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VOTE FOR A HOSPITAL

The Proposed Decatur County Hospital is an Institution for the Benefit of all the People.

Just a final word in favor of the hospital proposition which will be voted upon next Tuesday. Here are some pertinent reasons why you should vote in favor of the hospital: A public hospital is a public necessity. The poor man has no other way to receive trained service when sick or injured. Decatur county's population demands and needs a county hospital. A county hospital in Decatur county will be self-sustaining. Everybody should be interested in a county hospital because it is a charitable institution. It benefits alike, the farmer, the laborer, and the businessman. The citizens of Leon have already raised a donation of over \$700 towards buying a site for the hospital and will increase this sum sufficient to pay for the land on which the hospital would be located. The cost to the taxpayer is so small that it would not amount to but a few cents. If you have property assessed at \$1,000 it would cost you but 12 1/2 cents per year as a hospital tax. Isn't a hospital worth that much to you? Would you hesitate a minute to donate that much towards perhaps saving the life of a neighbor or a friend, or some member of your family? We think not. Then make up your mind to vote in favor of the Decatur county hospital which is for the use of all the people of the county.

Chautauqua Organization Perfected.

At the meeting of the members of the Leon Chautauqua Association held Friday evening, a permanent organization was perfected, and officers elected for the ensuing year. The organization starts out with a membership of over two hundred, and it is proposed to increase the membership until everybody interested in the Chautauqua movement in this vicinity becomes a member. The liability of the members has been fixed at \$1.00, the membership fee. The constitution provides that the association can either conduct an independent Chautauqua or contract with the Redpath-Vawter or any other system to conduct a Chautauqua at Leon. The following officers were elected.

- President—Morris Gardner. Vice President—Eva Rhea. Secretary—James W. Hurst. Executive Committee—Morris Gardner, Mrs. L. P. VanWerden, Miss Eva Rhea, James W. Hurst, J. M. Harmon, John Dale, Ed C. Smith, W. H. Hazlet and Harve Morgan.

Have Struck Water.

The deep well drillers struck water Monday night about 9 o'clock. They were down 326 feet drilling in a white sand when all at once the water rushed in and in less than five minutes there was over 150 feet of water in the ten inch casing. There are four gallons water in every foot of the casing, so that over 600 gallons came in in less than five minutes, and the next morning the water was over 200 feet deep in the hole. The sand comes in so fast that a sand pump had to be secured to keep the sand out so that the drilling can continue.

The Power of Truth Stock Co.

Coming, the Power of Truth Stock Co., for three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3, 4 and 5, in a repertoire of the latest successes. New and up-to-date songs, dances and monologues. The opening play, "The Power of Truth." Friday night, "Dora Thorne," the great comedy drama dramatized from Bertha M. Clay's famous novel of the same name. Remember the dates, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Opening prices 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Center Township Contest.

The Center township declamatory contest to determine who will represent Center township at the county contest to be held at Leon during the Farmers' Institute, will be held at Crown Chapel on Friday evening, Nov. 18th, at 8 o'clock. A collection will be taken up and the money divided among the three successful contestants.

Auto Burned.

A fine new Middleby auto owned by Dr. Goff, of Lamoni, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. He had been running the car and put it in the garage, turning out the acetylene lights, and a few minutes after the machine was enveloped in flames, and was totally destroyed.

Notice—All the Democratic township committees are urgently requested to meet in Leon at Marion Woodard's office on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 1 o'clock, sharp. Business of special importance is to be transacted, and you must come.

B. R. Watchbaugh, County chairman.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 9:45, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Junior Endeavor 3 p. m., Senior Endeavor 6:30.

Fur overcoats and work coats at a bargain at Bowber's.

TREASURER CONTROLS FUNDS.

Supervisors Have No Jurisdiction as to Where Deposited.

The opinion of the supreme court in the case of the board of supervisors of Des Moines county against County Treasurer Rhein, affirming the decision in that case by Judge Withrow, of the district court, is of wide interest in Iowa as bearing on the deposit of county funds and the amount of interest to be paid on such deposits. The present board, which is republican, asked for bids from banks for county deposits under the new law, which provides that all county funds shall be deposited in a depository selected with the approval of the board at a rate of not less than 2 per cent on 90 per cent of the county funds. Bids as high as 2 5/8 per cent on the total balance were received and the county board awarded the deposit to the bank making the highest bid after that bank had filed the required bonds. Treasurer Rhein refused to place the deposit in those banks but placed them in a bank paying a lower rate of interest. The county board brought suit to compel the treasurer to transfer the deposit, but the court's decision upholds the treasurer, apparently placing in his hands the absolute control of the county funds.

