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Bill Taft, with Miller Bros. International Shows, Severely Wounds Attendant.

The trained animal show with Miller Bros. International Shows which exhibited in this city all last week under the auspices of the K. P. band, was the scene of considerable excitement last Friday morning when Bill Taft, one of the largest of the trained lions badly lacerated the arm of Joe Creighton, one of the keepers employed with the show. The lion had been in ill humor for several days, acting very ugly and had inflicted a small cut upon his head. Creighton was attempting to apply some antiseptic medicine to the sore reaching through the bars of the big iron arena, when the lion seized his left arm and pulled him through the bars to his shoulder. and president of the trail associaband from Miller Bros. Carnival Co., through the bars to his shoulder. Lie presented the project to the were also taken out and furnished seized his left arm and pulled him His cries attracted several of the atand tried to beat the enraged lion erty, Mo., this afternoon in the interaway, but did not succeed until est of the project and will preside Capt. Scott, the animal trainer ap- over a tri-county meeting in Camfrom the man, and he was given attend. An effort will be made to tention. The lion had bitten and determine at that meeting all the dechewed his arm badly, there being determine at that meeting all the deabout thirty teeth marks in his arm. Some one telephoned Mr. Miller, who was in his private car at the depot, and with Mr. Bowen, who has charge of the circus, he hastened to the scene, and the unfortunate route and by officials of counties and On reaching Leon the big procesyoung man was taken to Dr. H. R. townships through which the road sion of 41 cars passed down Main Layton's office where his arm was passes," Mr. Hopkins said this morn-street, made a loop around so the dressed and he was given every at-

of the five trained lions, he told us the five trained lions, he told us they were all forest bred beasts, and were not yet three years old. He has only been training them for ten has only been training them for the has only been training them fo they perform many good acts. He tages and actual money profit have home at 2:30, several cars escorting under the auspices of the K. P. band admitted that this particular lion, been shown in the last year more them out to the Shultz corner four boys, and the boys are ahead \$108 Bill Taft, had on several occasions than ever before, has reached a fever miles north of town. The visitors made vicious attacks on him while he was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them, and cash by the was in the case with them. The was increased cordial reception given them in Leon and as we heard one of the visitors cash by the was in the case with them. across his right wrist almost cut his first, installing permanent bridges. The following is a list of the num-hand off, another on his leg and a and the like. The farmers along the bers, makes and occupants of the animal did not hesitate to attack a the road dragged and in condition. Pilot Car—Cadillac, E. C. Harlan man. The wound on his wrist re- "The efficacy of a read plan that and wife, Mrs. Alice Peasley and The wound on his wrist required twenty-six stitches in dress-ing, and when it was inflicted it was necessary for the attendants to use er-to-River highway in Iowa, the sev-Sam Cheshire, Miss Neola Cheshire, herosene torches before the lion could be subdued. And the same evening he gave another exhibition of his ugliness. Capt. Scott was in the act of feeding the lion just before support when the same left to the support when the same left the time he goes into the iron enclosed mobile Club. arena with these ferocious lions. But probably it is only a question of ahead as the membership already Tom McClure. time until he will be killed by one had been taken. The road markers of them, for they are treacherous will be delivered in ten days. " brutes and are only waiting for their chance to tear him to pieces.

special train, where they are showing this week under the auspices of Hopkins said. the Eagles.

A Monthers' Meeting.

Chapter W. of the P. E. O. society issued invitations to the ladies of Leon to attend a mothers' meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Harvey last Wednesday afternoon, and about ninety ladies were present. A fine musical program was rendered, Miss Georgia Hurst playing a piano solo, Misses Maude Ogilive and Margaret Johnston sang a duet, Miss Alta Hart played a piano solo, Misses Elma Forbes and Margaret Hurst eer mothers of the city, including tended the State University. Mrs. A. L. Curry, Mrs. Emma Bowman. Mrs. Frances Hurst, Mrs. M. H. Wood, Mrs. S. Farquhar, Mrs. T. S. Arnold, Mrs. S. C. Penniwell, Mrs. spent a decidedly enjoyable after-

Accepts a Position at State Univer-

Mr. Clive Alexander, of this city, City last week, had intended to go Chariton Monday looking after ious to have him remain at Iowa City was unable to locate them in that for another year and tendered him city. a position as instructor in chemistry at a salary of \$1,000 per year, and he has agreed to spend the coming the best colleges in America.

