

Library Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the library board was held Monday evening, March 2. In the absence of the president and vice president, Mrs. Darrah was called to the chair. Minutes read and librarian's report was made as follows:

Books loaned the past month 754, fines collected \$2.22; application cards 15.

Reports of committees as follows: On petition to Mr. Carnegie, the same reported as drafted and signed by the city mayor and such other citizens as were suggested by the secretary of the State Library Commission, ready to be forwarded at once.

Committee on entertainment report election of J. R. Bowsler as chairman but have as yet taken no definite action further. Unfinished business concluded under this head librarian reported progress of card cataloging and was instructed to engage the assistance of a stenographer for the purpose of type-writing the cards.

Mr. Bowsler reported following correction to the farmer's donation as reported last month. James Hazlett 2 bushels potatoes 80 cents.

It was decided to purchase at once a full annotated set of Shakespeare probably Rolfe's edition.

New Court Cases.

A. P. Olsen vs. Annie and Newt Gould. Plaintiff sues for \$25 attorney fee, alleging that on Nov. 9, 1902, he was employed as the attorney of Annie Gould to bring suit for divorce against Newton Gould. After the case was commenced they settled their differences and went to living together, the divorce case being dismissed. Geo. W. Baker attorney for plaintiff.

I. E. Marlatt vs L. C. Isehower, Ether Krucker and J. W. Smith. Plaintiff sues for a balance of \$110 due from Isehower on a farm lease, the other defendants claiming an interest in the crop, and a landlord's attachment is asked. B. M. Russell attorney for plaintiff.

O. Whitticar vs John Elston and Charles Carico. Plaintiff sues for a balance of \$170 on a lease for a farm rented by defendant and ask that a landlord's lien be foreclosed. Geo. W. Baker attorney for plaintiff.

The last will of Mrs. Gertrude M. Palmer has been filed for probate. It is dated at Van Wert, Feb. 5, 1903, being witnessed by Dr. E. Mitchell and N. M. Smith. She bequeaths all her property to her children, Leo, Carrie and Roscoe Palmer, and names C. A. Palmer and Frank Lacy as their guardians and also as executors of the will.

R. J. Barrett has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Barrett deceased.

Mrs. Sarah A. Gardner has been appointed guardian of R. R. Gardner, minor heir of S. E. Gardner deceased.

THE CHURCHES.

Owing to matters which have come up since our last announcement, it was deemed best to change the C. W. B. M. meeting of the Christian church with Mrs. Marion Woodward to March 11, 1903. All members please bear this in mind.

S. Scott Jones, the Cowboy evangelist, assisted by his singer, Mr. Arthur Day, of Creston, has recently closed the most successful revival ever held at Woodburn, during which 85 persons were converted and 55 united with the M. E. church.

You are invited to attend the services of the Christian church, morning and evening. The Bible school session begins at 10:45 in the morning and continues for an hour. Junior C. E. holds its meeting at 2:30 each Lord's Day afternoon. Senior endeavor meets on Monday evenings. Mid-week prayer service every Thursday evening. Sermon subjects for March 8th—"A Study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount" and "The Divine Principle of Christian Union."

Services next Sunday at the M. E. church will be as follows: Sunday school and Epworth League at usual hours. President Charles E. Shelton, of Simpson College, will preach both morning and evening. Tomorrow, Friday, March 6th, there will be an educational convention in the M. E. church in the interests of Simpson College. The program will be as follows:

- 2:00 p. m. Devotional exercises, Seth Sampson.
2:30 p. m. "The Christian College the Ideal College", R. J. Tennant.
2:40 p. m. "Simpson College a Christian College", E. B. Scoggin.
3:00 p. m. "The Value of the Christian College to Secular Schools", President C. E. Shelton.
3:20 p. m. "The Past of Simpson College", W. H. Dryie.
3:40 p. m. "The Alumni of Simpson College", Alfred Knoll.
4:00 p. m. Questions and General Discussion, Dr. W. S. Hooker.
7:30 p. m. Devotional exercise, J. H. Drake.
7:50 p. m. "The Present Needs and Future Outlook of Simpson College", E. C. Newland.
8:10 p. m. "The Need of the Church and the World for College-Trained Leaders", E. E. Hunt.
8:30 p. m. "The Present Duty of the Des Moines Conference to Simpson College", President C. E. Shelton and W. S. Hooker.

