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IT WAS THE BEST YET

Farmers' Institute and Teachers' Meeting was well Attended and Good Interest Manifested.

The Decatur County Farmers' Institute held in this county last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, in connection with the Teachers' and Patrons' meeting and the rural school declamatory contest was a decided success. The attendance this year was much larger than at any previous year, and there was an increased interest. The exhibits of corn, oats and wheat were much larger than a year ago, and there were some fine samples shown.

The institute opened on Wednesday afternoon with music, followed by an invocation by Rev. E. M. Hoff, and an address of welcome made by Mayor Jas. F. Harvey, which was responded to by President L. D. Garber. Prof. A. H. Snyder of the State College at Ames, then gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on soils.

On Thursday morning there was an address on "Animal Husbandry" by Prof. H. F. Luick of Ames, who took the place of Prof. A. A. Burger, who was unable to attend. Prof. Luick is well posted on his subject and he judged the big live stock exhibit on Thursday afternoon, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction to everyone, for he judged all the stock strictly on its merits, not knowing who the owners were. The stock judging was one of the features of the institute and a big crowd was present to see it. It was generally admitted that it was the best exhibit of live stock ever held in Decatur county, there being 26 colts, 18 calves, 7 yearling heifers, 2 yearling bulls, and two mule teams entered for the various prizes.

Eleven draft colts were entered in competition, and everyone was a splendid specimen which will develop into a good draft horse if properly cared for to maturity. Prof. Luick gave each entry careful inspection before making his award. The Decatur County Live Stock Breeders' Association and the horse owners of Decatur county had hung up some valuable prizes for the best colts and calves, and the following were the awards:

K. P. Baker, of Woodland township, carried off the honors for the best colt shown, although excitement was at fever pitch as to whether he would win or Sam Sears, of Center township. Mr. Baker's colt was a horse colt, sired by Souldran Vulcan, and in addition to winning the \$5.00 prize offered for the best horse colt, also wins the grand sweepstakes prize of a silver cup offered by Truman Bros., of Bushnell, Ill., for the best colt sired by any of the many fine stallions they have sold in this county. The cup will be suitably engraved and when it arrives will be on display for a few days at The Reporter office.

The following is a list of the live stock prizes awarded:

Best horse colt, draft breed, K. P. Baker, Woodland, first, colt sired by Shire stallion Souldran Vulcan; James Howell, Leon, second, colt sired by Percheron stallion Vindert; Frank Hickman, Eden, third, colt sired by Shire stallion Eastwood Field Marshal. There were 11 entries.

Best mare colt, draft breed, S. W. Sears, Center, first, colt sired by Shire stallion Eastwood Field Marshal; C. S. Rumley, Center, second, colt sired by Shire stallion Tre Bon; James Hazlet, Eden, third, colt sired by Shire stallion Eastwood Field Marshal.

Best bull calf. There were 5 entries, 4 Short Horns and 1 Polled Hereford. Manchester Bros., Eden, first with Short Horn calf; C. S. Rumley, Center, second, with Short Horn calf; W. H. Campbell, Grand River, third, with Polled Hereford calf.

Best heifer calf. 5 entries, 4 Short Horns and 1 Polled Hereford. A. W. Deck, Decatur, first, with Short Horn calf; Manchester Bros., Eden, second, with Short Horn calf; W. H. Campbell, Grand River, third, with Polled Hereford calf.

While there was no prize offered for dual purpose heifers, there were four shown, 2 Red Polls and 2 Short Horns, and the owners asked that they be judged, the result being that W. H. Hazlet, of Eden, was awarded first and second with Red Polls, and Manchester Bros., Eden, third with Short Horn.

The following special prizes offered by horse owners for the best colts sired by their stallions were awarded:

G. W. Wadsworth, Tre Bon. Horse colt—First, L. R. Butts; second, W. C. Brown. Mare—First, C. S. Rumley; second, R. M. Board.

W. H. Akes, Vindex. Horse Colt—First, James Howell; second, A. E. Cotterill. Mare colt—First, Gurley George; second, Lewis Garber.

W. H. Akes, Hockwold Bordeaux. In the Coach horse special there were but two entries, a horse colt by C. W. Hoffman and a mare colt by John Garber, and Mr. Akes very generously gave each a first prize.

