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SPLENDID CLASS PLAYS

Class of 1912 Score a Hit With the Class Plays. The Commencement Exercises Were Good.

The opera house was filled to capacity last Thursday evening to witness the production of the class plays by the class of 1912, and the big audience witnessed a most creditable performance.

The second playlet "My Cousin Timmy" in two acts, was also a college play, Miss Ruth Farquhar as Bonnie Holland being the star of the evening in her impersonation of "Cousin Timmy," and the part gave her a splendid opportunity to display her well known ability.

The commencement exercises were held on Friday evening, the class of seventeen graduates receiving their diplomas. The opera house was filled with their friends, and the stage was beautifully decorated with the class colors, light blue and pink.

The program opened with a class march by Mrs. Sam C. Johnston. The class making a fine appearance as they marched in and took their seats on the stage, each one carrying a beautiful American Beauty rose, the class flower, a gift from the Juniors.

Sam C. Johnston Sells Interest in the Leon Electric Co.

A deal was closed last week whereby Mr. Sam C. Johnston disposed of all his holdings in the Leon Electric Co. to his partners, Mr. J. F. Smith and Mr. Archie Havens, and Mr. Johnston and family leave in a few days for Glidden, Iowa, where he has purchased the new electric light plant which has just been installed in that town.

More Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the Leon school board held Monday evening four more of the teachers for next year were elected, Miss Margaret Hurst being re-elected as one of the assistants in the High School, a Miss Pardon, of Michigan as another assistant, Miss Rosa Bennett was re-elected as a grade teacher and Miss Helen Deck was elected as one of the new teachers.

Will Decorate Third Sunday in June.

We are requested to announce the Decoration exercises will be held at New Salem church on the third Sunday in June. A fine program is being prepared for the occasion. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Don't Apologize.

A lady apologized to us the past week for telling us an interesting item of news, which she was afraid would not be known by the editor. Bless your soul, no apology is necessary. On the contrary you are entitled to the thanks of the editor.

Postoffice at Hopeville Robbed.

About two o'clock yesterday morning the postoffice at Hopeville was broken into and \$300 in money and stamps taken. The thieves entered the building by the east window and hanging a coat over the window accomplished their work without being detected.

Advocating Early Closing.

Some of the Leon merchants are advocating the early closing of the stores of Leon, and an effort will be made this week to have all agree to close during the summer months at 7 or 7:30 o'clock.

Unity Club Guest Day.

The Unity Club enjoyed a guest day meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Bradford on Thursday afternoon, of last week, about fifty guests being present and the afternoon was an enjoyable one to all present.

Another Freak Idea.

More grief is to be ladled out to the rural mail carriers. It is understood the postmaster general, believing that rural route carriers' time is less than half occupied, will recommend that city delivery be established in all cities and villages from which rural routes emanate.

Married at Albion.

Miss Fannie Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans, of this city, was married at Albion on Tuesday to Mr. J. A. Smith, of Orleans, Neb. They will come to Leon this morning for a short visit and then go to Sutton, Neb., to make their home, where Mr. Smith has purchased a store.

Locusts Have Arrived.

A short time ago we published a prediction of Dr. J. B. Horner, of Lamoni, that the seventeen year locusts would appear in Decatur county this year, and his prediction has been verified, for they have appeared in large numbers.

Roosevelt and Wilson in New Jersey.

The result in the New Jersey primary held on Tuesday gives Roosevelt a majority over Taft of 10,000 and he will have all of the 28 delegates to the national convention. Gov. Wilson was the democratic winner, securing 24 of the 28 delegates.

Death of J. W. Laney.

Mr. J. W. Laney, of Decatur City, died at the home of his son-in-law, S. W. Robbins, at Decatur City, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the residence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There will be a special big matinee at the Idle Hour Theatre on Saturday afternoon of this week, so if you want to see a fine show don't miss the Saturday afternoon matinee. Admission 10 and 5 cents.

THE SOLDIER DEAD

List of Old Soldiers Buried in the Leon Cemetery, Whose Graves Will be Decorated Today.

