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### Possum Trot.

Miss Amy Machlan passed through this neighborhood early Monday morning.

Mrs. Kate Tansey and children returned to their home in Weldon Monday morning.

Mrs. Meda Hensley, of Des Moines, and Miss Ida Tansey, of Weldon, visited the first of the week at Frank Worden's.

Those who spent Monday evening at Frank Worden's were C. Meacham and family, Arthur Worden and family, Ira Worden, Lloyd Hensley, Mrs. Meda Hensley and Miss Ida Tansey.

Ira Worden was a business caller at Weldon Monday.

Miss Mabel Meacham and brother, Lawrence, were business callers at Weldon Tuesday morning.

There were several from this section who attended a show in Weldon Monday night.

Miss Ina Fronk was a business caller at Weldon Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith had business at Weldon Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Meda Hensley and Miss Ida Tansey returned to Weldon Tuesday evening.

James Dunn, of Weldon, is building a cement cave for C. Meacham this week.

Mrs. Glen Smith spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Ina Fronk.

Mrs. Lew Smith and children and Mrs. Gus Sigler and children spent Wednesday afternoon at J. J. Smith's.

Dr. Jamison, of Weldon, was called to Glen Smith's Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Loren Lucas and children departed Wednesday for their new home near Billings, Mont.

Miss Lizzie Worden helped Mrs. Arthur Worden sew Wednesday and Thursday.

Newman Worden and sister, Lottie, Ina Fronk, Loyd Smith and family spent Thursday evening at M. E. Davis'.

Frank Worden was a business caller at Lloyd Smith's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. George Warner spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. Meacham.

Miss Gertrude Davis spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

Mrs. F. Worden was calling on Mrs. Arthur Worden Friday evening.

C. Meacham and son, Lawrence, were business callers at Weldon Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Worden was calling on Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Delk Saturday morning.

This section was visited with a fine rain Saturday.

Will Davis and wife were Leon callers Saturday.

Most every one in this neighborhood were Weldon callers Saturday afternoon.

Those spending Sunday at George Warner's were Charley Vaughn and family, Mrs. Dennis Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Meacham and son, Frank Worden and wife spent Sunday at Mr. Foust's.

Frank Cronin and family returned to their home near High Point Sunday evening after a few days visit at Will Machlain's.

Lew Smith and family drove down to Humeston Sunday for a short visit with Mart Brittain and family.

Otto Davis and sister, Lena, of near Leroy, spent Sunday night at uncle Joe Worden's. From there they go to Leon to celebrate.

### Sunny Side No. 1.

The farmers in these parts are busy cutting oats.

Uncle John Layton is still improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Durlin and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Aten spent Sunday at the Russell Aten home.

Verda Lane spent Sunday night with her friend, Blanche Morton.

Several from these parts celebrated the Fourth at Leon.

John Thompson and daughter-in-law were Leon visitors one day last week.

T. Bledsoe attended services at the Quaker church last Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Massey, of Chariton, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

Mack King and family took Sunday dinner at the N. T. Parsons home.

Orin Skinner and wife spent Sunday with home folks.

Maurice Traupel is on the sick list. Miss Lenna Konklin spent Sunday night with Nellie and Marie Bumgarner.

Marjorie Truitt spent Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Traupel.

Rev. Jones filled the pulpit at the Friends church Sunday and Sunday night, holding an all day meeting the Fourth.

### Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jamison were Leon visitors last Saturday.

Miss Clare Wing visited a few days last week with her parents near Woodburn.

John Ledgerwood went to Osceola last Saturday to attend the republican convention.

Mabel Hodges visited over Sunday at the S. W. Robbins home in Decatur City.

Mrs. Lila Thompson returned home from Illinois last week.

Mrs. Milla Mitchell and daughter Hazel went to Des Moines last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and son Maurice went to Promise City Saturday to visit over Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Hall went to Leon last Saturday to visit relatives.

Carl Kline and family drove to Leon Saturday.