Belgian Horse Co., Lorne De Arbols. The Belgian Horse Co.'s special merited a better showing, as there should have been a half dozen colts entered instead of two, considering the value of the prize offered, but perhaps this was due to the lateness of making the offer. W. Waller was awarded first, and George Dunn, second.

For Bowsher & Bowsher's special for the best yearling dairy heifer, there were five entries, C. S. Rumley being awarded first.

For the Ballew Lumber Co. special for the best yearling bull, there were two entries, J. F. Rumley, being awarded first.

For the C. A. Hubacher special for the best mule colt under two years, there were two entries, and both sired by the same jack. One 18 months old weighed 1120 pounds and the other 5 months old weighed 680 pounds, Lewis Richardson being awarded the prize.

For the Kraft Clothing Co. special for the best mule team under 5 years, there were two entries, Vern Kier being awarded the prize.

The Decatur County Improved Live Stock Breeders Association held a business meeting at the Farmers' Institute closed Friday, at which arrangements were made to have another stock show next year. It was left to the executive committee to co-operate with the institute committee about holding the show in October, as owing to the limited accommodations for stock, and the uncertain weather, it was thought best to hold the show a little earlier. It was also decided to include hogs and sheep in the prize list as well as colts and calves, and the association will offer \$75 in premiums in these classes, so that farmers can begin to make arrangements now so that there will be a better general showing of stock next year. There is nothing which will advance the live stock interests of Decatur county more than a good stock show, because this is a natural stock country, and every farmer is interested in making it a success. The association elected ten new members and they would like to have as many more new members at the March meeting.

Friday morning the corn and grains exhibited were judged by Prof. G. R. Bliss, of Ames, and there was a splendid address by Fred Woolley, of Garden Grove on "Benefits Derived from an Organized Corn Club."

Agricultural Special Premiums. Wm. Crichton & Son, hand-saw and hammer, worth \$2.25, for best ten ears of yellow corn, W. M. Sipherd, Grand River.

J. A. Caster, one sack of EACO flour, for second best ten ears of yellow corn, Ray Jennings, Grand River.

W. C. Stempel & Co., one \$2.50 fountain pen for best ten ears of white corn, C. W. Moore, Center.

Pennwell Bros., one beef roast (\$1.00), for second best ten ears of white corn, Gurley George, Center.

R. O. Allen, one family clock, for sweep-stakes, best exhibit of corn, W. M. Sipherd, Grand River.

T. P. Fulton, one sack of Sunflower flour, for best single ear of yellow corn, Ray Jennings, Grand River.

Cholene Medical Co., one dollar's worth of Cholene remedies for second best single ear of yellow corn, W. M. Sipherd, Grand River.

Ogilvie & Gardner, one sack Gold Medal flour, for best single ear of white corn, W. M. Sipherd, Grand River.

Leon Reporter, one year's subscription for second best single ear of white corn, George Cartwright, High Point.

Bell & Robinson, \$5.00 hand painted vase, for sweep-stakes, best single ear of corn, Ray Jennings, Grand River.

J. R. Bashaw, handsome china, \$2 best specimen of pop corn, George Cotterill, Decatur.

Bradley-Watson Mercantile Co., one pair Harlow shoes, for best half bushel of oats, J. F. Garber, Center.

Decatur County Journal, one year's subscription, for second best half bushel of oats, Ralph Goodman, for best peck of wheat, Fred Woolley, Center.

Hurst Bros., one pair of Selz shoes, High Point.

J. R. Conrey & Son, one sack of White Loaf flour, for second best peck of wheat, Bert Woodard, Center.

H. A. Wright, one storm robe, for best sample (one quart) of cane seed, F. A. Garber, Center.

Bradfield & Gardner, one sack Ardee flour for best sample (one quart) of timothy seed, Frank Chastain, Eden.

C. F. Miller, one 18 inch pedestal, for largest half dozen Irish potatoes, Harve DeKalb, Long Creek.

Leon Bakery, five loaves of bread, for second best half dozen Irish potatoes, Frank Chastain, Eden.

