

CONTRACT IS AWARDED

For the Building of the New Court House to Lauritzen Bros., of Waterloo, at \$69,500.00.

Leon was crowded with contractors and building material agents Monday and Tuesday, who were called here to attend the letting of the contract for the new court house. Eleven bids were submitted ranging from \$91,000 down to \$70,700 which was the lowest, but these figures included the building complete as per the plans and specification which included a clock in the tower and the lowest bidder amended their bid and deducted \$1,200 for the clock, which will not be put in the tower at this time, and this brought their bid within the amount available, \$70,000, making their bid for the building \$69,500, and the board awarded the contract to Lauritzen Bros., of Waterloo, at these figures. There were eleven bids submitted as follows:

- Copperwaite & Olsen, Des Moines \$91,000
 - J. P. McGarriss, Des Moines 89,000
 - J. H. Wagonknecht, Wathena, Kas. 85,712
 - Alex Mardis, Corydon 84,160
 - Tri-City Construction Co., Davenport 81,494
 - McLeod & Son, Des Moines 81,000
 - W. W. Welch, Clarinda 77,000
 - C. E. Lovejoy, Des Moines 75,700
 - C. E. Atkinson, Webster City 75,373
 - Anthony Zwack, Dubuque 73,736
 - Lauritzen Bros., Waterloo 70,700
- The firm of Lauritzen Bros., who were awarded the contract are among the leading contractors of this state, their principal office being at Waterloo, and they also have a branch office at Ferguson Falls, Minn. They built the new government postoffice and court house at Waterloo, the latter building costing \$150,000. They are now building a girl's dormitory at the state insane hospital at Ferguson Falls, Minn., at a cost of \$58,000, and have built many fine school and other public buildings throughout the northern part of the state. They filed a certified check with the county auditor for 3 per cent of their bid as a guarantee to carry out their contract. The contract calls for work to be commenced on the new building by April 1st and the time limit for the completion of the building is July 1st, 1908, but they expect to have it finished several months in advance of that time if they are not delayed in securing material, but wanted ample time in the contract to cover any unlooked for delays.
- Wednesday forenoon the board let the contract for the heating and plumbing to Wallace & Linnane, of Des Moines at \$6,600.

Court Adjourned for a Week.

On account of there being no jury cases tried at this term of court Judge Evans ran out of business last Thursday morning and adjourned for one week, returning to his home at Corydon on the afternoon train. He will return to Leon Thursday morning and hold court for a couple of days, a few cases having been set for trial the latter part of this week.

The grand jury is still in session and quite a number of witnesses have appeared before them, so that it is expected several indictments will be returned.

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

- PROBATE.**
Guardianship of Perry Halstead. Final report approved. Guardian discharged and bond exonerated.
Estate of Samuel Thomas. Executor allowed \$100 as fees for services.
Estate of Josiah Gordon. Final report approved. Administrator directed to pay G. T. Wright & Son attorney fees in the sum of \$100.
Estate of John H. Klumke. Final report approved. Administrator discharged and bond exonerated.
- GUARDIANSHIP OF ERNEST E. HORNER.**
Final report of J. B. Horner temporary guardian approved. Temporary guardian discharged and bond exonerated.
- LAW AND EQUITY.**
J. P. Hamilton vs. Luella Swan. Dropped from docket.
R. B. Walker vs. Charles Spencer. Motion for specific statement sustained. Plaintiff required to verify on or before January 31.
Cora Mullinnix vs. T. E. Wallace sheriff. Judgment for plaintiff as per decree signed.
Exchange National Bank vs. Geo. B. Riggs et al. Settlement as per written stipulation on file. Judgment accordingly.
- John Zimmerman vs. Lewis Fowler et al. Motion for more specific statement in petition sustained.
Geneva Paris vs. Wm. Ralph Paris. Divorce decree granted.
Bevis Bros. vs. J. E. Hawk et al. Judgment as per judgment and decree signed.
Decatur County for benefit school funds vs. Hattie P. Burns. Judgment as per decree signed.
Ettie Ennis vs. Luther Bason. Motion for cost bonds sustained. Bond fixed at \$150 to be filed on or before March 1, 1907. Defendant to plead on or before fifteen days of the filing of the bond.