Frank Q. Stuart Spoke Here.

Hon. Frank Q. Stuart, democratic candidate for congressman, spoke to a fair sized audience at the opera house on Monday night. When the meeting was called to order Mr. Stuart kindly gave time to Dr. Keppel, the tuberculosis expert, who made a short talk urging the needs of the people voting in favor of the county hospital at the election next Tuesday. Time was also granted to Hon. Heman C. Smith, the democratic candidate for representative, to make a few remarks, during which he took occasion to publicly deny that he had made any pledge to any faction as to who he would support for election as United States Senator, in case he should represent Decatur county in the legislature, but that he would be free to act in the best interest of his constituents. Mr. Stuart then spoke for an hour and a half, making a splendid speech, in which he made absolutely clear his position on all the vital issues of the day. His speech pleased his hearers, especially his arraignment of Judge Towner for never coming out in favor of anything until he was absolutely sure that he was taking the popular side of the question. His speech showed that he is a deep thinker and an earnest student of all political matters and he stands squarely with the people on every one of them. If you are in favor of a real representative in congress, one who will really represent you, vote for Mr. Stuart next Tuesday.

Political Speaking.

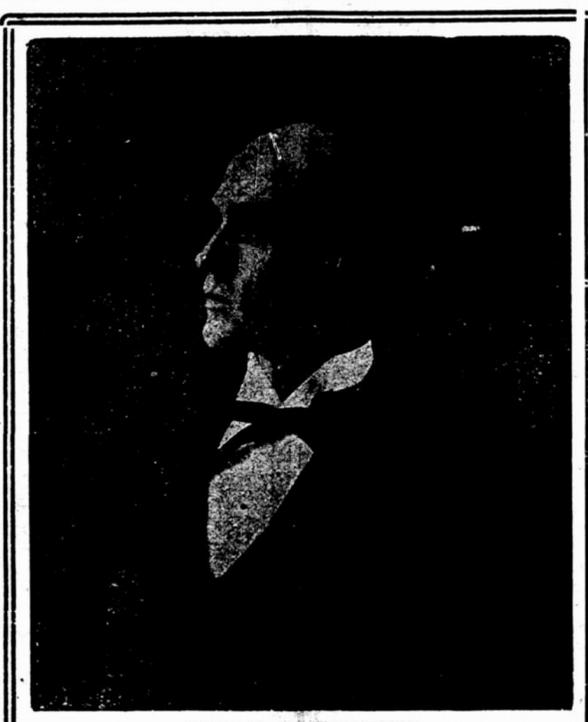
Hon. Heman C. Smith, democratic candidate for representative will speak as follows: Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd at Pleasanton. Friday evening, Nov. 4th at Van Wert. Saturday evening, Nov. 5th at Decatur City.

On account of this being the last issue before election much of our space is taken up with political matter, and although we are printing twelve pages, at the last minute we are compelled to leave out several articles, among them a splendid account of the Federated Club convention of the 8th district recently held at Shenandoah, the dedication of the Odd Fellows hall at Decatur City, and several correspondence letters which did not reach us until Wednesday. Our friends would confer a favor on us by handing in all articles for publication as early in the week as possible.

Many people find fault with that clause of the Hospital law which provides that those who are afflicted and unable to pay their own hospital expenses shall have these expenses paid by the tax payers. Upon investigation this will be seen to be a wise provision, in this way: Often a diseased member of a destitute family causes the entire family to be placed upon the county for support for weeks, and even months, while under the hospital system the afflicted one may be cared for at the county hospital and the family can then support themselves.

Next Wednesday, November 9th, the noted Indian entertainer, Shungopavi, will visit our city. He comes as the first number of the winter's entertainment course, and gives a delightful program of mirth and magic, song and story. Admission 35 cents. Season tickets for five numbers \$1.00. For school pupils 50 cents. Get your tickets now of the club ladies and have your seat for the season reserved free at VanWerden & Kopp's store on or after Monday, November 7th. The tickets are selling fast, and you will miss it if you miss it.

