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You are invited to call at our store Saturday May 13th and hear a lecture on how to make good coffee and drink a cup of old German Blend. CLARK & McCLELLAND.

W. A. Raah, who has been for the past year station agent and operator at Cambria, resigned his position the first of the week and left for Nevada, Mo., to report for duty as an operator on the Missouri Pacific railroad.—Humeaton Advocate.

Friends in this city have received announcement cards of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Farrens, at their home in Des Moines. Mr. Farrens was a former Leon boy and is now the popular passenger brakeman with Mike Carey, on the Des Moines and Cainsville run.

Mrs. I. N. McPherrin met with a painful accident at her home in east Leon last Saturday. She was standing on a chair adjusting a pair of curtains when the chair tipped and she fell to the floor, breaking two ribs. Dr. Layton rendered medical attention and Mrs. McPherrin is getting along very nicely.

During the heavy electrical storm Tuesday morning fourteen telephones were burned out at Decatur City. Ira Bennett, the thirteen year old son of Howard Bennett, was sitting in a wagon at Decatur and was knocked to the ground and stunned by a stroke of lightning. The boy was unconscious for about five minutes when he revived and complained all day of pains in his head, but it is not thought he was seriously injured.

The biggest express package that ever came to Centerville was probably one transferred here Wednesday enroute to Lancaster to join Billy Hall's show. It was an express car with eight elephants in charge of a keeper. These were sent all the way from New York by express and it cost a little sum no doubt to move them. Paul Dillon didn't have to haul them in his express wagon, but if he had had to do it Paul would have tried it.—Centerville Iowegian.

A warrant was issued yesterday for C. J. Norman on the charge of stealing a lot of chickens last fall from Lawson McKern southwest of Leon. Norman was indicted by the grand jury on two counts, one for stealing chickens from Jake Butts and the other from McKern. He was tried on the former indictment at the last term of court and acquitted by the jury, but the other indictment was still standing against him. He came to town as soon as he was notified and gave bond for his appearance.

The revival meetings at the Methodist church in Decatur continue with large attendance and increasing interest. Up to date about 18 have professed conversion. Rev. Olenstlager is doing efficient and heroic work for Christ. The meetings will continue each night this week and over Sunday. The Sabbath services will be as follows: Sunrise meetings at 6:30; Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. Praise meeting at 2:30 p. m. Baccalaureate service for graduating class of Decatur high school at 6:30 p. m. and jubilee services at 7:30 p. m. Come early, come all, come to enjoy a high day in Israel.

G. M. Carr, formerly foreman of the Bussey Press, was in Leon the latter part of last week packing up the material in the Republican office, having leased it for the period of two years from F. J. Matthews, the owner, and expects to start a new paper at Tracy, over in Marion county. After the material was packed ready for shipment it was held here for an unpaid rent bill and is still in the building, but it is thought the matter will be fixed up this week so that the plant can be shipped to Tracy. It has been demonstrated to a certainty that a third paper cannot pay expenses in Leon, and it is hardly probable that anyone will attempt the venture again.

The fact that the census returns show that Decatur county has a little less than 17,000 population will probably be the means of settling the controversy between the Davis City Lariat and the Lamoni Chronicle as to which shall be the third official paper of the county for the publication of the proceedings of the board of supervisors, as the law provides that a third paper is only required when the population exceeds 17,000. At the January session of the board the Lariat was appointed by the board of supervisors for this year, and the Lamoni Chronicle which has been the official paper for the past four years appealed the case to the district court, alleging that the list filed by the Lariat was a fraudulent one. The census returns will probably be the means of settling the case without trial, as it knocks out both the contestants.

A particularly happy social event of the past week was an informal gathering of some of their most intimate friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boone, Friday evening. The occasion was the anniversary of the marriage of the popular couple and the visit of their friends was in the nature of a surprise; it was timed for the usual supper hour and baskets containing a worthy wedding repast were an important feature. The happy bride was taken possession of by a corps of bridesmaids who proceeded to array her in the usual veil, wreath and other available accessories, leaving the poor groom to worry through the ordeal in the traditional, "conventional black." Then the ceremony was performed by Elder H. H. Hubbell after which everybody "kissed the bride" and bestowed upon her an array of presents which included the useful and the beautiful and the bestowal expressed the sense of humor on the part of the guests as well as their hearty love of the "happy couple." The evening will be a pleasant memory to the participants.