The following is a list of the soldiers buried in the Leon cemetery: Asahel Allen, Co. I, 91st N. Y. Inf. Isaac Blunt, Co. B, 18th Iowa Inf. W. A. Brown, Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cav. Samuel Burnison, Co. B, 43rd Ohio Inf.

John Bennett, Co. G, 33rd Mo. Inf. Joseph C. Boyer, Co. B, 16th Iowa Inf. L. M. Bright, Co. K, Mo. S. M. Creed Bobbitt, Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav.

J. P. Bobbitt, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. H. B. Burns, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. D. T. Black Illinois Inf. Samuel Benefel, Mexican war. F. F. Bedier, Co. G, 1st Mo. Inf. C. W. Beck, Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav. Abel E. Chase, serg. Co. D, 39th Iowa Inf.

E. W. Curry, Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cav. Joshua Carmean, Co. K, 14th Iowa Inf. Samuel Coover, Co. C, 11th Ohio Inf.

J. M. Combs, 26th Iowa Inf. I. N. Clark, 7th Mo. S. M. Allen Dunn, Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf. A. J. Detrick, Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cav. Tip Dilsaver, Co. G, 46th Iowa Inf. James Early, Co. L, 9th Iowa Cav. Ebert Ernest, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. J. P. Finley, surgeon. James Finley, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. John P. Finley, Jr., Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf.

George Foreman, Co. C, 33rd Iowa Inf. Jesse B. Garrett, lieut. Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf. David Garrett, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. Garrett Gibson, capt. Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav.

William Graham, Illinois Inf. John Gunter, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. C. A. Gillham, Co. D, 4th Iowa Cav. William Gray, Sr., private Iowa Inf. William Gray, Jr., private Iowa Inf. Caleb Gray, Co. C, 33rd Indiana Inf.

James Goin, Mexican war. Robert Good, Co. A, 18th U. S. Colored Inf. Wm. W. Holden, Co. I, 51st Iowa Inf. Wm. Hawkins, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. John C. Harrah, 84th Illinois. W. C. Hebener, lieut. West Virginia Inf. Francis M. Huston, Co. K, 5th Mo. Inf.

S. W. R. Hall, lieut. Co. I, 5th Mo. Inf. Jas. G. Harris, Co. B, 5th Kansas. John Holden, Co. B, 5th Kansas. Robert H. Johnson, corp. Co. C, 179th Ohio Inf. Ed John, 76th Ohio Inf. W. W. Jenree, Co. A, 1st Iowa Cav. Henry C. Knapp, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. Madison Low, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. A. C. Lockwood, Co. A, 34th Iowa Inf. Norris Lorey, serg. Co. B, 7th Kan. Cav. L. S. Lunbeck, 5th California Cav. Reuben Lawhorn, Co. F, 17th Illinois Inf. H. J. Landis, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. I. P. Martin, lieut. Co. C, 23rd Mo. Inf. George Mills, Co. C, 35th Mo. Inf. Samuel Miller, 100 day service. Corwin Martin, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. Amos Martin, Co. H, 5th Kansas. Bryant O'Neal, Illinois Inf. Marion Oney, Co. K, Mo. S. M. Ed K. Pitman, Co. K, Mo. S. M. John Piper, 140th Ohio Inf. Leander Powell, Co. G, 14th Iowa Inf. J. A. Ray, capt. Co. D, 18th Iowa Inf. Ira B. Ryan, private. Henry Rex, Mexican war. Orr Sang, lieut. Co. G, 4th Iowa Cav. John W. Stanley, Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav. John Shaffer, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. Robert Shaffer, 9th Iowa Cav. H. C. Sanford, surgeon, 18th Iowa Inf. L. H. Sales, lieut. Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf. Lenius Simpson, Co. I, 34th Iowa Inf. Cyrus Smith, 2nd Illinois Cav. Daniel Thurman, 18th Indiana Bat. Lorin Tittle, New York Inf. A. S. Ward, captain, Mexican war. Joseph Waner, lieut. Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. John H. Walker, California Inf. W. C. Wheeler, Co. E, 76th Indiana Inf. James A. Wakefield, Co. D, 51st Mo. Inf. George Zimmerman, Co. B, 5th Iowa Inf. Len Zimmerman, Co. K, 51st Iowa Inf.

Cutting Down Coffin Hill.