J. O. Moon, of Lamoni, has purby Mrs. Daisy McCutchan, on north within thirty days.

An Improved Highway From Kansas City to Des Moines is Being Made by Inter-State Trail Association.

A graded, dragged and marked earth highway betwen Kansas City and Des Moines is a project soon to be realized, according to the plans of the Des Moines, Kansas City and St. Joseph Inter-State Trail Association. The markers have been ordered, and the same practical methods are to be used in pushing the work to com-Bethany, Mo -- about half the distance and the branch of the road from Bethany to St. Joseph. "Finishing" is hardly a proper word, because the road plan of the association contemplates that work on the trail shall continue indefinitely.

W. A. Hopkins, cashier of the State Savings Bank, of Lamoni, Iowa, tion, presented the project to the tendants who hastened to his rescue, Automobile Club. He will go to Libpeared, and the lion sulked away eron, Mo., tomorrow afternoon, which tails of the route between Kansas er, J. E. Andrew, F. S. Stewart, Orel Estes, Dr. H. R. Layton, Dr. B. L.

bers now. We also have promises of and were then taken to Hotel Leon,

weeks, but has them already so that classes of lowa, where the advan- and gentlemen, and they left for which he had received from the county authorities have been help- express himself, "They have a teeth and claws of the lion. One ing to put the road in condition at mighty social lot of people in Leon." third on his side showed that the route, aided by the overseers, keep cars from Indianola:

fore supper when the animal struck be considered a member of the assorough, Mrs. Fred Young, him on the left hand with one of his ciation when two hundred residents No. 4—Ford, Grant E him on the left hand with one of his class music while in this city.

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In the station when two hundred residents of the city shall have joined and they played some very high and they played some very high and they played some very high and they play cian. Capt. Scott is a young man, become members by taking two hun- Carl Johnson, Howard Noble. but he has plenty of nerve, and he dred memberships each. That mattakes his life in his hands every ter, too, was presented to the Auto- V. Proudfoot, Miss Chattie Proud-

"But the association is going

"Of course, there will be a time The Miller Bros, shows went from road will be considered, but we are Raymond Jones. general plan to be worked out includes Leavenworth, and we hope to Hooper. obtain aid from the government, be- No. 12-Overland, Mrs. O. a military road between Fort Leav- grass, Ed Porterfield.

enworth and Fort Des Moines." None of the officers of the associa- Carl Orr. toin receives a salary. The road No. 14-Chalmers Detroit, mileage from here to Des Moines and Mrs. O. P. Judkins, Mr. and Mrs. will be about two hundred and twen- Clarence Litzenburg, Durane Judty miles.—Kansas City Star.

Decatur County Boy Wins Gold Medal.

We learn that Harry Buffum, of sang a duet, Miss Margaret John- Leroy, who graduated from the Lib- Myrtle Brent. ston played a violin solo, and Mrs. eral Arts department of the State C. G. Cline sang "Bye Honey Lam" University at Iowa City last week. Bye, Bye," being accompanied on the was awarded the Iowa Sons of the piano by Mrs. Sam C. Johnston, with Revolution gold medal for excellence a violin obligato by Miss Margaret in history. This prize is awarded an-Johnston. This song was composed nually to the male graduate showing by Mrs. J. L. Harvey, of this city, the best record in history during the the music being by Carrie Stone entire college course. This is the Freeman, of Chapter W, Los Angeles, second time this medal has been California. It has been published awarded to a Decatur county student and the proceeds of the sale are do- in the past three years, the medal nated to the P. E. O. educational being won in 1909 by H. Hale Smith, fund. After the musical program of Lamoni, and it speaks well for the there were talks by some of the pion- Decatur county boys who have at-

Robbed of Money and Watch.

