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## Our Opening Gun

WE have purchased this space for a year and will have something to say to the readers of this paper every week which we think will interest them. We will not insult your intelligence by publishing the same old ad over and over week after week, but in each issue will have a message for you that we are quite sure you will find not only of interest, but profitable as well.

While we would be pleased to meet you all and talk to you, this is of course impossible, but we feel that an acquaintance may be established through these ads, which will bring many of you to the bank during the year who perhaps have not been coming, and if this is accomplished we shall feel that our efforts have not been in vain. These ads will treat of a wide range of subjects in which you are interested and will give us an opportunity each week of discussing with you matters of highest importance to us both. It is our constant study to give the people of this community the best banking facilities obtainable. Our equipment makes this possible.

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GRAND RIVER, IOWA

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U. S. Bonds	22,252.50	Circulation	21,500.00
Other Bonds	1,160.00	Deposits	89,701.29
Furniture and fixtures	2,860.00		
Cash and Exchange	22,200.45		
	\$146,201.29		\$146,201.29

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President, J. P. Hamilton Vice-President, Henry J. Vogt  
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Its the best five cent cigar in the state. If you try one you'll smoke them right along.

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LEON, IOWA.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Van Wert

Raymond Murray, who is attending school at Ridgeway, Mo., came Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Murray.

Misses Florence and Ruth Bevins, of Shenandoah, came Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. James Storey and other friends.

Earl Jenree, of Des Moines, spent Thanksgiving with his aunt, Mrs. Allie Murry.

Mrs. Hazel Hawkins, who is attending Drake University at Des Moines, came Wednesday to spend the vacation with her parents west of town.

Miss Alma Wolf, who is attending school at Iowa City, is home on vacation.

Miss Ethel Abel, of Cambria, came Wednesday for a visit with Jennie Richey.

Mrs. Clark Fierce returned Wednesday from Decatur where she had been visiting her parents, H. C. Watson and wife.

Mrs. Earl Deo went to Grand River Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

John Sowers and wife returned Wednesday to their home at Leon after visiting several days with relatives.

John Shriver and family, of Unionville, Mo., came Tuesday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker.

Joe Chick returned Thursday from Centerville where he had been visiting his mother.

Mrs. Florence Gould and daughter went to Centerville Tuesday on business.

A. L. Belding went to Centerville Saturday on business.

Dr. Landis, of Grand River, passed through here Monday enroute for Des Moines.

Claude Harrgrave returned Tuesday from Missouri where he had been visiting friends.

Miss Hazel Hall, of Weldon, came Thursday for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. E. O. Stearns.

James Daughton and wife, of Grand River, were in town Thursday between trains.

Miss Velma Scofield, of Weldon, spent Thursday with Alta Davis and Leona Norris.

Elmer Lane and wife went to Illinois Monday for a visit with relatives.

J. M. Halstead and family went to Grand River Thursday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Jerry Henderson and children went to Grand River Thursday to visit with relatives.

A. L. Ackerley, of Grand River, was in town Friday.

James Fry went to Nebraska Monday for a visit with relatives.

Morris Brown and wife left Thursday for Dakota for a visit with their son, Gip Brown and wife.

Jim Smith and wife went to Grand River Thursday to spend a few days with friends.

Misses Rosamond and Quingue Thompson, of Weldon, was in town Thursday.

Miss Ella Mote, who is teaching near Grand River came Thursday for a visit with her mother.

Mr. Gray, from Centerville, is visiting friends here.

Clarence Brothers, of Grand River, passed through here Thursday.

Miss Tillotson, of Weldon, was in town Thursday.

Dr. Ward and wife, of Garden Grove, were in town Thursday between trains.

A. L. Belding went to Des Moines Thursday on business.

Prof. Reed and family, of Garden Grove visited relatives here last week.

John Belding went to Centerville Thursday on business.

The entire community was shocked Thursday noon to hear of the death of Mr. Drury Walker. Mr. Walker was ill only a few days. The funeral services were held Friday at the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Nichols. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

Rev. Ragan came Thursday from Des Moines to assist in the union Thanksgiving services at the M. E. church Thursday evening.