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.

Wilks-Owens.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 25th, at the clerk's office in Leon, Iowa, Mr. J. E. Wilks, of Newtown, Mo., and Miss Dena Owens, of Pleasanton, Iowa, were united in marriage by Rev. I. N. Woodward, of the Leon M. E. church.

Amicitia Club Reception.

Last Friday evening the ladies of the Amicitia club entertained their husbands at a six o'clock dinner at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Farquhar. The following menu was served in three courses.

- FIRST COURSE, Fried Oysters, Pickles, Cream Slaw.
SECOND COURSE, Roast Pig, Cold Tongue, Tomato Salad, Saratoga Chips, Fruit Salad, coffee.
THIRD COURSE, Ice Cream.

Angel Food, Chocolate Cake, Devils Food Cake. A short Shakesperian program was rendered and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent with music and games. All present were loud in their praise of Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar as entertainers.

A. H. Akers Gone to His Rest.

Again we are called upon to chronicle the departure of a dear one, who has bidden farewell to this earth, leaving the city of Ione in a deep shadow of gloom. Indeed it has become a matter of wondering "who will be the next?" or "what will tomorrow bring forth?" for three deaths in one week and six in this year in one little place would naturally give cause for great apprehension. On the last day of a trying week, when Ione gave up two of her best daughters, the news of the death of her most highly esteemed associate was flashed over the town.

Mr. Akers had left his home in this city at about 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning to haul a load of straw from a stack about four miles from here. The day passed and when at 5 o'clock he had not returned Mrs. Akers dispatched their son, Harry, to ascertain the cause of his father's delay. Harry was horrified on reaching the stack to find the lifeless form of his father lying against it. He hastened to town and several parties returned to the sad scene to care for the remains. It is supposed that death was due to heart trouble, though when Mr. Akers left on his errand he was in perfect health. His position in lying against the straw was such as to indicate that he had gone without a struggle and judging from the work he had done, etc., it is supposed that he had died about 1 o'clock.

The funeral services were held from the church on Monday at 1 o'clock, and were attended by a very large crowd though the day was the stormiest that has visited this vicinity for some time. All day long Sunday the home was crowded with anxious friends who could scarcely believe that one who had laughed and joked with them yesterday was gone today. The funeral sermon was preached by Elder Swift of the Church of Christ, of which Mr. Akers became a member 33 years ago. Mr. Akers was also a member of the order of Odd Fellows in Iowa and that lodge of this place took charge of the ceremonies. Surrounded by the friends, neighbors, relatives and business associates of the dead, Mr. Swift pronounced a brilliant and eloquent eulogy upon the life and years of paternal duties of Mr. Akers—a eulogy by many regarded as the most beautiful and heartiest tribute ever heard to the memory of one who has seen life in its phases.

After the ceremony at the church the remains were conveyed to the Ione cemetery for final interment by the I. O. O. F. lodge.

As a mark of esteem in which Mr. Akers was held as a citizen, all the stores and business houses joined in a general movement and kept closed from one until four o'clock.

Abraham Harvey Akers was born in Chariton county, Mo., from there he moved with his parents to Iowa. He crossed the plains with ox team in 1861 but returned to Iowa in '63. He was married to Armetta Shelton, the mother of his surviving children, April 24, 1867. She died January 29, 1883, and in '86 he was married to Tilda Ann Shelton. In '87 he came to Oregon again with his family, and made his home in Morrow county. He was the father of eight children, 6 boys and 2 girls, all of whom, except 1 boy who died at the age of two years, are living. He also leaves one brother, T. J. Akers, in St. Joe, Mo., one sister, Mrs. Lydia Ann Hendricks, in Iowa, and his wife, who is prostrated with grief. He died February 7, 1903.

