

THE WAUBONSIE TRAIL

Leon Boosters are Making an Organized Effort to Secure this Good River to River Road.

Leon has woken up, along with Mt. Ayr, Kellerton, Lamoni, Davis City, Decatur City and other towns and decided that they want the Waubonsie Trail to come through the southern or central part of Decatur and Ringgold counties instead of following along the line of the K. & W. railroad through Grand River, Van Wert, Weldon and Humeston to Corydon. Word was received last Thursday evening from the Mt. Ayr Commercial Club that they had sent representatives to Shenandoah to endeavor to have the road run via Mt. Ayr and Leon, and asking that Leon send a committee to Mt. Ayr Friday evening to take steps with them in the matter of securing the road. Leon never does anything by halves, and Friday morning a special coach was chartered and headed by the K. P. band nearly a hundred boosters went to Mt. Ayr, being joined by delegations from Lamoni and Kellerton, and an enthusiastic meeting was held, the proposition thoroughly discussed, and it was voted that a committee consisting of five members from each town along the proposed route be held at Mt. Ayr and Leon on Monday to arrange for going to Shenandoah with the two counties organized and meet the officers of the Waubonsie Trail association and make an effort to have the road established through Mt. Ayr and Leon, and then straight east to Corydon. It having been already decided that the trail would have Corydon as an objective point. The road is now located as far east as the west line of Ringgold county, at a point which is a mile north of Mt. Ayr. Leon is directly east of Mt. Ayr, but the towns along the K. & W. got busy and have already joined the association and want the line to run north to Tingley then east to Grand River, and other towns along the railroad line. This route would be 35 miles longer than through Mt. Ayr and Leon to Corydon from the point on the west side of Ringgold county where it is definitely located; and we believe it can be shown that not only the shorter road but a much better road can be run through Mt. Ayr and Leon. It will lengthen the route about 12 miles to go from Kellerton to Lamoni and Davis City, but if a more direct route is insisted on the road could run from Kellerton to Decatur City and then to Leon. It is a direct road straight east from Leon to Corydon through High Point and Lewisburg.

The committees from Lamoni, Davis City and Leon met in this city Monday and agreed to make a concerted effort to secure the road, and a similar meeting was held at Mt. Ayr at the same time at which committees were present from Kellerton. The upshot of the meetings is that a special train has been chartered by the boosters to run to Shenandoah Thursday to present the claims of the Mt. Ayr-Leon route, and there will be a big crowd go from all the towns. The train starts from Mt. Ayr at 7 a. m., and leaves Leon about 9 o'clock.

It will be remembered that the Leon Commercial Club through its secretary, J. S. Coffin, proposed to establish a river to river road across the southern tier of counties in Iowa as long ago as last May, when secretary Coffin wrote to all the county seat towns asking them to meet and take up the matter, but there was not sufficient interest shown at that time, but the proposed Waubonsie Trail is evidently the result of that agitation.

The towns along the north route have already presented their claims and paid their admission fees, but the route has not been settled yet. Everybody here is hoping that the trail will come through Leon, for we have many advantages, including the best auto machine shop in southern Iowa, and in a couple of months we will have the best garage between the rivers, a modern fire proof structure, and this will be one of the advantages which the boosters will urge. There is one thing sure and that is that if the road passes through Mt. Ayr it will come to Leon, either through Lamoni and Davis City, or from Kellerton to Decatur City.

A special meeting of the Leon Commercial Club will be held this (Wednesday) evening to hear the official report of the committee meeting and arrange to go to Shenandoah on the special train. The train will leave Leon at about 9 a. m., and return some time in the evening. Let everybody who can go and help the boosters to secure the Waubonsie Trail for Leon.

New Court Cases.

Nora Sticker vs. J. K. Sticker. Plaintiff and defendant were married at Van Wert, Oct. 13, 1895, and lived together until Jan. 18, 1911, and plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of adultery. She also asks for temporary alimony of \$300 and permanent alimony of \$100.00. C. W. Hoffman attorney for plaintiff.