Friends in this county have received invitations from Mrs. Charles Boston Smallwood to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lucy M. Smallwood, to Mr. Warren Albert Skinner, which will be solemnized at the First Methodist church at Pawnee, Okla., on Wednesday evening, May 21, 1905. The bride is well known in this county, where she lived all her life until a few years ago, and was one of the most popular and successful teachers of this county. For the last few years she has been teaching in the public schools at Guide Rock, Kas., and more recently at Pawnee. Her many friends in this vicinity will extend hearty congratulations.

#### Velie Buggies.

Baled hay for sale. C. E. GARDNER.

For Oklahoma real estate write or call on C. B. Jordan, Enid, O. T.

Good bright baled hay, six bales for \$1.00. Phone 45. MORRIS GARDNER.

What about a Fourth of July celebration at Leon this year? If we are going to celebrate it is time something was being done in the matter.

James K. Beavers, the well known farmer of High Point township, was in Leon Wednesday and was compelled to use a cane in getting around. While riding one of his horses last Thursday the animal reared and fell on him and bruised him up quite badly.

The Leon Journal issued a very fine anniversary number last week, the edition consisting of sixteen pages filled with a splendid write-up of Leon and Decatur county, well illustrated with numerous half tones of Leon buildings and prominent citizens.

Elder J. S. Coffin, who was serving his second year as pastor of the Christian church, handed in his resignation Sunday to take effect within sixty days, or as soon as another pastor can be secured to take his place. His many friends regret that he has decided not to remain here.—Kellerton Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Owens are having a modern sanitary system of plumbing fitted in their residence in south Leon. This will complete a model residence which for convenience, comfort and labor saving fixtures, it will be well to pattern after. Farquhar Bros. have the contract for the work.

Bert Teale closed a deal yesterday morning with A. O. Ingram by which he becomes the owner of Mr. Ingram's residence property, including the four lots. The consideration was four thousand dollars. The property is now occupied by R. S. Beall, who is to give possession in sixty days.—Mt. Ayr Record.

Master Earl Akes, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Akes, caused his parents considerable uneasiness last Sunday. He took the cows to the pasture but did not return and could not be found anywhere. Late in the evening he was found by using the telephone and was found asleep at the home of Mr. Rogers near Davis City, having taken quite a long jaunt in company with his dog.

About twenty of the Knights of Pythias went to Chariton yesterday to attend the district convention of the order which met in that city. The district which is presided over by deputy grand chancellor D. E. Morgan of this city, embraces Appanoose, Wayne, Ringgold and Decatur counties. James H. Alldredge, the well known wrestler of this city, was taken along and will receive the third degree.

Frank Manning who has been running a restaurant in the opera house block made an assignment yesterday morning for the benefit of his creditors, L. Van Warden being named as receiver. Business in the restaurant line has been rather slack of late and Mr. Manning decided to turn over the property so that all his creditors would be protected. The liabilities are only about \$300 and it is thought the stock will invoice about \$500, so that all claims can be paid in full if the stock can be disposed of.

A fine little eight pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Craig on Tuesday morning, which has been christened Dortha Mae Craig, and our efficient foreman of THE REPORTER has had his hands full since that time, the balance of the force having caught him several times setting up the word "papa" just to see how it would look in big black type. Mrs. Craig and daughter are doing nicely and we expect to get Frank settled down so he won't walk on air by the last of the week.

An interesting discussion is now running in the columns of The Homestead relating to the type of horse that is best adapted to farm labor in the corn belt. The editor of The Homestead has taken the position that the horse weighing from 1,450 to 1,700 pounds is not only the most profitable to raise for the market, but that an animal of this weight, if the quality is right, is much more useful on heavy farm implements than the light-weights. The expression of this opinion has stirred up some of the advocates of the lighter breeds, and one subscriber goes so far as to say that he can disperse more ground with four 1,500 pound standard horses than can be done by a similar number of drafters. He points out that the standard horse has more snap and that he will do his work with a greater degree of ease than the heavy-weights. Some interesting arguments are put forth on both sides of this question, and the matter is not ended yet. We would like to here repeat that subscriptions for The Homestead are taken at this office, and we shall be pleased to do our part towards swelling the number of Homestead subscribers in this community.

