

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.

L. P. Van Werden spent Sunday at Dekalb.

Dr. H. C. Bone, of Grand River, was in Leon last Saturday.

Solin Bevins, of Blockley, had business in this city Monday.

Mrs. O. B. Creal, of Decatur City, was a Leon visitor last Friday.

W. D. Smith and wife spent Sunday with friends at Big Springs.

C. E. Buchanan and wife, of Humeston, were Leon visitors Monday.

Dr. O. W. Foxworthy had professional business at Blockley Tuesday.

S. A. Gates had business calling him to Kirksville, Mo., yesterday.

E. S. Buffum, of Leroy, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.

J. G. Smith, the liverman, was an over Sunday visitor at Chariton.

Alvin Arney returned Tuesday from a visit with friends at Oskaloosa.

Attorney A. P. Olsen was called to Creston Thursday on legal business.

O. L. Frazier, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Miss Cora Cochran, of Lamoni, visited over Sunday with friends in this city.

County Attorney W. B. Kelley had legal business at Osceola last Thursday.

Will Ogden went to Pleasanton yesterday to visit a few days with friends.

Harry Arnold, of Garden Grove, was transacting business in this city Monday.

C. C. Cornman, of Kellerton, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.

Joe Warrington, of Garden Grove, was a business visitor in this city Monday.

Mrs. Charles Brown went to Decatur City Tuesday for a short visit with friends.

C. R. Riley and daughter Miss Pearl, of Decatur City, were Leon visitors Tuesday.

County treasurer W. H. Young had business calling him to Grand River Tuesday.

Mrs. V. R. McGinnis and son Ralph went to Des Moines Monday to visit a few days.

S. H. Amos, the Garden Grove attorney, had legal business in this city last Thursday.

J. S. Warner had business at Pleasanton a couple of days the latter part of last week.

J. F. Dunlavy, of Earlham, Iowa, had business in this city the latter part of last week.

W. H. Bobbitt and wife returned Monday from a week's visit with friends at Winterset.

Fred Aten went up to Garden Grove Thursday and visited a few days with home folks.

Mrs. S. S. Wheeler went to Davis City Saturday and visited over Sunday with her mother.

County auditor H. G. Scott, was looking after business matters at Lamoni last Saturday.

Miss Lottie Sheffer, of Garden Grove, was visiting with friends in this city last Thursday.

Miss Mabel Horner, of Lamoni, came Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Major J. S. Wood, the well known Burlington claim agent, had business in this city last Friday.

C. H. Hodges, one of the prominent citizens of Weldon, had business in this city last Friday.

Miss Bess Bruce, of THE REPORTER, visited over Sunday at Garden Grove with her mother.

Patrick Griffin, of Grand River, spent a couple of days in this city the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Whisler of west of town left Tuesday for a short visit with relatives at Ridgeway, Mo.

Dr. T. S. Duff and wife, of Worth, Mo., were over Sunday visitors with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Ed. K. Pitman, of Humeston, was visiting at the home of her parents in this city last Saturday.

C. W. Hoffman went to Des Moines Monday to visit a few days with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Parrish.

Mrs. C. L. Goss, of Anthony, Kas., is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. J. Sankey, for a few days.

Mrs. C. H. Harp went to Davis City Thursday and visited a couple of days with relatives in that city.

Mrs. W. F. Wright left Thursday for Clearfield, for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bowen.

Miss Eva Rhea, stenographer in V. R. McGinnis' office, visited over Sunday with friends in Des Moines.

Mrs. Frank Binning, of Kingston, visited over Sunday in this city at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Cox.

Mrs. Mollie White returned Friday from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Des Moines.

Miss Helen Whisler was a passenger Tuesday for Davis City, where she is visiting a few days with friends.

Mrs. R. E. Leffer, of near Decatur City, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of Mrs. Mary Roberts in this city.

Mrs. Wm. Searcy left Sunday for Kansas City to visit a daughter who resides in that city and is very sick.

Mrs. Kim Hickman left Thursday for Allerton to visit a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Wallace.

Mrs. John Stanley went to Decatur City Tuesday for a short visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. G. Cochran.

Miss Letha Newlin returned yesterday from Des Moines where she has been attending Highland Park College.

Mrs. A. P. Olsen and daughter Nina, went to Lamoni Friday and spent a few days with relatives and friends in that city.