Perfect Attendance.

Alice and Blanche Andrew, of the West Elk school of Grand River township were the only scholars that were neither absent nor tardy during the entire term of school, which commenced Sept. 3 and closed Jan. 25. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Andrew and their ages are 5 and 4 years. This certainly shows an interest taken in our school work by the pupils as well as by the parents for they were as eager to come the last week as they were the first. May success be theirs.

ADDIE VOGAN, Teacher.

FOR SALE—My three good residence lots in east Leon where my house was burned. Best well in Leon and an abundance of fruit.

J. L. WARNER.

Is There A Life Beyond This One?

I trust there is no endless hell, beyond this vale of tears.
Where weak and helpless sinners must suffer endless years:
If there is a life beyond this one, it is my fervent prayer
That each and every one of us shall meet all others there.

When we have served our time out here, and given up earthly cares,
Let's pass the gates of death with love,
But not with woe and grief and fears;
I know that we at all times do precisely as we must:
I pray that love may rule supreme, and hatred turn to dust.

I know I've been quit-wicked here, a very wicked man;
But hope I'll be much better there, and no one hate me then;
I cannot like the cruel thought that some must go to hell;
But pray that each and every one may heaven's music swell.

J. F. COOK.

WHICH HAS MAIL CONTRACT?

Burlington Route Holds Through Transcontinental Business.

Which road has finally received the mail contract from Chicago to Omaha, the Rock Island or the Burlington? asks the Ottumwa Courier. Early last week advice was received from Burlington to the effect that the Burlington road would be awarded the job. Two days later notices were sent out from Omaha stating that the contract had been given to the Rock Island road on the ground that they had been running true to their schedule and had been arriving in Omaha an hour earlier than the Burlington train. Now, from Burlington authority, the following is sent out under yesterday's date.

"According to advice received from Chicago, the new Rock Island fast mail train has been awarded the pouch mail from Chicago to Omaha, but the transcontinental mail still remains with the Burlington. This concession from the government does not decrease the amount of mail to be handled by the Burlington to any degree, but it will affect the new contract which the government is to make with the railroad this spring.

The best informed railroad men state that the Rock Island will not be able to maintain the speed with their new fast mail train which they claim. The clerks running on the Albert Lea and Burlington division state that it is not unusual for four engines to be used on this run and then come in all the way from one to four hours late. They claim the Rock Island is not equipped to handle the business and the Burlington is not much alarmed about losing the contract.

Nebraska Letter.

Minden, Neb., Jan. 21, 1907.

Mr. O. E. Hull;

Dear Editor:—I have seen and read letters from Alf Deck, of Oklahoma, Mrs. Orr Stone, of Kansas, and Mrs. Gilreath, of Dakota, but I have never seen a line from Nebraska yet, and as I think it far better than any of the above mentioned places, I thought I would write a few facts concerning it.

To start with (in order that I may be sure of having at least one thing of interest to the editor) I will say "Please find inclosed draft for one dollar and fifty cents, for one year's subscription to THE REPORTER."

The town of Minden has a population of about 2000 inhabitants; is situated in the south central part of the state, on the main line of the B. & M. railroad (or Burlington as it is more commonly called in Iowa), between Chicago and Denver. The town has a fine system of water works, the water being pumped into a stand pipe from a depth of nearly four hundred feet, and affords an inexhaustible supply. We have a fine flouring mill with a capacity of five hundred bushels of wheat per day; a wholesale fruit store, which handles from one hundred to one hundred and fifty cars of fruit each year. Our brickyard is an important factor also, having an output of two hundred cars of brick every year and employing as many as seventy-five men during the busy season. The electric light plant was established only last summer, and this adds no little to our little city.

We are just a little ahead of old Decatur county, as we have a new \$80,000 court house nearing completion. The population is principally foreigners; Danes, Swedes, Dutch and Irish. No one passing through the country can doubt their thrift and activity, as the finely improved farms speak for themselves. The principal productions are wheat, corn and live stock. We have five grain elevators here in Minden, which shipped out over 800,000 bushels of wheat last year. There are ten others in the county.

