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## THE DISTRICT COURT

### Judge Evans Opened Court Monday. Trial of France Hamilton was Commenced this Morning.

The January term of the district court convened Monday evening upon the arrival of Judge Evans from his home in Corydon. The term will be two weeks and quite a number of cases will be disposed of during the term.

The grand jury was empaneled Tuesday morning, the following members being drawn for this term: Foreman E. S. Buffum, J. M. Huston, John Chastain, Jr., L. L. Richardson, John Baker, W. J. Sullivan, and G. R. Grenawalt. Miss Nora Dobson was appointed clerk of the grand jury and George Myers bailiff. J. H. Evans is acting as court bailiff at this term.

On account of the trial of the case of France Hamilton, indicted for murder in the second degree, Judge Evans on Tuesday ordered a special venire of twenty-four extra trial jurors drawn, and it is thought there will be no trouble in securing a jury from the regular and special panels. The following is the list of the special jurors:

- C. J. Price, Franklin.
- J. H. Lighthill, Decatur.
- Carl Brown, Long Creek.
- John Lovell, New Buda.
- J. J. Poush, Burrell.
- James F. Parker, Burrell.
- W. W. Evans, Grand River.
- C. C. Beck, Decatur.
- W. H. Shields, Grand River.
- G. W. Johnson, Fayette.
- W. H. Davis, Franklin.
- S. F. Dent, Woodland.
- W. M. LaFollette, Hamilton.
- W. G. Switzer, Fayette.
- G. W. Havens, Burrell.
- O. J. Beavers, Woodland.
- F. C. Mullinix, Leon.
- F. W. Monroe, Center.
- James Hazlet, Edon.
- A. D. Curry, Morgan.
- John Benton, Burrell.
- L. Hayer, Fayette.
- Lewis Traupel, High Point.
- J. E. Smith, Long Creek.

The work of selecting a jury in the Hamilton case was commenced on Wednesday morning, and the trial of the case is expected to take all of this week, and may run over into next week. County attorney Baker is assisted in the prosecution by A. P. Olsen and the defendant is represented by V. R. McGinnis and C. W. Hoffman. The defendant it will be remembered shot and killed his cousin, Sam Hamilton, at Davis City, a few months ago, following a fight which they had over a poker game a few minutes before. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed by both the state and defense and the case promises to be one of the hardest legal battles ever witnessed in this county.

The work of securing a jury in the France Hamilton case was completed shortly after noon today, all of the regular panel and all of the special venire of twenty-four jurors being examined except one man before the jury was selected. The jury is composed of W. M. LaFollette, Carl Brown, J. E. Smith, J. L. Trisler, W. G. Switzer, Geo. T. Ogilvie, O. J. Beavers, F. G. Gammill, J. S. Beavers, P. A. Bright, Perry Brammer and S. F. Dent.

The following cases have been disposed of up to the time The Reporter went to press on Wednesday:

- Criminal.**
- Town of Van Wert vs. F. A. Greenland, dropped from docket because cause is appealed to supreme court.
- State vs. D. E. Lentz, dismissed at cost of defendant.
- State vs. E. L. Hoy, defendant enters plea of guilty of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury and was fined \$100 and costs. He was charged with striking D. W. Keller with a heavy scale weight at Leroy several years ago.
- Law and Equity.**
- W. H. Hazlet vs. Claude A. Baker et al., dropped from docket.
- Louis Brant vs. Mary E. Brant, M. Woodard appointed guardian ad litem for defendant, judgment as per decree.
- J. F. Gill vs. L. M. Mann et al., settled and dismissed.
- Hessie Davis vs. Marion Davis, dismissed on motion of defendant for failure of plaintiff to file cost bond.
- C. B. & Q. R. R. vs. E. B. Saylor, settled and dismissed.
- F. M. Walker vs. Arthur Walker et al., settled.
- W. S. Bear vs. T. M. Stanley et al., judgment for amount of two promissory notes.
- S. H. Amos vs. Alvero Mintoyne et al., judgment and decree of foreclosure on promissory note.
- Grover Hamilton vs. Lena Hamilton et al., E. H. Sharp appointed guardian ad litem for minor heirs, order of sale signed.
- W. H. Lloyd vs. T. F. Williams and Tom Lake, judgment for amount of two promissory notes.
- T. J. Drohan vs. Mrs. B. M. Drohan et al., report of sale and deed to Bridget M. Drohan approved.
- John I. Mitchell vs. William Mitchell et al., report of sale and deed to Lawrence C. Toney and Roy E. Mitchell approved.
- Emma A. Black vs. Ora Black et al., report of sale and deeds to Ora E. Black and Thomas A. Sutherland approved.
- W. L. Barry vs. J. R. Gardner, judgment for amount of one promissory note.
- L. C. Hinkst vs. Asa P. Bethards, settled and dismissed.
- Charles Gorsline et al. vs. G. L. Shaw et al., A. P. Olsen appointed guardian ad litem for John and Ethel Shoemaker, judgment as per decree.

## THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

### Some Interesting Items of Local News Gathered on the Run During the Past Week.

#### Leon May Get a Special Dairy Train.

A couple of months ago the Burlington road sent several dairy experts and lecturers over a part of their lines giving free lectures on the dairy interests of Iowa. At that time Mr. L. E. Galle, the dairy agent of the Burlington promised that he would try and have a return date at Leon some time in the near future, and now we have an opportunity to secure it. We have received notice from the Iowa State Dairy Association that they have made arrangements with the Burlington road to run a special dairy train over their lines and will stop only at the principal stations and at the places where they are wanted. Aside from the speakers and help this train will not carry passengers. The dates it will run are from Feb. 19 to 26, and the train will consist of two passenger coaches, a baggage car and an Arns palace stock car, in which will be some of the leading dairy cows and bulls of the country. The lectures will be given by well known experts, and will be held in the coaches. No admission will be charged to hear them. The cows and bulls will be used in demonstrating the particular points to be observed in the selection and breeding of dairy stock.

#### Guardianship of Lydia A. Davis, final report approved.

Estate of Madison Chick, final report of executor as to Pearl E. Chick approved.

#### Guardianship of Mendal Shaffner, final report approved.

Estate of Maria Paris, final report of administratrix approved.

#### Guardianship of Lydia A. Moffet, final report approved.

Estate of William A. Spurgin, final report approved.

#### Estate of John A. McCartney, final report approved.

Estate of W. B. Wadsworth, final report approved.

#### Estate of Gilruth Pierce, resignation of I. N. Skidmore as administrator accepted and final report approved upon filing receipt from new administrator. S. Varga appointed administrator with bond of \$1,000.

#### Estate of Thomas and Rhoda Hendrickson, S. A. Gates appointed guardian ad litem, order signed.

Estate of Creed Bobbitt, will probated. Mrs. Catherine Bobbitt appointed executor without bond.

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### A BIG CIRCLE WOLF HUNT.

#### Will be Held on Friday, Jan. 21st, and Everybody is Invited.

Arrangements have been made for holding a big wolf hunt in the west part of the county on Friday of this week in an effort to clean out some of the many wolves which infest that part of the county. Good captains have been selected and the hunt will be well organized. The following is the lines and the captains:

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All lines will start promptly at 10 o'clock, and center just south of Decatur on the Colter and Wreith farm. No rifles or revolvers allowed. Bring shot guns and clubs. Everyone is invited to come. For further information call any of the captains on the phone.

#### Spicer—Paris.

Mr. Harry Spicer and Mrs. Geneva Paris, both well known young people of this city, were married at Chariton last Monday, and returned to this city on the noon train. They will remain here a short time and then will go to Shenandoah, where Mr. Spicer has employment with one of the big nursery companies of that city. Their friends extend congratulations and wish them much happiness.

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## GHOST DEMANDS REVENGE.

