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WHAT COURT IS DOING

Judge Maxwell Holds His First Term of Court in this City. New Grand and Trial Jurors.

Judge Evans run out of business and adjourned court last Friday until Monday, when Judge T. L. Maxwell, the new democratic judge arrived to hold the last two weeks of the term, Judge Evans going to Creston to hold court for Judge Maxwell so that a number of cases in which he had been an attorney could be disposed of.

Judge Maxwell and reporter Hyland arrived Monday evening and Judge Maxwell immediately opened court. He went at it like an old hand at the business, for he has been practicing law for so many years that he had no trouble in taking up his new duties. But he sprung one surprise by appearing here without his mustache, which gave him a rather stern look, and many persons could scarcely recognize the kindly faced gentleman on the bench as having changed his appearance greatly.

In obedience to Judge Evans' order last week the board of supervisors met last week and selected a new list of grand and trial jurors for service during 1911 and 1912, and from the list so returned the following grand and trial jurors were drawn for service at this term of court, the court ordering thirty trial jurors drawn instead of the usual panel of twenty-four.

Grand Jurors.

- Fair Naylor, Burrell.
- J. N. McConnell, Richland.
- Oscar Boatman, Long Creek.
- H. C. Watson, Decatur.
- J. G. Springer, Leon.
- Ed Briggs, Fayette.
- Ed Rumley, Center.
- J. E. Lentz, Woodland.
- J. K. Williamson, Eden.
- Curtis Farmer, Garden Grove.
- Robert Hutchcroft, Bloomington.
- W. A. Cummings, New Buda.

Trial Jurors.

- A. E. Poole, Eden.
- J. L. Priest, Decatur.
- C. W. Terry, New Buda.
- Robert Palmer, Grand River.
- A. H. Chapman, Fayette.
- J. C. Pierce, Franklin.
- E. W. Farquhar, Leon.
- Geo. Wadsworth, Center.
- C. B. Pence, Garden Grove.
- O. C. Fuller, Long Creek.
- D. Davenport, Fayette.
- T. E. Crago, Garden Grove.
- B. F. Hamilton, Leon.
- Wood Binning, Richland.
- Vern Kier, Center.
- H. C. Quiett, Leon.
- Ed. H. Peck, Decatur.
- John Robinson, Eden.
- Asa Burrell, New Buda.
- Ernest Hamilton, High Point.
- Jerome Trauple, Long Creek.
- J. C. Cozart, Decatur.
- W. H. Cozart, Woodland.
- A. T. Weldon, Decatur.
- W. Martin, Fayette.
- W. B. Gaylord, Fayette.
- J. B. Hollinger, Morgan.
- H. Reynolds, High Point.
- Albert Spray, Richland.

Tuesday morning Judge Maxwell, empaneled the grand jury, the following members being drawn for service at this term of court: W. A. Cummings, foreman; Fair Naylor, J. G. Springer, Oscar Boatman, Curtis Farmer, J. K. Williamson and J. E. Lentz. The court appointed Frank Gardner, of Decatur City, as bailiff and J. S. Parrish as clerk of the grand jury.

The attorney for Clarence and Hugh Teale, Tom and Ed Young who are in jail charged with the murder of Mrs. Lee Zornes, objected to J. G. Springer serving as a member of the grand jury, for the reason he had served as a member of the trial jury panel during the past year, and the court sustained the objection, and Ed Rumley was drawn to serve in his place in the cases above named, and Mr. Springer will sit as a member in all other cases. The Zornes murder is being investigated as The Reporter goes to press Wednesday afternoon, and a large number of witnesses have been summoned.

There will be no criminal cases tried at this term of court. In the case of Henry Rauch Jr., who was indicted for assault with intent to commit great bodily injury, a plea of guilty was accepted by Judge Evans and the defendant fined \$225 and costs. In the case against Clem Leedom, charged with rape, an amendment to the indictment was filed, which the defendant's attorney objected to but the court sustained the amendment, and the case goes over for trial.