He leaves many relatives in Missouri, Iowa and this place, and a countless number of friends who are deeply grieved at his sudden and untimely death.—Ione Weekly Post.

Detrick's restaurant is the popular place in Leon for warm meals and lunches. The best of everything to eat.

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

LEADS THE WORLD.

In Corn Raising and Live Stock Iowa is in the Front Rank.

Iowa not only leads the nation and the world as a corn raising state, but is now in the front rank as the greatest livestock state in the country.

According to the statistician of the United States department of agriculture, the principal farm animals of Iowa are worth \$277,410,484, or \$65,000 more than those of any other state, New York ranking second.

In the number of its horses Iowa leads in value and is second to Texas in numbers. Iowa has 1,044,570 horses, valued at \$60 each, or worth a total of \$79,760,061. Texas has 1,291,458 horses, but these are worth only \$38,901,293, or less than half the value of Iowa horses. Kentucky and Missouri, featured in song and prose for years as the great horse states of the nation, are way down in the column both in number and value of horses and in individual values, the horses of Iowa leading all other states in average valuations.

In dairying Iowa now stands second only to New York. The state has 1,390,912 milch cows, worth an average each of \$30.03 or a total of \$41,769,087. New York's milch cows number 1,576,503 and are valued at \$55,619,000.

Of cattle other than milch cows Texas has the most, the total being 8,007,910, valued at \$13.70 each and worth a total of \$109,698,754. But in the value of other cattle Iowa leads. There are 3,574,012 cattle other than milch cows in the state, worth an average of \$23.01 or a total of \$82,544,655.

In the combined value of all classes of cattle Iowa leads all the other states. As a mule producer the state does not stand high. It is seventeenth with but 45,914 mules, worth \$3,400,365.

Sheep growing is also a comparatively small industry. The state has only 898,040 sheep, valued at \$3.58 each, a total of \$3,211,571. Montana leads in the number and value of sheep.

But in the production of hogs the state is far and away to the front. Iowa has 7,438,655 hogs of an average value of \$8.95 and a total value of \$66,724,735 while Illinois is second with only 3,747,000, valued at only \$35,338,878. Iowa has twice as many hogs as any other state in the union and their value is proportionately large.

The total given for the value of farm animals does not include poultry or animals other than those designated.

A Most Liberal Offer

All our farmer readers should take advantage of this unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with THE REPORTER, The Iowa Homestead, its special Farmers' Institute editions and the Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, county and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four one year only \$1.70. Never before has so much superior reading matter been offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own are well known throughout the west and commend themselves to the readers' favorable attention upon mere mention. The Iowa Homestead is the great agricultural and livestock paper of the west; The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while The Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office.

Beauty of the Telephone System.

A farmer up in the northern part of Iowa went to town the other day, got on a drunk and greatly disturbed the peace. However, he got away from the authorities and returned home before he could be arrested. Next morning he called the marshal up by telephone and asked him if he had a warrant for his arrest. The marshal replied by reading the instrument to him over the phone. The farmer said he would consider himself under arrest. He then called up the mayor and pleaded guilty as charged in the information. The mayor entered a fine of \$1 and costs, and the farmer sent the fine in by the rural mail carrier.

For Sale.

A fine lot of Bull Orphington cockerels, also one Black Langshan.

EDWIN BEVINS, Residence about one mile northeast of Blockley, P. O. address Leon, Iowa, 2317.

NEW MUSIC—NEW SONGS.

At Flanner's Music House, 215 Grand Avenue, Milwaukee, 50c Pieces at 15c.

It is a well known fact that you can buy sheet music at Flanner's Music House, Milwaukee, at less price than at any place in the country. Both classic and popular music sold at cut prices.

"My Heart for your Heart" a pretty little love song and "Rinky Dink" cake walk and two step will be sent postpaid at 17c a copy. Catalogues and price lists mailed free. Address Joseph Flanner, Milwaukee, Wis.

For Oklahoma realty write or call on C. B. Jordan, Enid, O. T. formerly of Leon, Ia.