Loran Thompson attended the play at Decatur Thursday evening.

Miss Opal Dixon, of Ellston, was in town Thursday between trains.

Elba Strong and wife are the proud parents of a 9<sup>th</sup> pound boy which came to gladden their home Thanksgiving morning.

Dr. Mitchell, of Osceola, was here Wednesday on professional business.

Cleveland Wolf, who is attending school at Indianola, came home Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving.

Ransom Patterson, of Dakota, is visiting old friends at this place.

Edna Huddleston, of Grand River, is visiting friends here.

The foot ball game between Weldon and Van Wert Thursday resulted in a tie. The scores were 1 to 1.

Earland Weld, of Tingley, is visiting friends here.

Minnie McDowell, of Grand River, came Saturday for a visit with Miss Artie Smith.

Mrs. Lon Green went to Des Moines Friday for a visit with friends.

Orlo Moore and wife, of St. Louis, visited Friday with A. E. Price and wife.

Roy Hawkins returned Saturday to Des Moines after spending several days with his parents.

Miss Emma Barr, who is attending school at Des Moines came Saturday for a visit with her parents.

### High Point

No preaching at High Point Sunday on account of rain.

Several of the neighbors and friends spent Thanksgiving eve at the Lewis Traapel house. The evening was spent with music furnished by Willis Hines' phonograph.

Mrs. Tatman and Mrs. Duvall and baby Francis spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Morton.

Neve and Ilo Mendenhall spent Sunday afternoon with Merle Traapel.

W. E. Porter, wife and daughter Hope, and son Freddie, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mansfield Bennett and family.

Will Morton and family spent Sunday at the home of Lewis Traapel.

P. A. Traitt is on the sick list but is a little better.

Frank and James Porter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ivan and Nilo Mendenhall.

F. E. Warrington, wife and son Harold Sundayed at the home of W. J. Tatman. Neve, Nilo, Ivan and Ilo Mendenhall started to High Point school Wednesday morning.

Miss Susie Sears, who is teaching in the Beavers school in Woodland township, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her brother, Mr. Lewis Sears, of near High Point, returning to her school Sunday afternoon.

Melvia and Ross Cronin have been visiting friends and relatives in Derby.

Several from these parts were Leon callers Saturday.

N. F. Smith has bought the Joe Smith farm north of High Point.

Aunt Jane Mendenhall is visiting relatives in Garden Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mendenhall are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Nov. 25.

Joy Smith commenced school Monday morning at Sunky Ridge.

Ethel Edwards spent Saturday night and Sunday with her friend Kate Hull.

Dolpa Konklin had the misfortune to throw his shoulder out of place one day last week.

J. A. Konklin and wife had a Thanksgiving dinner for all the relatives. They all report a good time.

Several of the High Point young people attended the show at Garden Grove Saturday night.

Mr. Elwell is on the sick list but is some better at this writing.

### R. F. D. No. 5.

(Delayed)

Glen Ivens called on his little friend, Rush Miller Monday evening.

Ward Rosengrant is husking corn for Victor Hull.

Frank Miller was a Garden Grove caller Thursday.

Uncle Etina Rosengrant called on his son George one day last week.

Mrs. Alice McClary called on Mrs. Nellie Sharp one day last week.

Mrs. George Braby and two children, Hazel and Vern, of Lamoni, were visiting friends and relatives in Garden Grove last week.

Mrs. Jap Reynolds is on the sick list.

Miss Jennie Leonard, of Garden Grove, was visiting at the home of her grandfather, Jessie Reynolds, the first of the week.

S. D. Miller is delivering corn to George Rosengrant.

Ward Rosengrant was a Garden Grove caller Friday evening.

Dean and Ioy Rosengrant and Artie Miller called on the Reynolds boys Saturday evening.

Lewie and Billie Evans and Ward Rosengrant were Leon callers Saturday evening.

Frank Rosengrant and wife called on his father Sunday.