A traveling collector for a Kirks-J. D. Brown, Mrs. Merriam Cald- ville, Mo., firm claims to have been well and others. Light refreshments robbed of his gold watch and \$40 in were served and the ladies present money in this city last week. The fellow had been drinking pretty heavily and could not tell just when or where he was robbed. The first county recorder Ira B. Officer, time about \$20 in silver was taken from his pocket, and the next night his bill book and gold watch were who graduated in chemistry at Iowa taken. Sheriff Andrew went to east to continue his studies, but the couple of fellows who were thought faculty at Iowa City were very anx- to be connected with the touch, but Meadows Farm.

A Dull Town.

Why do young people leave Win- view Stock and Fruit Farm.' ear as a member of the faculty of terset? No opera house, no band, the State University, and will then no base ball team, no dancing clubs, lands Farm." continue his studies in chemistry at no driving horses to amount to anything. Nothing done for the young people to give them the amount of amusements a healthy young person chased the residence property owned demands. If we want to keep our young people we will have to give lain street, and will take possession them something else than a church social.-Winterset News.

Indianola Auto Club Enjoyed a Sociability Run to this City Last Wednesday with 24 Cars.

Twenty-four autos, containing ninety-one people, made the round trip from Indianola to Leon and return over the Inter-State Trail last Wednesday, it being a sociability run of the Indianola Auto Club. And every car came through and reported pletion as were employed in finishing the roads in good condition. No atthe road from Des Moines as far as tempt was made to establish a speed record, each car being assigned a number and was not allowed to pass the car ahead unless it had stopped on account of an accident. The visitors reached Leon about 1

o'clock, several Leon autos going out several miles to meet and escort them to the city. The fine Italian some splendid music. Those who were in the party who escorted the visitors to Leon were J. R. Bowsher, pilot car, H. A. Wright, Thos. Teale, E. W. Teale, Marion F. Stookey, Morris Gardner, Dr. O. W. Fox-City and Bethany.

"The work of the association is Eiker, and Jas. F. Harvey, and each control of the control o

In talking with Capt. Scott, the in-trepid young trainer who has charge eers of Missouri and Iowa. where Landlord Cooper had a splen-did dinner ready for them, and after "You say some farmers are not in. their long ride they did ample jus-

Pilot Car-Cadillac, E. C. Harlan

V. Proudfoot, Miss Chattie Proudfoot, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Proudfoot. live chickens. The largest of these No. 7—Overland, Dr. W. M. Park, snakes is a boa constrictor 26 feet 8

No. 8-Ford, Dr. G. W. Newsome, No. 9—Warren Detroit, Mr. and good sized hen and wrap their body J. A. Newsome. when oil and rock surfacing for the Mrs. E. F. Jones, Miss Nell Jones,

here to Chariton Sunday on their undertaking now what we know we No. 10-Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. O. can accomplish immediately," Mr. K. Butler, Mrs. Alice Miller, Miss Hopkins said. "Incidentally, the Adeline Miller, Waldon Miller. No. 11—Reo, Dr. and Mrs. M. L.

cause the trail could be used as Baker and son, Mrs. George Snod-No. 13-Buick, Dr. E. L. Baker.

kins.

No. 15-Apperson, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson. No. 16-Ford, Mrs. E. L. Miller,

Leo Miller, Merritt Beach, Miss No. 17-Ford, Dale Smith, Harry Smith, Mayor J. W. Slocum, Oscar Trueblood.

No. 18-Hupmobile, Mrs. D. M. Dashiel, Richard McCoy. No. 19-Maxwell, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Owens, Prof. J. A. Baker and mother, Mrs. Ada Loring.

Faye Guy, Mrs. Mark Sayman, Mrs. \$104,080,75 surplus and undivided Gertrude Newman. No. 21-Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee.

Press Car-Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNeill, Miss Anna May Swan, Loren Talbot. Repair Car-Overland, Vat Loring, Paul Cole, Ben Cole.

Registered Names for Their Farms.

The following is a list of the farmers who have filed application with have the names of their farm registered as provided by the new law which goes into effect July 4th: C. P. Brant, High Point, "Pioneer

Farm. A. H. Metier, Franklin, "Weldon M. C. Freestone, Decatur, "Sunnyside Farm.'

