

DICK PRAY ACQUITTED

Of the Stealing of Moran's Cattle Near Grand River.

District Court is still in session and will probably not adjourn before Saturday, making a three weeks term for Judge Parrish.

The grand jury finished their labors last Thursday and were discharged for the term. They investigated a number of cases and examined a large number of witnesses during the ten days they were in session, but only returned one indictment, that being against A. L. Belding, the Van Wert druggist for selling liquor, and upon being arrested he pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$325 and costs.

The celebrated cattle stealing case from Grand River in which Dick Pray was accused with Port Woodard and Frank Greenland of stealing seven head of cattle from Jerry Moran's pasture which occupied all of last week until Friday evening, resulted in a verdict of acquittal. The case was submitted to the jury at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, and about 10 o'clock the jury sent word to Judge Parrish that they had agreed on a verdict. Court was immediately called and the jury brought in. When Clerk Kehler read the verdict it read: "We, the jury find the defendant not guilty." Judge Parrish immediately discharged Pray from custody and exonerated his bond. The attorneys for the state claim the matter is not settled by the acquittal of Pray, and that the cases against Woodard and Greenland will be pushed at the next term of court, the defendants having demanded separate trials. Pray is also under indictment for arson, being charged with burning By Bay's livery barn at Grand River.

The trial jurors were excused for the term Saturday morning. The case of John Newton vs. Conrad Hoffman has occupied all of this week, being tried to Judge Parrish and will not be finished until today. The parties are neighbor farmers near Davis City, and the trouble is over a drainage ditch which was dug to carry off the water from some of the low lands, and which Newton claims Hoffman stopped up, causing the water to back up on his farm, ruining his pasture, about ten acres of corn and six acres of wheat. The ditch has been the cause of much contention, as if it is left open it drains the water in an old bayou in the center of Hoffman's farm, making a lake covering several acres, and if it is closed it causes the water to back up on Newton's farm. There is considerable testimony and some fine law points in the case. Outcome being watched with great interest by the residents of that neighborhood.

The following cases have been disposed of since our report last week:

PROBATE.

The foreign will of C. Long was admitted to probate.

In the contest over the probate of the will of Arvesta Ann Stone in which her brothers John A. and Francis M. Hamilton jr. and other relatives contested the will giving the bulk of her property to Robert N. Leeper and wife, on the grounds that at the time of making the will she was of unsound mind and was unduly influenced, the testimony was submitted to a jury who returned a verdict in favor of the proponents, Robert N. Leeper et al., thus sustaining the validity of the will.

LAW AND EQUITY.

G. W. Mills vs. Incorporated Town of Leon, in which plaintiff seeks to enjoin the town from opening a street through his residence property in east Leon, was submitted to the judge, who has not yet rendered a decision.

G. W. Hembrey vs. Drew Kelley, dismissed by plaintiff without prejudice.

Gates & Keller vs. C. E. Read, motion to strike answer submitted.

CRIMINAL.

In the case of State vs. Lute E. Brown who was convicted of stealing a pair of horse blankets from George Young at Grand River, a motion has been filed asking for a new trial on the ground that Judge Parrish erred in his instructions to the jury.

On Monday Judge Parrish overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of State vs. Zeb Peterson, convicted of assaulting an Assyrian peddler northwest of Leon last summer, and fined Peterson \$100 and costs, ordering that he be confined in the county jail until the fine is paid.

In the case against George Riggs, indicted for selling liquor illegally at Grand River, the defendant pleaded guilty to making a single sale, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

A. L. Belding a druggist at Van Wert, who was indicted at this term for selling liquor illegally, on Tuesday entered a written plea of guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and costs, including \$25 attorney fee to the county attorney. He paid the fine and costs before leaving the court room.

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. Call and look over our price lists, and see what we have. Office in rear Exchange National Bank.—SAM L. DARRAH & CO., Real Estate, Leon Iowa.

MATRIMONIAL.