W. H. McCalla, of Davis City, returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit at Montezuma, where he went to attend the reunion of his regiment, the 10th Iowa Infantry, of which he was a member of Co. F. Mr. McCalla says that land up where he was selling considerably higher than here in Decatur county, but that it is not as good and they did not raise as good crops as we did right here in Decatur county.



HON. V. R. MCGINNIS Democratic Candidate for Judge of the District Court.

The voters of Decatur county, irrespective of party, should give Hon. V. R. McGinnis a flattering vote at the polls next Tuesday. Mr. McGinnis has been a resident of Decatur county for nearly a quarter of a century. He is one of the most brilliant attorneys in the whole state of Iowa, a man whose legal opinions are always sought and who has been eminently successful in the legal practice. It has always been the theory of many voters that the judiciary should be absolutely divorced from politics, and four years ago with this idea, the democratic party in this district made no nominations against Judge Towner and Judge Evans. This feeling should be reciprocated, and when an opportunity is offered to elect an able man as judge it should be done. There never was a more loyal citizen of Decatur county than Mr. McGinnis, or one who has given more time for the benefit of the public, often at a sacrifice of his personal interests. There are two judges to be elected this year, and there are four candidates. Voters should remember that they can vote for any two judges they want to, regardless of whether they appear opposite each other or not. On the official ballot the names of Mr. McGinnis and Judge Evans appear opposite each other, but if the voter so desires he can vote for both Judge Evans and Mr. McGinnis, by crossing the squares in front of both of their names. All the voter has to do is to avoid making a cross in more than two of the squares for judges. Every voter in Decatur county who thinks that Mr. McGinnis would make a good judge of the district court, should see that he casts his vote for him as one of the two judges to be elected.

McGinnis Wins in Supreme Court.

The supreme court last week affirmed the case of Clark Williams vs. Clarke county, in which plaintiff secured a judgment for \$12,000 for personal injuries. Williams was driving a horse across a county bridge when the animal caught its foot in a hole in the plank flooring, and while he was trying to release the horse, Williams was pushed against a railing and hurled to the ground, sustaining injuries which permanently crippled him, and he was tried twice. At the first trial a jury gave Williams \$15,000 and the county appealed to the supreme court which granted a new trial and at the second trial which was held at Creston the jury gave Williams a verdict for \$14,500, but Judge Towner cut this verdict down to \$12,000, but still the county appealed, but now the supreme court has affirmed the verdict and the county must pay. Hon. V. R. McGinnis, of Leon, was one of Mr. Williams' attorneys, and the winning of the case in the supreme court, is a testimonial of his ability as a lawyer. Mr. McGinnis is a candidate for district court judge and he should be elected, as there is no more competent attorney in the district.

East Grand River Baptist Association.

The ministers, deacons and laymen of the East Grand River Baptist Association met at Tuskego Oct. 29th and 30th, and organized a ministers', deacons' and laymen's association with T. O. Andrews, of Kellerton as president, and M. I. Marshall, of Leon, secretary and treasurer. The meetings were well attended and a good time was had meeting with friends and brethren. The next meeting will be held at the Camden church, northeast of Grand River.

Baptist Church Reorganized.

A new Baptist church was organized last Saturday taking the place of the old Baptist organization of Leon which recently disbanded. The officers elected by the new church were as follows: Deacons, Albert Dale and Uriah Acton. Trustees, W. H. Jenkins, Nova S. Beavers and H. S. Jenkins. Clerk, Mrs. Anna Benefield. A Sunday school will be organized next Sunday morning. All who are not now in Sunday school are invited to come into the new school. Preaching morning and evening by Rev. Chas. W. Reader. You are invited to attend. Strangers in the city will be made to feel at home.

Christian Church Notes.

The pastor's theme at the Christian church next Lord's day morning will be "What are we doing to win Iowa for Christ." The evening topic will be "An unsolved problem" or "Jesus a mystery." The Bible school convenes at 9:45. The C. E. will meet at 6:30 p. m. All welcomed. J. S. Coffin, Pastor.

Judge Towner Had Small Audience.

Judge Towner was billed to make a political speech at the opera house Tuesday afternoon, following up Frank Q. Stuart who spoke the previous evening. The attendance was very light, there not being more than about forty persons present, and it was the smallest audience the Judge ever spoke to in this city on any occasion.