The following cases have been disposed of since our report last week:

- Law and Equity.**
- E. A. Rea vs. A. A. Cash et al. Default and judgment for plaintiff.
- Wm. H. Benton vs. Mary A. Benton, decree of divorce.
- Eva Rhea vs. Charlotte F. Farnes et al. Tried to court. Judgment in favor of plaintiff, for title to property in Leon.
- E. C. Wilson vs. E. A. Lockwood et al. Final report of receiver approved.
- Geo. W. Rook vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. settled.
- A. M. Pryor vs. Ed Marvin dismissed at cost of plaintiff.
- Hurst Bros. vs. F. M. Rhoades et al. settled and dismissed.
- Sarah B. Foland vs. Harley Emley. Reports of four sales and deeds by referee approved.
- B. M. Russell vs. John Hatcher.

Settled by defendant paying plaintiff \$100, each party to pay their own witnesses, and defendant to pay court costs.

Julia Amanda Cook vs. Charles A. Cook, decree of divorce granted. Cole Mfg. Co. vs. D. & M. B. Keller, judgment against M. B. Keller for amount of account sued on.

Probate.

Guardianship of Elsie E. Andrew, report of sale and deed to Cary O. Andrew approved.

Guardianship of Thomas and Jas. Kelley, report of sale and deed to William Hoersch approved.

Guardianship of Edwin T. Dawson, S. Varga appointed guardian ad litem. Order as prayed for. A. E. Olsen allowed \$25.00 as attorney fee for guardian.

Estate of Rebecca S. Conkle. Will probated, S. Varga appointed executor.

Estate of R. W. Boeger, claim of W. S. Throckmorton, of \$15 for invoicing allowed.

Estate of J. F. Evans, final report approved.

Kryl Coming.

Why do successful musicians all wear long hair?

This question has been asked time and again, and it is going the rounds anew now, anent the appearance here at Leon Opera House on Thursday Feb. 9, 1911, of Bohmury Kryl and his own concert company, for Kryl has a shock of blonde hair beside which even the reddish mane of Paderewski pales. Kryl was asked this question many times, but he never ventured a reply, any more than did the great Pole. But it is a fact that musicians of the first rank are almost without exception long haired. True Sousa is not, but Sousa is bald, and he has a beard. But besides those named, Kubelik, Harold Bauer, Kochian, and any number of present day leaders, and such noted geniuses of the past as Beethoven, Liszt, Wagner, and any number more, have been distinguished by the length of their locks. There is seemingly something in long flowing hair that make for music. It certainly adds to artistic touch; one could no more imagine Kryl with short hair than one could think of Paderewski without his halo of red. But hair or no hair, Kryl can certainly play more notes on the cornet than any cornetist ever did here before—so said the New York Herald.

Mr. Kryl at the concert will be assisted by Miss Helen Norris, soprano, who has filled successful engagements with grand operas in Paris, Milan, London and New York; Miss Marie Edwards, who has made such a great hit en tour as soloist with Walter Damrosch and his New York Orchestra—she studied the piano under Leschetizky in Vienna, Austria; Mr. Saraslay Chimera, who is also Mr. Kryl's soloist when on tour with his band.

Josephine Kryl, violinist, will also appear with the company. She is a great hit wherever she plays—she is the daughter of Bohmury Kryl. Her last study was done under Jaroslav Kochian, the world famed virtuoso. Leon Opera House, Thursday February 9, 1911.

Dr. S. H. Stover Married.

We have received cards announcing the marriage of Dr. S. H. Stover and Miss Anna May Hanning, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hanning, at Preston, Minn., on Wednesday, Jan. 18th.

Dr. Stover is one of Decatur county's most prominent young men who have gone out in the world to win fame and fortune in various professions, but it seems that most of them win wives. Dr. Stover is a son of Mrs. S. H. Stover, of Pleasanton. He attended the Leon school and then graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and went to Preston where he located and has been very successful, building up a splendid practice. We are unacquainted with the bride, but that she is an estimable young lady we are certain, or she could never have won Dr. Stover. Many friends of the groom in this his old home extend hearty congratulations. The happy couple will go to housekeeping at Preston, and be at home in their own home after Feb. 1st.

Bought a Big Wagon.