My wife and I, although born and raised in Iowa, like it much better here, as the climate is much better as we do not have much rainy weather. Some people have such misgivings in regard to the terrible Nebraska winds, but we rarely have a severe wind storm, and considering other advantages we can stand a windy day once in a great while.

Will close by saying we look forward with pleasure each week for THE REPORTER.

Respectfully,
F. P. SHY.

License to Wed.

- J. R. Brown, Garden Grove 25
- Lena Daniel, Garden Grove 18
- L. A. Warner, Decatur 28
- Carrie Tollman, Lamoni 21
- Henry Ross, Leroy 22
- Lulu Thomas, Weldon 21

WANTED—Green hides average run 10c per pound. No 1 large horse hides, each \$3.25. Highest market price for poultry, eggs, butter and cream.

CLARINDA POULTRY, BUTTER AND EGG CO.

CAPTURE WALTER CASE

Mt. Ayr Sheriff at last Succeeds in Arresting Case and he is now in the County Jail at Mt. Ayr.

The new sheriff, H. W. Terrell, and his deputy, M. W. Sneathen, celebrated their accession to office by capturing the much-wanted Walter Case at Beaconsfield Wednesday afternoon. Case has a greater reputation for escaping the vigilance of officers than any other man in the county, and he is as much wanted in Decatur county as he is in Ringgold. He was brought to Mt. Ayr Wednesday evening and put in jail, as he is under indictment found Aug. 30, 1905, for maintaining a nuisance. His bail bond is \$500, which he has not yet been able to give.

The story of how Messrs. Terrell and Sneathen captured Case is interesting. They drove Tuesday afternoon to a farm house near Beaconsfield, where they left their team and took supper, then walked to Beaconsfield. They secured lodging in a private house that commanded a view of the street, and did not allow themselves to be seen by anyone until 1:30 the next day, when they saw Case going up street to the office of the local physician. His wife is ill, and Case was going for medicine. The officers went to the physician's house, one to the front door and one to the rear. Mr. Sneathen found the rear door easily opened and proceeded to the office, where he found Case and made him a prisoner before the man knew he was in a danger of arrest. Sheriff Terrell promptly put the handcuffs on, the Case protested.

Case has been known as a peddler of booze for a great many years, but has seldom been in the clutches of the officers: His clever escapes have been widely told. He is very fleet of foot, has a good many friends who will aid in secreting him, and it is said that on one occasion he escaped from the sheriff of Decatur county by over-awing that officer with a rifle. The local officers have for a good many years stood in fear that Case and his friends would "do them dirt", if they took him, while county officers have several times been outwitted in the attempt.

The Ringgold County Anti Saloon league started a prosecution a year ago last summer. L. W. Laughlin, then deputy county attorney, appeared before Justice T. A. Stevenson, of Jefferson township, and on information filed by W. B. Buck of the league got a warrant for Case's arrest. His house at Beaconsfield was searched, a considerable amount of liquor was seized and destroyed, a government liquor license was found, but Case as usual made his getaway. However, on the evidence secured the indictment was voted by the grand jury, and ever since then the officers have been on the lookout. Messrs. Terrell and Sneathen are being congratulated by their friends on making such a notable capture within two weeks of their induction into office.

Case is 40 years of age, and married. He has numerous relatives in the north-east part of the county. He lived for many years in the Sand creek neighborhood in Union township, then in Grand River, Decatur county, and late in Beaconsfield. He acquired his speed while a young man engaged in hunting wolves and coons on Sand creek and it is said that he was always able to keep up with his pack of hounds. He is the most noted personage of his kind in this part of the state.—Mt. Ayr News.

Not a Good Rabbit Day Either.

Frank Overholzer, D. Northy, J. Shields, D. and J. Baker, Chas. Kelley, Peter Street, Irvin Berry and Earl Day all started from Frank Overholzer's and went to Albert Moss' where they took dinner, after which they, joined by Mr. Moss, made a new record for killing rabbits. They brought in 207 and run out of shells or would have killed more. If any of our neighbors can beat this let us hear from you.—Grand River Local.

Pure Food Bill.