Gertie Landis came down from Osceola Saturday to visit home folks for a while.

C. H. Hodges, George Terry and George Mitchell attended the republican county convention at Leon last Saturday.

Mr. Bert Keeler and son Maurice went to Leon Saturday to visit over the Fourth.

Mrs. Bruce Tallman, of Guthrie Center, are at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Tallman.

Mr. Abercrombie and daughter Mabel have returned from a visit of several weeks in Illinois.

Mr. Rexroat, of Virginia, Ill., came Saturday to look after his farm.

The K. O. Z. Y. Club were entertained last Wednesday at the home of Era Tillotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Ruffern and daughter Georgia, of Des Moines, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Parr.

Most of our people celebrated the Fourth at Leon, a few going to Van Wert.

### Sweet Creek.

Ruth Hoffman called on Mrs. Margaret Wion one day last week.

N. L. Euritt and son Eddie, of Decatur, were visiting relatives in these parts last week.

Matthew Ryan was a Lamoni caller Thursday.

D. Wiley called on his father, Uncle John Wiley, south of Kellerton, Sunday.

George Lloyd was a Decatur caller last Saturday.

Those who were Lamoni callers last Saturday were Lloyd Toney, J. W. Wion, Frank Nofstger, Dusky John, Wilkie Wion and Cliff Lloyd.

John Zimmerman, James Woodmansee and George Smith went to Leon Saturday, being delegates to the democratic county convention.

Will Wion, Roy Brown and Isaac Bedell were Kellerton callers last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wise and son Leighton, of Van Wert, are visiting with Mrs. Wise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wion, this week.

Mrs. A. F. Nofstger and children and Mrs. A. M. Nofstger called on John Joy and wife, of Elk, Monday.

Several from these parts attended the celebration in Leon on the Fourth. Bert Nofstger is on the sick list.

Nelson Smith, wife and baby were in these parts Sunday.

Roy Brown spent Sunday night with Will Wion.

Emmet Nofstger, wife and son called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nofstger, of Terre Haute, last Monday.

### Celebrates 87th Birthday.

Last Tuesday, June 28th, being the 87th birthday anniversary of Grandpa Riddle, who lives in Decatur, Mr. Thomas Tullis planned a very pleasant surprise for him by inviting in a number of his friends to spend the day. At 10:30 a. m. guests began to arrive with well filled baskets until they numbered 44, and at 12 o'clock two large tables were spread on the beautiful lawn with all the good things imaginable to which all did ample justice. The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation, and as the guests departed they all wished Mr. Riddle and his most estimable wife might both live to enjoy many more years. While Mr. Riddle is not able to take one step alone he is always very cheerful, and certainly enjoys a visit with his friends any time. He received 76 post cards as a remembrance of the occasion.

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### Charles Wesley Beck.

Charles Wesley Beck was born Dec. 1, 1832, in the state of Pennsylvania, and died at his home in Leon, Iowa, June 29, 1910, aged 77 years, 6 months and 28 days.

When he was but a small child he moved with his parents to Ohio, locating at Zainesville, where he attended the public schools, graduating from college at Wheeling, West Virginia.

With his parents he came to Iowa in 1851, his father, John Beck, entering government land in Decatur township, which has never been transferred outside the family, being now owned by his son, T. T. Beck.

After coming to Iowa the deceased engaged in teaching school, teaching the first school ever taught at the Diamond school house, and also the first school taught at Decatur City. While teaching at Decatur City, he married Miss Mary E. Lake, one of his pupils, August 22, 1858, and to their union were born four children, the eldest Willard G., dying July 3, 1884. Mrs. Beck died Sept. 5, 1891. The surviving children are E. E. and Claude W. Beck, of Leon, and Mrs. Zoe Cherry, of Des Moines.

Mr. Beck was again married on Thanksgiving day, 1892, to Mrs. Ellen E. Edmiston, who survives him.

