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Spencer H. Amos, Atty, Garden Grove
Stephen Varga, Atty, Leon.

The War Comet of 1861.

How many men and women are living in Leon today who remember the great war comet, that ill-omened visitant of the sky which overhung the world in 1861, just before our civil strife commenced? Unheralded it burst forth in the sky, nightly blazing with extraordinary brilliancy, astonishing astronomers, and frightening the ignorant and superstitious into the belief that the end of the world was certainly approaching. Later comets are well remembered by Leon people; but this greatest of all phenomena within the memory of even the "oldest inhabitant" is probably recalled by but few.

On the eve of Independence day, July 3, while the Leon boy was exploding fire crackers and preparing for the big celebration of the morrow, the magnificent comet appeared in the sky. The boy forgot his explosives, social and business engagements were set aside and the people thronged the streets, gazing skyward at the heavenly spectacle. Rumors of approaching war had by that time crystallized into a reality for the near future; and the comet and the impending war were immediately linked into a common dark prophecy by the populace.

The nucleus first appeared as a star of the first magnitude, but as the night advanced it increased in size and brilliancy, until it blazed like a full moon. The great tail of the comet waved backwards and forwards over the little earth in a threatening manner, at times sending rays of light across the sky. The next night the comet was again visible, and on the morning of the 5th the papers warned the people that the head of the comet was within 12,000,000 miles of the earth, and liable to knock it off the track.

Night after night the comet lingered in the sky, until on October 10 its tail extended over a space of 50,000,000 miles. At several points this appendage was not less than 10,000,000 miles in width.

Astronomers of the time at first supposed that the "war comet" was the famous comet of 1556, which had caused Emperor Charles V of France to abdicate his imperial throne, he taking it as a warning from on high. Later the observers learned that the visitor of 1861 was the famous Thatcher comet, which at long intervals comes back and takes a peep at the surface of the world, from a distance of 12,000,000 miles before traveling on its stupendous path thru space into realms beyond those measured by the powerful glasses and the eye of man. For it is a scientifically established fact that the comet travels in its own orbit through space; and that those once visible to the beholders on the earth will again, with the passage of years or perhaps centuries, revisit the same portion of God's vast domains and will again be seen by terrestrial mortals who have time to scan the starry depths.

What People Who Have Used it Say.

I am pleased to recommend Walker's Roup and Cholera Remedy for roup and bowel troubles. Out of at least fifty chickens that had roup bad, some blind and some we could hear wheeze clear to the house, we never lost one after using the remedy. I gave it right along for bowel trouble and never had chickens do better. Mary Ann Orfield, Lamoni, Iowa. 50c at drug stores or prepaid. Walker Remedy Company, Lamoni, Iowa. 34-4t

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Gopher Feet Worth Money.

After July 4 County Auditor Scott will be compelled to call in some expert gopher testimony to prevent himself from being cheated when paying bounties on these animals.

The ordinary striped gopher, which is so common in this county, does not come within the pale of the new law. The death penalty is only to be inflicted on his cousins, the pocket gophers, which are a burrowing, moundbuilding rodent which are pronounced a pest and annoyance by every farmer. They don't stay in the country, either, for more than one fine lawn in Leon has been ruined by their work.

The law passed by the general assembly is as follows: Section 1. There shall be paid from the general fund of the county a bounty not exceeding ten cents for each pocket gopher caught and killed within the county, provided that the person entitled to such bounty shall make as herein provided, proof of the destruction of such animal within thirty days after the same is destroyed.

Section 2. The person catching and killing any such animal shall remove and present to the officers, before whom he makes his proof, both front feet and claws of each animal for which he claims the bounty, and the person claiming the bounty shall furnish written proof, under oath, that each animal for which he claims the bounty was caught and killed within the county and the board of supervisors may require in addition to the above any other and further proof which it deems necessary and reasonable to show that each animal for which the bounty is claimed was caught and killed within the county against which the claim is presented.

Section 3. The claws and other proofs required may be presented to the county auditor; and the board of supervisors of each county may appoint registrars or other officers in other parts of the county to whom claws of the animal caught and other proofs of the killing may be presented. Pocket gophers are said to be exceptionally numerous in all parts of the country this spring and to be causing much damage to growing crops.

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We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. J. F. CHEREY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Washington Letter.

St. John, Wash., April 25, 1907.

Editor Reporter—As I see in the Reporter quite a good deal about pioneers and old settlers in Decatur county, I thought perhaps someone would like to hear from another one. I and three other men first landed in Garden Grove, Iowa, on August 5, 1860; we were out looking for locations to live on. The names of the other three men were Robert Warrick, Thomas Ramsey and Cary Cherry.

It was a big day in Garden Grove, as it was election day to elect county commissioners, the first in the county I think. Allen Scott was a candidate and was there. We had an ox team, and it was near noon. We drove down to the creek and made camp. After lunch and a rest we went back up in town, or rather where the town ought to be. Well there were quite a few Mormons in and around Garden Grove then and there were a few Gentiles. I don't remember any names only Owen Kellogg and Jehu Blades. There was plenty of whiskey and two of our crowd got gloriously happy by night. We heard there was a settlement about eight miles southwest of Garden Grove called the Hatfield and Stanley settlement, but we must look around there before going farther and on August 6 I stayed in camp while the others looked. So Mr. Cherry found a place on Jonathan creek. The next day we pulled out for the Hatfield settlement. Mr. Warrick had married a Miss Hatfield in Tennessee and he was anxious to find out who those Hatfields were. We found them and on investigation Reuben and James were cousins to his wife's father. We stayed there two or three days, then moved on west, camping near Little river and one, Mr. Ferdigs showed us around. We traveled right over the spot where Leon now stands, but there was no Leon there then or anybody. We wanted to look farther and we moved on over to Alfred Gordon's, on Long creek near the mouth where it enters into Grand River. We had started out for a general look and were going to have it, we took the old bee trail and went north till we struck the old Mormon track and followed it to Mt. Prega another Mormon settlement, there were quite a few Mormons and a few Gentiles, Bill Lack and Joe None being the most conspicuous of any. We found out by Mr. None about the country on the east side of Grand river so we came down through where Hopeville now stands and through what was known later as the Tennessee settlement and we thought that would do, so we then started back where we had left our families in Davis county, Iowa, but we did not move up into Decatur county till the next spring. All for this time.

A. EDWARDS.

Disturbed The Congregation.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar.

Bell & Robinson.

The man who knows what not to say is just as wise as the one who always knows what to say.

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When a man tells us how popular he is we begin to ask other people.

WOMEN PAY MORE.

Why Because Companies Discriminate Against the Gentle Sex.

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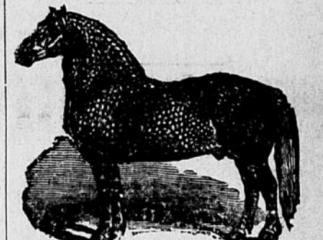
It is not the acute attacks of disease that influence the insurance examiners alone but constant feelings of weakness, headache, indigestion and stomach trouble. These things physicians say kill more people than many of the serious diseases.

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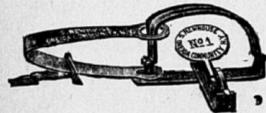
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