Sundage-Johnson.

Columbus Sundage, of Pawnee, Mo., and Miss Mae Johnson, of Lamoni, Ia., were united in marriage at Hotel Leon, Leon, Iowa, on February 3, 1903, by Rev. I. N. Woodward, pastor of the M. E. church. The newly married couple are planning to make their home in Wyoming.

Married at Mt. Ayr.

Ground hog day was celebrated at the clerk's office yesterday by the marriage of O. J. Wilbur Clymer and Miss Cecil Belle Fulton, both of Decatur City. Justice J. N. Lineburg officiating. When the ceremony was over Clerk Stranahan proclaimed that all residents of other states who were present were entitled to kiss the bride. The provision was made for the benefit of L. P. Elsmar, the New York broker who has been here on land business for the past few days. Mr. Elsmar was about to avail himself of this privilege when he happened to wonder what his wife would think about it, so he contented himself by giving the bride a wedding present in the shape of a brand new \$1.00 bill.—Mt. Ayr News.

Library Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Library Association was held at library rooms Monday evening. Members present: Mrs. Layton president; Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Sigler, Mrs. Darrah, Prof. Drake, Mr. Myers, Mr. Bowsler, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Woodard, Miss Brooks, Miss Vogt, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. L. Harvey. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Librarian's monthly report as follows: Books loaned, 805; application cards, twelve; fines collected, \$3.40. On motion librarian was instructed to proceed with the cataloging and present bill.

Mr. Bowsler reported \$4.02 proceeds of farmers' Christmas donation. The names of those responding to this call are as follows: Mrs. Jerome Drake, three pounds butter, 60 cts. Mrs. W. S. Clark, one bushel apples, 75 cts. Mrs. Harry Oney, one chicken, 35 cts. James Merrill, one bushel corn, one bushel potatoes, 70 cts. James Ironsides, two ducks, 77 cts. Chas. Shinn, basket of beets, 50 cts, cash, 35 cts.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bowsler for his earnest effort. The Chair appointed the following committees for the year: Press correspondent, Mrs. Curry.

Book committee: Mrs. Darrah, Mrs. Varga, Mrs. Stookey, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Myers.

Finance: Mr. Teale, Mrs. Sigler, Mrs. Curry.

Entertainment: Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Bowsler.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to superintend cleaning of library rooms, as follows: Miss Brooks, Miss Vogt.

The following rule was adopted. Any book other than reference or fiction may be reserved for study not to exceed the period of one week by previously applying to the librarian, without card.

The question was then taken up and discussed as to the advisability of taking steps toward the permanent establishment of this library as a public institution of the town according to law, with a unanimous affirmative decision. A committee with Mr. Myers as Chairman was appointed to draft the necessary petition, secure signatures and present to the town council in whose hands will then rest the submission of the question to the people at the spring election.

It was also decided to make an appeal to Andrew Carnegie for a donation with which to secure a library building. Mrs. Darrah was made Chairman of committee to act in this matter. Adjourned.

SAVED HIS HORSES.

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

R. Collins, farmer, Seney, Iowa: "In two weeks' 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. 22-5t

Bible text for the girl who spends all her time in front of the mirror, and all her money on lotions; Can the leopard change his spots?

Avoid Fraudulent Imitations.

Use the genuine Russ Bleaching Blue and preserve your clothes. All grocers, 10c. 23-14

After Twenty Years.