Marriage License.

Carl T. Morgan, Garden Grove... 20 Zella Smith, Garden Grove... 18 Elder I. P. Baggerley, of Lamoni, preached at the L. D. S. church in this city Sunday morning and evening.

AUTO MEET A SUCCESS

Weather was Beastly, but Still a Big Crowd was in Attendance and Everybody Well Pleased.

The weather man had it in for the autoists last Thursday, it being a most disagreeable, cold windy and snowy day, yet there was a crowd of several thousand people in Leon to attend the first annual auto tournament. There were a number of cars in attendance from all the neighboring towns, coming from as far as Des Moines and Gravity to attend the meet, and taking into consideration the beastly weather it was a decided success, and next year auto day promises to be one of the events of southern Iowa. All forenoon the autos were busy giving everybody free rides. In the afternoon the big court room was packed with people to hear the talks on good roads, and auto subjects, by Senator J. H. Jamison, of Osceola and Hon. V. R. McGinnis, of Leon, and the attendance indicated that the farmers are taking an interest both in better roads and in autos, and next year will see quite a number of Decatur county farmers driving cars. After the speaking there was a parade of the autos in attendance, there being 58 cars in the line, and then everybody went out north of town where the races were held, the course being from Ed Macey's corner to the corner at C. W. Hoffman's, and there were some exciting finishes. The following is the result of the races. 1st race—H. E. Luther, Centerville, first, Homer Griffin, Grand River, second. Both contestants drove Ford cars. 2nd Race—A. L. Ackerley, first, with a Vellie 40, and C. M. Keller, second, with a Jackson 40. 3rd race—A. L. Ackerley, first, with a Vellie 40, Musgrave Fence Co., Des Moines, second, with a Maytag. Mr. Ackerley surprised everyone with his skill in handling his car, the speedometer registering as high as 65 miles an hour during the race, which is mighty fast for a country road. The following special prizes were awarded: For car coming the longest distance—Prize of \$10 divided between the Musgrave Fence Co. and the Riddle Auto Co., both of Des Moines. For the best decorated car, first prize of \$3 was given to Miss Leah Teale, of Davis City, and second prize to Marion F. Stookey, of Leon. For the latest registration number the prize of \$2.00 was given to Frank Dalby, of Lamoni, whose number is 22,890. For the car with the oldest registration number the prize of \$2 was awarded to C. E. Henderson, of Leon who has number 2,116. There was also a series of prizes given to all the cars which registered as attending the tournament, which were awarded under the supervision of Joe Danielson, Bert Derry and Frank Dalby, and the following were the winners: 1st prize \$10 to car No. 18, the Corydon Auto Co.; 2nd prize, \$5, to car No. 12, Frank Manley, of Osceola, 3rd prize, \$2, car No. 2, Frank Stewart, Afton. The visiting autoists as well as the town and country people in attendance were well pleased with the meeting, and next year there will be increased interest taken. It is proposed to lay out a course of about ten miles, starting and ending at this city for a cross country race as one of the features.

Gooding's Sale Dates.

- 3—George Swegle, Lacelle. 3—Miller & Sutherland, Davis City. 4—C. J. Norman, Terre Haute. 8—Art Cain, Caledonia. 10—Henry Thompson, Van Wert. 11—Baker, Grand River. 15—Harry Gilreath, Grand River. 16—J. F. Moon, Kellerton. 17—Taken. 18—H. S. Tyrrell, Mt. Ayr. 22—E. M. Allen, Van Wert. 29—L. M. Messler, Beaconsfield. 30—Frank Keller, Van Wert. DECEMBER. 6—J. W. West, DeKalb. FEBRUARY. 16—N. C. Rasmussen, Van Wert. 20—H. D. DeKalb, DeKalb, Iowa. Sale to be held at Council Bluffs.

Center Township.