Victor Hull and Ward Rosengrant went to Davis City to mill Saturday.

Roy Rosengrant called on Artie Miller Sunday.

Artie Miller returned to school Monday after helping his father husk corn a week.

Perry Chapin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Reynolds and daughter Grace, Mrs. S. D. Miller and family, and Lawrence Clark and wife, were visitors at the Jap Reynolds home Sunday.

### New Buda

(Delayed.)

Mrs. J. B. Hardinger called on Mrs. O. L. Fetty Monday.

Mrs. L. Frazier and two daughters, Birda and Lydia, called on Mrs. S. B. Latta Thursday.

J. S. Fetty was a business caller at Bethany, Mo., Friday.

Dr. G. P. Reed last week removed a cancer from the lip of Mrs. John Parker. She is reported doing nicely.

John L. Latta, of Tripoli, is here visiting relatives.

Quite a number in this vicinity are through husking corn.

Mrs. W. J. Latta spent Sunday with friends in Hamilton township.

They are going to repair the New Buda school house by putting in a new chimney.

Mrs. B. F. McDaniel is reported some better at this writing.

Ruth Longacre spent Sunday with her friend, Cora Hardinger.

Mrs. Haywood Shoots and Ray spent Monday and Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Fetty.

### West Bradney

J. R. Perdue visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Will Waller.

Jim Konklin had business in Leon Saturday.

Dick Miller was seen in this vicinity Saturday.

C. P. Beavers delivered hogs at Garden Grove last Friday.

Will Waller delivered thirty head of nice hogs to Billie Still at Garden Grove last Friday, which averaged 203<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds which was a pretty good showing for spring pigs and them very late. They sold for \$5.47.

Miss Nan Barrett and Nelle and Guy Mullins attended the party at Ed Owens' Friday night. They report one of the finest balls of the season.

Pete Parker was called to Leon Sunday evening through the rain. Maybe Pete will tell us why some of these days.

Pontiac Snyder was a Saturday night visitor in Leon. The attractions of some of our towns seem to be great and what it is we are at a loss to tell.

Fay Macey, of north of Leon, was visiting in these parts Saturday night and Sunday.

### Morgan.

Z. T. Newcomer returned home Monday after a few days visit with friends at Leon.

John Barrett and family had business at Leon Saturday.

Sarah Lillie is assisting Mrs. J. B. Robinson with her household duties.

Mrs. S. J. Cozad and Mrs. M. L. Dale spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. A. B. McClaran.

Lulu Gammill has been visiting at Pleasanton the past week.

Nellie Dale returned home Saturday after a weeks visit with friends at Davis City and Leon.

Mert Cozad and family, of Eden Prairie, were Lineville visitors Saturday and spent Sunday with Mrs. S. J. Cozad.

I have 100,000 good brick on hand Will deliver to any part of the city.

F. L. JENKINS.

## SALEM.

More rain more rest, but it is hard on those that have corn in the field.

Neve Moore is some better at this writing.

T. L. Wynne and wife attended the Thanksgiving supper at Guy Davis' in Pleasanton.

Jim Davis and Willie Peaster visited Saturday night with Clifford and Bert Ingram.

Little Lawrence Davis is quite sick.

Roy Drury visited at his father's one day last week.

Several from these parts attended the box supper at High Briar last Wednesday night.

Jewell Drury visited one night with Alyce Davis.

John Drury was an over Sunday visitor in Missouri.

Myrtle and Grace Cornett were visiting in these parts the latter part of last week.

### A Dangerous Operation

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at L. P. Van Worden's.

### STATEMENT

of condition of Farmers & Traders State Bank

organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Leon in the county of Decatur at the close of business on the 23rd day of November A. D., 1908, made to the Auditor of state as required by law.