Coral Horner vs. Elizabeth A. Smith et al. The parties are the heirs of Alexander H. Smith, and ask that his property be sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff. S. R. Schenck vs. Oliver F. Duncan et al. Action is brought to foreclose a mortgage on real estate for \$6,528.34. S. Varga and G. M. Titus, attorneys for plaintiff.

M. M. Turpin vs. Harve Poush. The plaintiff sues to recover \$150, the value of a mare, which was killed by the alleged negligence of the defendant. C. W. Hoffman attorney for plaintiff.

J. M. Canida vs. Luis Green. Suit is brought on an account and note amounting to \$155.55. O. M. Slaymaker and V. R. McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

A. Anderson vs. J. E. Anderson. Two suits are filed by plaintiff, who claims an interest in the property of the late Mrs. Rebecca S. Conkle and which was by her willed to J. E. Anderson, claiming she had no title to the property, and he asks that he be declared one of the heirs to the property. S. B. Allen and Sharp & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Miller-Watt & Co. vs. J. B. Tye. Suit is brought on an account for \$450.87. Marion Woodard attorney for plaintiff.

L. L. Payton vs. L. M. Payton. The parties were married at Leon on July 11, 1908, and lived together until Sept. 29, 1910. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of desertion. A. P. Olsen attorney for plaintiff.

Trial Jurors for March Court.

The trial jurors for the March term of court which convenes in this city on March 20th, with Judge Maxwell presiding have been drawn by the county officials. The regular panel only has been drawn, but if the cases against the Teale and Young boys for the murder of Mrs. Levi Zornes is tried at this term of court, Judge Maxwell will probably order a special venire drawn, as it will be necessary to have a large number of jurors to secure a jury. The following is the regular panel for the term:

- L. D. Rose, Woodland.
- George Wolever, Franklin.
- C. P. LaFollette, Hamilton.
- J. A. Fisher, Woodland.
- Wm. Young, Garden Grove.
- James Evans, Fayette.
- N. C. Merrick, Fayette.
- R. E. Lantz, Franklin.
- B. E. Akers, Decatur.
- V. D. Hicks, Garden Grove.
- E. W. Cooper, Fayette.
- Charles Deemer, Burrell.
- O. A. Anderson, Fayette.
- J. H. Edwards, Richland.
- F. Osborn, Burrell.
- Lewis Elwell, Leon.
- L. D. Asbach, Burrell.
- Charles Sharp, Hamilton.
- Roy McAllister, Franklin.
- Davis Jones, Garden Grove.
- A. B. Wilson, Long Creek.
- Irvin Green, Fayette.
- E. N. Allen, Long Creek.
- C. H. Trembly, Morgan.

Death of Oldest Twin in the World.

Some months ago The Reporter printed a picture of Uncle Jack Phipps of Farragut, a former resident of Decatur county, and brother of Mrs. F. A. Gardner, and brother, Eli Phipps, of Hamon, Okla., the oldest living twins in the world, they being 99 years of age on Feb. 14th. But this remarkable record for longevity was broken last Wednesday when Eli Phipps died at his home in Oklahoma. There are very few persons who live to the age of 99 years, and there is no record of twins both living to this remarkable age before.

Barn Burned.

The barn owned by Mrs. Mary Criago in east Leon was destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock last Thursday morning. When first discovered the barn was about ready to fall in. How the fire started is a mystery, as the barn was almost empty, no stock being kept in it, but a buggy and some other goods owned by S. K. Carmean were stored in it. Mr. Carmean had no insurance, but Mrs. Craigo had \$200 on the barn.

A Great Speaker Coming.

Mr. E. W. Ahen, National Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society will arrive in Leon next Saturday and will hold a great rally at the Christian church on Saturday. Ahen is the man who gave the address with which every one was so well pleased, in the church basement at the men's dinner in Nov. Don't fail to hear this great man. It will be a treat.

Public Closing Out Sale.