We've heard about Bill Bailey, Wild Bill, an' other chaps,
Of "Hello Bill" and Buffalo Bill, rather famous yaps;
But at th' present writin', when we've lot o' space to fill,
We want to boost th' star o' all, that noted Pure Food Bill.

When Bill he came from congress he wanted whisky straight,
An' is kind o' most perticular when he starts to irrigate;
An' just th' same about his food when he was eatin' at his fill—
No poison stuff in his, he says—this Pure Food Bill.

He's set against th' coal-tar dyes, th' flavors an' th' dope
They makes from out o' garbage, an' Bill is ripe, I hope,
An' we ought to stand right by him with good and hearty will;
For he's a pretty decent feller, this 'ere Pure Food Bill.

He says there's lots o' sausage that's made from scraps and meal,
An' there's lots o' potted chicken that's built o' sticky veal;
An' there's boric acid in th' ham we put upon th' grill—
An' he's goin' to have 'em stop it, says Pure Food Bill.

We kinder like Bill's liquor, for we know it's pretty pure,
An' it won't rot out our in'ards, o' that we're certain sure;
An' we kinder think Bill's fodder'll give strength to brain an' will,
So we're whoopin' up th' virtues o' Pure Food Bill.

Special for 30 Days.

For the next thirty days I will sell ten year good filled frames and lenses at the very low price of \$4.00 per pair.

J. L. WARNER, Optician,
at Stempel's drug store, Leon, Iowa.

In Memory of Bess Hall.

She is not dead we love
She still is here;
Cross her white hands above
Heart true and dear.
With her new senses born
All things are fair;
Brighter the stars at morn
Sweeter the air.

Speak friends, in love of her—
Speak, she is near;
What though no cloud may stir?
Still she will hear;
Speak as ye spake before,
Kindly and true;
There's but an open door
Twixt her and you.

What though her body rest
Under the sod?
He knoweth what is best—
Trust her to God.
Under the roses there,
White roses and red,
She breathes the sweeter air;
She is not dead.

ONA ELLIS SMITH.

Bessie May Hall.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hall, was born Dec. 21st, 1883 near Weldon, Iowa, died Jan. 17, 1907 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Age 23 years. She was taken to New Mexico in search of health, but her frail body had succumbed to consumption and all that medical aid and loving hands could do was of no avail. She leaves her parents, two brothers in New Mexico, one brother and one sister in Iowa with relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Rev. Morse, of Des Moines, conducted the funeral services at the Christian church in Van Wert, Iowa, on Jan. 22. Amidst a profusion of flowers many sorrowing friends and one that had endeared herself too, witnessed the burial of the body of our Bess in Green Bay cemetery. Bess loved the world and we grieve that a life so full of promise should be cut down, while still in the morning of life. Her nonaday of usefulness had not been reached, but he who guides the destiny of men and nations, makes no mistakes. Though powerless to alleviate her parents' great sorrow, we would commend them to him, whose love surpasses the pall bearers were as follows: Will McNeff, Ray Young, Carl Brown, Lige Mote, Art Hax and Cyril Johnson.

Those attending the funeral were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall, Will McNeff, Des Moines, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Guthrie Center, Mr. John Hall, Mrs. Thos. Patterson, Osceola, J. P. Gibson, Humeston, Mrs. S. A. Chastain, Mrs. J. M. Chastain and daughter, Mrs. H. H. Oney, Mrs. Clem Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williamson, Mr. Geo. Williamson, Leon.

Death of Mrs. S. M. Gardner.

Sarah Amanda Spurgeon was born at Cicero, Hamilton county, Ind., June 28, 1851. Came to Iowa with her parents June 13, 1855. Was married February 6, 1878, to Sylvester Emmett Gardner, who preceded her to the spirit land almost 7 years ago. After their marriage they moved to Kansas for a short time, but returned to Iowa and resided north of Leon. They were the parents of five children: Austin, who died April 14, 1877; Albert, Blanch, Ethel and Roy, who are present with us today. She and the four children moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, March, 1903, then to Reclure July, 1906, where she passed away January 20, 1907.

She became a member of the Christian church when a girl of about 14 years of age. She remained a member of the church until her death.