A prominent Washington correspondent says: There seems to be a growing conviction here that this whole matter of railway rate legislation is a big bluff being played by the republican members of congress, who are wedded to the protective tariff. That the Esch-Townsend bill was passed by the republican members of the lower house as a means to allay agitation is well known. They knew the senate would hold up and strangle it for the time being at least. The senate did as was expected. That gave all of them a chance to sound public opinion and find the best strategic ground for the future. It was all a comfort for the "stand pat" tariff men. It diverted attention from the tariff revision that the republicans had promised, that Roosevelt demanded and on which a score or more members were elected to congress last fall. The protected industries saw their opportunity. They joined in an hysterical hypocritical howl for railroad regulation, although most of them were beneficiaries of whatever railroad rebate system was in existence. They are clamorous still. "The railroads can take care of themselves," said one of their spokesmen, "and we can throw this rate regulation stand in there eyes of tariff reforming congressmen until they can't see anything else."

#### Carnegie's Library Offer Accepted.

As will be seen by the official proceedings of the Leon town council published in this issue, they have passed the resolution levying a two mill tax to maintain the free public library, thus doing their part toward complying with the requirements of Mr. Carnegie in his offer to donate the sum of six thousand dollars to build a library building in this city.

The library board of trustees has been having a busy time of it the past week and have their part of the work well in hand. At a meeting of the board a committee consisting of Judge J. W. Harvey, Geo. E. Hurst and S. Varga were appointed to select and secure a site for the building and they have secured options on several pieces of property. The one which will probably be selected is the lot owned by Mrs. S. J. Koger on the corner of Commercial and Church streets, just across the street north from the Methodist church.

The library board also appointed a committee consisting of I. N. Beard, W. C. Stempel and Fred Teale, to solicit the funds required to buy the site, and they commenced work Tuesday. While they have only started in the work they have met with liberal responses by the business men, and if the balance of the town will do as well proportionately they will have little trouble in raising the necessary funds. They have been surprised, however, at the refusal of some parties who should be cheerful subscribers to the fund. The Carnegie library would be a fine thing for the town and it is an institution in which every citizen should take an interest. If you have not yet made a subscription to the library fund hunt up any of the committee and tell them how much you will contribute. When the work is completed, the list of contributors with the amount subscribed by each will be published and the people will have an opportunity of seeing who helped to secure a fine library building for this town.

#### UNIFORMITY OF CERTIFICATES.

A sensible reform, recommended by State Superintendent Riggs and endorsed by three conventions of Iowa county school superintendents, is contained in the proposed amendment of the school law to make teachers' certificates granted in one county good over the state without further examination. It is simply a plan for state instead of county certification of the teachers. Teachers will all favor it and about 90 per cent of the county superintendents have gone on record in its favor. Another excellent position taken by the Pythias went to Chariton yesterday to attend the district convention of the order which met in that city. The district which is presided over by deputy grand chancellor D. E. Morgan of this city, embraces Appanoose, Wayne, Ringgold and Decatur counties. James H. Alldredge, the well known wrestler of this city, was taken along and will receive the third degree.

Mrs. Ruth E. Arnold of Davis City, Iowa, was married to Mr. Samuel Owens of this city, last Friday evening, at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, Tacoma.

Mr. Owens has been a resident of Hoquiam for several years and has many friends here. The bride arrived direct from Iowa and was met at Tacoma by Mr. Owens. They returned to Hoquiam, Saturday and will make this their home.—Hoquiam (Wash) Washingtonian.

#### For Sale.

- One good young work mare..... \$150
  - One good young work horse..... 100
  - One good cattle and work horse..... 50
  - One good last fall draft, colt, sound and halter broke..... 50
  - One splendid young Jersey cow giving from 2 1/2 to 3 gallons of milk per day, bred to Guernsey bull..... 50
  - One Jersey yearling heifer bred to Guernsey bull..... 25
  - Five tons of hay in stack..... 20
- Above for sale only till Saturday, the 13th. No reduction in price or trade considered. FRANK N. SLADE.