J. E. Leeper, Sr., Center, "Forest Lawn Farm.' John E. Anderson, Fayette, "Fair-Fred Woolley, High Point, "Fair-

Marriage Licenses.

Clyde Markham, Maitland, Mo. . 24 Gertrude Cole, Maitland, .Mo. . 27

Charles Mitchell, a Former Leon Boy. has Good Position With Big Moline Plow Concern.

.The following dispatch from Albia tells of the rise in the business world of Charles Mitchell, a former Leon boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Mitchell, who moved to Albia from this city a few years ago, where Charles engaged with his father in

the implement business: Albia, Iowa, June 17 .- When the John Deere Plow Company, of Moline, Ill., was reorganized this spring with a capital of \$50,000,000 it wasn't supposed that an Albian would get a look in at the big concern. But when an Albia boy goes up against the outside world and is making good you can bet your last nickle that some of the representatives of the big corporations have their eyes on that lad and will call him at the proper time. That's the history of many an Albia boy, and history will go repeating itself until the end of time.

Charles Mitchell, formerly of this place, but who has been on the road for the past year in the interest of the John Deere Plow company, has been appointed first assistant to J. F. Jones, sales manager of the John Deere Plow company, of Moline, Ill. It is a fine position and Charley's friends in Albia and Monroe county will join in congratulations and hope to hear of his climbing to the top of the ladder before he quits the plow

Carnival Closed Saturday.

Miller Bros. United Shows closed their week's appearance in this city Saturday evening. They did a fair business during the week, but the have a good clean list of attractions with them, and during their stay in this city they made many friends. They probably ran behind while in Leon, as their expenses are very heavy. It cost them \$275 for railroad charges to come from Unionville to Leon, and \$250 for their train from this city to Chariton. They have a fine band, and altople, all of whom must be paid salaries and expenses, and it is doubtful if they took in as much money as they spent in Leon. The concerts given by the Italian band were fine,

inches in length and his mate is almost as large. They would take a around it, squeezing it to death and then swallow it whole. On Thursday evening while the keeper of the big snakes, J. W. Menefee, was feeding a chicken to one of the boa constrictors, one of the Silver Rock Phytons sprang at him and fastened his teeth in his hand, the snake's teeth cutting to the bone and the wound bled profusely. He grabbed the back of the head and lifted several feet of his body from the ground, thus preventing it coiling around his arm. A number of people were in the tent at the time, and the most of them made a hurried exit when the snake fastened on the man's hand.

A Bank With a Record.

From the report of the condition of the First National Bank, of Garden Grove, at the close of business on June 7th, when the comptroller of currency made a call on all national banks for a financial statement. we notice that while the bank has a capital of only \$25,000, it has a surplus fund of \$25,000, and in addition has undivided profits amount-No. 20-Reo, Mrs. A. R. Guy, Miss ing to \$79,080,75, making a total of profits, over four times the amount of capital stock. That is the bank known as Squire Stearn's bank, and it stands at the head of the list of all the national banks in the United States, as having the greatest assets as compared with its capital stock. Squire evidently does not need any of the profits of his bank, but we wish he would cut it up and give us a little slice, say enough to buy an auto or some small trinket like that.

Fine Farms For Sale.

640 acres in Butler county, Kan in fine neighborhood, land lays fine, all improved, fine grain and grass farm, lime stone soil and black grows the finest of bluestem meadow, only \$55.00 per acre.

160 acres in Bourbon Co., Kas., an ideal location, well improved, grain and grass farm, looks a great deal like the best country north of Leon. Iowa, you will buy on sight, can't beat it for the price, only \$55.00

I expect to be in Leon in July, and write to me at once if you wish to figure to buy, and I will see you in Leon and tell you about the country and farms. I can call you over the phone from Leon. Write to me at

LION ATTACKS KEEPER TWO STATES BEHIND A ROAD. MANY AUTO VISITORS LEON BOY IN DEERE CONCERN. BALLEW GETS ANOTHER

Member of the Mabray Gang Who Swindled Him Out of \$30,000 in a fake Horse Race.

