

Decatur City.

Banker J. C. Cozad returned from Des Moines Wednesday, where he had been on business. Miss Clara Young, who had been visiting her grandma Riddle for several days returned home Wednesday. Dr. B. L. Eiker, of Leon, was in town the first of the week. Miss Jessie Caldwell will be the speaker from here at the County contest which will be held at Davis City April 18th. J. C. Cozad's new cave is nearing completion and is indeed something to be proud of. E. T. Bruner and wife and Perry Bruner and wife were business visitors here Wednesday. Jas. Young and wife, of Jack Oak, were Decatur visitors Wednesday. Epworth League subject for Sunday evening, "Money, the Test of Christian Character." Mrs. Ellen Beck went to Van Wert to attend the funeral of a nephew. Mrs. Geo. Havens and Mrs. Dell Eurritt and children were guests at Ray Havens' Friday. Mrs. John Coffin and Mrs. Carl Coffin and children spent Friday at Frank Riddle's. Granville Cochran and wife went to Mt. Airy Friday for a visit at the home of their son, Perry Cochran and wife. Mrs. J. C. Cozad and Miss Ethel Gardner were Leon visitors Saturday. Miss Lola Shelton went to Pleasanton Monday for a visit at the home of her brother, Prof. Ralph Shelton and wife. Misses Grace Lake and Blanche Roberts were Leon visitors Saturday. Mrs. Dell Eurritt and children, who live south of here, spent Saturday and Sunday at Roy Eurritt's. R. E. McLaughlin, wife and little daughter, Verda, of Leon, came over Sunday and visited until Monday at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin. Dr. D. R. Springsteen went to Murray Saturday to visit over Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. M. I. Soll. Mrs. Jas. Cresswell and Mrs. C. E. Townsend were Leon visitors Saturday. Quite a number from here expect to attend the County School Contest, which will be held at Davis City, April 18th. Andy Thompson and Nathan Morton are both very sick at their home north east of town. Johnnie Reuss and wife were guests at Herbert Fletcher's Sunday. Misses Nora and Hazel Colter were Leon visitors Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dobson and granddaughter, Veta Easton, were guests at Will Aker's Sunday. Mrs. J. W. Laney and Miss Lou Sears were visiting friends in Leon Saturday. There were between 95 and 100 in attendance at the M. E. Sunday school last Sunday. You come next Sunday. Misses Hazel Riddle and Ruby Allen spent Monday and Tuesday at Jas. Young's, south of town. Helen Koger was a guest of Jessie Aker's Sunday. Thurman Chamberlin spent Sunday, the guest of Arthur Martin, who lives south of town. T. U. McCrystal, of Des Moines, was a business visitor here Saturday. J. C. Cozad had business in Leon Monday.

The Annual Declamatory Contest of the Decatur High School was held in the opera house last Friday night. Although the roads were quite bad, there was a large crowd in attendance. Jessie Caldwell was given first place in the dramatic class, Helen Jones was first in the humorous class, and Bryan Robbins first in the oratorical class. Jessie Caldwell will represent our school in the County Contest at Davis City. Virgil Penniwell of Leon, was over Monday and purchased a car load of fat cattle from W. H. Colter. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McLaughlin and daughter Verda came over from Leon Saturday and visited until Monday with Mrs. Mary McLaughlin. Miss Grace Lake returned to her work at Ottumwa Tuesday after visiting a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lake. Mr. Shoemaker, of Calmar, Mo., is visiting his son Lloyd and wife. Merle Cress spent Saturday night with her friend, Esther Jones. Charley Riley was a passenger for Des Moines Monday morning. Mrs. O. F. Walker was visiting in Des Moines last Tuesday. Mrs. J. W. Laney spent Saturday in Leon with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Long. Miss Mildred Rauch, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Allie Walker, returned to her home in Lamoni last Wednesday. Miss Lou Sears spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sears, of Leon. W. M. Roberts and son Clair of Leon, visited at W. H. Colter's Sunday. Ray Tenney spent Sunday at Dan Myers' south of town. Among those who visited in Leon Saturday were Mrs. Mulkey, Grace Lake, Blanche Roberts, Ethel Gardner, Nora and Hazel Colter, Mrs. Jas. Cozad, Mrs. Jas. Cresswell, Mrs. C. B. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins, John Coffin, S. W. Robbins, W. H. Colter, Ed S. Shelton, Lewis Negley, H. B. Lunbeck and Floyd Shelton. Messrs. Jas. Cozad and A. E. Ellis returned Thursday from a business trip to Des Moines. Miss Louie Beck is staying at Wm. Brannaman's this week. Mrs. Noah from Drake University came Monday to train the contestants for the County Contest, which is to be held at Davis City April 18. Dr. B. L. Eiker, of Leon, was in our city Sunday on professional business.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Davis City.