A big force of men and teams commenced work Monday morning on one of the biggest pieces of road work ever undertaken in this county, the cutting down of the big Coffin hill on the Davis City road just south of the depot. A strip of land was purchased and the road is being straightened out so as to take out the turns and will be graded from the bottom and cut down from the top, so that there will be a decided lowering of the steep grade. It is one of the good pieces of work being done on the Inter-State Trail.

PUTS O. K. ON THE BONDS.

Missouri Supreme Court Renders a Decision Declaring the Mercer County Court House Election Was Legal.

By a decision handed down at noon Monday the Missouri Supreme Court put the stamp of approval on the Mercer county court house election, thus firmly establishing the validity of the issuance of \$75,000 of fifteen year, five per cent bonds to construct the building.

The opinion was written by Justice John C. Brown and concurred in by all the members of the court.

No sooner had the judgment been entered on record than the glad news was telegraphed from Jefferson City to the County Court Judges and interested attorneys in this county. While there has never been a doubt in the minds of those who had investigated the election quibble but what the court would declare the bond issue valid yet all heaved a sigh of relief when that action became a certainty.

The bonds have been sold to the William R. Compton Company, of St. Louis, at a premium of \$1,812. The company is eager to take the bonds and it is believed a draft for the \$76,812 will be immediately forthcoming now that the state's highest court has firmly established the validity of the election.

Shortly after the Compton Company was declared the highest bidder, and the bonds awarded to them the Company's attorney raised the point the election notices had been improperly drawn and refused to take the bonds until the matter was decided by the Supreme Court. Our county court judges employed E. M. Harber, of Trenton, and Ira B. Hyde, of this city, to bring the matter to the attention of the highest court. This the attorneys did by instituting mandatory proceedings against State Auditor John P. Gordon, to compel him to register the bonds. The decision above mentioned was the result of this action.—Princeton Telegraph.

Cap Carr is Managing Pugnists.

The following clipping from the Peoria Transcript tells of the plans of a former Leon boy, Frank L. (Jan) Carr: "Frank L. Carr, the well known Peoria sporting man, has taken the managerial reins of Young Burk 105 pounds, Young Atwood 122 pounds, Young Schumacher 133 pounds, and is at present on the look out for his men whom he will manage." Carr also has Billy Meara, welter, and Ed Moran, light middleweight, and is now in Peoria where he will shortly meet Atwood at 130 pounds. Atwood has trained persistently all winter and his many friends expect to see him deliver the goods against the Denver man. Young Schumacher will go to Moline within a short time where he will enter the elimination bouts for the championship of the Tri-Cities. Manager Carr is scheduling other bouts for his men and declares he will bring a championship to Peoria.

Commercial Club Meeting Friday Night.

The regular meeting of the Leon Commercial Club will be held on Friday evening of this week, and among other things the question of deciding whether Leon will celebrate the Fourth of July this year will be taken up. A special invitation is extended to all businessmen of Leon whether members of the club or not to attend. If Leon is going to celebrate it is time we were up and doing.

Death of Geo. W. Machlan.

Mr. Geo. W. Machlan, one of the old residents of Decatur county, died at his home just north of Leon last Saturday after an illness of several months. His funeral was held on Monday, conducted by Rev. J. L. Boyd, pastor of the M. E. church at Glidden, Iowa. A suitable obituary will be published next week.

Married at Des Moines.

Mr. George Wax, of Clearfield, Iowa, and Mrs. A. E. Finch of Leon, went to Des Moines Tuesday afternoon and were married in that city yesterday. They expect to go to Denver Colorado, on a wedding trip, and may decide to locate there.

Do you know that there is going to be a shortage on grain binders this year? There is the largest acreage and heaviest wheat and oats crop that has ever been in the ground before, and we have a tip to get our customers in early and not be disappointed, so if you are going to buy a binder or mower let us know at once and we will figure with you. By all means do it now. Respectfully, Bowsher & Bowsher.

Leland Lutz had his left shoulder broken last Friday evening. He was engaged in a friendly scuffle with Homan Pullin at the High School grounds, and in the fall he struck in such a manner as to break the bone just at the shoulder. The break is a bad one, the greatest danger being that it may leave him with a stiff arm.

