

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Mabel Horner, County Supt.

Dates to be remembered: Eighth grade examinations, Feb. 26 and 27. First annual meeting of the Decatur County Educational Association Feb. 28th.

The eighth grade examinations will be given, as heretofore, in the rural schools, Feb. 26th and 27th. The questions will be sent to all teachers just before the day set for the examination. They will be enclosed in sealed envelopes, marked with the half day in which the examination is to be given and no envelope is to be opened until the hour of the examination.

Teachers conducting examinations should use every possible means to see that the work is done "on the square." The teacher who gives aid to a pupil in this examination or allows him to secure it in any other way and thus to pass the examination, wrongs himself, the school to which the pupil belongs, the school which he may enter unprepared, the district that pays an undeserved tuition, and most of all the pupil himself, who drops the study of the common branches too soon, and who has received a downward push on an inclined plane that leads to a life of dishonesty and deceit.

The superintendents in most of our town schools have decided to give the eighth grade examination in their schools. Those who pass it, will receive the county "common schools" and will be entitled to a certificate of admission to any school in the state.

The first annual meeting of the Decatur County Educational Association will be held in Leon, February 28th. This will be an all-day meeting. An excellent program has been arranged by the vice presidents of the association. Dinner will be served at the Christian church at 25 cents a plate. The Leon High School building will be used for the meetings, and will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning for the reception of those who arrive on the early morning trains. Doctor Hugh S. Buffum, who is remembered most kindly by those who attended the Normal Institute last June will deliver an address at 11 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to hear Doctor Buffum and to attend the other programs of the day.

SCHOOL NOTES

Maurice Grogan—Harriett Lionberger—Editors.

Wilma Garber who is assisting Miss Crawford in primary work, taught for her Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. Alexander visited the spelling and arithmetic classes in Miss Mullins' room Wednesday.

The valentine boxes in the grades and also in the High School were greatly enjoyed.

Harry Myers and Leone Myers quite school because of having moved to the country.

Mrs. R. Alexander and little daughter were visitors of Miss Cooney.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades have been having preliminary contests in rapid calculation and etc. The final contest is to be held in the High School assembly room Thursday afternoon.

Olympian Debating Society will give a program next Friday.

The old soldiers visited High School on Lincoln's birthday. Each one gave a short talk which were enjoyed very much.

Mrs. E. Bell and daughter, little Jennie Lester, visited Miss Deck's room one day last week.

Miss Epperley and Miss Deck gave a program on Lincoln's birthday.

Ardivan Lewis is leaving Miss Deck's room and is moving to Essex, Iowa.

The teachers of the Leon schools entertained the school board at the library last Saturday evening.

Candidates Must File.

Frank D. Joseph, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, calls attention to the fact that this year candidates for school offices in Iowa must become candidates by petition. The department has had considerable inquiry on the subject. The elections in independent district are held the second Monday in March. The law governing the nomination of candidates is as follows:

"The names of all persons nominated as candidates for office in all independent city or town districts shall be filed with the secretary of the school board not later than seven days previous to the day on which the annual school election is to be held, each candidate to be nominated by a petition signed by not less than ten qualified electors of the district."

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William Tharp.

William Tharp, the eldest son of John and Margery Tharp, deceased, was born in Marion county, Ohio, August 3, 1833, and died of that dread disease cancer, at Leon, Decatur county, Iowa, on the evening of Feb. 14th, 1914, at the good ripe age of 80 years, 6 months and 11 days, the wheels of life standing still and the deceased passed out of the world and entered the great Ocean of Eternity.

Brother Tharp joined the M. E. church of Leon, Iowa, when a young man, and retained his christian integrity until the day of his death. He was united in marriage to Miss Jane Poe in about 1857 at Leon, Iowa. To this union were born two sons, Charles, of Hastings, Nebraska, and Haziel J. Tharp, of Los Angeles, Cal., who died on Christmas day, Dec. 25, 1913.

The deceased moved with his parents, brothers and sisters from Jasper county, Indiana, to Decatur county, Iowa, Nov. 29th, 1853, locating on a farm two miles northeast of Leon, where he lived for many years. His first wife died about 35 years ago, and was buried in the Leon cemetery. He married Mrs. Mary E. Crawford, at Leon, Iowa, about 1895. To this union were born two daughters, Eva B. Tharp and Ruth A. Tharp, aged 18 and 15 respectively.