J. V. Arney and family came up from Davis City Saturday evening, and visited a few days with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carmean went to Kellerton Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of her son, George W. Carmean.

Mrs. E. L. Kelley, of Lamoni, came Monday for a few days visit at the home of her son, county attorney W. B. Kelley.

Miss Agnes Lusk returned yesterday to her home at Princeton after visiting a few days in this city with Miss Kate Ogden.

Mrs. L. Van Werden and sons went to Dekalb Thursday for a few days visit at the home of her father, Dr. B. D. Dekalb.

Mrs. Wiley Sells left Thursday afternoon for Vermillion, S. D., where she will visit a few weeks at the home of her sister.

Dr. H. R. Layton was called to Des Moines Monday in consultation in the case of Mrs. R. L. Parrish who is in very poor health.

Mrs. Theodocia McClain, of Pawnee, Mo., spent Sunday with friends in this city and attended the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. J. W. Coulter returned to her home at Albany, Mo., Monday having been here to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. Ralph Brant returned Thursday from Chariton where she had been visiting a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eli Gray.

Mrs. James F. Penniwell went to Derby Saturday to visit a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Throckmorton.

J. A. McIntosh and wife were called to Davis City Monday by the serious illness of Mrs. Mary Hawk, who is reported very low.

Mrs. Johnson Hoffman who has been quite sick for several weeks is now improving nicely, which is good news to her many friends.

Mrs. H. L. McClaran, of Davis City, visited over Sunday with friends in this city, coming up to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. Julia Norman, of Davis City, came up Friday evening and remained over Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. F. M. Osborn returned Thursday from visiting a few days at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodman near Van Wert.

Mrs. W. T. Cartwright and daughter Grace, of near Woodland, went to Davis City Saturday to visit a few days with relatives in that city.

C. M. Keller and R. A. Sigler returned Thursday from Quincy, Ill., where they had been inspecting a farm which they had recently traded for.

Thomas Kane returned Thursday to his home at Creston after visiting a few days in this city at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. O. Harvey.

S. H. Lorey and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wheeler went to Pleasanton Tuesday, for a short visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wesley Chew.

Evert Bright returned to Ottumwa Saturday after a few days visit with relatives in this city. He is employed in a cigar factory in that city.

Mrs. Clara Heckathorn and children returned Tuesday to their home at Chariton after spending a few days with relatives at Decatur City.

Mrs. C. P. Hull returned to her home at Elmwood, Neb., Monday, after a pleasant visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Baker near this city.

Mrs. D. J. Walker, of Lamoni, and Mrs. A. H. Smith, of Kellerton, were over Sunday visitors in Leon, to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. Lois Dorrance, who is teaching school near Garden Grove, visited over Sunday in this city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sankey.

Miss Minnie Tharp who has been staying in Leon at the home of Dr. J. W. Rowell, was called to Weldon Saturday by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. W. J. Cummings and daughter Gertrude returned yesterday to their home at Davis City after a short visit in this city at the home of John Holden.

Dwight Bowman, who is employed as operator for the Rock Island at Rushville, Mo., spent a few days visiting relatives in this city the first of the week.

Miss Cora Burris, returned Monday to her home at Bethany, Mo., after visiting a few days in this city, being called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Mrs. Laura Clark returned Tuesday to her home at Red Oak after visiting a few days with her son in this city. Mrs. Ada Clark returned with her for a week's visit.

Misses Mabel and Helen Horner, of Lamoni, returned home Monday, after visiting over Sunday with friends in this city and attending the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Harry Wright, the bright young editor of the Lineville News was in Leon last Thursday and Friday, and favored THE REPORTER with a fraternal visit which we greatly enjoyed.

George J. Spaeth and wife, of Garden Grove, were Leon visitors Tuesday, and Uncle George dropped in to tell us to place his name on the honor roll, as he has taken the paper for 42 years.

W. A. Brown, of Centerville, came over Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman. Mrs. Brown who had been here for a few days returned home with him Monday afternoon.

Albert Biddison, who is now engaged in business at Cainsville, spent Sunday with his family in this city. The family expects to remove to Cainsville as soon as a suitable house can be secured.

Mrs. W. W. Peasley, of Kellerton and her sister, Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Lamoni, were over Sunday guests at the home of Fred Teale in this city, having come to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Miss Maud Metier left Sunday for Cedar Falls where she goes to take a special training course in primary methods at the State Normal School to further fit her for the profession of teaching.