J. C. Kelter, of Ottumwa, is acting as the Adams express agent in this city this week, H. L. Tullis being engaged in campaigning for the republican nomination for sheriff.

Get your sweet potato plants at Caster's grocery.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Will Glaze, of Osceola, was visiting with friends in this city.

J. F. Reel, of Osceola, was visiting with his best girl in Leon. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gafford, of Osceola, visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffines.

Mr. and Mrs. Col. Ketcham, of Milo, were spending a few days with friends in Leon. A number of the friends of Mrs. F. M. Avery gathered at her home to celebrate her 58th birthday. Mrs. Belle Harvey chaperoned a party of young ladies to Osceola to attend the commencement exercises of the Osceola High School. The party consisted of Misses Sue Young, Amy Hoffines, Mall Altee and Edith Young.

From April 15th to June 1st the county auditor had drawn wolf scalp warrants to the extent of \$320, being the bounty on 66 scalps at \$5 per scalp. S. C. Jennings, of Grand River, was attending court in this city. Mrs. John Lineburg, of Mt. Ayr, was the guest of Miss Helen Young for a few days. Billy Coffin, an old Leon boy now running on the U. P. R. R. from Junction City, Kas., to Belva, Kans., arrived for a two week's visit with relatives and old friends.

Messrs. Lloyd Simmons and Jude Rice, the "dudes" of Osceola, drove to Leon Sunday accompanied by Misses Sue Young, Mall Altee and Edith Young, who had been visiting at Osceola. Mr. and Mrs. M. Mayer celebrated their tin wedding anniversary, about fifty of their friends being in attendance. During the evening a droll loaded with tinware drove in the alley in the rear of their home and unloaded a miscellaneous lot of articles, and the guests each seized a tin pan or something and gave Mr. and Mrs. Mayer a genuine old time charivari.

Mrs. Ed Samson, of Des Moines, was visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dye. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White, of Mt. Ayr, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Avery.

Burglars entered the residence of J. B. Peters but were frightened away before securing anything of value.

Alma Jackson, of Omaha, was visiting with Leon friends.

The commencement exercises of the Leon High School were held at the opera house. The graduates were Ella M. Girdner, Lou M. Baldwin, Anle R. Hoffines, Edith H. Young, Anna B. Garrett, Zoia Tharp, and Ida L. Smith. The address to the class was delivered by Judge J. W. Harvey, and the diplomas were presented to the graduates by J. F. Penniwell, president of the school board. E. E. Edmonds, of Pleasanton, left for Akron, Colorado, where he went to practice law. T. B. Daniels the county bridge foreman, was cutting piling to build a county bridge over Grand River at the Talley ford.

Milo Hall and family, of Woodland, started for California to make their future home. The Liberals organized auxiliaries of the Secular Union at Woodland and Pleasant View in Center township.

Memorial Service.

The memorial service was held in the Methodist church last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Coffin, pastor of the Christian church, preached the sermon, taking for a text: "I am a citizen of no mean country." In the sermon was brought out the fact that much of our great progress as a nation is due to the men who wore the blue. The great debt of gratitude we owe these men was dwelt upon, as was also something of the hard task which still before us if our nation is to still grow for many years to come. The church had been decorated with flags, bunting and pictures by the veterans of the Grand Army, who occupied seats in the center section of the church, while just behind them sat members of the Woman's Relief Corps. Although rain threatened at the hour of service the attendance was very good.

C. H. Harrison, the St. Joe contractor who built the new depot in this city, was in Leon Tuesday, being on his way to Cainville to visit relatives. Mr. Harrison is now building a new county home at Albany, Mo., and expects to bid on the new High school building to be erected in this city this summer.

ANCEL Barry met with a painful accident last Friday evening while moving a corn binder at the implement store of W. L. Barry. In some manner the heavy binder got away from the men, and fell on his left arm, fracturing one of the bones near the elbow.

The Leon postoffice will be closed on Decoration day as follows: From 9 o'clock a. m. until noon and from 2 p. m. until 5. Service on all rural routes will be suspended.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Snyder, of north Leon last Thursday. For Rent—Office and living rooms. Inquire of Wm. Biggs. Get a Velle at Bowsher's.

