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HUSKED 282 BUSHELS

James M. Aldredge, of Leon, is the Champion Corn Husker of Iowa and the United States.

Decatur county can boast of the world's champion corn husker, all records for the world having been broken last Wednesday when Jas. H. Aldredge, the well known wrestler, who has given up the wrestling game and taken up the pursuit of farming, husked 282 bushels and 15 pounds of corn inside of ten hours.

The husking was done on the farm of Mr. Aldredge, six miles northeast of Leon, and was the result of a wager which he made with Mr. C. Barnett, local manager of the Royal Washing Machine Co., of this city and D. Hartt, one of his salesmen, who wagered a \$15 washing machine with Mr. Aldredge that he could not husk 200 bushels of corn in ten hours, the agreement being that the washing machine men were to drive the teams, haul the corn to the scales and unload it in the crib.

Mr. Aldredge started husking at five minutes before seven o'clock, and although the morning was pretty cool, he wore only his overalls and a light undershirt with no sleeves, but it was not long until he was perspiring like a harvest hand in July, and he kept it up all day. There was a continuous stream of ears of corn flying through the air to the wagon of Mr. Barnett and Hartt did the biggest day's work.

Mr. Aldredge is one of the best men physically in the state of Iowa. He is 34 years of age, weighs 224 pounds, does not use liquor, coffee or tobacco, and is always in the pink of condition. For many years he followed wrestling as a profession and has won many contests on the mat, having the honor of having twice put the shoulders of champion Frank Gotch to the mat.

We believe it will be a long time before this record of corn husking will be equalled, and we do not believe there is a man in the state or the world who can beat Aldredge in a contest. If there is, they can get all the money they want promptly covered by local admirers of the Decatur county world's champion.

New Brick Freight Depot to be Built.

When the Burlington depot burned in Leon a few months ago the Leon Commercial Club at once took the matter of a new freight depot up with the officials of the company in the hope that they would be able to induce them to build a substantial brick depot instead of replacing the burned structure with a frame building.

New Court Cases.

S. S. Dillenbeck & Son vs. Wm. H. Tedrow et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure five notes of \$100 each. S. Varga, attorney for plaintiff.

Hazzard and Cafeteria Luncheon.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a hazzard in the dining room of the church, Wednesday, Dec. 11th, opening at 2:30. Cook books will be on sale. They will make fine Christmas presents.

Editors Meet at Knoxville Today.

The winter meeting of the Southern Iowa Editorial Association convenes at Knoxville today for a two days session, and secretary O. E. Hull left last evening for Knoxville to attend the meeting. A big banquet will be tendered the editors by the businessmen of Knoxville this evening and tomorrow they will all visit the State Inebriate Hospital, where a luncheon will be served.

McGinnis New Captain.

Ralph McGinnis, of Leon, was signally honored at Iowa City last week when he was elected captain of the State University football eleven for the year 1913 by a unanimous vote. He was also one of the fourteen University men who were this year awarded the highly coveted "J" which is given in recognition of notable services on the gridiron.

The Iowa City Daily Press speaks thus of his election as captain for next year: Ralph Albion McGinnis, of Leon, Iowa, will lead Iowa's gridiron warriors to battle—and if his own merit and that of his good team achieve their just reward—to victory in 1913.

The Hawkeye squad voted unanimously today to make the star fullback, captain for the coming season. He is sure to make a brilliant captain, and under his guidance the men of 1913, will certainly labor as hard and earnestly and devotedly to accomplish big things on the whitewashed battlegrounds of Iowa field and elsewhere, as they did under the great Hanson.

Raymond Hurst is Picked as Star Player.

Raymond (Buck) Hurst, of this city, is picked by the sporting editors as the star quarterback and captain of the all-star football eleven of the Missouri Valley. The sports writer in the Register and Leader has the following to say of him: Hurst of Ames is easily the choice for the quarterback job and is also given the captaincy. His experience makes him a capable field manager.

A Bunch of Fine Calves.

C. M. Akes shipped to Leon Saturday morning what he thinks is the finest bunch of calves ever brought to Leon. There were 56 head of them, all White Faces and were purchased in the vicinity of Pleasanton and Saline. Among the bunch were twenty head of calves which were bought from John Frisby, of near Saline, Mo., for which he paid \$30 per head.

Won Gold Medals at Albion Welsh Eisteddfod.

Two Decatur county musicians competed in the great Welsh musical event, the Eisteddfod, held at Albion last week, and both won the first gold medals. The contestants were Miss Precia Spellerberg, of Garden Grove, who competed in the piano solo class for adults, winning first place, her selection being "The Druid Wedding" and Mr. F. A. Ede, also of Garden Grove, who won the first prize, a gold medal, for violin solo, his selection being "Blue Bells of Scotland."