Misses Kate Hull, Lenna Beavers and Lottie Cozad, a trio of well known Decatur County teachers, left Monday for Cedar Falls, where they will attend the spring term of the Iowa State Normal School.

W. L. Bowman, editor of the King City, Mo., Democrat, and wife, came up Friday evening and visited in this city until Monday, being called to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. F. A. Bowman.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Biggs were called to Elwood, Kas., Sunday by the sudden death of Mrs. Biggs' brother, James S. Clark, who died suddenly Saturday morning from heart disease, being sick about four hours.

Mrs. G. W. Baker went to Des Moines Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. R. L. Parrish, who has been in very poor health for some time and it is feared that she will have to submit to an operation in the near future.

Mrs. Emma Bowman returned Thursday from Bothany, Mo., where she had been for a couple of weeks helping care for her little grandson, who she left out of danger, although the little fellow was in a critical condition for several days.

Mrs. O. S. Long returned Tuesday to her home at Shenandoah, having stopped here for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell as she was returning from Chicago, where she had been buying new goods for their store.

W. R. Ellinwood and wife went to Des Moines Tuesday, Mr. Ellinwood to attend the annual convention of the telephone companies, and Mrs. Ellinwood will go on to Ames to visit her son Beryl who is attending the state college in that city.

C. H. Preston, wife and little son, of Garden Grove, left Wednesday for Lock, Montana, where Mr. Preston goes to take the position of superintendent of a large rancho. THE REPORTER follows them to keep them posted on Decatur county news.

J. F. Sylvester, of Loveland, Colorado, a former well known resident of Davis City, arrived in Leon Sunday afternoon, being called here to attend the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Bowman. Mrs. Sylvester had been here for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Ruth Cummins, and Miss Abbie Burnison, of Davis City, returned Tuesday from an extended visit in California, where they went for the benefit of Mrs. Cummins' health, but the change seems to have done her no good and she is very poorly.

W. B. Gilreath, of Grand River, was in Leon Tuesday. He is making arrangements to move his family in a couple of weeks to Lake Andes, S. D., where he is interested in a bank and other enterprises. The Gilreath family will be greatly missed from Grand River, and have many friends in that vicinity who are sorry to see them leave.

Francis Varga, the Leon High School boy who was selected as the representative of the Leon Public Schools, to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt, returned from Washington City Sunday. He reports a delightful trip, the school boys being accorded every courtesy, having a prominent position in the inaugural parade, and at the inaugural ceremonies, and were specially favored by President Roosevelt, who deviated from his rule not to receive any delegations during the week and the school boys each had the pleasure of meeting the president and shaking hands with him.

City marshal Pryor requests us to call the attention of the boys to the fact that no ball playing will be permitted on the business streets of the town on account of the danger to pedestrians and to windows.

James H. Alldredge the well known wrestler has signed articles for a wrestling match with Doc Fillmore, of Rockford, Ill., to be held at the opera house in this city on Saturday night, April 1st. Fillmore is the husky lad who defeated Alldredge at Des Moines last fall and the Leon wrestler is very anxious to recover his lost laurels. In case Alldredge defeats Fillmore Frank Gotch has promised to give him another match. The coming match will be eagerly watched for by the lovers of the sport in this vicinity.

Mr. Frank Chastain, one of the progressive young farmers of Eden township took advantage of the offer of the State Agricultural College at Ames to test samples of seed corn for farmers free, and sent 200 grains selected from 100 ears of seed corn he saved last fall. He has received the report which is one of the best found by the experiment station showing that 96 per cent of the corn was strong and 4 per cent weak. The corn from which the samples were sent has been hanging in his barn since it was gathered last November, and the severe cold weather of the past winter does not seem to have hurt it. Mr. Chastain is very much interested in the good seed corn question and says he is going to test all the seed he plants this spring and see if he cannot find that four per cent of weak corn and throw it out so as to have a perfect stand. It would mean thousands of dollars to the farmers of Decatur county this year if they would all follow Mr. Chastain's example.

