

OUR PERSONAL MENTION

Persons having friends visiting them or knowing of strangers visiting in the city will confer a great favor upon the Editor by informing him either in person, by note or telephone.

E. J. Warner had business at Lamoni Monday.

J. A. McIntosh had business at Davis City last Thursday.

J. F. Harvey had legal business at Van Wert last Friday.

C. L. Norton was down at Davis City Monday buying horses.

J. S. Parrish was called to Osceola last Friday on business.

J. L. Metier had business calling him to Garden Grove Tuesday.

Mrs. Mat Jones, of Garden Grove, was a Leon visitor Monday.

W. H. Weller, of Katy, Texas, was an over Sunday visitor in this city.

County auditor J. F. Gill was an over Sunday visitor at Garden Grove.

Mrs. C. S. Stearns, of Garden Grove, was visiting in this city Monday.

Postmaster Dan Anderson, of Lamoni, had business in this city yesterday.

Mrs. A. E. Hatch was visiting with friends at Davis City last Thursday.

Dr. E. W. Doolittle, of Garden Grove, had business in this city last Friday.

Newt Judd, of Garden Grove, was visiting with Leon friends last Thursday.

Harry Statzel was looking after produce business at Davis City last Monday.

Dan W. Stanley had real estate business calling him to Ridgeway, Mo., Monday.

R. W. Bruce, of the Republican, spent Sunday with his mother in Garden Grove.

W. F. Ghormley, of Des Moines, is here to spend the holidays with his family.

Ed Jennings, of Garden Grove, was visiting with friends in this city last Friday.

Misses Minnie and Blanche Downey, of Decatur City, were Leon visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Susan Springer, of Decatur City, was visiting with friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. W. M. Akers, of Decatur City, was doing Christmas shopping in Leon last Friday.

Miss Laura Evans returned Thursday from a visit at the home of her sister in Des Moines.

J. L. Warner, the optician, had business at Kellerton and Lamoni the first of the week.

Mrs. Lawrence Gould and Miss Sylvia Gould, of Van Wert, were Leon visitors last Friday.

Sheriff E. Merrick, of Corydon, was in Leon last Friday, serving some papers in a civil suit.

Mrs. D. Lowe returned Monday from a pleasant visit with the Weldon families near DeKalb.

Joe L. Warner was looking after his optical trade at Blythedale the latter part of last week.

Miss Bessie Arney came up from Davis City Tuesday for a short visit with friends in this city.

Rev. F. Edwards came down from Osceola yesterday to visit a few days with his many friends.

Ed Mudgett, a prominent farmer residing near Lineville, had business in this city last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Lane returned Saturday from Creston where she had been visiting friends for a few days.

W. D. Smith returned last Friday from a few days visit with his daughters who reside near Humeston.

George P. Campbell, the well known real estate man of Davis City, had business in this city yesterday.

Solin Bevins returned Saturday to his home at Blockley after spending several days in this city on business.

Mrs. Mary A. White went to Decatur City Thursday and made a short visit with friends in that vicinity.

F. C. Mullinnix was down at Lamoni the first of the week, looking after some cement contracts in that city.

Prof. A. L. Lyon and wife, of Garden Grove, were doing some Christmas shopping in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. Irvin Gore went to Davis City Tuesday and visited a couple of days at the home of her son, John Gore.

James H. Alldredge was a passenger Friday for Grand River, where he spent a few days visiting with friends.

Mrs. E. Kennel, returned Thursday to Van Wert after spending a couple of days with friends in this city.

J. L. Still, of Woodland, took the train here last Thursday for Des Moines, where he was called on business.

Mrs. Eva Arnold, of Garden Grove, came down last Friday to visit a few days with friends in this vicinity.

Miss Nellie Dale, of Morgan township, is employed as a saleslady at Alexander's store during the holiday rush.

Miss Bertha Nye, of Decatur City, came over Monday to remain a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Boucher.

H. C. Watson, of Decatur City, left Tuesday for Colony, Kas., where he will look after business matters for a few days.

Eld. J. S. Coffin was a passenger Saturday for Kellerton where he preached on Sunday and also officiated at a wedding.

V. R. McGinnis left Sunday for St. Louis where he has an important case for a client in the United States Circuit Court.

Mrs. M. A. Waterman, of Van Wert, came last Thursday for a visit in this city at the home of her brother, T. J. Gibson.