How people love the old fashioned children who are taught to mind! And how they detest the spoilt kids!—Atchison Globe.

It's a pity that women don't learn before instead of after marriage that husbands are not very liberal with money.—Atchison Globe.

#### Velie Buggies.

#### Real Estate Transfer

The following are the most important real estate transfers as reported by Stephen Varga from May 1st to 10th, 1905:

- Guy P. Reed to E. B. McClelland, lots in Davis City..... 150
- Arthur L. Teale to E. B. McClelland, lots in Davis City..... 150
- Hebert W. Teale to Philo W. Rogers, lots in Lamoni..... 150
- Nancy Parsons to O. E. Tullis, lots in Leon..... 150
- Iowa Cent. Bld. Loan Association to J. M. Fletcher, lots in Lamoni..... 150
- Stephen Varga, sole referee to Margaret C. Mullin, lots in Leon..... 1000
- John J. Tharp to W. M. Mitchell, lots in Davis City..... 250
- Alice C. Bunney to C. S. Stearns, lots in Garden Grove..... 1007
- Hattie T. Wingett to U. H. and W. C. Lowe, 80 acres in Franklin..... 5123
- R. W. Rockhold to Peter A. Bright, 40 acres in Morgan..... 1200
- Reorg. church of J. C. to Heman C. Smith, lots in Lamoni..... 40
- Mrs. M. Walker to Heman C. Smith, lots in Lamoni..... 75
- John Hatcher to Heman C. Smith, lots in Lamoni..... 25
- W. A. Ramsey to J. F. Crees, 10 acres in Decatur..... 380
- W. H. Lloyd to George Lloyd, 200 acres in Bloomington..... 6000
- J. A. Roberts to Ira F. Price, 74 acres in Long Creek..... 2000
- H. A. Halverson to O. E. Tullis, lots in Leon..... 1000
- A. L. McCleary et al to Mary L. McCleary, lots in Garden Grove..... 400
- Solomon D. Vail to Grace E. Vail et al, lots in Garden Grove..... 2000
- Jacob Trisler to S. A. Trisler, 40 acres in Franklin..... 1000

#### Communicated.

EDITOR REPORTER:—I notice in the last issue of THE REPORTER an item in regard to my preaching at the Christian church at Mt. Zion on Sunday, which was a mistake. I would like to express my opinion through your columns in regard to some one or more that is so handily telling falsehoods. As it is I feel that we need more than preaching in this neck of the woods. We need men and women to stand by God's word by profession and by actions live up to the golden rule, not criticize God's word. There is a time when men and women will have to answer for these falsehoods they have uttered against their brothers and sisters. Furthermore I challenge any man or woman, one or more at a time, to meet me in debate on the question of our religious affairs, both religiously and politically. I will meet anyone at Grand River town at any date that can be agreed on. Any of you that have the nerve come along and I will take no back seat. Anyone who accepts this challenge can have the floor first, and I will come in on the home stretch. I reserve the right to take a week's time to prepare for the debate. If anyone wants to meet me they can write me at Grand River, or call John Hopkins on the phone. E. C. PENCE. Grand River, Iowa, May 7, 1905.

#### Bad Storm Near Van Wert.

During the heavy rain storm which visited all parts of this county Tuesday evening, there was considerable wind and it is reported that it did quite a bit of damage in the neighborhood southwest of Van Wert. At the farm of Warren Rush 3 1/2 miles southwest of Van Wert the barn, large granary and buggy shed were blown down and the house badly shaken. Fortunately there was no stock in the barn at the time. The wind came from the southwest and was simply a hard straight wind. It is said that the barns and outbuildings on the farms of Fred Irving and Bob Kennett on southwest from Rush's place were also damaged considerably, but the telephone wires were down and particulars could not be learned.

#### License to Wed

- Walter S. Murchison, Williamsburg..... 21
- Bessie Barbour, Garden Grove..... 28
- Roy Barnett, Leroy..... 18
- Ella Richmond, Humeaton..... 28
- A. R. Kirkpatrick Grand River..... 20
- Ethel M. Boles, Grand River..... 19

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