Many of the older residents of the county will remember an old man named Charles McGill who owned a farm south of Weldon which is now owned by ex-sheriff George F. Wolever. About twenty years ago McGill was adjudged insane and sent to the insane hospital at Mt. Pleasant, A. J. Allen being sheriff at that time. He was an ugly customer and very hard to handle. After being at the asylum for a short time it was reported that he had escaped, but as nothing was ever heard of him there were grave rumors which gained considerable credence in this county that McGill had been killed by a guard at the hospital and secretly buried. Yesterday Postmaster Ledgerwood who was well acquainted with McGill was greatly surprised to receive a letter from F. G. Berg, of Atwood, Kas., making inquiries about the family of McGill, saying there was an old man living neighbor to him who was lying at the point of death and wanted him to write and see if any of his family, as he left a wife and four daughters here, were living, as he was very anxious to see them before he died. He said the old man is now 87 years old, and although he was a near neighbor he had never told anything about his family until a few days ago. Postmaster Ledgerwood is making an effort to inform his relatives, a daughter having married Hale Wilson, who now lives in Clarke county. The letter clears up the mystery which has always surrounded the case, and the old man has guarded his secret well since he escaped from the asylum.

Is Sent to the Inebriate ward at Mt. Pleasant.

T. E. Horner a former well known business man of Leon was on Monday sentenced at Des Moines by Judge Given to be confined at Mt. Pleasant as an inebriate for the term of one year. Monday's Daily Capital says:

Thomas Elmer Horner, the druggist, formerly proprietor of the Opera House pharmacy at Eighth and Walnut streets, and who stated that over work and long hours drove him to drink, was today ordered confined in the inebriate hospital at Mt. Pleasant for one year. In sentencing him Judge Given gave Horner two days in which to clear up his business matters before he is taken to the hospital.

Horner was taken before Judge Given last Friday and his case investigated by the judge. Horner came here from Leon a year or more ago and succeeded to R. J. Woollett & Co. as owner of the Foster Opera House pharmacy. He built himself up a good business man. Some weeks ago he disposed of his drug store on the west side and went across the river, opening a pharmacy on East Locust street.

He became addicted to the use of intoxicants and his relatives testified before Judge Given that he went on sprees which laid him up for periods ranging from one to six weeks. Horner did not deny his sprees, but said they were driven on him by overwork in establishing himself in the drug business in Des Moines owing to the swift competition.

High School Notes.

On last Friday afternoon the two literary societies of the Leon High School which were recently formed met to adopt their constitution and by-laws.

By vote the names Philomathian and Athenian were chosen. The Philomathians met in Prof. Hutchinson's room, and the Athenians in the high room. After the adoption of the constitution and by-laws which provide that nominations must be made one week before the election of officers, the following candidates were nominated by the Philomathians:

For President—Ed Farquhar, Jessie Hsley, Ray Long, Eula Waigt, Albena Crawford.

For Vice President—Fred Penniwell, Beryl Ellinwood, Ray Long, Mella Caster.

For Second Vice President—Ben Williamson, Letha Newlin, Tom Artt.

For Secretary—Eula Waigt, Edith Harris, Blanche Little, Rollin Benedel.

For Treasurer—Mamie Sprague, Arthur Cowden, Louie Hurst.

For Critic—Beryl Ellinwood, Frank Forbes, Anna Owens, Jessie Hsley, Josephine Johnson.

The Leon High School desires to thank the school board for their liberality in furnishing them with Laing's Planetarium for use in the geography classes, which will be of great benefit.

Miss Stewart, who has been attending normal school at Shenandoah, entered the C grade last Monday.

The visitors to the school during the past two weeks were Rev. Hubbel, Mrs. Gardner, Stella Ford, Mina Cesler, and Misses Bess Disaver and Bess Judd, of the Garden Grove High School.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. \$1.00. Sold by L. Van Warden druggist, Leon. 16 29t

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Rawsonville's Sensation

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On a certain Tuesday night the village of Rawsonville, containing about a thousand inhabitants, went to bed. Before 8 o'clock Wednesday morning there was a buzz of excitement up and down its length. Two events had happened while 998 of the inhabitants slept the sleep of the just.

One of the general stores was owned by George Carter. He was a bachelor of forty, who boarded with the Widow Brown, and the widow had reported his mysterious disappearance. As Deacon Spooner put the case to the crowd while standing on the horse block in front of the store: "George Carter has vanished off the face of the earth, and it devolves upon this community to unearth the mystery."