Uncle Bob Bowsher and wife leave Thursday morning for Cripple Creek, Colorado, where they will spend the holidays at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kohler, and will guarantee that it will be a Merry Christmas for both families.

W. S. Johnson, a former well known resident of this city, who was one of the publishers of the Journal for years, was in Leon Monday. He has recently sold his paper at Sanborn, and is now looking for a location, intending to buy a paper in a larger town.

J. P. Hall, of Denver, spent a couple of hours in Leon Monday between trains, having been called to Chariton to bury his only brother, Byron Hall, who died at his home in Denver last Wednesday, an account of his death appearing in another column.

F. F. Bedier and H. J. Landis returned Friday from a two weeks trip through southern Missouri, where they were looking for land, but could not make up their minds to invest just yet, and the boys seem to prefer good old Decatur county to any place on earth.

Miss Lenna Rhea, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in Leon Monday for a few days visit with her aunt, Miss Eva Rhea. Miss Lenna although totally blind is a very bright little lady, and spent the summer at the St. Louis exposition, as one of the advanced pupils in the school for the blind of Missouri.

Hoyle Gilreath and wife, of Lake Andes, S. D., arrived last Friday evening on a visit to Mrs. Gilreath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Woodard in this city, and with Mr. Gilreath's parents at Grand River. Hoyle says they like their new home very much, and he is more than pleased with his banking business since he opened the new bank there.

H. D. Harrell and wife, of Creston, were visiting with old friends in this city last Saturday, having come down to meet their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Archie Harrell, of Chillicothe, Mo., who accompanied them to Creston on the afternoon train to spend the holidays. Mr. Harrell has been in charge of a big extra gang at Creston for the Burlington, but all his men were recently laid off and he is now in charge of a section in the Creston yards.

Death of Byron B. Hall.

The following account of the death of Byron B. Hall, a brother of J. P. Hall, a former well known resident of Leon, now Colorado passenger agent for the Santa Fe R. R. with headquarters at Denver, is taken from the Rocky Mountain Daily News of last Friday. Prior to going to Colorado for his health about twenty years ago, the deceased was a resident of Chariton, being one of the fastest telegraph operators ever in the employ of the C. B. & Q. The editor of THE REPORTER was acquainted with him from boyhood, and it is with feeling of deep regret that we chronicle his death.

The death of Byron B. Hall, which occurred Wednesday at his home, No. 1415 South Fifteenth street, removes from a field of usefulness and activity one of the best known men in Denver. The end came after a long seige of sickness, in which the best of medical skill was unavailing.

The deceased had been a resident of Colorado for a number of years, the last three or four of which his time was occupied with the duties of the post of assistant manager of the Rocky Mountain Official Railway Guide company.

For twenty years prior to his removal to Colorado, a change made for the benefit of his health, Mr. Hall was a train dispatcher on the Iowa division of the Burlington railroad, and had the reputation of being one of the best men in the business in the West.

Besides a brother, Mr. J. P. Hall, general agent of the Santa Fe railroad, his wife, mother and sister, all of this city, survive him, and one brother in Iowa.

The remains of the deceased have been removed from his late residence to Rogers' undertaking chapel, at which place the funeral ceremonies will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Public Sale.

I will sell at my farm, known as the old Dunn farm, 6 miles southeast of Leon, 4 miles northwest of Woodland, 1 1/2 miles east of old Mt. Tabor church, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1904 the following property:

Five milch cows, 3 giving milk, 2 yearling heifers, 10 spring calves, 3 mares in foal, 1 colt, 20 head shoats.

One new Moline wagon, one good spring wagon, one low wheeled wagon, one set work harness, one spring trip cultivator, one double section steel harrow, one double shovel plow, one single shovel plow, hay in stack, corn, fodder and other feed stuff, household and kitchen furniture and numerous other articles. Terms of sale 12 months. My farm of 80 acres will be for sale or rent on sale day.