GARDEN SEEDS

That Will Grow

THIS YEAR we have the finest collection of **Garden Seeds** that we have ever had. They are bought from reliable houses who put out nothing but tested seeds. This year we have

Northrup, King & Co., St. Paul, Minnesota
Jerome B. Rice - Rochester, New York
D. M. Ferry - - - Detroit, Michigan
Crossman Bros. - - - Detroit, Michigan
Rush Park Seeds - - - Independence, Iowa

FLOWER SEEDS

Mandeville & King and Jerome B. Rice's.

BULK SEEDS

Peas, Beans, Sweet Corn and Sweet Peas.

HARRY J. VOGT & Co.

Court Commences Monday.

The March term of the District Court convenes in this city next Monday for a two weeks term with Judge H. M. Town-ship presiding. A number of criminal cases have been assigned for trial at this term and it is more than probable that they will occupy nearly the entire term. The cases are set for trial as follows:

Wednesday, State vs. Dr. McKay, indicted for manslaughter, and State vs. C. J. Norman, indicted for stealing chickens.

Thursday, State vs. Ray Rockhold for assault with attempt to commit great bodily injury.

Monday of the second week, State vs. Bud Johnson for seduction, State vs. R. A. Bryan for seduction, and State vs. F. A. Greenland for conspiracy to defraud an insurance company. If the last case is tried the defendant will have to be brought back from Ft. Madison where he is serving a three year sentence for stealing cattle.

License to Wed.

John C. Duffield, Leon	22
Mary O. Bennett, Garden Grove	20
F. V. Arebaugh, Van Wert	47
Mrs. Mary Agnes Lee, Van Wert	47
J. B. Redman, Leon	25
Blanche Smith, Van Wert	19
Lewis M. Andrew, Grand River	23
Olive M. Bason, Tuskego	19
G. H. Parker, Lamoni	43
Ellen Hughes, Lamoni	22
J. E. Woodmansee, Lamoni	23
Jessie O. Shy, Leon	21
Melvin Hullinger, Pleasanton	22
Pearl Ader, Pleasanton	21
F. W. Sears, Leon	35
Maggie Cochran, Decatur	29
A. L. Fuguay, St. Joe	54
Mary A. White, Leon	51

Stock Growers Attention.

Mr. A. L. Ames, president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers Association will be at Leon, Iowa, on Saturday, March 18, 1905, to organize a Decatur county branch of the association. Let all the stockmen turn out with the determination to have one of the strongest county organizations in the state and help to control the beef trust, freight rates and other kindred evils. If we do not help ourselves we deserve no sympathy.

FRED WOOLLEY, Pres.
Decatur County Farmers Institute

At the spring opening of millinery held at Thompson & Warner's store on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25th, the ladies of Decatur county will have an opportunity of seeing one of the finest lines of new style millinery ever brought to this city, embracing all lines from street hats to the finest imported patterns. Prices will suit the purse of everybody, and you are cordially invited to attend the opening.

WANTED—Ladies. Permanent, pleasant employment. Salary or commission, call at Hotel Leon Wednesday March 22.

CHAS. G. SHANE.

MATRIMONIAL.

Fuequay-White.

At the residence of D. F. Avery in Leon on Wednesday, March 15, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m., Mr. A. L. Fuequay, of St. Joseph, Mo., was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary A. White, of Leon, Rev. Montgomery, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Mr. Fuequay is a prominent and well known business man of St. Joseph, where he has resided for many years. Mrs. White is a lady of culture and many graces, and her many friends will regret to miss her from our social circles, but all unite in wishing them every happiness and a long and prosperous life.

They will be at home to their friends at 702 South 10th street, St. Joseph, after March 17th.

Tompkins-Straight.

Married, March 8, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Straight, of Bloomington township, Clark Township and Leota Straight.

At 8:30 p. m. the bride and groom entered the parlor preceded by Rev. Heckathorn of Decatur, who proceeded to impose matrimonial obligations using the beautiful and impressive ritual of the Methodist church. After congratulations the company proceeded to the dining room where a dainty and excellent three course supper was served.

Miss Leota is one of our first-class young ladies, whom we are sorry to lose from our community. Mr. Tompkins is an excellent young man, in every way worthy of the lovely and beautiful bride he has won. They will move to their home in Fremont county. Friends all join in wishing them happiness and success.

Sears-Cochran.