William Goodman, of northwest of town was in Leon Saturday and purchased a heavy mountain wagon, 3 1/2 inch Charter Oak with 4 inch tires and four horse abreast double trees. Something which the editor has not seen in this country heretofore. He also bought a fine new set of home made harness which the firm of Bowsher & Bowsher manufactured to his order. Mr. Goodman drove his four fancy horses abreast through town and turned them around by the north lumber yard by simply speaking to them, and without touching the lines. Taking into consideration that these four horses had never been hitched this way before shows without a doubt that Mr. Goodman is the top notch horse trainer of Decatur county.

A Good Entertainment.

W. L. Harris, Evangelist, will give an entertainment next Monday night, Jan. 30, at 8 o'clock, in the Christian church, assisted by Elder Coffin and local talent. Readings from our standard authors, humorous and dramatic. Admission 25 cents.

Vacuum Washing Machines, something new. Call at Bowsher's.

DAVIS CITY FIRE SWEEP

Five Business Buildings were Burned Last Wednesday Night the Loss Exceeding \$15,000.

Our neighboring town of Davis City was again visited by a very destructive fire last Wednesday night, which destroyed five buildings in the business section of the town, the total loss being over \$15,000 with insurance of less than half of the loss.

The fire started in the L. Bason general store on the east side of Bridge street, and was discovered a few minutes before 12 o'clock by Ovid Shoemaker, who was sitting in the telephone office and noticed the light shining through the windows. The whole interior of the Bason store was a seething mass of flames, the building being a steel covered one and the flames did not break through until the building was nearly ready to fall in. The stock carried by Bason was worth \$3,000 to \$4,000, and he carried insurance of \$4,000, but we understand there is some question as to whether \$2,000 of the insurance was in force. The building was owned by Thomas Rains, and was worth \$3,000, being insured for \$2,000. There was nothing saved from the Bason stock, and it is said that some goods from his stock were found in the alley at the rear of the store, which had evidently been dropped by some one, and it is apparent that the fire was started by an incendiary or thieves who first looted the store and then set fire to the building either to cover the robbery or by accident.

South of the Bason store there was a small building occupied by L. A. Brown as an office, and nothing was saved from it. Mr. Brown lost all his office furniture, books and papers and it is hard to place a money estimate on his loss, but it will be \$300 to \$400, and he had no insurance. The building was owned by Isaac Toney and was worth about \$300, and he had no insurance.

Adjoining this building was the grocery and racket store of E. S. Grimes, who also owned the building. Just a few goods were saved from his stock, not to exceed \$200 worth. His stock was worth about \$2,500 and the building \$1,000, and he carried no insurance on either building or stock, so his loss is a hard one.

The next building to the south was owned by Isaac Toney and occupied by J. H. Farris as an implement store. He carried a stock worth \$3,000 to \$3,500, and but a small part of it was saved from the fire. He has \$1,500 insurance. The building was worth about \$900 and Mr. Toney had no insurance.

Then the blacksmith shop of Dick Scott was licked up by the flames, but he got out most of his tools before the shop burned and his loss will be about \$100, with no insurance. The building was owned by Isaac Toney and his loss is \$300, with no insurance.

A vacant lot stood between the blacksmith shop and the next building to the south, and the vigorous fight put by the men who had reached the scene was successful in stopping the fire at this point.

Across the wide street to the west from the Bason store the heat was so intense that the big plate glass in I. N. Jeffries' was burned out, and his loss will be \$200, with no insurance. The front of the postoffice building and the front of Dr. Wallis' office were also scorched and fell in, the damage on each being about \$50, but Dr. Wallis who owned the buildings is fully insured.

This fire following on the heels of the one which destroyed a number of buildings on the west side of the street only a short time ago, is a hard rap on Davis City, and makes the business section look pretty ragged, but we hope that new brick buildings will soon replace the burned structures and Davis City will be the winner in the end, although the loss is pretty hard on them at this time.

Horse Sale was a Dandy.