ASSETS	
Amount of bills, bonds and other evidences of debts discounted or purchased actually owned by bank (carried out)	\$278,919.01
Amount of cash on hand, described as follows:	
Gold coin	\$ 6,600.00
Silver coin and bullion	11,433.00
Legal tender and national bank notes and subsidiary coin	10,544.83
Drafts and checks on hand and belonging to the bank	2,133.33
Amount subject to be drawn at sight on deposit with solvent banks or bankers (specifying names and locations of banks):	
Cash Exchange National Bank (Chicago)	16,771.73
Kuntz Bros., New York	473.79
Iowa National Bank, Des Moines	12,780.45
Farmers State Bank, Lamoni	7,368.43
Ottumwa Savings Bank	472.60
Des Moines National Bank	10,155.40
State Central Sav. Bank Keokuk	1,579.99
First National Bank, St. Joe	5,099.16
Charlinda Nat'l Bank, Charlinda	575.14
Overdrafts	12,901.39
Value of real property (owned by the bank)	11,500.00
Value of personal property (owned by the bank)	1,055.00
Total Assets	\$391,453.16

LIABILITIES	
Amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash	\$ 50,000.00
Total amount due depositors, as follows:	
Amount sight deposits	\$106,346.96
Amount time deposits	221,907.86
Amount of undivided profits as follows:	
Surplus fund	11,250.00
Other profits on hand (after deducting taxes and expenses)	1,948.32
Total Liabilities	\$391,453.16

Amount of all liabilities to the bank on part of its directors: As borrowers none. As endorsees none.

STATE OF IOWA, ss.  
Decatur County,  
Iowa, John W. Harvey, President, and Fred Teale, Cashier, of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief; that the assets herein set forth are bona fide the property of said bank in its corporate capacity; and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

JOHN W. HARVEY, President.  
FRED TEALE, Cashier.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by John W. Harvey and Fred Teale this 27th day of Nov., 1908.  
STEVENS V. YATES, Notary Public in and for Decatur county.

### STATEMENT

of the condition of Decatur State Savings Bank

organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Decatur, in the county of Decatur, at the close of business on the 23rd day of November A. D., 1908, made to the auditor of state as required by law.

ASSETS	
Amount of bills, bonds and other evidences of debts discounted or purchased actually owned by bank (carried out)	\$ 18,283.81
Amount of cash on hand, described as follows:	
Gold coin	\$ 1,675.00
Silver coin and bullion	937.78
Legal tender and national bank notes and subsidiary coin	\$2,207.00
Drafts and checks on hand and belonging to the bank	3,601.94
Amount subject to be drawn at sight on deposit with solvent banks or bankers (specifying names and locations of banks):	
Iowa National Bank, Des Moines	2,874.46
Cash Exchange National Bank, Chicago	578.13
Farmers & Traders State Bank, Leon	541.06
Overdrafts	1,888.79
Expense account	697.56
Value of real property (owned by the bank)	3,866.26
Total Assets	\$36,749.79

LIABILITIES	
Amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash	\$10,000.00
Total amount due depositors, as follows:	
Amount sight deposits	\$12,545.06
Amount time deposits	13,257.75
Amount of undivided profits (after deducting taxes and expenses)	946.98
Total Liabilities	\$36,749.79

Amount of all liabilities to the bank on part of its directors: As borrowers \$ 450.00 As endorsees 468.50 \$ 918.50

STATE OF IOWA, ss.  
Decatur County, Iowa,  
We, J. H. Hill, President, and James C. Cozad, Cashier, of the bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief; that the assets herein set forth are bona fide the property of said bank in its corporate capacity; and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

J. H. HILL, President.  
JAMES C. COZAD, Cashier.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by J. H. Hill and James C. Cozad this 28th day of November, 1908.  
S. W. CHAMBERLIN, Notary Public in and for Decatur County.  
H. C. WATSON, J. Directors.  
A. EUBERT,

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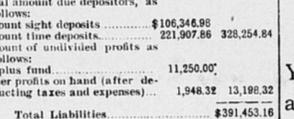
## You should go to both these attractive and instructive shows—You can't afford to not go to at least one of them.

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Imported by Truman Bros., of Bushnell, Ill., will make the fall season of 1908 at my farm 2 miles west and one-half mile south of Leon.

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