F. N. Hansell, one pair \$3.00 shoes for heaviest pumpkin, A. Ironside, Center.

Poultry Special Premiums. Keller & Pryor, ladies' \$4.00 hat, for best pen Barred Rocks, Frank Chastain, Eden.

Clark Millinery Co., ladies' \$4.00 hat, for best pen White Wyandottes, S. Goodman, Center.

Leon Clothing Co., Man's \$2.50 fur cap, for best pen of Rhode Island Reds, Mrs. C. H. Mattison, Burrell.

VanWerden & Kopp, 25 lbs. Fleck's Hog Remedy, for best pen of Buff Rocks, Mrs. Ed H. Sharp, Center.

W. A. Alexander, four 25c packages of Pratt's Poultry Food for heaviest cockerel hatched 1910, Mrs. M. J. Powers, Burrell.

Dairy Special Premiums. Farquhar & Sons, handsome berry spoon for best one pound print of butter, James McMorris, Eden.

Hamilton, age 13. The election of officers for the ensuing year followed, resulting as follows:

President—Fred Woolley. Vice President—A. E. Cotterill. Secretary—J. W. Long. Treasurer—F. A. Garber.

Fred Woolley was elected as delegate to the annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society, with C. M. Akes, as alternate.

Friday afternoon there was an address on "Horticulture," by Prof. Bliss, of Ames.

On Friday evening the annual rural declamatory contest was held at the opera house, which was well filled. Three gold medals had been offered, the contestants to be from rural schools. There were eleven contestants, and all acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.

The judges, Mrs. Jennie Steel Huegle, county superintendent of Polk county, Miss Etta J. Rider, county superintendent of Ringgold county, and Prof. A. S. Fulton, superintendent of the Osceola public schools, awarding first place to Willie Rogers, of Hamilton township, his subject being "Sockerly Setting a Hen," second to Frank Myers, of Center township, his subject being "The Railroad Crossing," and third to Miss Flossie Luce, of Franklin township, with "The Stolen Watermelon."

Saturday was strictly devoted to the teachers' meeting and they had a most interesting and instructive program. The session commenced promptly at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and was in session all day. The program opened with devotional exercises by Elder J. S. Coffin, and the following program was carried out. We regret that we cannot speak individually of each number, but suffice to say that they were all good:

Song My Country 'Tis of Thee
Echoes From I. S. T. A.
 Miss Ella Grogan.
Better Preparation for Teachers.
Mrs. Jennie Steele Huegle, Des Moines.

Discussion A. C. Voelker. Agriculture in the Schools
 A. S. Fulton, Osceola.

Discussion O. H. Hollen. Piano Duet
 Misses Josephine and Ruth Chase

Some Characteristics of the Successful Teacher. F. H. Riggle, Decatur Saturday, 1:15 p. m.

Solo Miss Ruth Farquhar Needed Reforms in the Public Schools
 Hon. V. R. McGinnis

Discussion, F. P. Reed, J. C. Duffield.

Effective Story-telling
 Miss Myrtle Ballantyne, Lamoni

Discussion Anna Hoadley Piano Duet
 Misses Georgia Hurst, Alta Hart

Relation of Teacher to Pupil
 J. H. Dutton, Davis City

Discussion U. S. Webber

Editors Had Good Meeting at Albia. The Reporter man spent Thursday and Friday at Albia, attending the meeting of the Southern Iowa Editorial Association. There was a good attendance and the two days were occupied in discussions of topics of interest to the craft. It had been seven years since we had visited Albia, and we were surprised at the substantial improvements which have been made in this flourishing little city, one of the best in the state. Fine new modern business houses, paved streets, an interurban line connecting Albia with the surrounding coal fields, several new factories, and a general air of improvement apparent in all lines. While in Albia the visiting editors were shown every attention by the local fraternity, Horace Barnes, of the Albia Republican, being especially active in this line. We met several former Leon citizens who are now living at Albia, among them George Carmean, who is in the drug business, R. I. Mitchell, who is engaged in the implement business, and then when we visited the Tobey & Beck-tell cigar factory we found a whole bunch of Leon boys employed as cigar makers. Otis McKern is foreman of the shop, and working with him are Bert and Stub Gardner, Henry and Fred McKern. The boys have steady work and the factory employs a large number of cigar makers. They are making good cigars too, for the editors smoked nothing but Albia cigars while they were in Albia and we were presented with a box of La Vegas, the new ten cent cigar they are putting on the market.

