

MATRIMONIAL.

Mullin-Bowerman. A beautiful home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bowerman near Decatur City, Jan. 18, 1903.

Van Nostrand-Hoffman. Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Van Nostrand, Mr. Frank O. Hoffman and Miss Anna Van Nostrand were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The Coal Meeting. There was a good attendance at the meeting called at the court house last Saturday night to take steps for the organizing of a coal company.

The prospectus of the proposed company was read by the secretary and there was a general discussion of the project, the principal speakers being E. D. Dorn, W. F. Ghoramley, W. A. Allbaugh and Wm. Biggs.

On motion a committee of five was named as an executive committee to solicit stock subscriptions, the following being named as the committee: Wm. Biggs chairman, E. D. Dorn, E. H. Lewis, J. A. Harris and W. F. Ghoramley.

Aldredge Defeats Cannon.

A large audience was present at the opera house Saturday night to witness the wrestling bout between James H. Aldredge of this city and Joe Cannon, of St. Louis, and the contest was a most exciting one, those present getting their money's worth, and all were satisfied that it was a genuine contest and no fake.

Aldredge won the next three falls of the match, the second fall in 5 minutes with a back hammer lock and half Nelson. In the third he broke a head bridge forcing the shoulders to the floor with foot, with head straight down, time 4 minutes and 50 seconds.

Aldredge is defeating some of the best wrestlers in the country. He was trained by Farmer Burns, champion of the United States and expects to make a match with Burns in this city some time this spring.

We have many good bargains in Decatur County farms. We have arranged to handle home-seekers in different parts of Missouri, particularly in Shelby, Pettis, Vernon and adjacent counties.

VanWerden Opera House



Saturday Evening Jan. 24.

Board of Supervisors Adjourn. The board of supervisors finished the business of the January term Saturday and adjourned to meet the first Monday in April after being in session just two weeks, the January session being the longest one of the year, as settlements must be made with all the county officials.

The contract with J. E. Leeper as county bridge superintendent was extended for one year. E. L. Shira, the efficient steward of the county farm, also had his term extended one year at the same salary as heretofore, \$600 per year.

The pauper practice of Fayette and Bloomfield townships was awarded to Dr. J. B. Horner, of Lamoni at \$84.00. The pauper practice of Hamilton township was awarded to Dr. S. C. Tremble, of Pleasanton, at \$25.00.

The board accepted the resignations of three justices of the peace, J. J. Moffet of Hamilton, J. E. Lentz of Woodland, and Isaac Norman of Burrell townships.

The county auditor is hereby authorized to issue abatement or refund warrants to all soldiers or sailors who have been honorably discharged, or their widows, to the amount of \$800, actual value, unless said applicant is worth the sum of \$5,000.

In the matter of soldier's exemptions from taxes for the year 1902 the following resolutions were adopted by the board: "The county auditor is hereby authorized to issue abatement or refund warrants to all soldiers or sailors who have been honorably discharged, or their widows, to the amount of \$800, actual value, unless said applicant is worth the sum of \$5,000.

A Pleasant Surprise.

On Friday, Jan. 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis, occurred a most enjoyable event, about twenty-five relatives, friends and neighbors gathered with well filled baskets to help celebrate the thirty-eighth birthday anniversary of Mrs. A. E. Ellis at high noon. The jining tables were loaded, the great number and variety of elegant cakes deserves especial mention.

Wants to Debate.

EDITOR REPORTER:—Inasmuch as there is a report in circulation to the effect that one Rev. Jno. Willis is anxious to debate with me on Christianity, I desire to say that if the said party will set the day and name the place, not beyond six or seven miles from me and give me a few weeks notice I will take the negative of a question affirming the supernatural inspiration of the scriptures or will affirm evolution at any time.

Have Your Fortune Told.

A very unusual feature, and at the same time an exceedingly clever one, is the Indian Fortune Teller with Fitz & Webster's Newest "A Breezy Time," which is to appear at the opera house, Tuesday, Jan. 27. This mysterious personage will be at the reserve seat immediately upon the arrival of the company and remain there all day.

Pneumonia and LaGrippe. Coughs, cured quickly by Foley's Honey and Tar. Refuse substitutes. L. VanWerden.

DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION.

The Term Will Last Three Weeks and be a Busy One.

Judge R. L. Parrish convened the January term of the District Court Monday afternoon, the first business transacted being the impaneling and instructing of the grand jury for the term. The grand jurors drawn for this term were H. F. Wasson foreman, J. B. Hampton, A. G. Craig, W. W. Wiley, J. V. Arney, W. K. Green and Willis Frost.

Clerk Kehler is being assisted by deputy clerk W. J. Sullivan and John Burns is also on duty as an extra deputy in this office.

