause having been issued and directed to the above district court by the supreme court of the state of Iowa, reversing the judgment and sentence imposed on the above named defendant, directing that he be confined at hard labor in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison Iowa, during his natural life; and directing that the above named district court proceed further in the premises, and the said cause being now in the calendar of said court for further proceeding and said proceudo being now on file in the above entitled cause, it is therefore ordered that the sheriff of said Ringgold county receive and take into custody the said A. M. Hunter and confine him in the jail of said county until liberated by law, and the warden of the above named penitentiary is ordered to surrender and deliver the said A. M. Hunter into the custody of the sheriff of Ringgold county, and this order shall be his authority therefor.

R. L. PARRISH,

Judge Third Judicial District. Mart Hunter was convicted last February of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced by Judge Parrish to imprisonment for life. He shot and killed Homer Holland Nov. 9, 1901. The state supreme court on Dec. 20, reversed the lower court's decision. Hunter having been convicted of second degree murder only, cannot on his second trial be tried for a higher degree of the crime than that of which he was convicted in the first trial, although he will be tried under the old indictment, which charges him with first degree murder.—Mt. Ayr News.

Get Ready for the Assessor.

One of our township assessors was in THE REPORTER office this week and suggested that we ask the people to get ready for the annual visit of the assessors which will be most any time in the near future. He suggested that the property owners prepare a list of all their taxable property to present to the assessor thus saving much time and annoyance. The work of the assessors would be greatly facilitated if the people would thus make ready for them. Often an assessor calls on a man who scarcely knows what he has that should be assessed. Then much time is taken up in looking over the farm and listing the property. Some times the farmer visited hasn't time to give to the assessor and another visit has to be made. Help the assessor by being ready for him when he calls.

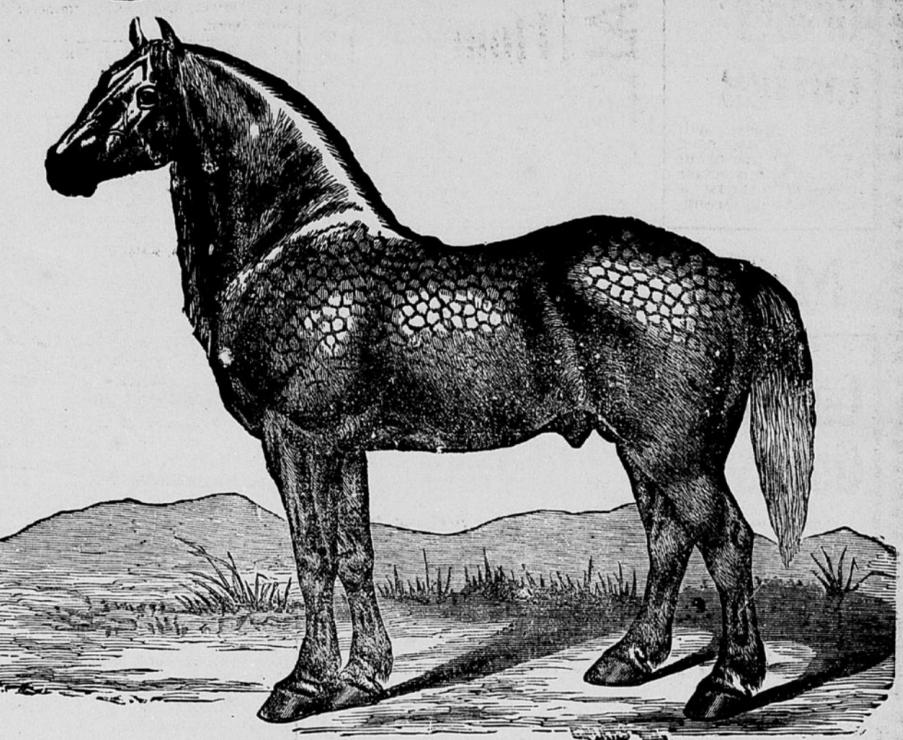
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New Court Cases

J. R. Perdue vs. O. A. Vampelt. Plaintiff rented defendant a farm in Eden township and sues on the lease for the rent amounting to \$80, asking for a writ of attachment against the property of defendant. V. R. McGinnis attorney for plaintiff.

Victor W. Gunsolley vs. Olivia F. Gunsolley. Plaintiff resides in Fayette township and was married to defendant July 21, 1895. He asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, claiming she has threatened, struck and abused him. He also asks for the custody of their minor child, Vern V. Gunsolley. W. B. Kelley attorney for plaintiff.

T. P. Fulton vs. Hugh Bartlett. Plaintiff sues for \$200 commission earned in finding a purchaser who bought a farm owned by defendant. Hoffman & Jackson attorneys for plaintiff.

Moore & Pryor vs. C. S. Eals. Plaintiff's bring suit for \$900 commission which they claim they earned in selling his farm north of Leon to J. D. and Elmer Brown at \$75 per acre. V. R. McGinnis attorney for plaintiff.

C. M. Keller vs. John M. and Eliza Thompson. Plaintiff sues for \$3,000 damages on a written contract made with defendants to buy the general stock of good owned by Gates & Keller in Leon, Iowa, claiming that after the stock was invoiced and delivered with the keys to the building they refused to take the stock. George W. Baker attorney for plaintiff.

Lewis M. Plumer, ex. vs. Allen W. Spargur et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage for \$4500 on a farm in Hamilton township. H. M. Henley attorney for plaintiff.

Farm for Sale.

As executor of the estate of Isabella Buckingham, deceased, I offer for sale her farm, being the south 1/2 northwest 1/4 of section 13 and the east 1/2 southwest 1/4, northwest 1/4 of section 14, township 71, range 25 in Clarke county, Iowa. Will sell both tracts together or separately. Examine land and send offer, or call on, B. S. WALKER, Executor, 21-44 Corydon, Iowa.

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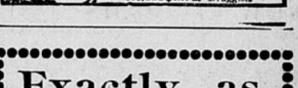
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PARADE AT 3 P. M.

Remaining uncalled for at the postoffice in Leon, Iowa, for the week ending January 10, 1903:
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