T. W. Ballew, the millionaire lumdoing time in prison, and according to the following Associated Press dispatch from New York City, last

two years ago.

Thirty-fifth street, who was arrested on May 5, for having tried to "tap" tractor of this city and Philadelphia visited it say it is the best garage for \$20,000, when a prosperous looking stranger, followed by two detectives, walked into the court room.

The stranger took a seat in the front row of benches and gazed keenly at Morton. Then he arose, walked over to within a couple of feet of Morton's chair and took another good look at him. Returning, he said to his two companions with a grin:

"At Last! That's one of them. knew I'd get even sometime.' Story of the Stranger.

To Magistrate McAdoo, who wonstranger then told his story:

we have to have you in.

ers will all bet with us—and they'll

Mr. Ballew took a long breath the filing fee is \$1.00.

where the big snakes were shown, as they were fed while in this city, since they did not want the cash, at the that they were on the level. In a Monday evening. In the absence of cash. I put it up.

"Well, the race was run. But the horse, against which they had laid prices, won, instead of lost, and bang! went my \$30,000. 'We were "double-crossed," the members of the band told me. 'The jockey threw us down.'

Made a Vow to Pursue.

"I had met several members of be held next week: Himena Hoffthe band, judge, and I made a vow man, chairman, Edgar Ketcham, then and there that I would pursue Blanche Brann, Alta Hart and Mrs. them until I got one at least. So I Voelker. read every newspaper that I could, went to every city where a man was banquet will be given at the M. E. being tried for wire-tapping and church by the Ladies Guild. The relooked at every prisoner held on port of the committee was accepted that charge. I've been on the job and the banquet will be given Tuesfor neary two years.

"That man there (Morton) is one of the gang that got my \$30,000. Wynne Cash and Leo Hoffman were He wasn't the leader, but he was one chosen to draw up a constitution and

"You seem to be a good detective, next year... Mr. Ballew," said the magistrate. "I congratulate vou.." Then he ordered the rearrest of Refreshments were served and all

morrow on the new charge. Postoffice inspectors present at Morton's hearing declare he is a member of what is known as the 'Mabray gang" which flooded the west and south with literature and got many victims of the Thomas W.

but thirty-five are now under indictment and a dozen or more are in jail. Will Establish Cut-Off Trail.

starting from Albany, Mo., and running through Allendale. Hatfield. Kellerton and Decatur City, then to Leon. The claim is made that this will shorten the Inter-State trail by some miles, and it will at least insure another permanent good road leading to Leon from the west. This four trails running north, south, east and west.

Mrs. W. S. Nye entertained a number of ladies at an afternoon party Gertrude Cole, Maitland, .Mo. 27 once.

Carl A. Leech, Derby....... 23 H. Clay Bowsher, 4050 Broadway, freshments were served and a deple too, for there is not a better band lightful time enjoyed.

July. The boys will please the people too, for there is not a better band in this part of the state.

Occupy Fine New Garage.

E. W. Teale & Son are now occupying the fine new garage on Commercial street, moving their machinery to the new building the first of the week, and they have the most modern and complete garage in this part of the state. The building is owned by E. W. Teale and Dr. H. R. berman of Princeton, Mo., who owns Layton, and was erected at a cost of a lumber yard in this city, is still \$3,000. It is 40x96 feet, and is absore over the way he was confidenced solutely fire proof, the walls being of out of \$30,000 in a fake horse race cement bricks and blocks, with ceat Council Bluffs a couple of years ment floors throughout, steel ceilago by members of the famous Ma-bray gang, part of whom are now them the entire floor space without a single post. The building was designed and erected by F. L. & Harry Jenkins, of this city, and is sure a week identified another member of good one, showing their skill as the gang who worked him for the builders. The garage will be steam heated, with water connections, so New York, June 14.—Thomas W. that cars can be easily washed, elec-Ballew, merchant of Princeton, Mo., tric lights throughout the building, may be a "come-on" for "wireless and a storage gasoline tank is being wire trappers," but he is also a "come-back," as a member of the so that gasoline can be pumped ditapping fraternity found here Mon- rect to the cars. The north end is day. Mr. Ballew turned up as a devoted to the work shop, the big Nemesis to an alleged member of a engine, lathes and other tools filling band which got \$30,000 from him this room. There is a pit for use in out in his native village nearly repairing cars, and with Mr. Teale and his son Chet for mechanics it Chief Magistrate McAdoo was con- will be possible to have almost any ducting the hearing of James Morton, of 342 West One Hundred and garage, and two better auto workmen cannot be found anywhere. It is a garage of which Leon can well Charles McDonald, a prominent con- be proud of and tourists who have

Recording Farm Names.

they ever saw outside of some of

the larger cities.

In view of the fact that the law for the registering of farm names in the recorder's office is a new one, people in general do not understand it, will say for the benefit of such that the applicant must make application on a blank furnished by the recorder and sworn to before a notary, or justice of the peace and filed in the recorder's office the same as a deed or mortgage. Upon recording dered what all this was about, the the applications the recorder issues a certificate to the applicant which "Judge, I'm Thomas W. Ballew, sets forth the name, etc., and which of Princeton, Mo. In October, 1909, gives him a monopoly on the name a man whom I met out there came he has chosen. The law goes into to me and said: Mr. Ballew, there's effect july 4th, next., Applications going to be a grand trimming of may be received at any time, but the suckers on a fake horse race at a certificate will not be issued until county fair within the next few days, after that date. However your name and we want you in on it. In fact will be protected from the filing of we have to have you in. "We've got everything framed up. no similar name has been filed or re-We're to run a book and lay a good corded. I am glad to note that a price against the favorite. The suck- good many farmers are taking an interest and naming their farms. I all lose, as the horse is to be 'pulled.' think there is nothing that will do But we have to have some money more to advertise the county with to show them, so we want you to the same amount of outlay that nam-put up \$30,000'" ing your farms. Please remembering your farms. Please remember.

Ira B. Officer, County Recorder.

Alumni Reunion.

An Alumni reunion of the classes at the home of Prof. Voelker last Miss Georgia Stewart, president, and said the intended victims wanted Miss Wynne Cash, vice president, Miss Ruth Chase was elected chairman and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President-Edgar Ketcham. Vice President-Ethel Beck. Secretary—Fanny Hazlet.

Treasurer—Fay Benefiel. The following committee was then chosen to arrange for a banquet to

The committee reported that the day evening, June 27th. A committee of Roland Allbaugh,

by-laws to be adopted at the meeting In addition to the business meet-

ing an enjoyable reunion was held. Morton, who will be arraigned to- report a grand time.

Report was Exaggerated.

Sunday's Register and Leader had a special telegram from Jewell, Iowa, in which it was reported that D. C. McDowell, formerly of this city, was Ballew type, cleaning up several hundred thousands of dollars. There gerously injured one of the men employed in his gang of the Bell Telewere eighty in the band originally, phone Co. linemen, by striking him over the head with a hammer, but the man injured was not hurt as bad as reported and instead of being in jail Doss returned to this city Tuesday. The trouble arose over the Another auto trail is coming to man Louder refusing to take orders Leon, a meeting of good roads en- from McDowell, who was in charge thusiasts being held at Hatfield, Mo., of the gang of workmen, and upon last week, and an organization per- his refusing to work as directed Mcfected with I. J. Dalby president, Dowell told him to go to the hotel Taylor Grimes vice president, L. R. and wait until the return of the fore-Drechler secretary, and F. A. Smith man who had taken a part of the treasurer, all of the officers living at gang and gone to the country to do Kellerton. They propose to have a some work, leaving the balance in cut-off to connect with the Inter-charge of McDowell. Louder be-State and Waubonsie trails at Leon, came obstreperous and was interfering with the work, and threatened McDowell, who is a small man. Thinking he was going to be attacked and beaten Doss struck him with a hammer he had in his hand, and knocked him down, but he was not seriously injured.

will make Leon the junction point of K. P. Band Goes to Osceola July 4th.

Ed Farquhar and Rolin Benefiel vere at Osceola Tuesday and closed a contract for the Leon K. P. band to furnish the music for Osceola's Tuesday afternoon, the afternoon be- big celebration on the Fourth of in this part of the state.