W. H. Albaugh was appointed court bailiff and F. M. Osborn jury bailiff.

It is expected that a large part of the term will be occupied in trying criminal cases. The first case set for trial was that of State vs. Claud Myers, indicted for assault with intent to commit great bodily injury the charge originating in a fight between Myers and Dr. B. Y. Walker at Van Wert during which Walker was stabbed in the face with a pitchfork. The case was unexpectedly continued Tuesday on account of the absence of an important witness for the state, Elmer Smith, of Van Wert, who left Monday for California in response to a telegram that his brother was not expected to live.

The trial jury was impanelled Tuesday afternoon, four members, Sam McFarland, J. L. Fender, Fred Cash and Geo. W. Franklin being excused.

Judge Parrish ordered a special venire of ten extra jurors drawn, the following being the jurors drawn.

- E. J. Eruit, Decatur. D. F. Avery, Leon. Henry Sumption, Lamoni. George Brandy, Lamoni. G. E. Metier, Garden Grove. W. L. Chase, High Point. C. C. Dye, Woodland. W. A. France, Lamoni. H. A. Kier, Decatur. Bert Young, Hamilton.

The case of State vs. L. E. Brown, was on trial to a jury yesterday. The defendant was convicted in a justice's court at Grand River for larceny for the stealing of a pair of horse blankets, and fined. He appealed from the decision, and the case was not decided at the time we went to press.

The next case to be tried will probably be that of State vs. Richard Pray, who was indicted with Frank Greenland on the charge of stealing some steers from Denny Moran. The defendants demanded separate trials and the state elected to try Pray first.

Separate trials were also demanded by George Hembrey and Zeb Peterson who were indicted for robbing a Polish peddler northwest of town about a year ago, and in this case Peterson will be tried first.

The following cases have been disposed of:

- CRIMINAL. State vs. Annie Hammond; continued. State vs. T. C. Gilreath; continued. State vs. Adams Express Co. and Intoxicating Liquors; settled and dismissed.

- State vs. L. P. Detrick; continued. State vs. C. C. Myers; continued on motion of state.

Incorporated Town of Grand River vs. George Bush, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

PROBATE.

- Guardianship of Harry C. Woodbury, final report approved, guardian discharged. Estate of S. L. Curry; widow's consent to will established of record and ordered recorded. Annual report approved. Guardianship of Wm. E. Robinson et al; order for payment of funds. Estate of Wm. Cree Wilds; report approved.

- Estate of J. B. Bellamy; final report approved, administrator discharged. Estate of Margaret Patrick; final report approved; administratrix discharged.

- Estate of George Stuteville, administrator directed to pay claims in order of preference. Estate of Wm. Gibson; final report approved, administrator discharged. Estate of Mary Ross; final report approved, administrator discharged.

Guardianship of Marie Ronat; C. W. Hoffman appointed guardian ad litem, J. R. Smith permanent guardian with bond of \$10,000.

Estate of Ed K. Pitman; will probated, S. Varga appointed executor without bond.

Estate of Hiram L. Peck; will probated, Lucy A. Peck appointed executrix without bond.

LAW AND EQUITY.

Henry Landes vs. Anchor Insurance Co.; motion to produce papers sustained; continued. Ethalinda Bellamy vs. Nancy Gilbert et al; report of distribution approved, referees discharged.

L. Elwell vs. E. D. Dorn, continued. Henry H. Bledsoe vs. John Cronin; continued.

R. T. Downey vs. F. A. Greenland; motion for more specific statement sustained.

S. M. Campbell vs. Mary A. Campbell; decree of divorce granted.

J. N. Brown vs. E. A. Gerringer; default and judgment for plaintiff. J. F. Sylvester vs. Abraham E. Jordan, continued.

T. C. Gibley vs. G. W. Drake; continued. Fred Gould vs. George Green; settled. Anna Gould vs. Newton Gould; dismissed.

G. W. Goodhart vs. Geo. Shaw; default and judgment on two notes. Susie Webb vs. Alvin J. Webb; decree of divorce granted.

W. H. Young 2d jr. vs. Geo. G. Rupp et al; decree quieting title. Alberta P. Dancer vs. E. H. Dancer et al; decree correcting deed.

Nettie D. Wood vs. David E. Wood; decree of divorce granted. E. O. VanBeek vs. Mollie VanBeek; decree of divorce granted.

Farmers & Traders State Bank vs. J. A. Dooley, default and judgment on one note. J. R. Perdue vs. O. A. Vanpelt, settled.

M. L. McCleary vs. Hester Matekin, report of distribution approved, referees discharged.

MATT HUNTER AT MT. Ayr.

He was Brought Back from Ft. Madison Monday Morning.

Matt Hunter is again an inmate of the Ringgold county jail, where he will remain for at least four weeks, or until the opening of the February term of court. He was brought back from Ft. Madison yesterday morning by Sheriff Miller, and was placed in the jail under guard of J. W. Scott. He looks well, tho he has not been quite well for the past week or two. His weight is practically the same as it was when he was sent up 11 months ago. His manner is pleasant than of old and he recognized cordially all who spoke to him. It was stated to Sheriff Miller by the warden that Matt's good behavior since his insubordination had lasted nearly long enough to entitle him to change the strips for the checked uniform.