### Decatur County Farmer Declares the Spiritualists Have Brought Messages From Slain Man.

That the spirit of T. J. Carragher, who was murdered at New Virginia last March, is appearing to him through mediums and demanding that he avenge the murder, is the statement made by Charles B. Millissap, a young farmer living near Decatur, Iowa. Although Mr. Millissap is no spiritualist and has no faith in the belief, attributing the phenomenon to a sort of telepathy, he came to Des Moines yesterday and attended the spiritualist meeting at the Home-Stealers' hall last evening in order to make investigations and obtain proofs to substantiate his theory.

While at the meeting last evening Mrs. Nora B. Hill, who was conducting the tests, described the spirit of the murdered Carragher, saying that he appeared to Mr. Millissap. The latter then volunteered the information that Mrs. George Havens, a medium at Decatur, had brought him into communication with the same spirit, who at that time wanted Millissap to avenge his death.

"I was very well acquainted with Mr. Carragher before his death," said Mr. Millissap. "Although I have my own theory in regard to the murder, I do not want to attempt to comply with the request of the so-called spirit, but I do want to discover what there is to the theory of spiritualism. When Mrs. Havens described the spirit to me she declared she felt pains in her head. Carragher was killed with a blow on the head. Mrs. Hill says she felt a similar sensation. I do not believe in spiritualism, but am trying to discover the reasons for the phenomena. I believe that what some people call spiritualism is merely a form of telepathy."—Register and Leader, Jan. 17th.

## SUGGESTION ON MARRIAGE.

### Judge Townner Makes Some Good Suggestions That Ought to be Incorporated in the Laws.

Judge Townner in his address on divorces made some suggestions on marriages that are good and ought to be incorporated into the laws of the state. Here are some of them:

"The lawful age of marriage should be raised at least to 18 years. No marriage should be lawful unless previous public notice has been given, so that those interested may have an opportunity to intervene.

"No marriage should be solemnized except in the presence of witnesses known to the person officiating.

"The parties and witnesses should be put under oath as to the necessary facts, and false swearing made perjury.

"A heavy fine or imprisonment should be put upon the parties, and persons officiating, when the requisites of the law have not been complied with.

"No marriage except as prescribed by law, and all loose, irregular, 'common law,' or any other so-called forms of marriage should be forbidden under heavy penalties.

"Divorces should be permitted to remain only after proving to trial court that a second matrimonial venture is justified.

"Persons migrating from one state to another for the purpose of securing a divorce, should not be given a decree for any cause not recognized in such other state.

"The trial court should appoint in all uncontested cases, an attorney to investigate and defend and to prevent collusion and fraud.

"Secret hearing should be abolished; all evidence should be made public."

## Enjoyed a Wolf Hunt.

Owing to the continued cold weather and deep snow this winter the wolves have become quite destructive and the boys of Grand River and Decatur townships have arranged to hold a series of circle hunts in order to capture some of the wolves. The first hunt was held last Friday, with Rube McLaughlin and Messrs. Northey, Andrew and Baker as captains. The center of the circle was on the Bronson farms, and as the lines drew to the center they found two large wolves were inside the lines. One made his escape through the line and the other running from one side to the other was met with man and gun. Soon firing began all along the line and the wolf was soon brought down by a well aimed shot. The hunters all assembled around the carcass, stacked arms and formed a group about their game while one of the boys who had gone armed with a camera, took the last shot, securing a picture of all. The prize was then sold to the highest bidder, and the sum realized was equally divided among the four captains to be turned over to their men. By a vote taken by Capt. Rube McLaughlin, the Decatur boys instructed him to turn their share over to the Decatur City Sunday Schools, and the other boys voted to donate their shares to various Sunday Schools. All felt that the day had been one of genuine good sport and there was a general good feeling among all who participated, and they felt amply repaid for tramping through the deep snow. Another big hunt will be held on Friday of this week. Everybody wishes the hunters success in their effort to rid the county of these foes to the sheep and poultry interests.

## Farm for Rent.

Good farm, big house and barn, both good, sheds, lots and plenty of water. Railroad switch on land, sand that sells at good price.

