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An event which every lover of feminine fashion should attend, especially those who desire attire which possesses that indescribable something called "style."

The authoritative display of the new fashions which has been so eagerly awaited by the women of Leon and community and will fulfill all expectations.

The two distinguished features of the millinery models displayed this spring are shapes worn decidedly off the face and those that set well down over the head. The shapes we show for spring 1910, are smartly becoming. Fetching Pompadours in many charming variations, the new Monoplane and Tricoeues, the large picturesque models turned up at the side, with edges slightly rolled, also Turban effects.

The colors most favored are Burnt, Cherry, Red, Royal Blue, Cerise, Mustard and Black.

The trimmings, while beautiful and varied, incline to simple effects, bringing out to greater advantage the charm and style of the new shapes.

Our Opening Begins Thursday, March 17 and Closes Saturday, March 19

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LESS MEN TEACHERS.

Recent Data Covering Iowa Schools
of Interest to Teachers and the
General Public.

Although there has been no appreciative shortage of teachers in Decatur county, county superintendent Long expects to be able to find places for several new teachers in the spring, as several now teaching have announced that they would give up their positions at the close of the winter term.

In this connection a recent bulletin shows a falling off in the number of schoolmasters in Iowa in the past two years. Iowa men are apparently side stepping the profession of teaching school, for the decrease in two years is remarkable, a falling off of from 3,009 to 2,801 being noted. The high point was 3,508 in 1905.

Last year the number of women teachers employed increased from 24,941 to 25,006 and the total number of teachers dropped from 27,956 to 27,807. During the last year teachers were paid a total of \$8,004,346 and in 1908 only \$7,624,097. Fewer teachers thus received higher compensation.

Last year a total of 119 new school houses were erected and during the preceding year the total number was 126. Patriotism grew in the schools last year for the number of school houses with flags was 6,034 as compared with 5,442 in 1908. When the keeping of the school records of Iowa began in the year 1848, the total number of school houses was 105 and the total for 1909 was 13,911.

The average monthly tuition per pupil was \$54 as compared with \$24.44 in 1908, and the average monthly compensation for male teachers was \$73.58 as compared with \$66.01 in 1908, while the average monthly pay for female teachers was \$44.50, showing but a slight increase from 1908 when it was \$44.20. During the last year the effect of stimulants was taught in 18,345 schools. The total amount expended for school purposes in the state was \$12,702,299.

The doctors of Forest City and Winnebago county are surely modest and reasonable. They have issued a statement, showing the increased cost of the price of living quoting many articles that have increased in cost from 80 to 400 per cent and incidentally, they announce that they find themselves compelled to increase their fees for professional service by 25 per cent. It is hoped that the good people will appreciate the modesty of their physicians and will pay promptly. As to the by no means inconsiderable number who never pay, it matters not to them what the doctors charges are, and the others no doubt are also pinched by the increase in the cost of living and therefore ought to feel kindly toward their physicians who have not kept pace with the general rise.

For the best auto oil and batteries see H. A. Wright.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Editors: Nina Still
Blanche Brann

"The stream from wisdom's well
Which God supplies is inexhaustible."
—Bayard Taylor.

Dr. Kime, the state lecturer on tuberculosis, gave a very interesting talk to the high school Thursday afternoon.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Bryan, the lecturer on the Panama Canal, Friday. He gave a short talk that the pupils enjoyed very much. Mr. Bryan has a pleasing manner that makes him friends with all. We should be glad to meet him again.

Don't forget the preliminary contest Friday night, March 11th. Every body come. A splendid program has been prepared and you cannot afford to miss it. Give the contestants your encouragement for we are all going to win in the county contest March 25th.

Arrangements are being made for a special train from Van Wert to Lamoni Friday night, March 25th. The train can be secured providing a guarantee of \$96 is given. The train will leave here between four and five and return some time that night, as soon as the contest is over. This will give many people a chance to go who must otherwise remain at home. We think we can safely count on the train being secured, so there is no excuse for staying at home.

Mr. Zwickey, the last of our lecture course, will give his entertainment Monday evening, March 14th. Mr. Zwickey is a splendid speaker. Be sure to not forget the date.

Visitors last week were Ed Sharp, Harrison Machlan, Frank Bryan, Dr. Elker and Elizabeth Boyd.

The seniors have finally secured their English books for which they are very glad.

The fifth and sixth grades enjoyed a very interesting debate last Friday, the subject being "Resolved: That the Town Boy has More Advantages Than the Country Boy." Both sides did splendidly for such little people but the judges Ethel Gatchell, Ethel Beck and Blanche Brann, decided one point in favor of the negative.

Spring is coming and many of the pupils seem to be affected with spring fever, at least we judge so by the decline in deportment the past few weeks.

The school was dismissed last Thursday in order that the pupils might attend dairy show.

Miss Epperley has been quite sick the past week. Her place was filled by Mabel Wright.

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Notice of Final Report.

In the estate of Elmore Driskill, deceased.

In the district court of Iowa in and for Decatur county.

No. 1357 Probate.

To Harry M. Driskill, Dewey Driskill, Everett Driskill, Mary J. Driskill, Walter E. Driskill, Nelson A. Driskill, Emory Driskill, David Driskill, Jesse Driskill, Elbert M. Driskill, Wm. C. Driskill, Luella Driskill. You are hereby notified that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Elmore Driskill, has filed his final report therein in the office of the clerk of the district court in and for the aforesaid county, and has asked for its approval and his discharge from further duty or responsibility therein, and that said report and application for discharge will come on for hearing before the court aforesaid at Leon, Iowa, on the 22nd day of March A. D., 1910, at which time and place you can appear and show cause, if any you have, why said final report should not be approved and the undersigned discharged from any further duty or responsibility therein.

L. A. Brown,
Administrator

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Notice of Probating Will.

To all whom it may concern:
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of Iowa, in and for Decatur county, an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William Meeker, late of said county, deceased, and that 2 o'clock p. m. of the 22nd day of March, 1910, has been fixed for the probate of said will, at which time you can appear at the court house in said county and show cause, if any there be, why said will should not be admitted to probate.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Leon, Iowa, this 21st day of February, 1910.
J. L. Mendenhall,
Clerk of District Court.

Concrete Posts for Fences.

The Burlington road in the future will use concrete fence posts along their right-of-way. The posts will be turned out at the tie-treating plant at Galesburg, the necessary machinery for mixing the concrete being installed at that point. Concrete has come into general use for culverts and other work which it is desired to be permanent.

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