When Hunter arrived on yesterday morning's passenger, he was taken off the north side of the car by Sheriff Miller and hurried to the waiting carriage, tho there were not over 50 persons on the platform waiting to see him. His sister, Miss Annie, and his attorney, S. W. Miles, reached his side and greeted him warmly before he entered the carriage. They were admitted to the jail and had a moderately long talk with him as soon as he arrived there.

The public was somewhat surprised to learn that ex-Judge R. C. Henry had retired from the defense in the Hunter case. Judge Henry and Attorney S. W. Miles have amicably dissolved their partnership, so that Mr. Miles and his brother, Hon. Lewis Miles of Gorydon, are now Hunter's sole legal representatives. Judge Henry has taken offices over H. H. Wilson's grocery in the rooms with Attorney F. K. Reynard. Mr. Miles retains the office rooms over Simpson's store.

The opinion prevails more strongly than ever that a change of venue will be asked in Hunter's behalf. Should a change be granted the place of trial is determined wholly by the Judge.—Mt. Ayr News.

License to Wed.

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

- Frank O. Hoffman..... 21 Anna F. VanNostrand..... 24 J. P. Mullin..... 29 Edna Bowerman..... 29 Aaron A. Cozad..... 57 Mrs. Hattie Hutchison..... 36 John Hukill..... 20 Lottie May Overholtzer..... 20 Arthur McKee..... 22 Nellie Wagner..... 22 Clarence Ammons..... 22 Jessie Reeves..... 19 W. F. Durnall..... 26 Jessie A. Marshall..... 26 D. N. McPherson..... 29 Susie McVay..... 18 N. M. Mierly..... 38 Maud Benkert..... 22 J. E. Runley..... 21 Nettie Jennings..... 18

SAVED HIS HORSES.

Farmer Hurries His Spring Work and Another Cures Barb Wire Cut on Colt.

R. Collins, farmer, Seney, Iowa: "In two week's time I cured an old sore on a valuable colt, sore caused by cut on barb wire. I tried many remedies but the wound kept getting worse and worse until I began use of Silver Salve. Before I used up half a box my colt was well."

Jacob Barth, Scotland, S. D.: "My horses all had sore shoulders this spring. I began using Silver Salve and healed their shoulders while working them on a breaking plow."

Silver Salve is a staple remedy sold by leading dealers. It is the most rapid healer known. If your dealer does not have it send 35 cents in stamps to Diehl Chemical Co., LeMars, Ia. They are the manufacturers and will send you a big box, postage paid. Mention this paper.

Poland-China Male Pigs For Sale.

Large and ready for use. Sows safely in pig by a Perfection boar. All hogs eligible to registry. Two 15-16 draft horse colts sired by Royal Hunter 9698. A. C. S. B. one 7-8 draft colt sired by Burlington Chief. All bays, large and in fine condition. For prices visit or address E. S. Buffum, LeRoy, Ia. 24

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM. Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

PENNYROYAL PILLS. Original and Only Genuine. CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PILLS. Cures all ailments of the bowels. Cleanses the system. Relieves all obstructions. Safe for all ages. Sold by all druggists.

MONEY 5 Per Cent. Money loaned on farms. Quick action if title is good. Call on or write J. B. BENNETT, Pleasanton, Iowa.

MONEY! J. R. BASHAW JEWELER AND BOOKSELLER. Headquarters for JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES, CLOCKS, CHINAWARE, BOOKS, STATIONERY, TOYS, ETC.

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. By W. H. Young, Treasurer of Decatur County, Iowa, From June 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

Table with 6 columns: Balance on hand June 1, 1902; Collected since June 1, 1902; Total on hand since June 1, 1902; Paid out since June 1, 1902; Balance on hand January 1, 1903. Rows include State, Insane, County, School, Road, School House, Teachers, Pauper, Contingent, Bridge, Soldiers' Relief, Corporation, Sinking Fund, County Institute, Cemetery, Sidewalk, Park, Board of Health, General Township, County Road, Bond, Swamp Fund, Judgment, Permanent School, Temporary School, State University, Iowa State College.

* Overpaid.

We, C. W. Barr, T. Morris and W. H. Campbell, the board of supervisors of Decatur county, state of Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct balance sheet and statement of the collections and disbursements by W. H. Young, treasurer, from June 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903, as per receipts and vouchers surrendered, and his and the county auditor's ledger of revenue accounts examined and approved by us this 14th day of January, 1903.

I, W. H. Young, treasurer of said county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and correct statement of revenue collected and disbursed by me since last settlement, being June 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903. W. H. YOUNG, Treasurer of Decatur County, Iowa. I, J. F. Gill, auditor of Decatur county, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above is a true statement as filed in my office this 14th day of January, 1903. J. F. GILL, Auditor of Decatur County, Iowa.

AFTER THE MINNOWS COMES THE WHALE

TERRY'S BIG UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO. VAN WERDEN OPERA HOUSE One Night Only Saturday Evening, January 24.

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