Unloaded the Cinders. There was a peculiar wreck down at the depot last Saturday afternoon. Three big dump cars loaded with cinders had been set on the track for use in making the platforms for the new depot. Owing to the location of the tracks the men could only unload one side of each car, and while a freight train was switching in the yards they kicked a string of cars against the cinder cars and the result was that all three toppled over and unloaded the cinders in a hurry, as well as blocking the switch track for several days, as it was no small job to get the heavy cars back on the track.

Broke His Leg. Jap Cesler, a well known farmer living a mile south of Leon met with an accident Sunday evening which will confine him to the house for some time. He was leading a couple of colts up to the house to water them Sunday evening, and as they passed through the gate the colts crowded him against the gate in such a manner as to fracture his right leg.

WAS A SUDDEN DEATH

Henry J. Landis Died After Only a Day's Illness. Had Moved to Benton Only Previous Day.

Not for a long time has there been a death which has shocked our citizens like that of Henry J. Landis, which occurred at Benton, Iowa, on last Thursday evening. Mr. Landis had been a resident of Leon and the immediate vicinity for a number of years, and he was one of our most popular and highly respected citizens. After an active career as a farmer he had decided that he would now enjoy the fruits of his labor, and accordingly had arranged to take up his residence at Benton, Iowa, where his son, Dr. Frank Landis, is a well known physician. While never complaining Mr. Landis had not been in good health for several years, being a great sufferer from asthma. The first of last week he worked pretty hard loading a car with his household goods for shipment to Benton, where he had decided to locate. He left here in company with his wife on Wednesday morning, and on Thursday morning he was taken sick. Although given every attention he rapidly failed and passed away at the home of his son the same evening. His body was brought to Leon Saturday morning, funeral services being held from the M. E. church at 12:30 o'clock, interment being in the Leon cemetery.

Won Prizes With Leon Chickens.

C. W. Reeder, manager of the Leon Orpingtons, won fifth prize for the best pen at the Kansas City poultry show last week, with a pen of eight months old chicks, competing with matured fowls, with his S. C. White Orpingtons. There were 27 pens in the class, the largest list of entries ever shown in a single class in the United States. There were four imported pens and he beat two of them. While at Kansas City he was offered \$150 for the cockerel which headed his pen, but refused it. He also won first on pullet and first on hen as well as two specials at the Centerville Poultry Show, where there was strong competition. The Leon Orpingtons are as good as there are in the country anywhere.

Byrum—Massey.

Mr. M. E. Byrum, of Garden Grove, and Miss Ella Massey, of Lineville, were married at the M. E. parsonage in this city Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. M. Hoff. After visiting a few days with relatives in the east side of the county Mr. and Mrs. Byrum will make their home in Des Moines. Many friends of these young people extend their congratulations and wish them every happiness.

Broke Arm Cranking Auto.

Delos Ackerley, son of A. L. Ackerley, of this city, met with a painful accident at Davis City last Saturday. He had driven the Ackerley auto to Davis City, and while engaged in cranking the car the engine kicked back and the crank struck him on the right arm, fracturing one of the bones just above the wrist.

Killed in Denver.

Relatives and friends in this city have received the sad news of the death of Lyman, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Grayson, former residents of this city, who was spending the winter with his mother in Denver. The little fellow was run over by a heavy coal wagon and received injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Baptist Church.

The meetings at the Baptist church, conducted by Dr. Denham, of Kansas City, are growing in interest. He is a most eloquent speaker. Come out and hear him. The members of other churches are cordially invited to join in the meetings. Everybody come each evening at 7:30.

Electric Theatre Closed Saturday Night.

The Electric Theatre which has been operated in this city for nearly a year, closed Saturday night, and Manager B. R. Scott is moving the fixtures to Buxton, the big mining camp near Albia, where he will run a moving picture show.

Presbyterian Notes.