THE CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM.

Official Program of the Leon Chautauqua to be Held August 4 to 10.

We present herewith the official program of the Leon Chautauqua which opens on Sunday, August 4th, and continues, for seven days. The speaker on the opening afternoon, Rev. Chas. H. Fitzwilliam, of Pennsylvania, is one of the leading Presbyterian ministers of the country. Mr. J. Stuart Morrison will be the superintendent this year, and Mr. John P. Martin the morning hour lecturer.

The hours of the various programs are as follows: Children's Play Hour 9:00 a. m., morning lecture 10:00 a. m., afternoon music 2:30 p. m., afternoon lecture 3:00 p. m., evening music 7:30 p. m., evening lecture 8:00 p. m.

The program as arranged is, an unusually strong one and one which will be sure to give entire satisfaction for the entire week. Thaviu's great band will be here again accompanied by six great grand opera singers. Another big musical feature is the Balalaika orchestra, from Russia, and it is a great musical organization. Harry J. Vogt heard them the past winter and he says they alone are worth the price of a season ticket. Then we have the Maurer Sisters Orchestra, the Music Makers Quartet, the Artists Company, the Boston Lyrics and the College Girls' an entire change of music for each day.

The following is the program:

SUNDAY. Afternoon. Opening Exercises and Important Announcements. Music by Maurer Sisters Orchestra. Lecture—"From Trapeze to Pulpit," Chas. H. Fitzwilliams. Vesper Services 4:30 p. m.

Evening. Concert by Maurer Sisters Orchestra. Lecture—"The Average Man," Hon. W. I. Nolan.

MONDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Afternoon. Music by Music Makers Quartet. Address—"Civic Responsibility of Today," Senator Wm. S. Kenyon.

Evening. Concert by Music Makers Quartet. Feats of Jugglery—Jugglery and Manipulations, Rosani.

TUESDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Morning Lecture—"The Drama of the Rich Man and Lazarus,"

Afternoon. Music by The Artists' Company. Address, Bishop Wm. A. Quayle.

Evening. Concert by The Artists' Company. Heroic Travelogue—"Conquest of the Arctic," Dr. Lincoln L. Wirt.

WEDNESDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Morning Lecture—"Job's Drama of Immortality,"

Afternoon. Music by Balalaika Orchestra. Address—"Civic Responsibility of Today," Senator Luke Lea.

Evening. Concert by Balalaika Orchestra—A novelty musical program with the Russian National Instrument.

THURSDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Morning Lecture—"Jean Valjean,"

Afternoon. Thaviu's International Band in Grand Musical Festival.

Evening. Thaviu's International Band—Part I—Popular Band Concert. Part II—Sketches from Grand Opera "Il Trovatore" by the Grand Opera Sextette, accompanied by the entire band.

FRIDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Morning Lecture—"The Drama of The Broken Heart Saloon,"

Afternoon. Music by Boston Lyrics. Address—"American Ideals," Mrs. A. C. Zehner.

Evening. Concert by Boston Lyrics. Splendid Entertainment—Pictures, Music, Stories, by Cartoonist Altow Packard.

SATURDAY. "Play Hour" for the Children. Morning Lecture—"Saul of Tarsus,"

Afternoon. Music by College Girls. Address—"Community of Interest," Hon. Nelson S. Darling.

Evening. Joy Night—Diversified popular program closing the Chautauqua in a blaze of glory. The time of your life.

Memorial Day. Memorial day will be observed in Leon by the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps Thursday afternoon, May 30, 1912. The exercises will be held in the opera house commencing at 1:15 p. m. Song, by public school scholars. Invocation by Rev. Fansher, pastor of M. E. church. Reading of General Orders and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. G. A. R. ritualistic services by officers and members of the G. A. R. Post. Recitation by Guy McMorris. Address by Rev. Bradshaw. Song, "America." Decoration of graves. Persons having flowers to donate please bring them to the G. A. R. hall early in the morning. A. M. Pryor's Speaking Dates. Tuskeego, Thursday, May 30. Grand River Center, Friday, May 31. Richland No. 1, Saturday, June 1.