The big horse sale held on last Wednesday afternoon at the brick sale pavilion was one of the best ever seen in Leon. About fifty head of horses and mules changed hands at good prices, for there were a number of good buyers here, and the bidding was by men who wanted the stuff. The top price was \$210 for a horse sold by the Leon Horse Co. Those who attended the sale were unanimous of the opinion that it was one of the best sales they ever saw. Another big sale will be held in Leon on Thursday, February 2nd, and the buyers who were here last Wednesday and a number of others will be here again. If you have anything to sell better list it at once, as everything is sold in the order it is listed. These horse sales are conducted on the square and the farmers are finding out that it is better for them to put their horses through the ring and let them bring the top price than to sell to outside buyers at a smaller price.

Remember the date of the next sale and get your stuff ready.

Baptist Church.

Services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Subject for evening sermon, "Cowards and Giants." If undecided where to go to church Sunday evening, come to the Baptist church and hear Rev. Reeder. All are invited.

THE SENATORIAL DEADLOCK.

Byers has Withdrawn from the Race and Franke is Deserted.

There is practically no change in the senatorial deadlock at Des Moines, except that Byers has withdrawn from the race and Franke has lost his two votes. It is reported that Garst will lose his support next and Funk will be aided. The Byers support was thrown to Kenyon, and in the vote Tuesday Kenyon was only one vote behind Young. It seems to be Young against the field, with the odds in favor of the field. The following is the vote on Tuesday:

- Porter (D) 53
- Young (R) 35
- Kenyon (R) 34
- Funk (R) 28
- Garst (R) 27
- Absent, Leach.

The Revival Continues.

The revival meetings continue at the Christian Church with unabated interest. The bad weather we have had seems to make but little difference in the attendance. Night after night the church is filled with people who are deeply interested in the heart searching sermons of the great evangelist. People are still coming to the Lord in nearly every service. Already sixty-five souls have come down the aisle and taken a stand for Christ, and we feel confident there will be many more during the few remaining days of the great revival meeting. It is now planned to close the meeting next Lord's day, and make it the greatest day of all. It will be known as "New Converts Day" and we want every one who has come forward in the meetings to be there. A little souvenir will be given by evangelist Harris to each one who has taken a public stand for Christ during these meetings, whether they came by letter, statement, or confession and baptism. At the close of the free lecture Sunday afternoon, we want to get a picture of all the converts and others who have come forward during these meetings.

The subjects for the remaining days of the meeting are as follows:

- Thursday night,—"The Ship's Journey and Return."
- Friday night,—"What is Thy Life?" A Lecture Sermon.
- Saturday night,—"Dramatic Story of Queen Esther."
- Sunday morning, 9:45,—Bible School. Let old and young come.
- Sunday morning, 11:00—Sermon, "The Great Transformation."
- Sunday afternoon, 3:00—Free Lecture, "The Master Man," or "The Power of Manhood." Every body invited.
- Sunday evening, 7:30,—Closing service. An old-fashioned love feast. "What Doth the Lord Thy God Require of Thee?"

We hope none will lose the opportunity to take advantage of the few remaining services of this great meeting. We welcome you.

J. S. Coffin, Pastor.

Hot Shots from Evangelist Harris.

"We have many folk with religion and no piety."
"Tomorrow's character is determined by today's action. Many know but won't do."
"Some are pilgrims, others are Grim Pills."
"Some are so good that they are absolutely good for nothing. They belong to the do nothing society."
"It takes heat to melt ice. The Devil can quote more scripture than many Elders and Deacons."
"Some wouldn't know the Devil if they met him in the road."
"Advice is easy to give—so much harder to live."
"We shouldn't be so foolish as to set the day and the hour for Christ's second coming, but wise enough to be ready."

Increasing Their Business.

Bowsher & Bowsher, the big implement and harness firm of this city with a number of branch stores at other towns in this county, have added a new department to their business. They have always sold harness as well as implements, but this year they have engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of harness on quite an extensive scale. They have installed a powerful electric harness sewing machine and have three expert harness makers at work turning out the best harness ever made in Decatur County, and their harness department is a busy place for they have a large number of special orders booked for this spring's delivery. They are prepared to make any kind of a set of harness you want, and you can have it plain or trimmed to suit your taste. And not only in this harness department are they busy, but in all the other departments are they busy receiving car load after car load of new goods for the spring trade. There are now ten people employed regularly at the Leon store and their weekly pay roll is quite an item. There is nothing in the line of implements, wagons, buggies or harness which Bowsher & Bowsher can not sell to their trade at the best prices to be found in Decatur county. Call in at the big store and see them.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. S. Claycomb, of Pontosauc, Ill., will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening. He is a candidate for the pastorate, and there should be a full congregation out to hear him. A cordial invitation is extended to all church goers to attend.