Death Takes Two Mexican War Veterans.

The stern hand of death has taken two more of the Decatur county Mexican war veterans the past week, Mr. J. P. Fisher, of near Lineville, and Mr. Amos Ladd, of Grand River. We believe this leaves but one of the Mexican war veterans surviving in Decatur county, Mr. J. C. Crider, of Garden Grove. But a few years ago Decatur county had the greatest number of Mexican veterans residing in any one county in the state, and their annual reunions held at Leon were quite an event.

Crown Chapel.

Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Preaching at 3 p. m., by Rev. E. N. Bradshaw.

Will McKern was a business visitor in this city Monday.

MINING IN COLOMBIA

Karl G. Parrish, an Old Leon Boy, Has Extensive Mining Interests in South America Country.

Karl C. Parrish, a former well known Leon boy, now one of the leading mining engineers of the country, a son of Judge and Mrs. R. L. Parrish, of Des Moines, formerly of Leon, who is now visiting with his parents in Des Moines, tells of the wonderful opportunities of South America in the following interview published last Friday in the Des Moines Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish and baby will visit a few days with relatives and friends in Leon before departing for South America. A veritable wonderland of wealth, surpassing in reality the visioning of the most fervid romancer—that is South America.

So believes K. C. Parrish, mining engineer, whose interests are extensive on the southern continent. Mr. Parrish is the son of Judge R. L. Parrish and is paying a visit to his father and family before returning to South America, where he has spent the past eight years. Although in its mineral resources alone the portion of South America along the Andes presents possibilities of billions of dollars in development, Mr. Parrish knows that the country is no place for the man who would wrest a fortune from earth without capital or toil.

After his graduation from the Colorado School of Mines Mr. Parrish spent two years looking over mining prospects in the western portion of the United States. He found the field well exhausted, from the standpoint of the man who would make great achievements. Consequently he became interested in Colombia, and in 1904 sought that district in which to carry on his work as a mining engineer.

There were few trails after the traveled highways had been left and paths were chopped with machetes for many miles through stunted fields of tropical undergrowth never before traversed by man. Hideous snakes and reptilian life such as would strike terror to the heart of any person even the least bit squeamish bade welcome to the adventurers. Tigers and wild beasts roamed about the camp at night and peered indignantly at the white men and their native servants by day.

Mr. Parrish and his white companions were not discouraged by the perils and hardships into which they plunged. The country gave indications of being incalculably wealthy in precious ore as prospecting was carried on further inland. At last the great strikes on which the mines are located today were made.

Capital is an essential adjunct of any business in the countries, says Mr. Parrish, as in most lines a demand must be created. In mining the cost of taking machinery from the coast into the mountainous country is enormous, and but little can be accomplished in a short period of time. Another difficulty is the securing of competent labor.

George Roberts, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.

Revolutions make no difference to foreigners engaged in mining or commercial pursuits in Colombia, said Mr. Parrish. A president may change, as a dozen have done in the past decade, yet the citizens of the United States, or of Germany or England, are not handicapped by the overhated politics.

Englishmen and Germans at present predominate in the South American countries, and are securing for themselves many of the advantages to be gained by being the first on the ground. American capitalists are now beginning to realize the possibilities of Colombia and the surrounding countries, and thus availing themselves of the opportunities.

In response to a demand from the businessmen and citizens of Van Wert, The Reporter will next week commence the publication of a special Van Wert page. We have arranged with Mr. H. O. Tuttle, who has had considerable newspaper experience, to represent us at Van Wert, and he will handle the local news of the town, look after the advertising for the merchants and is authorized to collect and receipt for subscriptions to The Reporter.

Pete Vaughn, lessee of the Bellows farm, over in Decatur county, has three sons who shine as corn huskers, and he challenges any three corn huskers in Decatur county or Wayne county to beat them in a contest. One of them shucked 180 bushels one day last week, hauling the corn a half mile and unloading it himself, and the others of the trio are said to be just as good.

Names Were Transposed.

In making up the big table of the official canvass of the voters cast at the recent election and published last week, an annoying error occurred in the vote for county treasurer, the name of W. C. Cozad, democratic candidate for county treasurer being transposed with that of Mr. Arney, his opponent, so that the vote of Mr. Cozad is credited to Mr. Arney and that of Mr. Arney to Mr. Cozad. But Mr. Cozad, who is one of the best and most popular treasurers who ever served Decatur county was re-elected by a big majority, and the mistake will not fool anyone, for all know that Mr. Cozad was elected.