Certainly if ever there were those who fulfilled the Scripture: "Pure religion undefiled before God and the father is this: To visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world," it was she and her loved companion. Ever ready and willing, never too busy and never too cautious to do their duty and even at the risk of exposure to themselves. Certainly the many loving remembrances which comes to show their respect and gratitude speak more than words can tell.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church January 27 at 2:30 p. m. after which loving hands laid her away to await resurrection morn when Christ shall call forth her sleeping form to be with him.

Burlington's Large Gains.

New York, Jan. 26.—A statement has been issued of Burlington earnings for the first six months of its current fiscal year. It shows an increase in gross of about \$4,000,000, or about 10 per cent. Should this rate continue to the end of the year the total will run from \$81,000,000, to \$85,000,000. When the road was purchased by the Hill interests it was earning around \$50,000,000 a year. Since that time its gain has been steady and continuous, so that Mr. Hill's prediction, when it was said he had paid too much for the property, that it would yet be charged against him that he had stolen it, may be considered to have been amply fulfilled.

While the Burlington has been increasing its gross earnings so largely, it has been spending immense sums in physical improvements and in the increase of its equipment, so that the increase in gross has not been reflected in net.

The large expenditures for improvements have increased greatly the operating efficiency of the road. All the science and art of economy in railroad operation known as Hill methods have been brought to bear on the Burlington with telling effect. In 1901, when Hill bought the property, it hauled 3,870,000 tons of freight one mile, and it took 19,168,750 trains one mile to do this work. Last year the Burlington hauled 7,320,000,000 tons one mile and nearly twice as much as in 1901, yet it took almost 2,000,000 fewer trains one mile to do the work.

Mayer Harvey's docket shows the following arrests for intoxication the past week: C. M. Grogan fined \$5.00 and costs, C. O. McKee \$10.00 and costs Wm. Baker \$5.00 and costs.

WHO PAYS THE TAXES

List of the Taxpayers who Contribute Over \$10.00 in Taxes this Year—Reported by Townships.

LEON CORPORATION.	
Taxable value	\$300,638 00
County tax	1,791 82
Bridge tax	1,194 55
County road tax	298 63
County school tax	298 63
Pauper tax	298 63
Insane tax	417 94
Teachers tax	3,194 06
Contingent tax	1,314 00
School house tax	1,015 36
Township road tax	54 56
Corporation tax	2,986 38
Cemetery tax	149 32
Library tax	597 27
Sinking fund tax	895 91
Electric light tax	597 27
Total taxes paid	17,101 76