The agent of the Shenandoah nursery delivered some fine fruit trees in our city the past week. Ira Daniels and wife returned to their home at Ridgeway, Mo., last Wednesday, having been called here to attend the funeral of his brother. Joseph Tharp had a niece from Nebraska visiting him the past week. She was formerly Miss Zoe Tharp, of Leon. Mrs. Albert Wheeler has been sick with blood poison, but is now convalescent. Miss Ollie Wells left Monday for a visit with relatives at Blytheedale, Mo. Mrs. Fanny Laney is reported on the sick list. The Davis City depot was broken into last Friday night, but nothing of value was taken, unless you value booze. Sheriff Lorey was looking after business in Davis City last Tuesday. Rev. Babcock, of Missouri, came in the past week for a visit with Davis City friends. Leslie Grimes, wife and sister, Miss Ceell Grimes, came down from Leon Sunday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. E. S. Grimes. Grant Griffith had business calling him to St. Joe, Mo., last Saturday. The son of J. N. Gates who has been dangerously ill, is reported to be able to sit up and is now considered out of danger. The Decatur County Oratorical Contest will be held in our city Friday night, April 18th. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance. Mrs. Lena Merrifield returned last Thursday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Saint Newman, at Clearfield. Doc Daniels was reported on the sick list the past week. Mrs. G. W. Daugherty, of Ridgeway, Mo., and Mrs. Ella Redman, of Silverton, Colorado, visited their old time friend, Mrs. S. E. Adams, of this city, last week. The visit was very much enjoyed by all, as the ladies had been intimate friends extending over a period of forty years. The Davis City school board met last week and engaged the following teachers for next year: Prof. J. M. Howell, Miss Hartley, Miss Gladys Rogers, Miss Leah Teale and Mrs. Poush. Lyman McClain has a brother-in-law from Lamars, Iowa, visiting him. Mrs. William Cartwright, of Garden Grove, visited with Davis City relatives last week. Hose Scott and family returned last Friday from a week's visit with relatives in the country. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freeman spent Sunday in the country with Mrs. Freeman's sister, Mrs. Frank Cartwright. Mrs. O. B. Halstead returned to her home in Rogers, Nebraska, Monday, after a visit of several weeks with her brother, Geo. P. Campbell, who is able to be up and around after his recent severe illness. Mrs. J. E. Ownby, of Decatur City, visited from Saturday until Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Fanny Laney of this city. Mrs. Ralph Scott, of Blytheedale, Mo., came last Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Craig. Work commenced last week on the new steel coal chutes to be erected in Davis City to replace the old wooden chutes which were burned last winter. The new structure has an underground pit 25 feet deep and will be so constructed that there will be no waste coal. And deep and the question is, what will become of the sack brigade? Mrs. Zed Gore's household goods arrived here from Blytheedale, Mo., last Friday and she has again moved into her home. Her many friends here are glad to welcome her back as one of our citizens again. Mrs. Thurman Craig returned last Thursday from a winter's sojourn in California with her daughter, Mrs. Joe L. Warner. She reports Mr. and Mrs. Warner well and doing well financially. George Shoemaker came in last Friday from Pipestone, Minn., for an over Sunday visit with his parents, and to see his cousin, Fred Githens, who has not been so well since the wet weather set in. Fred has been on the sick list for over two years with lung trouble. Osa Wheeler moved last week into the property known as the Van Smith house. Mrs. Jane Simpson and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bullard and daughter, were in our city the past week, called here to attend the funeral of G. W. Daniels. G. W. Adams, of Ottumwa, Iowa, visited Saturday and Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. S. E. Adams, in this city.

High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brant. Miss Nell Bumgarner returned to her home Friday from Crown after spending the past week with her aunt, Mrs. Will Stiles. Mrs. Chas. Knapp and daughter, Mrs. Hayes, of Garden Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday at Fred and Ben Woolley's. Miss Lennie Konklin and Tom Bumgarner spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Austin Smith in Wayne county. Reed Richard came Thursday from Oskaloosa to spend his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Richard. He preached both morning and evening at the Friends' church. Miss Rachel Vandenburg spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Humeston. She is assisting Mrs. F. E. Warrington with her household duties. Mrs. Mabel Truitt and children, of Wayne county, are spending this week with relatives and friends at High Point. Mrs. Carpenter, of Ackworth, came last Thursday to visit her granddaughter, Mrs. Jim Jamison.

