

Orphan Ridge.

C. A. Hatfield and wife and W. M. Barlean went to Leon Saturday. F. T. Smith is delivering corn to L. A. Durell this week. E. Merryman and wife spent Saturday night at A. S. Gardner's. Our mail carrier on Route No. 3 took a layoff last week on account of the bad roads, and no news from these parts last week. Several from here attended a dance at Arthur Campbell's Friday night, and all report an enjoyable time. Miss Edith Parsons, of Leon, is visiting relatives here this week. C. M. Akers called at the Merryman home Sunday. A. J. Piper and wife spent Sunday at James Marvin's. John Barlean is working for Mr. Kimple this winter. E. Merryman called on Amos Brazelton Sunday on business. A. J. Butts called on C. A. Brewer Sunday, and also gave ye editor a call. Zeke Merryman sold his hogs to James Parker, of Davis City, and delivered them Monday. It took eight teams to haul them, there being 54 in all. C. E. Gardner and Peter Crikshank of Leon, drove down Sunday and spent the evening with E. Merryman. George Stephen and family spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Jones. Miss Bessie Butts spent Sunday night with her friend, Miss Hazel Hatfield. Fred Smith had business at Davis City Monday.

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Texas, "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Bell & Robinson.

High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stiles, of Crown, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Bumgarner, and Mrs. Jones, of Moravia, Iowa, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. West Warrington. Mr. and Mrs. John Konkln and daughters Lennie, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brant spent Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Trave Lane near Woodland. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. K. Beavers returned home Tuesday of last week after spending several months with their children in Colorado. The many friends of Uncle Jim are glad to see him so much improved in health since his recent sickness. Mr. and Mrs. Orren Skinner visited Sunday with his Bro. Jim and wife. Mrs. Jones, of Moravia, returned to her home Saturday after spending several weeks with friends at High Point and Garden Grove. Mr. Sprigg Smith and family visited Sunday at the Wilson Keller home. Mrs. F. E. Warrington spent Monday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. West Warrington. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woolley called Sunday afternoon at Will Smith's. Mr. Edward Gaunt and family spent Sunday with Mr. B. F. Aten and family. Several in this vicinity are putting up ice. It is very good, considering the snow that has fallen.

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Morgan.

Miss Hallie Hubbard returned home Sunday from Leon where she had been attending school. M. L. Dale delivered turkeys to Pleasanton Thursday. Freeman Hawkins and family spent Sunday at Ella Gammill's. Mrs. Sarah Robinson spent one day the past week with her son, John, and family. Lawrence Poland and family visited at Orf Fisher's. Miss Anna Hubbard spent Thursday afternoon at M. L. Dale's. Iley Gammill and wife, Miss Nellie Dale, Delbert Cozad and Jesse Maynard called at Eugene Gammon's Sunday afternoon. Mrs. M. Maynard was numbered with the sick the past week. M. L. Dale was a business visitor at Lineville Saturday. What a grand old world this would be to live in if each individual would only learn to attend strictly to his or her affairs and tell nothing but what they knew to be the absolute truth. Iley Gammill and wife spent Tuesday at the Dale home.

A New Discovery.

One of the sensations of the twentieth century is Meritol Rheumatism Powders. A boon to every sufferer. The best known remedy for rheumatism in all its forms. Ask those who have tried it. Stempel & Cherrington.

Pleasant Valley No. 2.

George Hendrickson, of Dakota, came last week to visit with his uncle, Elias Hendrickson and aunt, Mrs. George Green, of Van Wert. He says it was very cold up there, being 31 below zero, but he thinks the people can stand the cold there better than they can here because the air is so much lighter and drier. Mrs. Lavina Jimmerson, of Grand River, was visiting last Sunday with her son, Henry Jimmerson. Grandma Cole is in very poor health this winter. She is very old, about 95 years, and this cold winter is very hard on her. Rev. Curtis Adams and family, of Grand River, spent last Sunday at Charley Hukill's. Albert Leek and Nina Foland were visiting a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Warrick, of Clarke county, returning home Monday. Mrs. Isaac West, of DeKalb, visited a few days week before last with her brother, John McKee and sister, Fannie McKee. Miss Anna Perdew, of Leon, has been visiting with her uncle, John Perdew, at Grand River. Mrs. Louisa Wadsworth and Mrs. Allen Pence called at H. L. Brammer's last Sunday. Regular meeting day next Sunday at Pleasant Valley church. Everybody is invited to come. Miss Martha and Rolla Brammer spent last Wednesday night with their aunt, Mrs. John Acton. Edmond Kelso, who has been sick for several weeks, is growing worse. Frank Brammer and Elec Keller are taking care of him, as he is all alone in this world.

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Woodard.

Church at Maple Grove was well attended Sunday. C. C. Crees and family spent Sunday at J. R. Crees'. There will be church at Maple Grove Saturday Jan. 27. Everybody come. Fred Hill, of Garden Grove, called at Teat Miller's Sunday. Fred Crees called at Everett Woodard's Sunday evening. Mary Miller spent Sunday at Joe Burns'. Ang Miller has been on the sick list this week. Leota Beers called at J. J. Crees' Friday. Mrs. Teat Miller and children called at the home of Ike Blunt Sunday. William McCarl returned from South Dakota Thursday. Jimmie Woodard is on the sick list at this writing. Walter McCarl spent Sunday at Dick Pray's.

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Good Hope.

Mr. Dobson, of Decatur City, took in hogs at Kingston Tuesday of last week. Mr. Harsh called on Mr. W. H. Wise Tuesday afternoon. Roscoe Smith returned home Tuesday from Illinois, where he had been visiting relatives and friends for the past three months. Dr. McNay, of Garden Grove, had business in these parts Tuesday and Wednesday. H. A. Thompson, of Van Wert, called at the Wise home Wednesday, on his way home from near Decatur, where he had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Clare Githens and family. Mrs. A. A. Smith called on Mrs. Tom Wolfe, of Van Wert, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Wise and son Frank called on Mrs. Bigger and sons Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Boyce and daughter, of south of Leon, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harsh and family. Mrs. George Black and son Percie spent Sunday with Mrs. James Upfield and son Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Bigger and daughter called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bigger Tuesday afternoon. Miss Grace Wise called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise and son, Lyle, Sunday afternoon.

Decatur City.

Epworth League subject Sunday evening: "Elijah the Hebrew Prophet and Patriot; the Strength of Revolt Against Wrong." Miss Lottie Cozad spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Leon. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nelson, of Stickney, South Dakota, who have been visiting friends and relatives here departed for their home Wednesday. At the Epworth League meeting Monday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Emily Townsend; first vice president, Miss Marie Tullis; second vice president, Mrs. Sadie Waller; third vice president, Miss Cleo Little; fourth vice president, Mrs. Anna Akers; secretary, Miss Susie Euritt; treasurer, Miss Ida Creal; organist, Miss Ressie Creal. Dick Jones and wife spent Sunday at W. H. Colter's. Chas. Doughten and Fred Young spent Sunday at John Riddle's.

Salem.

Mrs. Blakesley and son Roy went to Leon Saturday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Spencer. Oda Dale and family, also Martin Hendrickson and family, spent Sunday evening at Ralph Judd's. Mrs. Hullinger and sons Lester and Cecil, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Moorman and family. Mrs. Stover and son Harry spent Sunday with Wesley Johnson and family, near Morgan. The Raleigh medicine man was in this vicinity last week. Mr. Linden had business in Leon Monday.

Burr Oak Ridge.

James and Steve Osborn, also the Barry brothers, have been hauling the lumber for the barn Mr. Cohen is going to build on his farm. Dwight Freeman and family were Sunday visitors at A. J. Rumley's. Clara Chastain returned from near Woodland where she had been visiting at the home of her uncle, John McCalla. Misses Lotta Vanderpool and Alpha Long took dinner at E. J. Horney's Sunday. Frank Chastain and family were Sunday visitors at Frank Hickman's.

Center.

Clyde Stevens and Lawrence Clark had business at Pine Grove farm. Grim Beavers has rented Henry VanNostrand's farm. Clabe Brazelton has secured Geo. Baker's house in Leon and will occupy it the last of the month. Clyde Stevens will have a public sale. The idea of central township school house is growing in favor. Howard Reynolds has received his new furniture.

Mrs. Thornton Muse.

Nancy Jane Miller was born in Hancock county, Ill., January 28, 1840, and died at the home of her son, John H. Muse, at Decatur City, Iowa, January 1, 1912, aged 71 years, 11 months and 3 days. Her home was at Humeston, Iowa. She was married to Thornton Muse August 19, 1858. They were married 53 years. Ten children were born to them, of which two have gone before. Anna Lee Muse died in infancy. Rhoads Ella Muse died at the age of 25 years. All the rest were present except two sons in California, one daughter in Mason City, Iowa, and one daughter in Canada. Those present were, McClellan Luger, of Corydon, Iowa, Frank and Ray Muse, of Humeston, Iowa, and John Muse, of Decatur City, Iowa. They had 21 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Notice of Probating Will.

To All Whom it May Concern: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, in and for Decatur county, an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Julia A. Cain, late of said county, deceased, and that 10 o'clock a. m. of the 19th day of March, 1912, has been fixed for the probate of said will, at which time you can appear at the Court House in said county and show cause, if any there be, why said Will should not be admitted to probate. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Leon, Iowa, this 13th day of January, 1912. J. L. MENDENHALL, Clerk of District Court.

Harvey D. Richardson.

Harvey D. Richardson was born in Rochester, Vermont, Oct. 13, 1862. He died in Woodland, Iowa, Jan. 9, 1912, at the age of 49 years, 2 months and 26 days. He was married to Elizabeth Lockwood, Jan. 6, 1848, and started for Iowa May 1st of the same year, landing in VanBuren county, May 24th, where he lived for three years. He then moved to Davis county where he lived three years. In 1854 he came to Decatur county, settling on a farm in Woodland township, living there until the death of his wife, on June 14, 1900. He was the father of four children, Lewis, of near Leon, George, who lives at Sayre, Oklahoma, Mrs. Emma Beavers, of Woodland, and Mrs. Ellen Biddison, of Cainsville, Mo. In 1902 the deceased was united in marriage with Mrs. Addie Flemming, of Woodland, at which place they have since made their home. Two years ago last August he lost the use of his lower limbs and since that time he had been confined to his bed, unable to move. During this two years of suffering "Uncle Harvey," as he was familiarly known, manifested great courage. He was a man of genial and cheerful disposition, and had a pleasant word for everybody. He was a splendid neighbor, a good citizen, a loving husband and kind father. Many years were allotted to him and he used his time in a way that made of him a prosperous man. Many of the younger people in the community were glad to go to Uncle Harvey for advice. He will be missed in the home and throughout the whole community. The relatives have the sympathy of many neighbors and friends in their bereavement. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in Woodland, of which body the deceased had formerly been a member, Thursday, Jan. 11th, conducted by Rev. J. S. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church of Leon, assisted by Rev. W. H. Wilson, of Woodland. Interment was in the Leon cemetery.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and relatives for the kindness shown us, in our sad bereavement. Mrs. Addie Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Erle L. Beavers.

Notice of Dissolution.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the Decatur Town Hall Co., a co-partnership of Decatur City, Decatur county, Iowa, was on December 16, 1911, dissolved by mutual consent of the individual members thereof. All parties will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. W. H. Bronson, Pres. Eva N. Bear, Secy.

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