Allen, A. J.	15 79
Arnold, T. S. and Kate.	31 74
Avery, D. F.	11 09
Alexander, Bertha	24 89
Allbaugh, John	31 11
Allbaugh, Lucy	28 08
Alley, Mary A. estate	24 84
Allen, Frank P.	14 97
Akes, C. M.	132 42
Ainsworth, H. L.	17 83
Alexander, W. A.	249 50
Anderson, J. E.	24 84
Allen & Co.	11 04
Alexander, E. H.	29 86
Bright, J. S.	13 19
Bradley, Hannah	58 76
Bedier, F. F.	22 58
Burns, A. M. estate	13 80
Barry, W. L.	74 80
Beard, I. N.	28 92
Brown, J. M.	12 42
Bell, John	83 19
Balloy, T. W.	125 58
Biggs, Edward	17 06
Biggs, Caroline	82 80
Biggs, William	122 10
Baker, Geo. W. sr.	16 56
Boone, W. A.	22 96
Bobbitt, W. H.	18 32
Bowman, John W.	28 76
Beneff, S. E.	23 24
Beneff, Morris S.	61 22
Bowsher, J. R.	197 12
Bowsher, Robert	38 42
Bowman, Geo. S.	17 61
Buchanan, C. E.	224 94
Bradfield, Harry	25 08
Bright, Henry	60 61
Beneff, U. G.	10 60
Bashaw, Mary J.	250 11
Bashaw, J. R.	152 80
Brown, Horace estate	23 80
Brown, Mrs. Kate	18 00
Bowman, F. A.	15 09
Beck, E. A.	27 60
Brown, J. D.	18 80
Blackburn, Rebecca	138 00
Biggs, C. & Co.	32 07
Blackburn, W. W.	78 66
Bowsher & Bowsher	25 34
Crouse, Stephen	53 82
Curry, Mrs. A. L.	43 99
Chastain, J. M.	16 12
Carey, W. W.	30 36
Clark, Mrs. W. P.	17 94
Custer, Mrs. Cora	42 83
Cesler, J. F.	117 30
Chase, Julia R.	109 52
Caster, J. A.	13 75
Craig, W. W.	27 60
Craig, Robert W.	35 60
Coder, F. M.	40 84
Curry, Mrs. Anna M.	22 08
Carroll, Edna J.	34 28
Conroy, Jonathan	159 69
Cox, Anthony	19 32
Craig, Mary J.	10 32
Coll, Iona	75 13
Clark, Isaac N.	14 91
Carnean, S. K.	27 60
Caster, Lawrence	77 28
Caster, J. M.	22 08
Cox, Louisa J.	11 04
Conroy, J. R. & Son	42 94
Clark & McClelland	11 30
Carnean, Elizabeth	12 53
Coe, Geo. A.	11 30
Darr, Catharine	115 80
Dye, R. E. estate	16 56
Davenport, Mahala	14 13
Drake, E. A. estate	146 78
Day, Wm.	20 70
Decatur County Journal	27 60
Dorn, Mrs. Nellie	13 08
Ellinwood, R. A.	50 18
Evans, E. G.	107 64
Evans, James H.	39 13
Eals, C. F.	16 56
Edwards, Chas. H.	30 36
Early, J. G.	794 21
Farmers & Traders State Bank	17 94
Frazier, Rhoda M.	96 54
Forbes, Arthur	108 80
Frazier, J. A.	22 08
Farquhar Samuel	15 07
Field Emma	11 74
Filical estate	111 12
Ford, Mrs. S. A.	28 65
Farnes, D. H.	115 53
Foxworthy, O. W.	23 96
Farquhar, Horace	18 80
Finley, Mrs. J. H.	48 30
Fulton, D. H.	57 35
Finch, Clara E.	53 82
Frazier, Clara V.	11 04
Forbes & Stout	18 44
Farquhar Bros.	28 21
Gardner, S. A.	59 82
Gardner, Morris	29 86
Gardner, W. A.	12 92
Grimes, M. F.	18 44
Garrison, D. G.	28 21
Grandstaff, James	13 80
Gillham, Lou	17 94
Gillham, Martha	28 43
Gatchell, D. E.	57 08
Gore, Zed	20 26
Givens, Elizabeth and J.	154 57
Gray, William	37 87
Gardner, B. D.	28 20
Gates, S. A.	19 32
Gore, Mrs. America	29 42
Grogan, C. B. and E. V.	10 32
Gammill, M. A.	35 90
Gammill, Alice	42 73
Gaton, Isaac	17 94
Gardner, C. E.	13 80
Gardner, Mrs. M. A.	13 80
Gannon, Wm. E.	11 54
Garber, S. E.	25 06
Ghormley, Francis E.	307 74
Gassett, L. E.	307 74

Harris, Julian T.	20 00
Hamilton, J. P.	848 70
Hamilton, Mrs. M. J.	16 56
Hickman, Kimball	20 81
Howard, W. H.	21 75
Hornst, S. W.	107 69
Honold, F. J.	62 06
Harris, John A.	202 64
Hamilton, B. F.	44 66
Hamilton, S. A.	13 80
Hiatt, A. J.	24 45
House, John	23 96
Hull, O. E.	87 48
Harvey, John W.	707 44
Hurst, James W.	15 84
Hurst, Charles E.	47 78
Hurst, George E.	14 94
Hurst Bros.	193 30
Hurst, M. L. and John F.	72 00
Hall, G. R.	10 82
Hamilton, Joseph	188 84
Hoffhines, J.	140 43
Hines, James F.	16 56
Hamilton, Joseph heirs	13 80
Harvey, J. L. and M. B.	152 02
Harris, J. A. & Bros.	26 22
Hubacher, C. A.	40