W. H. Bronson will have a public sale Wednesday, March 15th, 4 1/2 miles west of Decatur City, and 8 miles southeast of Grand River. Look for big adv. and bills next week. 270 head of cattle, 25 horses and colts, 150 hogs.

See "A Pair of Country Kids" at the opera house this evening.

THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET

Leon Commercial Club had an Enjoyable Time at Their Annual Banquet Wednesday Evening.

The third annual banquet of the Leon Commercial Club was held at the K. P. hall last Wednesday evening, over two hundred ladies and gentlemen being present. The ladies of the Christian church served a five course banquet in a style which cannot be excelled in any city. The Leon orchestra furnished a splendid music throughout the evening.

Hon. V. R. McGinnis presided as toastmaster, and as the banquet was held on the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, it afforded the toastmaster an opportunity to pay a glowing tribute to this grand man. Four of the gentlemen who were to respond to toasts were unable to attend, M. M. Reno, Iowa passenger agent of the Burlington being called to Chicago on important business, W. C. Stempel and C. W. Hoffman being prevented by illness, and Senator J. D. Brown could not leave the senatorial deadlock at Des Moines. Dr. B. L. Elker was called upon to respond to the toast, "George Washington," and although he was only notified after reaching the banquet hall, he made a short talk which surprised everyone, and was one of the treats of the evening. Mayor James F. Harvey told of the progress which had been made in drilling for deep water, the toast assigned to him being "Deep Wells are Bored." He told in a concise manner of the hard work which the city council had been doing to push along the waterworks and of the obstacles which had been encountered, and said that the work of drilling was now going on in earnest, with new men in charge and they are making good progress. President James W. Hurst of the Commercial Club responded to the toast "Leon Commercial Club" and told of some of the things which the club had accomplished and of others they had in view. Mr. Hurst is a good talker and one of the hardest workers for the interests of the Commercial Club and the city. J. R. Bowsler responded to the toast "Now for a City Park," which had been assigned to Senator Brown, and he outlined a plan for securing a park which met with the approval of his hearers. He is a booster all right and always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel. Mr. C. H. Harrison, of St. Joe, who had the contract for building our magnificent new depot was called upon and he made a real booster talk, and one which struck a warm spot in the hearts of his hearers. He likes Leon, and does not hesitate to say so. The railroad officials who were expected to attend all sent regrets, there being an important meeting at Chicago that day which they had to attend.

Following the banquet and speaking in social talk, with music by a quartet composed of Bob Tatman, George Boone, Leslie Grimes and Will Rhoads, and the orchestra.

Along about midnight everyone went home, feeling that it was a good thing to be a member of the Leon Commercial Club, and well satisfied that the third annual banquet had been a success.

Exchange Business Locations.

A deal which has been pending for some time was finally closed Tuesday, whereby Frank N. Hansell takes a long lease on the big Biggs building which has been occupied by the Bradley-Wasson Mercantile Co., and will take possession at once. This is the largest store building in Leon, and Mr. Hansell's growing business demanded more room than his present quarters afforded. He will also add several new lines to his department store not heretofore carried on account of lack of room. It will make an ideal home for the Hansell store of which Leon and all Decatur county will be proud of.

The Bradley-Wasson Co., who have been closing out their stock with the intention of retiring from business in Leon have decided to remain here and have leased the building now occupied by Hansell's store. The basement will be used as a ladies wearing apparel department and a commodious rest room will be fitted up for the ladies. Mr. Bradley left this morning for market to buy a big stock of new spring goods.

Gorsline-Seward.

Mr. Raymond E. Gorsline, of Garden Grove, and Miss Florence Seward, of Davis City, were married at the M. E. parsonage in this city on last Wednesday evening by Rev. E. M. Hoff, pastor of the Leon M. E. church. The happy young couple will take up their residence at Decatur City and many friends extend congratulations.

Marriage Licenses.