CASTORIA
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Maple Grove and Long Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cress spent several days in Grand River last week, her father being quite ill. Tommie Cook called at Will Brannaman's Thursday. Pearl Weldon is working for Mrs. Will Brannaman this week. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Smith have been off on a visiting trip to Clarke county where her folks live, returning home Friday. Henry Zornes spent a few days last week with his brother-in-law, Bennie Smith. Preaching services at Maple Grove Sunday at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10. Everybody is invited to attend. Homer Brown is improving from his attack of the lung fever at this writing. Jim Woodard spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Charley South. Mrs. George Woodard and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at his uncle J. J. Cress', of near Grand River. Florence South spent Saturday night and Sunday with her brother, Charley South. Jordan Cress made a business trip to Leon Saturday. Glen Cress spent Saturday night with his uncle, Kline Cress. Sunday school at Maple Grove Sunday was pretty well attended, as the weather was bad. Maude McCarl and Pearl South spent Sunday at Eli Carlton's of near Grand River. Charley Cogger was in this vicinity Sunday. Frank Poland called on Bill Brannaman Sunday. Glen Cress attended Sunday school at Pleasant Valley Sunday. Dewey and Horner Cress spent Sunday afternoon with Roy Bryant. Preaching services at Pleasant Valley Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night also. Everybody is invited to attend. Everett Woodard spent Sunday at Eli Carlton's. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woodard spent Sunday afternoon at Jordan Cress'. Lennie Beck is working for Mrs. Will Brannaman this week. Mrs. John Leffler spent Sunday with Cetta Brannaman. Road dragging is the order of the day at the present writing. Sunday school at Pleasant Valley Sunday at 3 o'clock sharp. Come!

Sand Creek No. 2.

Billie Cash and sister Ida Hardin visited at the home of John Sellers a few days this week. Belle Sellers and Stella Baker called on Mrs. Dannie Williams Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Peter Ellars called on Mrs. F. W. Sellers one day last week. Stella Baker and husband and little son Layton and Belle Sellers visited Sunday afternoon with John Sellers and wife. Billie Cash and sister departed for their home Tuesday after several days visit with relatives and friends in this neighborhood. Sannie Williams and wife were Decatur callers Tuesday. Jamie Green visited Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Smith. Estella Baker visited Sunday with Belle Sellers. Mrs. Frank Dobson visited Sunday with Mrs. Alf Miller. Noah Green delivered hogs to Decatur Saturday. Thomas Williams and wife were Decatur callers Monday. John Sellers was a Decatur caller Monday.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Little River.

This section was visited by a heavy rain Monday night. Mrs. Calvin Starr and daughter Estella called on Mattie Hendrickson Wednesday afternoon. Those who spent Wednesday with Charley Graham and family were Lear Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis. Martin Hendrickson was a Pleasanton caller Wednesday. Vine Oak school commenced Monday with Miss Anna Rogers as teacher. Jasper Spargur called on Martin Hendrickson Sunday afternoon. James Drury and daughter attended Sunday school at Pleasanton Sunday afternoon. Mrs. James Drury and daughter Nellie called on Ollie Moore Sunday afternoon. Clifford Cowles called on Sam Dale and family Sunday evening. Allen Spargur spent Sunday with Seth Davis. Charley Davis was a visitor at the Marble home Sunday afternoon.

Crown.

Oats sowing was brought to a sudden standstill last week by the rainy weather. Archie Foltz accidentally had his knee penetrated by a nail last week and it was necessary to call a physician. Dr. Eiker made several trips to attend to the wound but Mr. Foltz is better at present. Rev. Ronk will preach at the chapel next Sunday at eleven in the morning and eight in the evening. Several from Crown visited at the home of J. H. Merrill in Franklin township last Saturday. The chapel has been retained to make Sunday school class rooms. This makes it better as each class has an apartment of its own. Ira Officer has re-roofed his house. Margaret Baker, of Colorado, is visiting at the home of S. M. McDonough. Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil for such emergencies. Two sizes 25c and 50c at all stores. Save money by buying your groceries at 10 per cent discount at A. M. Caster's.

THE PERCHERON STALLION
INVOLUCRE No. 78839
Will stand the season of 1913 at the Charles Bechtel place, one half mile north of Decatur City, Iowa, known as the W. E. Ammons farm. INVOLUCRE is a steel grey and is a fine animal with good bone, style and action. He was imported from France in June, 1910, by C. G. Good, of Ogdon, Iowa, and is considered one of the best stallions ever brought to this section. The horse is recorded by the Percheron Society of America and his number is 70853. This stallion has been examined and pronounced sound, but certificate has not yet been received. Terms—\$10.00 for service and \$15.00 to insure colt to stand and suck. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but will not be responsible should any occur. Parties disposing of mares bred to this horse, or removing them from the country, forfeit the insurance and the fee becomes due and payable at once.