S. D. SMITH.
D. A. MCMAINS, Auctioneer.
E. D. DORN, Clerk.

Christmas Holiday Excursion Rates via the Nickel Plate Road, Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, 1904, and January 4th, 1905, at a fare and a third for the round trip, between Chicago and Buffalo. Three through express trains daily to Ft. Wayne, Findlay, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, New York, Boston and all eastern points. Through Pullman sleepers and excellent dining-car service, individual Club Meals, ranging in price from 35c. to \$1.00, being served in Nickel Plate dining-cars; also service a la carte. No excess fare charged on any train. Chicago depot, Van Buren and La Salle Streets, City ticket offices, 111 Adams St. and Auditorium Annex. All information given upon application to John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams St. Room 298. Dec. 24.

Xmas Decorations

Holly, Mistletoe and Christmas Trees

We have just received a swell line of all kinds of Christmas decorations and are ready to fill all orders large or small at very close prices. Come in and let us figure on your order.

Many Good Things to Eat

Best Line to be Found in Leon.
Prices Always the Lowest.

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| Good mixed, pound.....8c | Seedless raisins, pound.....8c |
| Fancy creams, pound.....10c | Raisins large and fancy.....8c |
| Fancy chocolate creams, pound...20c | Mixed candy, pure sugar, pound...10c |
| Oysters direct from Baltimore, pint 20c | Mixed nuts, new, pound.....20c |
| Crackers, Blue Points, pound.....10c | Cheese, New York full cream.....15c |
| Seeded raisins, pound package....10c | |

Full Line Fancy Fruits and Nuts

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When You Think of Flour think of "GOLD MEDAL"

THE CHURCHES

Covenant meeting will be held at the Baptist church on Saturday, Jan. 7th at 2:30 o'clock. All members of the church are urgently requested to be present.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m. the M. E. Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and render a nice program. There will be a nice treat for the children. Sunday services: 10:45 a. m., sermon by the pastor. 7:30 p. m., address by Mrs. Pilcher to the young people. All are cordially invited.

A. M. Pilcher, Pastor.

There will be a sermon especially for the children Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock. Parents are invited to come and bring the children. Evening service at 7:30. This will be a praise service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:15. Christmas tree Saturday evening at 7:30. A good program is being prepared. Communion service, Sunday, Jan. 1st.

The Christmas Cantata will be given by the children of the Bible School Saturday night. You are invited to be present and enjoy this glad time with the children. Bible school at 10 a. m. Sunday morning—for old, middle aged and young. Sermon subjects—11 a. m. "The Christmas Toy." (An offering for ministerial aid.) 7:30 p. m. "The One Body." Remember the union evangelistic meeting.

Xmas with the Sunday Schools.

There will be no Christmas exercises at either the Advent or L. D. S. church. At the Presbyterian church there will be a fine tree filled with presents for the little ones, and a special musical program is in course of preparation for the occasion.

At the Baptist church there will be an old fashioned Christmas tree with a real live Santa Claus to deliver presents to the members of the Sunday school. A nice program of songs, recitations and music has been provided. A cordial invitation to all to come.

The Methodist Sunday School will have a big Christmas tree and Santa Claus at the church Saturday evening, who will have a fine treat for all the children. There will also be an appropriate program for the occasion, consisting of songs, recitations, tableaux, etc.

At the Christian church there will be something out of the usual run of Christmas exercises, the cantata "Santa Claus and his Elves" being under rehearsal for presentation. The children who take part will all be in appropriate costume, Indians, Elves, Esquimos, etc. There will be two trees laden with presents, candy, fruit and nuts for the children.

Buy Horses!



Commencing Saturday, Dec. 17th, I will buy horses at my new barn in Leon
Every Saturday.
Come on with them.
C. M. AKES

Holiday Rates Via Burlington Route.
Reduced rates for holidays will be in effect Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan. 1 and 2. Good to return not later than Jan. 4. For particulars, ask C. M. Ketcham, Agent.

CASH for your real estate or business anywhere. I can sell it. I mean it. Send description and lowest cash price. W. E. Minton, Kansas City, Mo. 18-4t

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Special Union Revival Services

Beginning Jan. 3.

at the M. E. Church.



Evangelist L. OLENSLAYGER of Cincinnati, O.
will be present on Tuesday, Jan. 3, to assist the pastors in revival services.
ALL ARE INVITED

ONE BRICK AT A TIME.

A little patience and the structure is complete. Just so with a fortune. The biggest fortune is made up of single dollars, and by laying aside part of your salary—regularly—persistently—a good income in interest alone—the easiest kind of way. One dollar will start you. Four per cent interest paid, and home banks furnished if desired.

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