Amer W. Emmons, Saline, Mo. . . 17
Maude M. Huston, Pleasanton. . . 17
Fred M. Young, Grand River. . . 24
Ruth E. Ward, Grand River. . . 18
Oka Beavers, Woodland. 18
Alta Petty, Woodland. 20

Land! Land!

Buy you a home in Texas, now while you can get a good one for ten to twenty dollars per acre, on easy terms. One good crop will pay for it. W. V. Greenland, Miles, Texas.

Dinner March 7th at the Presbyterian Church from 5 to 7 p. m.

Baked Chicken, Dressing and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cabbage Salad, Pickles, Jelly, Coffee, Ice Cream and Cake.

Dissolution Notice.

Having dissolved partnership all persons knowing themselves indebted to us must make settlement by check or note by April 1st, 1911. 26-3t Lloyd & McLaughlin.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Receives the February Contribution in Stempel & Cherrington Aid to Charity Contest.

Promptly at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Feb. 28th, the ballot box was declared closed in our big Aid to Charity Contest for the month of Feb., and the Christian church was awarded the \$5.00 contribution.

The vote stood as follows:
Christian church. 3414
Presbyterian church. 628
Methodist church. 499
Baptist church. 71
Homesteaders Lodge. 6
K. P. Lodge. 6
Leon Commercial Club. 1
Judges—Sallie Varga, Ella Monroe, Viola Jones.

Remember the best is yet to come. We will give \$5.00 each month and on December 31st, we will give four prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 to the four organizations receiving the greater number of votes for the year.

Don't forget to call for your tickets and vote for your favorite organization.

A Good Town.

Among the other places that has failed to gain in population is Leon, the good town down in Decatur county where O. E. Hull, V. R. McGinnis, C. W. Hoffman and others reside. These gentlemen are all good democrats and capital good fellows. There are lots of other good people in that town. Mr. Hoffman claims a distinction that as a lawyer he has not a client in the penitentiary, or that was his claim a few years ago. Mr. McGinnis nearly everybody up this way knows, especially the democrats. He has been a candidate for congress and was a candidate for judge last fall along with Tom Maxwell. Mr. Hull is the editor of The Reporter of that place and is said to be the only man in Iowa who works eighteen hours a day. The population of Leon in 1905 was 2,027 and the present census shows it is 1,991. In 1900 there were 1,905 people in the town and that included the above good democrats. Leon is said to be the only town in southern Iowa where a majority of the business men are democrats. They probably have been busy is the reason there has been such a small falling off in population. However it is a good town and does show the falling off many of the county seats have.—Corning Free Press.

Christian Church Notes.

We had a great day last Lord's day. The Bible school numbered 174 notwithstanding the bad weather. Every one seems to have caught the spirit of enthusiasm and the one purpose common to all is to move forward. The pastor was greeted with a large and appreciative audience at both services. In the evening the choir under the direction of Dr. Woodmansee rendered some special music which was full of praise and greatly appreciated.

Mr. E. W. Allen, one of our National Secretaries, from Kansas City, Mo., will be with us over next Lord's day, and will also give an address on Saturday night. Mr. Allen is the man who thrilled the men at our men's dinner in the basement of the church in November. He is a great speaker and one should not fail to hear him. He will speak on Lord's day morning and evening as well as on Saturday night.

Enthusiasm ran high and was given expression in a vigorous applause by the whole Bible school last Lord's day when the note which was given for the piano was publicly burned.

We have our stakes set for 200 in the school and will surely reach it soon. J. S. Coffin, pastor.

Presbyterian Notes.

Rev. Griffin will preach at the Presbyterian church both morning and evening, Sunday, March 5th. He is a candidate for the pulpit and comes highly recommended. A full attendance of the church and congregation is requested.

The singing at the Sunday School is quite a feature, and we expect to have a recitation and possibly some special singing next Sunday. There will be special singing at the Senior Endeavor by the little girls quartet.

Sunday School 9:45; preaching service 11; Junior Endeavor 3:30; Senior Endeavor 6:30; preaching 7:30.