Sunday school at 9:45. Service at 11 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Junior Endeavor at 3 o'clock. Senior Endeavor at 6:30. F. P. Allen, Supt.

Marriage Licenses.

Delbert Smith, Garden Grove. 25 Lulu Bell Gibson, Garden Grove 17 Lee R. Beard, Pleasanton 19 Grace Nellie Griffin, Pleasanton 21 M. E. Byrum, Garden Grove 30 Ella Massey, Lineville 21

We are in receipt of a communication from Elbert A. Smith, of Lamoni, asking us to correct the statement that W. D. C. Pettysyn, who was sent to the insane hospital at Clarinda last week, was a minister of the L. D. S. church, stating that while Mr. Pettysyn was at one time a member of the church, he was expelled from the church some ten years ago.

HAIR HEALTH.

If You Have Scalp or Hair Trouble Take Advantage of This Offer.

We could not afford to so strongly endorse Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and continue to sell it as we do, if it did not do all we claim it will. Should our enthusiasm carry us away, and Rexall "93" Hair Tonic not give entire satisfaction to the users, they would lose faith in us and our statements, and in consequence our business prestige would suffer.

We assure you that if your hair is beginning to unnaturally fall out or if you have any scalp trouble, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will promptly eradicate dandruff, stimulate hair growth and prevent premature baldness.

Our faith in Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is so strong that we ask you to try it on our positive guarantee that your money will be cheerfully refunded if it does not do as we claim. Two sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. Bell & Robinson.

Smith—Gibson.

Last Thursday at the parlors of the Park Hotel occurred the marriage of Mr. Delbert Smith and Miss Lulu Bell Gibson, both of Garden Grove, J. S. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. These young people come from highly respected families. Mr. Smith's father, John Smith, is a well known citizen of Garden Grove, and Mr. Gibson was formerly a citizen of the vicinity of Leon, but moved to a large farm near Garden Grove which he purchased some two or three years ago. The groom's brother and his wife accompanied him and his lady to Leon and witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home on a farm near Garden Grove. A large circle of friends unite in wishing them a prosperous and happy life.

Christian Church Notes.

The special service of the C. W. B. M. last Lord's day evening was well attended and a deep interest manifested. The program revealed some interesting facts about the work of this organization and showed that marvelous results have been accomplished. The only thing that keeps this organization from "turning the world upside down" is its lack of funds. Our Bible school is growing in interest. The usual attendance is more than a hundred.

The theme for the sermon next Lord's day morning is "The Kingdom or The Church. When and where established." The evening theme, "In the Image of God."

J. S. Coffin, Pastor.

County auditor elect R. E. McLaughlin has moved to Leon, having rented the Mullinnix place in north-east Leon. He is putting in his time in the auditor's office so as to familiarize himself with the duties of the office. He will appoint S. G. Mitchell as his deputy.

H. A. Mitchell, of Saline, Mo., was in Leon Tuesday, having sale bills printed at The Reporter office. He has rented a farm owned by W. A. Alexander near Leon, and expects to move on it the coming week.

For Sale—One heating stove for soft coal, just as good as new. Burns soft coal, wood or coals. Will be sold at reduced price. Call at G. W. Jenree's dwelling, Leon, Ia.

Mrs. S. E. Hinman, of Madison, Wis., who was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, in this city, left Saturday to visit with a sister residing at Gagetown, Michigan.

Mrs. Tincie Shelton, who had been nursing the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Alley, who was sick with typhoid fever, returned Thursday to her home at Decatur City.

Dr. F. H. Penniwell, of Tingley, who had been visiting for a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Penniwell, in this city, returned to Tingley Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stanley and son, Neal, returned Tuesday to their home at Springfield, Mo., after visiting a few days in this city at the home of Mrs. Stanley's father, Mr. U. R. Mitten.

Rev. Wm. Biggs and wife left Sunday for Los Angeles, California, where they will spend the winter. Their daughter, Miss Nora Biggs, will follow them to California in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. W. C. Young and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jas. L. Young, of Corydon, returned home Saturday after visiting a few days in this city at the home of her former's daughter, Mrs. Fred Marvin.

Mrs. J. S. Parrish, of Osceola, and her sister, Mrs. J. A. McIntosh, of this city, went to Decatur City Monday afternoon to visit a few days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cherrington.