Decatur County Rural Mail Carriers Hold Meeting.

The rural carriers of Decatur county met at Leon the 28th of November and formed an organization to be known as the Decatur County Rural Carriers Association.

Modern Woodmen's New Rates Revoked.

Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 30.—An official statement withdrawing the order for new insurance rates as adopted by the head camp of the order in Chicago was issued from the executive offices of the Modern Woodmen of America today. The action was a sequel to a recent court decision in Springfield, Ill., enjoining enforcement of the new rates.

W. S. Bear Locates at Colfax.

W. S. Bear, who has been engaged in the drug business at Decatur City, has purchased a fine drug store at Colfax, Iowa, and has taken possession, and moved to that city. The people of Colfax will find Mr. Bear a thorough businessman and a substantial addition to the business interests of their city.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

James Earley, George Scott and Frank Walker, three good fellows from Harang, were taking in the sights at Leon.

Charles Carroll started for Memphis, Tenn., where he had secured a profitable situation for the winter. Dr. J. R. Horner, of Davis City, was going down the Leon and Davis hill between Leon and Davis City when his buggy upset and Dr. looked as if he had been in the prize ring with a world's champion, and had been knocked out in the first round.

Frank Ellis had purchased a wood working outfit and opened up a new enterprise in Leon. Plyn Brown, a good man from Garden Grove, was visiting with W. A. Brown at Brown's Hotel.

Champion Corn Huskers.

George Zaffel sold his interest in the meat market to C. M. Akes and returned to his former home at Ottumwa.

Osceola Will Drill Deep Well.

Osceola is going to follow the example of Leon and Corydon and drill a deep well to secure a supply of water for their waterworks system. When the system was installed a few years ago it was decided to rely on a reservoir for water, but this has proven very unsatisfactory, and the city has been practically without water for the past year, and a water famine is now staring them in the face.

"Thelma" is a Great Play.

"Thelma" is without doubt the most talked of play of the season and since the announcement of its appearance here created more interest than any play in recent years. Marie Correll's "Thelma" is a world-wide popular story, and everyone who is familiar with the book, can easily realize the superb material it affords for the development of an unusual drama.

Sammy Bowman, of Davis City, had returned from an extended visit at Burlington and Chicago.

Moves Back to Cainsville.

J. W. Atteberry, of Leon, came down on the evening train Saturday and remained in town until Monday noon. He was here long enough to purchase the Putnam barber shop and rent a residence for his family. He came down Tuesday evening prepared to stay. They will be at home to their many friends in Mrs. Richardson's tenant property east of the hotel.—Cainsville News.

Circulate Petition.

On election day petitions of consent were circulated in Winneshiek, Woodbury and Lynn counties. It seems that the liberal interests stole a march on the "drys" and in two counties at least it is claimed that the necessary sixty five per cent to establish saloons has been secured.

There is this to add: That when such expression is secured by the ballot it is the honest desire of the voters; when it is secured by the petition system in many cases it is the result of coercion and intimidation.—Advertisement.

Decatur County Improved Stock Breeders' Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Decatur County Improved Stock Breeders' Association will be held at Leon in the Commercial Club rooms on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 1 o'clock. The subject for discussion is "How to Keep Live Stock Free From Lice." Dr. F. G. Hume will lead the discussion.

Corn Club Awards Prizes.

Last Saturday the Corn Club met to award the prizes in the acre contest, but owing to so many of the farmers being so busy, and help being scarce, only five out of the thirty that entered the contest measured their acre. The prize of \$50 was divided into five prizes the past few years and the following members measured their acre and received the prizes as follows:

Corydon's Waterworks Saves a Destructive Fire.

The new system of waterworks recently installed at Corydon more than paid for themselves last week, when a bad fire was discovered in the basement of the big store of E. A. Rea. A basement fire is a hard one to fight, but with their system of waterworks the fire boys were able to confine the fire to the basement, although it took several hours of hard work and many thousands of gallons of water. Had the building burned probably the whole west side of the square, the best business block in the city, would have been destroyed.

Snyder—Potts.

On last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, Mr. Earl Snyder and Miss Georgia Potts were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother in west Leon. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Rev. E. N. Bradshaw officiating. These popular young people have our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Marriage Licenses.

- Perry Latta, Davis City, 21
Nelle Vandell, Davis City, 18
Earl Snyder, Leon, 30
Georgia Potts, Leon, 26
Orral Bright, Lineville, 22
Gertrude Gathilf, Lineville, 24