Adding to Surplus.

The directors of the Exchange National Bank of Leon celebrated Washington's birthday by passing another \$1,000 to their surplus fund, making a total of \$10,000 surplus, which with their capital stock of \$37,500, gives them a capital and surplus of \$47,500. The Exchange National bank is growing stronger everyday, and it has the entire confidence of the banking public.

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A DAY LETTER SERVICE

Rate will be One and One-Half Times the Rate of the Night Letter Service by W. U. Wires.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. seems to have made a hit with its night letter service. The little letter of not to exceed fifty words that can be flashed over the wires and delivered at the same rate that was heretofore charged for a ten-word day message filled a long-felt want. There may have been some doubt in the minds of the officials when they introduced the innovation but that doubt was soon dispelled. The company is not making any announcement as to the success of the night letter plan. The dear public is not informed as to the probable profits, and, after all, the public is not particularly interested in that phase of the question. The dear public has found the innovation just what it needed and the company has been quick to realize that it has struck a good thing. Very wisely, it believes in giving the dear people what they want and so another innovation is now announced.

In addition to the night letter service, we are to have a day letter service. Of course, day letters cannot be sent at the same rate that is now charged for night letters, but the new day letter will be accepted and sent promptly and delivered with equal promptness at the rate of one and one-half times the cost of the night letter. That is that a fifty-word day letter may be sent at one and one-half times the charge for a ten-word day message. The innovation will take effect on March 1, and everybody about the offices is convinced that it is going to be a good thing and will prove as popular as did the night letter service.

And in the future the young man, married or single, who heretofore found ten words insufficient when communicating with certain people, will be able to use fifty words without bankrupting himself. For a hundred other purposes the new arrangement will prove of real value.

Emmons-Huston.

Last Saturday at 12 o'clock Mr. A. W. Emmons, of Saline, Missouri, and Miss Maude M. Huston, of Pleasanton, Iowa, were quietly united in marriage at the parlors of the Hotel Leon, Eld. J. S. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church officiating. The bride and groom were accompanied by Mr. Ernest Emmons and Miss Marion Huston, who were the only witnesses to the ceremony aside from the minister. The bride is the daughter of the late F. M. Huston and wife, highly respected citizens of this county. While we are not acquainted with Mr. Emmons nor his parents, he represents the appearance of a gentleman, and a young man of ambition and thrift. The happy young couple will make their home on a farm near Saline, Mo. Many friends and acquaintances join in wishing them prosperity and happiness.

Leon Wants a Park.

The people of Leon have awakened to the fact that a park would add much to the attractiveness of that city and are taking steps to secure one. We hope they will make a success of the enterprise. Leon is a beautiful town with good business houses, and when a nice well kept public park is established it will be one of the most attractive towns in southern Iowa. Humeston has a fine park and it is one of the most attractive features of our town, especially for big public occasions it has proven its usefulness and comfort. While at all times its grateful shade and beauty make it a most pleasant retreat. A park is something that every citizen of a town is proud of and can enjoy.—Humeston Era.

Iva Velma Akers.

Iva Velma, the youngest daughter of T. M. and Clara E. Akers, died at their home northwest of Leon, Feb. 24, being 9 years, 1 month and 1 day old. The remains were taken to Elk Chapel Feb. 25th, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Reeder, interment being in the Elk Creek cemetery, and a large number of neighbors and friends accompanied the little one to her last resting place. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

Injured in Runaway.

As D. G. Gammon and family were returning to their home west of Leon last Sunday noon, his team of mules became frightened just at the approach of the bridge west of the K. & W. tracks, by a lot of snow falling from the fence. The mules turned quickly down the embankment, overturning the carriage, and Mrs. Gammon's left shoulder was broken. The children and Mr. Gammon escaped uninjured. The mules ran through the wire fences but were not hurt.

Methodist Church.

The interest in the special meetings remains good, and they will continue all of this week.

On next Sabbath the Sacrament of baptism will be administered to all who desire, followed with the Lord's supper.