The community first declared its belief that the missing merchant was bankrupt and had run away to avoid his creditors.

When the clerk had shown by the books that that belief could not hold water, the community looked for other reasons and found them. It was known to all that he accompanied the Widow Spicer to Sunday evening church, and the inference was that he had asked her to marry him and then disappeared to avoid a breach of promise suit. The widow was called upon to give convincing evidence. She either couldn't or wouldn't.

"Gentlemen," said the deacon as he mounted the horse block again, "we are on the trail, but we haven't found the body yet."

A search was made of the abandoned red sawmill, of the creek north of the village and of the garret of the store, but no one was found drowned or hanging by the neck. Nevertheless the public proposed an inquest, and Squire Haddon was brought to the front.

After duly mopping his heated brow with his well known yellow silk handkerchief he said:

"I don't know much about inquests, but I allus supposed that you had to have somethin' to inquest on. But if the freemen of this glorious community wish me to go ahead I'll do so with the greatest of pleasure."

It was not only apparent to the freemen that there was no dead body before them to call for a verdict, but that the squire was aching to deliver a Fourth of July oration, and the proposed inquest was therefore choked off.

Joseph Taylor, the village carpenter, had a wife named Polly. He had gone over to Snow Hill to work for a week, leaving Polly alone. It was now suddenly discovered that her house was shut up and that she hadn't been seen since the afternoon before. Here was mystery No. 2. Deacon Spooner was still itching to deliver that Fourth of July address, so he remounted the horse block, called for order in a loud voice and said:

"Feller freemen, this 'ere case is as plain as a knot on a log—that is, it's plain to me. George Carter and Polly Taylor have eloped together and scandalized the fair name of a town which never even had a dogfight before. When that devoted band of pilgrims left the shores of old England to—"

But he was choked off right there. Every man and woman in the village was sure that the key to the mystery had been found, and what the pilgrim fathers did was of no consequence. How blind they were not to have guessed the truth at the start! Polly Taylor was good looking, smart and inclined to be frivolous, while her husband was so serious minded that he did not believe in husking bees.

Before nightfall twenty different people had remembered her saying that George Carter was a good looking man and of George Carter saying that he wished he had met her years before.

Things had been talked over so many times before supper that it seemed as if there was nothing more to say. But it was hardly over before the Methodist church bell rang out a fire alarm. There was no fire. Deacon Spooner had simply got a new idea and wanted to submit it to the freemen of Rawsonville. Once more he mounted the horse block to indulge in a fervid address. This time he meant to land the pilgrim fathers in good shape, but he planned to blind his audience by first stating his belief that the husband of the heartless wife ought to be communicated with at once.

His declaration was received with enthusiasm, and a boy was hired to ride over to Snow Hill and tell Joe Taylor that he was wifeless.

It had come 9 o'clock when a thunderclap shook the village—that is, Joe Taylor and his wife appeared. She had gone over to Snow Hill to see him about the contents of a letter that had arrived at the house, and he had returned with her. Men and women were still gasping for breath and wondering what next when George Carter came driving into town. He had been over to Grafton to see his brother, who had been accidentally hurt. The news had come after the Widow Brown had gone to bed.

There was no failure, no suicide, no elopement. Honest George Carter hadn't thought of beating his creditors, and pretty Polly Taylor hadn't thought of stealing away from her husband. For the last time the deacon mounted the horse block and began:

"Citizens of this great and glorious republic, we have assembled here this evening for the purpose of—"

But they hadn't. The crowd dissolved like a fog, for Rawsonville's sensation was over.

WILLIAM RANDALL.

HUSBANDS Did you ever wonder why cooks are scarce? Kitchen Work is Unpopular Don't let your wife stay in the Kitchen half the day making bread. Tell her to order from Skete Detrick "Better than Home Made" And she will waste no more Time baking. Insist on having Skete's bread. L. P. DETRICK, Prop.

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