At 7 o'clock, this (Wednesday) evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cochran, in Decatur City, will be solemnized the marriage of Mr. F. W. Sears and Miss Maggie Cochran, the ceremony being performed by Dr. A. M. Pilcher, pastor of the M. E. church. The groom is one of the sterling young farmers of Center township where he has resided all his life, and his bride is a popular young lady of Decatur City, endowed with all the graces that go to make a perfect wife. They will go to housekeeping at once on the groom's farm in Center township. The numerous friends of this estimable young couple extend hearty congratulations and wish them abundant happiness and prosperity.

Woodmansee-Shy.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shy a few miles northwest of Leon, at high noon on Tuesday was solemnized the marriage of their daughter Jessie O. to Mr. J. E. Woodmansee, the ceremony being performed by Dr. A. M. Pilcher, pastor of the Leon M. E. church in the presence of a number of the friends of the contracting parties. Following the ceremony and congratulations a bounteous wedding repast was served.

The contracting parties are both well and favorably known among the people of this county, and start in life under most auspicious circumstances, and with the well wishes of many friends for a long and happy wedded life. They will go to housekeeping at once on the groom's farm in the west part of the county.

A little child of Charles Dingman who lives northwest of town met with an accident yesterday afternoon and had three fingers cut off, but the particulars could not be obtained before we went to press.

Bi-County Convention.

Teachers of Ringgold and Decatur counties to hold convention in the brick church, Lamoni, Ia., Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, 1905.

GENERAL PROGRAM.

Friday evening, 7:30 p. m.
Music—Leon Juvenile Orchestra.
Invocation—Joseph Smith.

Address of Welcome—R. S. Salyards, Lamoni.

Paper—Prin. H. H. Linton, Kellerton. Discussion led by Miss Floy Reed, Mt. Airy.

Vocal solo—Miss Spierdier, Lamoni. Address—Hon. V. R. McGinnis, Leon.

Reading—Miss Horner, Lamoni. Music—Leon Juvenile Orchestra.

Saturday, 9:00 a. m.
Music—Leon Juvenile Orchestra. Invocation.

Paper—"Duties of the Parent to the School"—Prin. James Cozad, Pleasanton. Discussion led by I. A. Burchett, Athens township, Ringgold Co., and Mrs. Vida Smith, Lamoni.

Vocal Solo—Supt. A. L. Lyon, Garden Grove.

Paper—"Subject not announced"—Miss Susie M. Scott, Mt. Airy.

Discussion led by Miss Burroughs, Lamoni; Miss Vandell, Pleasanton; Miss Howell, Davis City.

Paper—"Some Pointers in School Management"—Supt. J. M. Pierce, Leon.

Discussion by Prin. D. L. Carlton, Ellston; Supt. A. L. Lyon, Garden Grove.

Address—"That Boy"—Prof. B. L. Nay, Garden Grove.

Class Drill in Primary Work—Miss Langworthy, Lamoni.

Paper—"Hand Work in the Primary Grades"—Miss Ollie Sams, Mt. Airy. General Discussion.

Music—Leon Juvenile Orchestra. The teachers of Lamoni constitute a committee on entertainment and will see to it that all teachers who wish to remain in town over night after the Friday evening session will be entertained.

Teachers arriving in town in time are invited to visit the schools.

A Statement.

I desire to express my gratefulness to the many who kindly attended my sale on the 10th. It was plain from the encouraging and generous spirit manifested by those present that all the offerings would have passed hands at satisfactory prices had not the weather turned unbearably cold, and rather than have a hint of unfairness toward any who may have attended for the purpose of acquiring some of the offerings which, toward the last were withheld, I will place them on private sale at my home south of the depot, possession of which has been granted me till August.

I also desire to make public to whom it may concern, that the two sealed bids received upon the "Business Opportunity Offering" of my sale proved to be the bids, and as they were made upon my recommendation, which fact was in good faith, stated at sale, there was conveyed to me the authority to make such use of them as I see fit.

I have therefore concluded to publicly invite subscriptions to a company of \$10,000 capital—\$5,500 of which will be subscribed by the gentlemen who sent sealed bids, others, and myself, thus leaving \$4,500 open to public subscription.

Anyone desiring to investigate will be furnished a company prospectus by addressing

FRANK N. SLADE,
Leon, Iowa.

Fred W. McCaull, a former well known Leon boy has been promoted from operator at the Union depot in Des Moines to the position of day ticket agent, the promotion carrying with it a nice increase