The second quarterly conference will be held Monday evening at 7:30. District superintendent A. A. Thompson will preside.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Editors: Hazel Moore, Helen Norton

"O, why and whither?—God knows all.

I only know that he is good, And that whatever may befall, Or here or there, must be the best that could."—Whittier.

Misses Nyel Hillard and May Waters, from Garden Grove, were High School visitors Wednesday.

Miss Kriddebaugh entertained her scholars at a Martha and George Washington tea party last Wednesday afternoon.

Last Wednesday's "spelling bee" in the High School proved a great success to some and a failure to others. It was a splendid review. Olive Bright senior and Ruth Farquhar junior tied for the prize.

The Physics class had an interesting experiment Monday morning with a small wireless telegraph machine. To prove that it can do more than send and receive messages at Prof. Voelker's suggestion, the class received a good shock from its electric current.

Mrs. P. F. Voelker, of Detroit, Mich., arrived Monday train the contestants for the coming contest to be held March 10th.

Reed Shultz, of the 5th grade is ill with pneumonia. Several grades spelled down last Wednesday. In the 8th grade Edgar Rowell and Marguerite Daughton spelled the school down.

The report cards for the past six weeks will be given out next week. The scholars await in suspense their fate.

Miss Sears was absent from school one day last week on account of sickness.

The weekly High School program for last Friday proved entertaining as usual. The program was in honor of George Washington. The first number was "America" sung by the school. Josephine Beavers read an interesting paper on "The Reconstruction of Mt. Vernon." Winnie Shira read a paper on "Washington's School Days," and Olive Bright closed the program with a medley of "National Airs." The school sang several patriotic songs in addition to these numbers.

AN IDEAL SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

Recent issues of The Sunday Record-Herald remind one that Chicago may fairly lay claim to producing the best newspapers in the world, not excepting those of New York. The Sunday Record-Herald in foreign news alone has its own special cable service in addition to those of the New York Herald, World Journal of Commerce and Associated Press. This is a fair example of the completeness of the paper in every department.

Aside from the regular news features, there is something in The Sunday Record-Herald for every member of the family. The special by William E. Curtis and Walter Wellman are always interesting. The sporting section offers four whole pages of fresh and authentic news in every line of sport. The woman's section is filled with illustrated articles on the latest wrinkles in fashion and domestic science, with Marion Harland as a regular contributor and Dame Curtesy's "Novelties in Entertainment" as a valued feature. The dramatic page, written by James O'Donnell Bennett, is admittedly without an equal in the West. The array of splendid special articles by skilled writers, finely illustrated, also is typical of the high literary quality of The Record-Herald.

In the way of humor there is the comic besides Charles Lederer's cartoons and laughable articles for adults and S. E. Kiser's delightful "Alternating Currents" for everybody.

But the thing that lifts The Sunday Record-Herald most emphatically above all its rivals is its magazine section. There is nothing else that can touch this in American journalism. The Sunday Magazine of The Record-Herald is a real magazine, full of stories and articles by the most famous writers of our day, illustrated by celebrated artists. In quality and beauty it compares favorably with the best monthlies. No wonder The Record-Herald is regarded as the ideal Sunday newspaper.

Notice of Final Proof.

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, Iowa.

In the estate of Thomas P. McConnell, deceased.

No. 1665 Probate.

To Whom it May Concern: You are hereby notified that the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Thomas P. McConnell has filed his final report therein in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for the aforesaid county, and has asked for its approval and his discharge from further duty or responsibility therein, and that said report and application for discharge will come on for hearing before the Court aforesaid at 2 p. m., on the 21st day of March A. D. 1911, at which time and place you can appear and show cause, if you have any, why said final report should not be approved and the undersigned discharged from any further duty or responsibility therein.

M. A. Johnston, Administrator.

For Sale—Three more good young Hereford bulls. Grandsons of Old Preceptor. One Short-horn. J. B. Dale, R. F. D. 3, Leon, Iowa. 36-3t