FINALLY SECURE WATER

Pipe Line to Sand Bank and Caster's Lake Completed and Abundance of Good Water Secured.

After struggling along for many months and operating under adverse circumstances on account of the great scarcity of water, the Leon Electric Co. are feeling pretty good just now over the completion of the water system installed by the Leon Water Co. and they are now assured of an ample supply at all times for their plant, and also for use at the court house and Hotel Leon, with both of whom they have a contract to furnish water. The new system was put in by the Leon Water Co., of which J. M. Caster is president, Sam C. Johnson secretary, A. M. Caster treasurer and J. F. Smith superintendent. At considerable expense they have constructed a pipe line running from the electric light plant to a new well at the sand bank southeast of the city a mile, and from there to a well west of Caster's lake, where there is an un-failing supply of good water. A well north of the lake is also connected, with access to both the creek and the lake. The water will be pumped from the lake to the sand bank, where it is filtered through fifty feet of sand into the well and from there will be pumped into the city. They have already installed an electric duplex pump with a capacity of forty gallons per minute, and are constructing a cave at the sand bank and as soon as it is completed will install a second pump of greater capacity, which will force the water from the well to the power house, power being furnished from the electric light plant, an up-to-date 2500 volt alternating current power line having been built from the power house to the sand bank and lake. The water is absolutely pure and soft, and they are now prepared to furnish water to all who want it, a great many tanks being hauled each day from the pipe line at the power house to consumers in the city whose wells are exhausted. Since connecting up the line they have been using water at the rate of many thousand gallons of water a day, without diminishing the supply of the wells. The new water company did not rush into the water business with the intention of interfering with the city's waterworks system, but as the city system is not much nearer to a realization than when the proposition was voted fourteen months ago, the electric light plant was up again the proposition of securing a supply of water or being compelled to shut down the plant, and they could not afford to do that, neither would our citizens stand for it. And if a private company can secure a good supply of water why cannot the city go ahead and do so. If they cannot locate water why not contract with the private company to furnish the water for a standpipe, and it is claimed that they have ample water to supply the entire city for many years to come. This proposition is worthy of serious consideration by our city council. Many of our citizens have very little faith in a deep well ever furnishing a supply of water either in quantity or quality. Many towns around us, Centerville, Bedford and other places having been compelled to abandon their deep well systems. The contractor who is drilling the deep well has done no work for nearly two months although his contract called for the completion of the well by November 1st. He should either be compelled to push the well to completion so that it can be determined whether we can secure deep well water or abandon his contract. At the rate the matter is dragging along our city waterworks system will not be installed for years to come.

New Depot in Use at Last.

After waiting until we almost despaired of ever getting to use our fine new depot, on account of the many yards of official red tape which had to be used among the railroad officials, the long looked for order came last Saturday for Agent Ketcham to commence using the new depot on Monday morning, and the early morning train was the first regular train to stop there. All day long there was a steady stream of visitors going to see the new depot, as many of our citizens had never seen the interior. Agent Ketcham devoted the entire day to showing the visitors over the building and it is sure a fine one. The travelmen are unanimous of the opinion that it is a little the finest depot on the Burlington system. A number of the ladies went down last week and hung the pictures which Agent Ketcham had secured and the waiting room looks like a parlor. Leon has good reasons to be proud of her depot, and we are the envy of all the towns on the Burlington system.

Walter McNeley Sent to Prison.

Walter McNeley, a former well known resident of this county, was convicted at Bethany, Mo., last week of the crime of rape and was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary. Walter made an assault on a girl down about Blythe-dale, and has been in jail at Bethany awaiting trial. Missouri laws are such that a conviction for rape may mean hanging, but there must have been extenuating circumstances for Walter escaped with the minimum penalty, five years. Geo. W. Baker, of this city defended him.