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## A NOBLE WOMAN DIES

### Miss Eliza W. Bowman, Noted Philanthropic Worker of Chicago, Died in this City Friday.

Eliza W. Bowman, daughter of Joseph and Mary Shaver Bowman, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, May 3, 1830, and departed this life at the home of her nephew, Dr. Fred A. Bowman, in Leon, Jan. 14, 1910, aged 79 years, 8 months and 12 days.

When she was a few years old her parents moved to Middletown, Henry county, Indiana. Her father discovering her great anxiety to secure an education procured for her the best teachers and afterwards sent her to Cambridge, in the same county, where she finished her education. After a visit to her old home in Virginia she decided during a visit to the institution for deaf and dumb, which had recently been erected by the state of Indiana, to enter this work, and through the efforts of Judge John Davis and Hon. D. Kilgore, speaker of the Indiana legislature, she was appointed to this work. Later, at her own request, thinking she was better fitted for the work she was transferred to the state institution for the blind. There was no selfish consideration, no motives of gain or personal aggrandizement prompting her in either of these inclinations. She sought the opportunity and labored successfully in obedience to the love of her nature which responded to the call of humanity.

An incident in her childhood days will serve to show her natural inclination along this line. One night when she was only seven years old, her mother missed her from her bed. As it was 10 o'clock they were greatly alarmed and instituted a search for her. They found her on the public highway, her child's cart filled with wine, preserves and good things of various kinds which she thought were needed by a poor family in the neighborhood. She chose the shades of evening so that they might not be humiliated by having it known they were the recipients of charity.

In all of her life this characteristic of her nature predominated, true to the teaching of Christ as expressed in Matt. 6:3. "But when thou doest give alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

When those she had befriended in the institution learned she was going to leave them they heaped the dimes which came to them and when enough had been secured they had them melted and made into a beautiful goblet in token of their love and appreciation of her efforts for their benefit.

At the close of the civil war she became interested in the Home for Friendless and was its manager for many years, giving not only herself in loving service but also all wealth which came to her. The story is told of a gentleman in Ohio, a stranger, who had heard of her work, and sent her \$800 for herself and \$500 to spend as she saw fit. She refused to use a dollar for her own use but gave all to good work. Here she also saw service for fifteen years as the editor of the Home Visitor, a publication devoted to the interest of the friendless. While engaged in this work there came to her a high honor, that of being appointed lady commissioner to represent Illinois at Philadelphia to take charge of the ladies' department at the Centennial. This honor she was compelled to forego, as her work in the Home was of greater importance to her.

When the Home for the Friendless was taken over by the City of Chicago she became superintendent of the Newsboys' Home in Chicago and editor of Newsboys' Appeal. Here we find the force of her personality working great beneficial results. From a lawless, rough mob, she brought to pass the impossible, and "her boys" as they ever were became quiet, law abiding, and from that home in the twelve years she reigned as queen there has gone out a class of men inspired by the personality of that life which will never die.

Expecting to end her life in this work, after twelve years of loving service she was compelled to give it up on account of being poisoned from leaky pipes and it was several years before Aunt Eliza, as they called her in Chicago, could again engage in active work. While acting as editor of the Newsboys' Appeal she was chosen as delegate from the to the National Editorial Association held at Asbury Park, in July, 1894.

Later she became manager of the Working Girls' Home, an institution conducted under the auspices of American Volunteers, where she gave her loving service until failing health compelled her to seek retirement. The Chicago papers announce that henceforth this home will be called the Eliza W. Bowman Home for Young Women, in token of the great work she did as manager for many years. Just a year ago she was the guest of honor at the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Home for the Friendless.

Such is, briefly given, the life history of one who has lived long and well. Her existence, by reason of her strength, lengthened out to four score years, was not spent in seeking riches, pleasure, honor, glory or ease, but in loving service. Her life and wealth, at the call of His love and used as He saw fit to direct. Her motto was "Do the work today. Eat the food today. Tomorrow will be provided for." Her prayer, to be conscious of my unity with God. To separate all error from my thoughts of

man, and to see him only as my father's image. To show Him reverence, and share with Him my holiest treasures. To keep my mental house a sacred place, golden with gratitude, redolent with love, white with purity, cleansed from the flesh. To send no thought into the world that will not bless or cheer, purify or heal. To have no aim but to make earth a fairer, holier place and to rise each day with a higher sense of life and love.