EMBROIDERIES! AND FINE LACES! A more beautiful line of the above goods were never shown before. The quality is the very best to be had and the prices are extremely low as will be shown below. 13 inch Embroidery for Corset Covers, per yard 25c. Our spring line of Gingham are in and we would be pleased to show you. Fine Line of Fancy Table Oil Cloth, per yard 12 1/2c. We are showing a nice line of new styles in street hats. THOMPSON & WARNER. Dry Goods. Millinery.

License to Wed. Reuben H. Martz 26, A. Beatrice Campbell 19, P. M. Bremer 30, Alma A. Rains 23, H. S. Jenkins 21, Miss Mae Marvin 21. Notice to Executive Committee. Decatur County Veteran Association will meet at the G. A. R. hall in Leon, Iowa, on Wednesday, March 11 at 1 p. m. for the purpose of stating time and place of holding their next annual reunion and such other business as may regularly come before the meeting. The committee and officers of the Old Settlers Association are requested to meet with us. By J. H. Evans, Sec'y. A. J. ALLEN, President. Public Sale. I will offer at public sale at my farm four miles south of Woodland, 9 miles west of Lineville, on Leon-Lineville road, on Tuesday, March 10th, forty-five mules, consisting of coming three year olds, two year olds and yearlings. They are an extra good bunch and have been stall fed for three months. 57 hogs, mostly shoats weighing 125 to 150 pounds, 50 tons hay, 1,000 bushels of corn and one extra good road horse. Terms—7 months. JOHN HAYDEN, FENNEL BROS. Auctioneers. Yeoman Anniversary Celebration. Leon Homestead No. 145 B. A. Y. has just fitted up a new and commodious hall in the Bigg's block, and will celebrate the 7th anniversary of the founding of the order with a grand celebration on Wednesday evening, March 11th. A fine literary program will be rendered, including an address on Yeomanry by Dr. O. W. Foxworthy. Refreshments will be served and a grand good time provided for everybody. All Yeomen and their families are invited. A special invitation is extended to all good citizens who think of buying fraternal life insurance. The B. A. Y. can show the best record of any reserve fraternal company in the world. Come and see and hear what the Yeoman plan is.

VANWERDEN OPERA HALL A Cheerful Liar Thursday March 5 Evening Wrestling Match Saturday, March 7 JACK MCGARDIFF vs. James H. ALDREDGE. Catch-as-Catch-Can. Three Best in Five. Two Points Down.

M. MAYER! Our Spring Stock is arriving daily. Come in and let us show you the best stock of Men's Boy's and Children's CLOTHING and Furnishing Goods! that ever came into the county. Let me sell you your spring working clothing. I'll warrant them O. K. M. MAYER. 1st Door North Postoffice. Established 1878. Sale Bills! Printed quick and in an artistic manner. The kind that draws a crowd. Get them at THE REPORTER office.

The Leon Coal Co. The Leon Coal Co. has now finished its preliminary arrangements and is ready for business. The subscription books will be open for the public, Monday, March 9, the capital stock is \$100,000, the shares \$100 each. \$25,000 of the stock will be placed on the market at that time. Nearly one-half of the stock is already spoken for. This lot of stock will be sold for \$25 per share. This amount of money will do the prospecting necessary to the location of a shaft. Coal rights on a considerable body of land have already been obtained. The company has met with great encouragement all along and the prospects are that the stock will all be taken in a few days. The subscription books, articles of incorporation and by laws will be at the Exchange National Bank and Owen & Forbes' store in Leon, Iowa. A general invitation is extended to all citizens who feel an interest in the welfare of Leon and Decatur county, to help push a purely home company that will always manage its business for the best interests of the community. (Signed) Wm. Biggs, Pres. E. H. Lewis, Vice Pres. E. D. Dorn, Treas. MORRIS GARDNER, Sec. E. B. Lewis, Morris Gardner, J. A. Harris, Directors. Wm. Biggs, E. D. Dorn, W. A. Albaugh, W. F. Ghorlley, O. E. Hull.