A TRUE FISH STORY.

Big Catch of Fish Made From Tank of a Burlington Engine.

Would you believe a really true fish story if we were to relate one here? To keep from offending a friend we often allude to an innocent bit of prevarication as a fish story instead of a lie, but in what we are about to tell, "fish" is about the only term that would exactly designate the class to which the story belongs. This morning when an effort was made to get Burlington engine No. 1948 in readiness for its run, it was found impossible to get water through the injector. The usual routine of work was gone through for cleaning this part of the engine, but still the water would not pass through it, and it became necessary to lay the engine out for repairs. On opening up the tank and allowing the water to pour out the workmen were awe stricken to see the catch they had made. A few fish made their appearance in the first water that came and before the job was finished over three bushels of the little members of the fin tribe had been taken from the tank. They were of the sun and cat species, ranging from three to six inches in length. Of course, they were all dead, as the water in the tank is kept hot while the engine is in operation. It is not known just where the fish came out of the Thayer lake. The engine is from the Ottumwa division and it is thought Thayer or Osceola are about the only places where fish could escape into the water tank. It is evident that the screen on the intake pipe from some one of the bodies of water had become removed thus allowing an open passage for the fish from the reservoir to the water tank.—Creston Advertiser-Gazette.

Robbery at Weldon.

Last Wednesday evening January 11, another robbery was pulled off in Weldon. The Monroe general store, Dr. Jamison's office, Jim Bower's blacksmith shop and the Luce barn being entered. Evidently the job was done by local talent. It was not until about nine o'clock Thursday morning that it was discovered. In at Monroe's store Geo. Lowman stepped to the back window on the north side to read something and remarked to Olan Monroe that there was a glass broken, but nothing especially was thought of it at the time. In a short time Burrell Monroe who has charge of the hardware department came in and went into the hardware room and noticed that some of the stock knives were missing and also some razors and a little change he had left in the drawer and on further investigation they found that the clothing stock had been disturbed and some other things taken but it is impossible to tell how much goods were taken. From the tracks on the ground at the window, previously mentioned, it was a foregone conclusion that this is the place that they entered, the tracks indicating they were two parties, one evidently having on one shoe larger than the other. It was also found that they had entered Dr. Jamison's office and took three pint bottles of whiskey, one of the bottles, emptied being found on the street in the morning. At Jim Bower's blacksmith shop they took several "neversliff" horse shoes, and at the Luce barn east of the picture gallery they took a fine eight dollar lap robe belonging to Mr. Arnold who clerks at the Lockwood & Warren store. This petty thieving is very annoying to the merchants and it is the opinion of nearly everyone that it is parties living in this neighborhood. They are knocking on the penitentiary doors.—Weldon American.

Flynn-Zimmerman.

Mr. John Flynn, of southeast of Leon and Miss Elida Zimmerman, of near Lineville, were married at Chariton Tuesday of last week at the Catholic priory by Rev. Father McGillin. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of brown satin, and the most conspicuous part of the groom's attire was his beaming smile. They were accompanied by Chariton by the groom's sister, Miss Alice Flynn. These estimable young people are well and favorably known by a large circle of acquaintances. They returned to Leon Wednesday evening by way of Des Moines, and will shortly go to housekeeping on the groom's fine farm. Their many friends extend hearty congratulations and wish them every happiness.

Wells-Fogleman.

Mr. Neil Wells and Miss Della Fogleman were married by Rev. Wm. Owens at his home in north Leon last Thursday evening. They expect to make their home in St. Joe where Neil has employment and their many friends extend congratulations.

Ira O. Ryan is Dead.

The sudden death Tuesday morning of Ira O. Ryan at his home 4 1/2 miles north of this city, was a severe shock to his many friends. Mr. Ryan was sick only a week, being taken down with lung fever, and it was not thought until shortly before his death that his condition was serious.

Marriage Licenses.

- Elvie N. Wells, Leon 25
- Della Fogleman, Leon 19
- Fred R. Judson, Lamoni 32
- Anna Willis, Lamoni 27