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THE IMPORTED STALLION
SOHAM LUCKY LAD
Season 1913
Soham Lucky Lad is a bright bay coming 6 years old, weighing 2010 pounds, when in good weighing condition. Has good bone, style and good quality.
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY.
This certifies that the Shire Stallion Named Soham Lucky Lad, 10771, (26694); foaled 1907; color, bay, blaze white off foot behind; bred by Jonas Leonard, Towns End, Soham, Cambs, England; imported September, 1909, and owned by Frank Bain, Osceola, Iowa; sire, Soham Tom, (20911), by Insurgent (11668); dam, Soham Smiler (52278); by Warrington Chancellor (19221); 2nd dam, Stuntny Myrtle (24958); by Stuntny Theodore (17094); 3rd dam, Welney Ruby (22681); by Pioneer (4608), has been accepted for registry in Vol. 7, of the American Shire Horse Stud Book this 13th day of September, 1909, under the rules of the Association, and numbered 1911 as above.
J. G. Truman, President.
Charles Burgess, Secretary.

THE TWO MAMMOTH JACKS
Billy Link and Frank Gotch
Will also stand the season of 1913 at the Bechtel farm, one half mile north of Decatur City. Both of these animals are out of Imported Jacks and are exceptional good breeders. Parties who know, state that this is the best pair of Jacks ever brought to Decatur county. If you care to raise stock that gets the money in the shortest time, raise mules. Mules are always a good price. This Jack has been examined and pronounced sound, but certificate has not yet been received. Terms—\$15.00 to insure colt to stand and suck. Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur. Parties disposing of mares or taking them from the country, forfeit the insurance and the fee becomes due and payable at once.

OTIS DEISHER
Owner and Keeper.
Renewal State Certificate No. 148.
The pedigree of the stallion Soham Lucky Lad, foaled in the year 1907, owned by Otis Deisher, Woodland, Decatur county, has been examined in the office of the Iowa State Department of Agriculture and it is hereby certified that the said stallion has been registered in the proper stud book duly recognized by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, and has been certified to by Dr. L. N. McNay, veterinarian, as being free from hereditary, infectious, contagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness specified in section three of the law. Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of January, 1913. A. R. Corey, Secretary of Iowa State Department of Agriculture.
TERMS—\$12.50 to insure colt to stand and suck. Parties parting with mares will be held responsible for service fee. Mares disposed of without being returned and tried at my barn after the season and released for not being in foal, will be held for service fee.
In extreme cases other arrangements may be made by agreement. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but will not be responsible should any occur.
No Sunday Service.
Soham Lucky Lad will make the season of 1913 at my barn one mile east of Woodland.

IMPORTED BELGIAN STALLION

ACTON No. 18442

The famous imported Belgian Stallion is owned by the High Point Horse Company and is one of the best Belgian horses that ever crossed the water, and is one of the best breeders in Decatur county. He is a beautiful bay and weighs 2100 pounds in good breeding condition. His colts took both first and second in the colt show at Garden Grove in the fall of 1910 over all draft breeds. Acton will make the season of 1913 at W. W. Stiles' barn 1 1/2 miles north of Crown, Iowa. He has been examined as required by law, but certificate has not yet been received. TERMS—\$15 to insure living colt. Colt held for service fee. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but will not be held responsible should any occur.
HIGH POINT HORSE COMPANY,
W. W. Stiles, Keeper.

Victor Hugo 2nd.

Pedigree of Jack.
Victor Hugo 2nd, Register No. 3814, sired by Victor Hugo. Grand Sire Imported Hugo. Dam, Mammoth Jennet. Color of Jack, black, height 14 1/2 hands. Foaled spring 1906. Owned by Otis Deisher.
Renewal Certificate No. 1.
The pedigree of the Jack Victor Hugo 2nd, foaled in the year 1906, owned by Otis Deisher, Woodland, Decatur county, has been examined in the office of the Iowa State Department of Agriculture and it is hereby certified that the said Jack has been registered in the proper stud book duly recognized by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, and has been certified to by Dr. L. N. McNay, veterinarian, as being free from hereditary, infectious, contagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness in section three of the law. Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of January, 1913. A. R. Corey, Secretary of Iowa State Department of Agriculture.
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No Sunday Service.
Victor Hugo will make the season of 1913 at my barn one mile east of Woodland.

OTIS DEISHER
Owner and Keeper.
Notice of Appointment of Executor.
In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur county. In the matter of the Estate of Jacob Manchester, deceased. To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as Executor of the estate of Jacob Manchester, late of Decatur County, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment. Dated this 7th day of April A. D., 1913.
D. T. MANCHESTER,
Executor of said estate.

OTIS DEISHER
Owner and Keeper.
Renewal State Certificate No. 148.
The pedigree of the stallion Soham Lucky Lad, foaled in the year 1907, owned by Otis Deisher, Woodland, Decatur county, has been examined in the office of the Iowa State Department of Agriculture and it is hereby certified that the said stallion has been registered in the proper stud book duly recognized by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, and has been certified to by Dr. L. N. McNay, veterinarian, as being free from hereditary, infectious, contagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness specified in section three of the law. Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of January, 1913. A. R. Corey, Secretary of Iowa State Department of Agriculture.
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