B. R. Scott, who has been managing the Electric Theatre in this city, visited over Sunday at his former home at Albia. He is moving his theatre this week to Buxton, Iowa, the big mining camp near Albia.

Judge J. W. Harvey returned Saturday from his trip to Texas, several days sooner than he expected to. He took a severe cold down there and wisely concluded that Leon was the best place on earth for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warnock, of Canton, Ill., who are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wright in this city, returned Saturday evening from a few days visit with friends at Shambaugh, Iowa.

THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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

An Inventor of Note.

Many Leon and Decatur county people will remember O. M. Howard, many years ago the editor of The Reporter, and a brother of W. H. Howard of this city. We still have evidence of his originality in the way of double engraved wood type and special cuts which he carved out while he owned The Reporter office many years ago. Mr. Howard is now putting on the market a number of his inventions, including a multiple color disc for job presses by which two, three or four color work can be produced at one impression, an automatic feed gauge, an automatic feeder which will feed one, two, three or four jobs automatically, and his company is developing a new type casting machine which does fair to do away with the great monopoly of the linotype, as well as a number of other useful inventions for the printing trade. He has offices at 99-101 Beekman street, New York City, and some of these days the name of Mont Howard is going to be one of the greatest inventors in the history of America.

Send Your Express Packages Early.

It is only a short time now until Christmas and for several days before Christmas the express companies are simply swamped with the thousands of Christmas presents which are shipped by express, and in many cases the presents do not reach their destination until several days after Christmas. All this could be very easily avoided if people would send their express packages at the earliest possible date. The express agent has a hard time of it handling all the business and when packages are taken to the office just before train time it is impossible for him to bill them out that day, and the company has issued strict orders that no packages are to be shipped until they are billed. Just bear this in mind and you will save a lot of trouble and worry about your packages. Ship them early.

Change in Bank Officials.

At a meeting of the directors of the Exchange National Bank of Leon on Monday, there was a change made in the officers of the bank, to take effect January 1st. S. G. Mitchell, who has been assistant cashier of the bank for a number of years, will retire with the close of the year, having accepted the appointment of deputy county auditor under Auditor McLaughlin, and E. G. Monroe, was elected as assistant cashier, and will take the position when he goes out of the county treasurer's office the first of the year.

Coal, Coal, Coal!

Coal is a whole lot cheaper.

Come and see us before you buy your winter coal. We have in stock some of the famous Illinois Carterville coal, lump, egg and nut size, also Centerville Block, and Smoky Hollow lump and hard coal, two sizes, chestnut and egg.

Leon Coal and Grain Co.

L. C. McKern returned Sunday from Henderson, Iowa, where he made a good record ETACIN SHR had been shucking corn, and he made a good record too, averaging 110 bushels per day for 24 days.

Mrs. J. H. Zook and children, Mrs. G. W. Aten and Miss Nona Feight, of Garden Grove, came Friday and visited a few days in this city at the home of Mrs. Zook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder.

E. D. Dorn, of Des Moines, a former well known banker of this city, was a visitor in this city last Thursday, going from here to Chariton to visit his son, A. E. Dorn, who is engaged in the clothing business at Chariton.

Alda Tansey, of Weldon, came Thursday evening and visited a few days with relatives and friends in this city. He had just returned from a trip of several weeks playing in the band with the Yankee Robinson circus.

W. H. Allbaugh, of Des Moines, who is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. E. Teale, at Lamoni, was in Leon last Saturday, attending the funeral of H. J. Landis, and visiting at the home of his son, J. E. Allbaugh.

Mrs. C. C. Little of this city, and her sister, Mrs. A. M. Wickizer and son Knight, of Quinter, Kans., who are here visiting, went to Humes-ton Thursday and visited until Saturday at the home of their sister, Mrs. S. D. Newell.

U. G. John returned Saturday morning from a stay of several weeks at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he filed on a 320 acre claim and built a barn. He expects to move on the claim shortly after the first of the year. Frank W. Garber who located near the same place some months ago returned with Mr. John in order to gather the corn crop which he had in here this year. He is well pleased with his claim.