A life guided by such a motto and inspired by such a prayer cannot die. Her sojourn among men has ended, but today she lives in Heaven where those who have preceded her are welcoming her with joy and love, and who are left to mourn will not sorrow, but resolve by the inspiration of her example to so live that her release will not have been in vain. Her cherished thoughts shall find lodgment in our hearts and live, and the earth become a fairer, holier place until we shall answer the glad summons and meet her before the "Great White Throne."

She deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Matt Hoover, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Mary Scott, of Anamosa, Iowa, and one brother, J. H. Bowman, of Kansas City, besides many other relatives and dear ones.

During her last illness she received many letters and telegrams from prominent people in all parts of the United States, many of whom she had befriended years ago and had seen them grow into prominent and useful men and women. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by these absent friends, mute testimony of their love and esteem for her. Miss Bowman came to Leon last October, realizing that her illness was quite serious, and desiring to spend her last days with her beloved nephew, Dr. Fred A. Bowman, where she was given every attention. Up to the last moment her mind remained bright and clear, although she suffered greatly she was always smiling and cheerful.

Funeral services were held from the home of Dr. Bowman, on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. L. Boyd, of the Leon M. E. church and Rev. L. Hughes, of the Leon Presbyterian church, interment being in the Leon cemetery.

## PAROLE BOARD BUSY.

### Eighty-Five Prisoners Given Freedom During 1909.

During the year 1909 the state board of parole has granted freedom by parole to 85 prisoners confined within the prisons of Iowa. This is about half of all the prisoners which the board has paroled since it came into existence two years ago last July.

Of the number which the board has paroled during the year over half of them, or 53, were prisoners who were serving indeterminate sentences. This fact is particularly interesting in view of the question which has been raised by Judge Townner in the LeRoy Ware case, wherein the well known jurist declared that the state board has no constitutional authority to parole prisoners committed prior to the date when the board came into being.

Of the 85 prisoners whom the board has paroled, the majority are first termers, that is, they have never been in states prison before. It is these criminals whom the members of the board believe the parole mostly benefits, for it gives them the opportunity to reform before they become hardened criminals.

## Mrs. L. M. Hastings.

Many Leon people were acquainted with Mrs. L. M. Hastings, a sister of Mrs. L. P. Sigler and Mr. T. S. Arnold, of this city, who died at her home in Iowa City on Jan. 5th. Years ago Prof. Hastings and wife were residents of Leon and many friends here will learn with regret of her death. The following notice is taken from the Iowa City Republican of Jan. 5th:

Mrs. Phoebe Loree Hastings, wife of L. M. Hastings, died at 2 o'clock this morning at her home, 928 Iowa avenue. Death was caused by a systemic poisoning. Mrs. Hastings was 65 years and 11 months of age. The family has lived here since 1888. Mrs. Hastings' maiden name was Phoebe Arnold.

The surviving children are Jessie Pearl Hastings, of Iowa City, and Frank Arnold Hastings, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. L. P. Sigler, and a brother, T. S. Arnold, both of Leon, Iowa. The funeral service will occur tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m., from the home on Iowa avenue and interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Hastings was well known to the people of Iowa City, and her death is a source of grief to many friends, who extend sympathy to the husband and other relatives.

## Christian Church Notes.

The prayer meeting topic Thursday night will be "How May I Know That I am a Christian?" led by Mrs. Anna Curry. The pastor will be absent next Lord's day, but the pulpit will be supplied by Elder J. S. Coffin. Morning theme, "The Survival of the Unfittest." Evening theme, "The Blessing of Industry and Economy vs. the Curse of Idleness and Extravagance."

## Wanted Salesman.

We want a reliable energetic agent to represent us in Leon. Have an attractive proposition to make to the right man. Address United Wireless Telegraph Co., 622 Bee Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska.