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COURT STILL IN SESSION

The Trial of the Hugh Teale Case is Still in Progress and will go to the Jury Thursday Evening.

The entire past week has been occupied in the trial of the case of State vs. Hugh Teale. The last of the evidence was submitted just before noon on Wednesday, and the arguments in the case were commenced when court convened after dinner Wednesday, the opening argument being made by county attorney E. H. Sharp. He will be followed by Marion Woodard and C. W. Hoffman, the attorneys for the defendant, and the closing argument will be made by C. W. Steele, one of the attorneys for the state. At the time The Reporter went to press on Wednesday afternoon, it looks as if the case would go to the jury some time Thursday afternoon or evening. During the trial practically the same evidence has been used as that used in the two previous cases.

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

Probate. Estate of E. H. Smith, order of sale.

Estate of Loren Gaultier, widow's allowance fixed at \$600.

Estate of Harrison Brown, Ira E. Brown appointed administrator with bond of \$2,500.

Law and Equity. Sophia B. Tris vs. Anna C. Cornett et. al., order for cost bond.

Josephine Gammill vs. Jane Halstead, et. al., submitted decree by agreement to take place of decree heretofore signed Nov. 14, 1911.

Ida M. Gray vs. Matt Gray, order as to custody of child.

Criminal. State vs. C. M. Akes, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. Rob Akes, defendant enters plea of simple assault and is fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Elmer Crum, defendant appears by his attorneys and pleads guilty to obtaining property under false pretenses and is fined \$400 and costs, which was immediately paid by defendant's bondsmen.

TO PUT ROADS IN SHAPE.

Gov. Carroll Will Name a Special Improvement Week.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 22.—Gov. Carroll announced today that he will name a special road improvement week for fixing up Iowa roads. This week will be set aside as soon as the frost leaves the ground. The purpose of the special road improvement week is to have voluntary road work done in every part of Iowa.

The plan of Gov. Carroll is to use the same idea on every road in the state, and take a week in putting the Iowa roads in first class condition.

The date for the road improvement week will not be set until it is ascertained when the winter finally breaks up and the roads will be workable.

Will Have Chautauqua.

In some manner the report was circulated in this city that the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua, which has so well pleased everyone with their Chautauqua for several years would not return to Leon this year, but there is no foundation for the report. We have signed a contract for their extensive advertising for this year, and have also received word from Mr. Vawter that Thaviu's great band will be with them this year again, and that with the band will be six great opera singers instead of four, and the singers will be in full costume. Make up your mind right now that Leon is going to have a successful Chautauqua this year.

At The Christian Church.

Our Bible school reached 122 last Lord's day notwithstanding the icy condition of the walks. A fair sized audience greeted the pastor at both morning and evening services. Several visitors were with us from the M. E. brethren whom we are glad to see and welcome. The sermon next Lord's day morning will be on "The Great Teaching Force of the Church" and will be an address on the need of modern Bible school work. All who are not interested and attending worship elsewhere are cordially invited to meet with us. All the other services as usual. J. S. Coffin, Pastor.

Judge Harvey Sells Bank Stock.

We notice by the Mt. Ayr papers that Judge J. W. Harvey of Leon, has disposed of his stock in the Iowa State Savings Bank of Mt. Ayr to the other stock holders, and retires after having served as president of the bank since its organization eight years ago. Thomas Teale, of Leon, was elected as president. Bert Teale is cashier of the bank and Fred Teale, of this city is one of the stockholders.

Wm. Ogden Died Saturday Night.

Wm. Ogden, one of the old and well known citizens of this city, died at his home in south Leon Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, his death following an illness of some weeks. A couple of years ago Mr. Ogden met with an accident while visiting in Illinois, and his health has been quite poor ever since. Before coming to Leon he resided for a number of years on a farm near Pleasanton. His remains were taken to Nauvoo, Illinois, on the early Monday morning train for interment.

TRUSTEES MUST MEET FEB. 5.

New Road Law Provides Heavy Penalties for Failure to Carry Out Provisions.

Attention is being generally called to the new road law which makes it mandatory upon the trustees of each township and towns as well, in that case referring to councils, to meet on the first Monday in February and select a superintendent of dragging. The superintendent must see to it that the contracts are made for dragging the roads. The trustees are obliged to furnish drags where necessary and can use funds outside of the dragging fund for this purpose.

Is a Big Sale.

Kraft Clothing Co.'s Big Clothing Sale is creating no little excitement among clothing buyers. Saturday was their opening day and while there was no big crowd in town their store was packed full of buyers all day. Mr. Grimes informed us they had sold over forty suits and about twenty overcoats. They had four extra clerks and they were all busy and at times it was almost impossible to wait on the customers as fast as they came. Everyone bought quick, as the prices were so low that a great many who came in to look bought suits when they had no intention of buying when they came to town. Their prices are cheaper than most people expected. The best part of this sale is that you do not find any old goods offered for sale. All the old goods were shipped out of town some weeks ago. Some men are taking advantage of this sale that do not need a suit or overcoat at the present time, as they feel that it is a good investment to buy now when the price is cheaper than any merchant can afford to sell it in a regular way. This is the way they are selling their suits. They have grouped all their fine hand made suits that have been selling at \$25.00 and \$27.50 on one rack and give their customers their pick for \$17.50. The \$20.00 and \$22.50 suits are grouped on another rack and a big card hangs just above this rack stating that the \$20.00 and \$22.50 suit sale price is \$14.50. The first rack at the front of the store is filled with \$11.50 and \$15.00 suits, sale price \$11.50 and \$13.50 and \$15.00 suits on another rack, sale price \$9.50, and so on down the store. They have some great bargains in Men's and Boys' overcoats. The men's line of \$25.00 and \$27.50 coats, some have fur collars, others silk lined, overcoats that sell everywhere at \$25.00 to \$27.50, sale price \$14.50. The \$10.00 and \$12.50 overcoats are priced at only \$6.75. In the boys' department there are better bargains than you would think possible for any firm to make. The \$2.50 to \$4.00 suits are priced at \$1.98, and suits up to and including the \$5.00 line at \$2.98. The store is so arranged that anyone can see at a glance the price of anything they wish to purchase. It's a "Red Ticket" Sale. In the shoe department they have taken out their shoe boxes and built bins and put each size in a bin. The \$5.00 shoes they price at \$3.48. The \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes at \$2.98, and their \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes at \$1.98. The brands of shoes they are selling is their regular stock, Erica, All America and Dr. Reed Cushion Sole shoes. The line of suits and overcoats they are selling are the best that money can buy, Kirschbaum hand made, Adler-Rochester, Capps 100 per cent wool, and the Dress Swell line are guaranteed to the purchaser. It will pay anyone to come miles to see the offerings of this wide awake firm while these prices last.

Attention Comrades!

There will be a bean supper at the G. A. R. hall on next Saturday evening, Feb. 3rd, and a camp fire at the M. E. church, led by Capt. Lot Abraham, department commander of the Iowa G. A. R. We assure you that you will be well repaid for coming out to hear our Commander as he is a live wire for sure.

Following the supper at the G. A. R. hall the following program will be rendered at the M. E. church at 8 o'clock. The pupils of our schools and citizens generally are cordially invited to be present. There is no charge for this entertainment.

Invocation Rev. Bradshaw
Song By School Chorus
Address Capt. Lot Abraham
Dept. Com. Iowa, G. A. R.
Song By School Chorus
Short Talks By Commander and other Citizens
Song—"America."

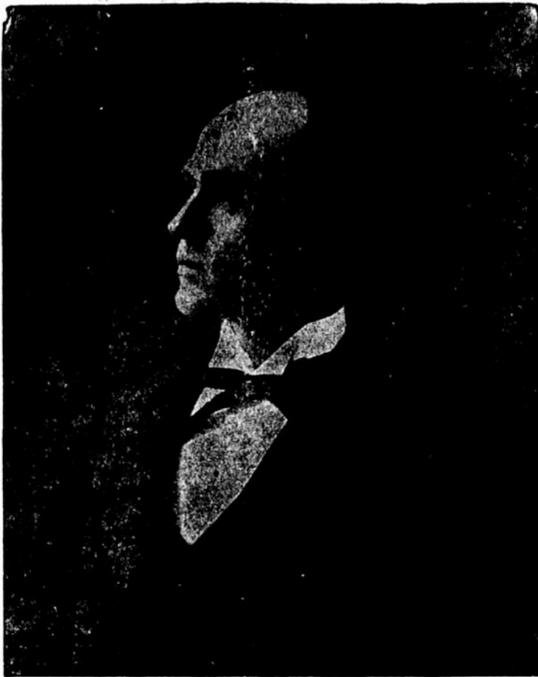
J. H. Evans
Commander Leon Post No. 51.
W. R. C. Committee.

Good Words for Auctioneers.

To whom it may concern— This is to certify that Riley Buchanan, the well known Leon auctioneer, cried the first sale for me he ever cried in Decatur county, and it was a good one, so I had him and his partner, C. D. Newlin, as the auctioneers for my big sale on January 25th, 1912, and I want to say it was the best sale I ever saw, and I don't think anybody can make a mistake by employing Buchanan & Newlin as their auctioneers. They will sell your stuff and get the very top prices.

Crown Chapel.

Despite the bad weather a good sized audience was present at our service at Crown Chapel. It is always a pleasure to preach to the good people of Crown and it is our hope to meet a still larger audience next Sabbath at 3 p. m.
Rev. E. N. Bradshaw.



HON. V. R. MCGINNIS

Selected as Temporary Chairman of the Democratic State Convention at Cedar Rapids.

MCGINNIS IS CHAIRMAN TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Of the Democratic State Convention to be held at Cedar Rapids on Thursday, July 25th.

At the meeting of the democratic state committee held at Des Moines on Monday, Hon. M. F. Healy, of Ft. Dodge, was selected as temporary chairman of the first state convention which will be held at Burlington on May 9th, and Hon. V. R. McGinnis, of Leon, was selected as chairman of the state convention to be held at Cedar Rapids on July 25th. Des Moines made a strong effort to secure both conventions but Burlington offered a bonus of \$1,000 for the first convention as well as other inducements, and Cedar Rapids walked off with the second convention. The democrats are getting tired of being held up by Des Moines hotel men at state conventions and the decision to take the convention to other cities meets with the approval of the democrats all over the state.

The selection of Mr. McGinnis as chairman of the state convention at Cedar Rapids is particularly pleasing to his friends in Decatur county and all over the eighth district. He is one of the best orators and political speakers in the state and will make an ideal temporary chairman. Mr. Healy had secured the pledges of a majority of the members of the committee for the place as chairman of the first convention before Mr. McGinnis' name was mentioned, so the committee made him chairman of the second convention, and it is an honor worthily bestowed for he has always been ready to devote his time and money to the success of the democratic party.

The committee also decided to hold no presidential primary in Iowa, each county being free to select their delegates to the convention in such manner as they see fit, either by voting at the primary or by convention.

P. E. O.'s Celebrate Anniversary.

Chapter W. of the P. E. O. society, celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of their chapter with a banquet and reception Tuesday evening, which was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The ladies and their invited guests enjoyed a splendid banquet at 8 o'clock at Hotel Leon. Mrs. A. P. Olson presided as toastmistress in a charming manner. Mrs. E. A. Bowman responded to the toast "Our Guests," Hon. V. R. McGinnis to the toast "Our Hostesses," C. W. Hoffman to "B. I. L.'s," to which Mrs. C. M. Ketcham made a neat response, and S. A. Gates to "The Meaning of P. E. O.," Mrs. Mary Moss, of Spokane, Wash., told of the society out in the far west.

After the banquet the guests returned to the P. E. O. hall, where a program was rendered, Miss Eva Jennings, of Garden Grove, singing several solos, there was a duet by Mrs. F. A. Bowman and Mrs. C. G. Cline, piano solos by Misses Lucille Alexander and Mary Gates, and Mrs. J. W. Harvey read a history of the P. E. O. society which was quite interesting. Following the program several hours were pleasantly spent with games and dancing, and the guests all voted the P. E. O.'s delightful entertainers.

Sunday Train on Cainsville Branch.

Commencing last Sunday the Burlington is running a Sunday train on the Cainsville branch between Cainsville and Leon. The train is a mixed one, carrying both passengers and freight. It leaves Cainsville in the morning at 8 o'clock, reaching Leon at 9:45. Returning it leaves Leon at 4:25 o'clock in the evening, reaching Cainsville at 6 o'clock.

Items Taken from the Files of the Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

A new band composed of eight pieces was organized in Leon.

Mrs. C. M. Ketcham, of Milo, was visiting with friends in this city. Mr. Ketcham was station agent at Milo. L. P. Sigler, Major J. L. Young and F. Yarga were called to Osceola to testify in a case of State vs. J. W. and C. N. Lane. Mr. Lane had some property stolen during the fair and followed up the supposed thief and was in return indicted by the grand jury of Clarke county.

S. A. Gates, as receiver, was selling the bankrupt stock of I. Frank. The residence of C. W. Detrick, in Burrell township, was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Frank P. Lorey, of Leon, and Miss Lizzie Carter, of Davis City, were married at the home of the bride's parents at Davis City by Squire W. F. Craig.

Wm. Thornton and Maggie Boyd, of Richland township, were married in Leon by Justice W. H. Albaugh. Protracted meetings were in progress at the Christian church conducted by Elder H. A. Lemon.

A. Oswald and B. Patterson formed a partnership in the tailoring business.

Isaac N. McDonough was married to Miss Laura VanNostrand.

Millard F. Trogden was married to Miss Julia Farnes.

The "Dawg" Song.

Well, here is the complete song. Since we published the chorus last week we have had a number of persons ask us why we did not print the entire song which is arousing so much discussion as to whether Missouri will accept it for her state song.

Wunst me'n Lem Briggs 'n ole Bill Brown
Tuk a load of cawn to town;
An' ol' Jim—dawg; the onery cuss—
He jes' natchelly foilered us.

Chorus:

Every time I come to town,
The boys keep kickin' my dawg aroun';
Makes no difference if he is a houn'
They gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

As we driv' past Sam Johnson's sto',
Passel ol' yapes kem out the do';
When Jim he stops to smell a box,
They shied at him a bunch o' rocks.

They tied a tin can on his tail,
An' run him a-past the county jail,
'N' that plumb natchelly makes me sore—
'N' Lem he cussed 'n' Bill he swore.

Me'n Lem Briggs 'n' ole Bill Brown,
We lost no time in a-jumpin' down,
An' we wiped them ducks upon th' groun'
Fer kickin' my ol' dawg aroun'.

Folks say a dawg kain't hold no grudge,
But wunst when I got too much budge,
Them town ducks tried to do me up,
But they didn't count on ol' Jim—pup.

Jim seed his duty thar and then,
An' he lit into them gentlemen,
An' he shore mussed up th' cote house square,
With rags 'n' meat 'n' hide 'n' hair.

Marriage Licenses.

Clarence V. Brown, Grand River 19
Elma McDowell, Grand River. 17

Miss Jessica Pryor will trim the coming season for the Clark Millinery Co. in this city.

ADMITS HE IS CRAEVNS

Notorious Outlaw Convicted of Murder and Received Life Sentence. Admits His Identity.

Ben Cravens the notorious outlaw, who at one time lived near Lineville, his father still residing near Lineville, was last week convicted of murder at Guthrie, Oklahoma, and sentenced to prison for life. This conviction and the fact that Cravens admitted after the trial that he was really Cravens and not Maust, settles the identity of this outlaw. The following press dispatch from Guthrie tells the career of Cravens:

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 25.—Charles Maust, southwestern outlaw, on trial under the name of Ben Cravens, for murder, was found guilty by a jury in the federal court here late today. The punishment is life imprisonment.

The government alleged that Maust, who was released from the Missouri penitentiary a few months ago, was Ben Cravens, who after his escape from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing, November 14, 1900, killed Alvin Bateman, a storekeeper and postmaster at Red Rock, Ok., March 18, 1901.

Bateman was killed when Cravens and Bert Welty attempted to rob his store. Welty was wounded and arrested the following day. He is now confined in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

For years the search for Cravens continued, and it was not until a few months ago that the convict in the Missouri prison was identified as the man. When Maust's time was up, he was met at the Missouri prison doors by federal officers, who returned him to Guthrie for trial. Many persons who knew Cravens, among them Welty, identified Maust as Cravens.

At the conclusion of the trial United States Attorney John Embry collapsed. He has been ill for several days. It was said tonight that he was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Rewards aggregating \$10,000, it is said, were on Cravens' head. \$6,000 of which was offered by the Anti-Horse Thief Association.

Cravens is about 50 years old. His parents were farmers who located in Chautauqua county, Kansas, while Ben was a boy. Chautauqua was on the northern boundary of the Osage country, then the greatest breeder of outlaws in the southwest, and it was the call from this country that made Cravens a bad man.

As a lad he was a school bully and in his teens he became mixed up with many shooting affairs. In school he was a student of Thomas B. Ferguson, who later became governor of Oklahoma Territory, and of Bird S. McGuire, now an Oklahoma congressman. Schooling was not to his liking, however, and he became a farm laborer. Later he rode race horses for a Putnam county, Missouri, man.

Following is a partial chronological history of Cravens from the time he was 18 years old to the present:

1879.—Becomes a whisky peddler among the Osages, Kawes, Otoes, Poncas and Creeks, in Oklahoma, with Lige Higgins and Henry Starr.

December, 1896.—Desperately wounded in a duel with authorities led by A. O. Lund of Blackwell, then a Deputy United States Marshal.

January 17, 1897.—Convicted and sentenced to serve twenty years in Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing for highway robbery.

November 16, 1900.—Escaped from Lansing prison with E. F. Estelle and Sam Smith, both life-termers.

December, 1900.—Appeared at the ranch home of "Uncle Joe" Webb in the Otee country, and forced Webb to accompany him to the barn loft and cut a bullet from the top of his head with a razor; swears Webb to secrecy.

January, 1901.—Appeared at the home of Bert Welty near Dover, in Kingfisher county, Oklahoma.

March 18, 1901.—With Welty, robs the Schwartz store at Red Rock, of which Alvin Bateman, assistant postmaster, was manager. Twelve thousand dollars was taken. Bateman was killed.

March 19, 1901.—Seeks refuge in the ranch-house of Isom Cunningham, in Pawnee county. House surrounded by officers, headed by George Foster of Perry. Cravens shoots his way through the officers, killing deputy sheriff Tom Johnson, of Pawnee, and escaped.

April 1, 1901.—Unsuccessful attempt to catch Cravens at Caloosa, Ok., with decoy letter from his sweetheart.

1904 (late).—Reported in Oklahodalaara, Mexico, posing as son of a Pennsylvania Governor and about to wed a millionaire miner's daughter.

December, 1905.—Found visiting his aunt in the Seminole Indian country near Wewoka. Sheriff Grace and posse of Potawatomie county attempted his capture, but failed.

October, 1906.—Reported captured in Guthrie by Sheriff Bart Murphy. Sheriff Foster of Perry failed to identify him and he was released.

October 4, 1907.—Reported visiting parents and brother near Princeton, Mo. Plans to capture him fail.

1908.—Charles Maust arrested in Missouri. After attempted jail break letter was sent to the Kansas prison authorities and Maust's handwriting recognized as Cravens'. Maust, who had been identified by many as Cravens, went to the Jefferson City penitentiary to serve four years.

March 31, 1911.—Maust identified as Cravens by William McClaughry of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

September 15, 1911.—Cravens re-indicted by Enid Federal Grand Jury; case presented by John Embry, United States attorney.

CRAEVNS VOWS AGAINST PAL

Outlaw Swears He Will Get Even With Welty For Identifying Him.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Jan. 26.—Satisfied that it will not cost him his neck this time, Ben Cravens, southwestern outlaw, now has set his mind on "getting even" with Bert Welty, his old pal, whose identification testimony did much to convict Cravens. "There is one thing sure, when I get to Leavenworth, I'll get even with Bert Welty," Cravens is quoted as having said.

Cravens no longer seeks to hide his identity, and excepting his desire for vengeance on Welty, seems to feel light-hearted and even frivolous. Walking down the street with an Oregon boot and handcuffs today Cravens tried a quickstep, and when a crowd of girls appeared at the door of a laundry they passed on their way to the jail he slapped Deputy United States Marshal Goff on the back and exclaimed: "This is Cravens, girls."

Cravens was formally sentenced to a life term today for the murder eleven years ago of Alvin Bateman at Red Rock. Cravens, who alleged he was Charles Maust, was found guilty of murdering Bateman by a jury in the federal court yesterday.

Cravens was arrested at the doors of the Missouri penitentiary a few months ago, when he finished serving a four years' sentence under the name of Charles Maust.

Attended Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Sister in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Monroe, of this city, who are enjoying a visit with relatives in Illinois, were guests at a celebration held last week in honor of Mr. Monroe's sister, at Sullivan, Illinois. The following account of the pleasant gathering is taken from the Sullivan Democrat:

Mrs. W. H. McCaig, sisters and brothers, with their wives and husbands, celebrated her fiftieth anniversary Saturday, January 20th, at her home two miles west of town. It is the custom of this family of ten brothers and sisters, as each fiftieth milestone is reached to celebrate the occasion by holding a reunion. Mrs. McCaig is the ninth of this family to receive congratulations on such an occasion.

The guests began to arrive early in the day with arms full of things to eat and continued to arrive until the noon hour, when they surrounded groaning tables.

There are eighty-seven living relatives representing three generations of this family. Sixty-four of these were present doing justice to a sumptuous feast spread before them. The menu was headed with a substantial meat course consisting of a half dozen turkeys and belongings, with the vegetables of the season, supplemented by the fruits and preserves of Moultrie county, which has always been the home of Mrs. McCaig.

Those attending from a distance were Harry Monroe and wife of Elton, Ia., E. G. Monroe and wife of Leon, Iowa, A. T. Wright, wife and daughter, G. W. Monroe, wife and daughter of Bloomington, Ill., Harly Yantis and wife of Prairie Home, Ill., and Mrs. Tobe Davis and son of Decatur, Ill. Those living in or near Sullivan were: Chris Monroe and daughters, Thos. Monroe, wife and daughters, Isaac Monroe, wife, and son, Millard Monroe, wife, son and daughters, John A. Monroe and sons and daughters, John D. Monroe, wife and children, Chas. H. Monroe, wife and daughter, Mrs. Nora Patterson and daughter, Frank Woodruff and wife, Gordon Sharp and wife, Ward Jones and wife, Joe Michael, wife and children, Mr. McCaig's father and brother, Charles and George Brotherton were present.

W. H. Monroe and wife, who reside in Louisiana, could not be present, but supplied the table with vegetables from their garden.

Real Estate Transfers.

Following are the real estate transfers from Jan. 20 to Jan. 27, 1912, as taken from the abstract office of Stephen Yarga:

F. E. Hammer to R. C. Willey, lots in Lamoni, \$375.

C. Berthelson to J. H. Murdoy, 160 acres in Burrell township, \$10,400.

Lucy D. Ray to Lew Gillham, lots in Leon, \$700.

Corra H. Bevis to Bert Teale, 120 acres in Bloomington township, \$3,500.

Harvey Ingram to Ralph Frost, 40 acres in Hamilton township, \$1,500.

Gertrude Briggs to S. J. Spurrier, lots in Lamoni, \$200.

J. W. Smith to Anna Graham, 560 acres in Franklin township, \$47,600.

P. E. Kelso to Frank Brammer, 90 acres in Richland township, care and \$500.

P. E. Kelso to A. R. Keller, 70 acres in Richland township, care and \$500.

D. M. Fry to W. P. Hepburn, 141 acres in Long Creek township, \$6,345.

E. W. Madden to Charles T. Dillon, 100 acres in Long Creek township, \$1.

A new car of Success flour at the Leon Cash Grocery.