Farmers are cribbing corn. C. Brasilton tore down his old barn and is building sheds with the material. Sam Garber and some of his young friends had a party last week. Saturday evening the Homestead Society of Leon notified Myer Bros. on the Capt. Brown farm they would be out for a social dance and several young people came also and they had a pleasant time. Geo. Sangr has returned to Shenandoah. Lornie Long visited with Amos Brazleton, who recently returned from Dakota. Fred Teale and family were out this way Sunday in their auto. The best meal served in Leon is at the Park hotel under the new management.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Mrs. Marion F. Stookey went to Des Moines Monday for a week's visit in that city with her daughter, Mrs. Marion E. Wasson. J. W. Gochenour, of east of Leon, and his sister, Mrs. W. M. Mitchell, of Humboldt, Iowa, went to Van Wert Friday for a short visit. J. F. Howell and family returned Tuesday from Boise, Idaho, where they have resided for some time, and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Willis Frost and grandchildren returned Monday from a few days visit at the home of her son, Ralph Frost, at Garden Grove. Miss Fannie McKee returned to her home at Grand River Saturday after a visit in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Poush. Mrs. Jesse Gains, of Humeston, came Saturday and visited a few days in this city at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Etta Gains. Mrs. J. J. Powers, of Coin, came last Thursday evening for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gardner in this city. Mrs. C. K. Cherrington returned Thursday to her home at Decatur City after a few days visit at the homes of her children in this city. Miss Elmo Hall returned Saturday to her home at Tingley after a few days visit in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd M. Smith. Mrs. Geo. W. Carmean, of Atlantic, came Saturday to visit a few days in this city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans. Mrs. Anna Curry returned Friday evening from a visit with her daughter, Miss Neva, at Decatur. The latter accompanied her to this city. Mrs. T. L. Milan, of Atchinson, Kansas, arrived last Wednesday to visit a short time in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. P. Barnett. Mrs. M. Cooper returned last Thursday to her home at Mason, Ill., after a visit at the home of her brother, Will Roberts, northwest of this city. Miss Marie McClaren, who is attending the Leon High School, went to her home at Decatur City Friday and visited over Sunday with her parents. Rev. C. E. Adams, of Grand River, who had been holding a series of meetings in the south part of the county, returned home Friday afternoon. Miss Lillian Post returned Friday evening to her home at Davis City after a short visit in this city at the home of her uncle, Ed McHarness. Miss Hattie Case, of Carthage, N. Y., who has been visiting in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gould Wallace, departed for home Monday. Miss Maggie Whisler, who is trimming in a millinery store at Gardea Grove, came Friday for a few days visit at the home of her parents in this city. Mrs. K. Fairall returned Friday to her home near Leslie after visiting a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Merrill, near this city. C. W. Shinn, of Shenandoah, came in Tuesday evening for a visit with relatives in this vicinity. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Ruth Williams. Mrs. F. M. Stanley, of Arkansas City, Kans., was in Leon Tuesday, being on her way to Pleasanton to visit her mother, Mrs. Emma Daugherty. Giles Smith, of Albany, Mo., visited over night in this city Monday while enroute home from Tingley, where he was called by the illness of his brother. Mrs. C. M. Piper and daughters Iris and Margery, returned Saturday to their home at Chariton after a visit with relatives and friends south of Leon. Miss Lucille Trumm, of Murray, who was in this city taking teacher's examination, went to Grand River Friday for a short visit before returning home. Elder J. S. Brower and wife, of Lenox, arrived Monday evening to conduct a series of meetings at the Church of the Brethren, five miles northeast of Leon. R. S. Beall, of Mt. Ayr, came over Monday morning and is spending a few days in this city on business. He is representative of the Bankers Life Insurance Co. Mrs. Emma Bowman returned Tuesday evening from Chamberlain, S. D., where she had been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Grimes. Mrs. Evaline Mook and grandson, Arthur Osborn, returned Friday to their home at Cainsville, having been visiting for a few days with relatives at Mt. Ayr. Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mrs. S. J. Stump and Mrs. N. E. Gunter returned Thursday from Osceola, where they attended the district convention of the W. R. C. Mrs. E. A. Adams, of Grand River, passed through this city Saturday, returning from a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCalla, near Davis City. Mrs. Charles Finley, and Mrs. W. H. Yearshaw, of Derby, were in Leon Friday, being on their way to Decatur City to visit a few days at the home of Prof. F. H. Riggie. Mrs. R. B. Strong, of Chilton, Okla., who was visiting in this city at the home of her brother, C. M. Keller, went to Leroy Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. V. D. Hicks. J. F. Landes and daughter, Mrs. D. W. Day, of Grand River, came Friday evening and visited until Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Harris, in this city.