Shortly after his marriage in 1858 he moved to the settlement at Funktown, where he engaged in the mercantile business, afterwards going to Westerville and Mt. Ayr, where he was in the same business. When the war of the rebellion broke out he enlisted in Co. C, 5th Kas. Cav., and was the first orderly sergeant of the company. After the war was over he engaged in the drug business at Decatur City, and in 1874 moved to Leon engaging in the drug business in this city for a number of years.

For many years he has been a justice of the peace in Leon and carried a line of insurance.

Mr. Beck was a highly educated gentleman, one of the old school, and one who was remarkably well informed on all subjects. Kind and courteous he enjoyed the friendship and esteem of the entire community.

Of late years he had suffered considerably from rheumatism and heart disease, but he never complained. He was down town as usual on Monday, but on Tuesday was not feeling well and remained at home, reading a good part of the day. About midnight Mrs. Beck heard him moving about and as she spoke to him he gave a gasp and became unconscious, dying before a physician could be summoned.

He was one of the oldest Knights Templar, Mason and Odd Fellow in the state, and for many years occupied offices in the various orders, being a faithful attendant until the infirmities of old age prevented him from going out at night to attend lodge.

Funeral services were held at the home on Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. Hughes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. S. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church. The services at the grave were conducted by the Masonic lodge of which he had been a member for more than fifty years. Many floral offerings testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Interment was in the Leon cemetery.

### Mrs. Rhoda Hawkins.

Rhoda Young was born in Jackson county, Illinois, January 26, 1819. She moved with her parents to Adams county, Illinois, near Quincy, when but thirteen years of age. She was married to Wm. Boone in 1835. To this union three children were born, only one of whom, W. A. Boone, of Leon, still survives.

W. A. Boone, having died when about 15 years of age, and the other, J. B., one son aged in Kansas City about a year ago. Her husband died in 1845 and in 1847 Mrs. Boone was married to Mr. Ely Freeman and seven years later moved with her husband to Leon, Iowa. They raised two sons, E. Y., of Guthrie, Okla., and F. M., of Davis City. Mr. Freeman died in 1859, and in 1862 Mrs. Freeman was married to William Hawkins, who died in 1870. In 1877 Mrs. Hawkins moved to Davis City where she has resided most of the time since.

Mother Hawkins passed away on the afternoon of June 28, 1910, aged 91 years, 5 months and 2 days. She became a Christian and placed her membership with the Christian church of Leon, Iowa, in the year 1855, just one year after the Leon church was organized. In her days of

strength sister Hawkins was a tireless worker in the church and her character was above reproach. She maintained her Christian faith and hope unto the end. There was added to her life more than twenty-one years over and above the time allotted to man, but she was "faithful unto death," and is now entitled to the "Crown of Life." The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of her son, F. M. Freeman, in Davis City, on the afternoon of June 29, 1910, after which the Rebekahs gave their ritualistic service. The body was brought to Leon and laid to rest in the Leon cemetery.

### Eber Britt.

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Britt, of Davis City, died at the hospital at Clarinda on Sunday evening, June 26th, 1910, aged 19 years, 7 months and 25 days.

He was born at Miller, S. D., Nov. 1, 1890. When he was five years of age he came with his parents to Decatur county, and for several years resided on a farm near Davis City, his parents moving to Davis City a few years ago.

From childhood Eber had been interested in mechanics and was a good scholar and industrious young man. When but a child he suffered a severe fall, injuring the back of his head, from which he never fully recovered and some months ago his mind became slightly deranged, and on the advice of physicians he was taken to Clarinda for treatment. For a time he seemed to be recovering and was able to return home apparently well, but a few weeks ago the old malady returned and he was again taken to Clarinda where he rapidly failed and passed away as above stated. His remains were taken to Davis City for interment, funeral services being held from the M. E. church in that city on Wednesday forenoon of last week, conducted by Rev. Harry Cooper, pastor of the church. He leaves his parents and one sister, Mrs. Nora Brant, of Woodland, to mourn his loss.

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