The deceased brothers and sisters were twins who died in infancy in Ohio, Bell Tharp of Argona, Kansas, O. C. Tharp who died at Carrolltown, Louisiana, in the hospital as a Union soldier in 1863, Martha S. Jordan of Denver, Colorado, Joseph Tharp, of Davis City, Iowa, and Jabez Tharp, deceased of Denver, Colorado. Brother Tharp is survived by two brothers and one sister, by his widow, Mary E. Tharp, of Leon, Iowa, and his two daughters, and a large list of other relatives.

The funeral services were held in the Leon Methodist church on Monday afternoon, Feb. 16, 1914 at 2:30 in the afternoon. A mixed quartette sang three most helpful hymns. The service was conducted by Rev. Guy J. Fancher, the minister of the church. Interment in the Leon cemetery.

James Willard Gassett.

James Willard Gassett was born April 7, 1890, died Feb. 10, 1914, at the home of his parents, 2 miles southeast of Leon.

He attended the Leon High School and the veterinary college at Chicago where he was taken sick while in his study there.

He was a strong believer in Christian science and firm in that belief was patient in suffering to the last. His memory was unimpaired through the illness and he often spoke to his friends in most cheerful manner. Before his illness he took great delight in out of door sports, his enthusiasm doubtless leading him beyond his strength. In such circles he built up a wide circle of friendship among the young men of his age.

He leaves father and mother and one brother Walter, who resides near Cheyenne, Wyoming, and a number of other relatives as well as a large circle of friends to mourn his early demise.

Every thing possible was done to regain his health. He went to various sanitariums and three times to the west, seeking relief. After remaining in Wyoming he returned to his home last Christmas, resigned but cheerful.

The funeral was held Feb. 11th, at the home, burial being made in the Leon cemetery.

John William Craig.

John William, youngest child of W. F. and Nettie E. Craig, born Feb. 14, 1913, fell asleep Feb. 10, 1914, at 11:05 p. m., after an illness of nine days from lung fever.

All that loving hands could do was done, but the Divine Father saw the need of one more bud of promise to the tree of life, therefore little John was called, and closer and closer did the petals fold, until the little heart and mind slept.

The happy little smile that always brightened up his angelic little countenance, will be missed by father, mother, four brothers and two sisters, many friends and loved ones. But they mourn not as those without hope.

Funeral services were held at the Providence church on the afternoon of Feb. 12, 1914. The sermon was preached by Elder M. M. Turpen of Centerville, Iowa. The scriptural reading was from Matt. 18:1-12. The text was taken from I Thes. 4:13-18. The body was laid to rest in the Hamilton cemetery, there to await the call of those who die in Jesus, they shall not taste of death for it shall be sweet unto them.

Card of Thanks.

To those who so kindly assisted us in caring for and administering the last sad rites to our beloved baby, John, we tender our heartfelt thanks and may God's choicest blessings rest upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Craig and family.

Dee Lorey.

The death angel has again visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lorey and taken from them their little son, Dee.

Dee was born Nov. 18, 1909, and died Feb. 10, 1914, aged 4 years, 2 months and 23 days.

He was a little sufferer during the two weeks of his sickness but bore it patiently until his spirit took its flight to God who gave it.

Dee was of a kind and loving disposition and will be sadly missed by his parents and little playmates.

The funeral was held from the home Thursday, after which the little remains were laid to rest in the Leon cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our darling son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lorey and family.

Mrs. Harrison Bowman.

Sarah Alice Gleokler was born in Genry county, Missouri, July 18, 1874, and died at her home in Leon, Iowa, Feb. 11, 1914, aged 39 years, 6 months and 23 days.

She was united in marriage to Harrison B. Bowman twenty-two years ago, and to this union were born four children, who were all at home at the time of her death. Six weeks ago Mrs. Bowman went to Missouri to attend the funeral of her mother, and upon her return home was taken sick with pneumonia and gradually grew worse despite all that could be done, until the peaceful end. She leaves her husband and four children, besides an aged father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn her departure. Eight years ago she was converted and united with the Baptist church, and had since lived a consistent christian life, and passed on in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Funeral services were held at the home on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Reeder, and her remains were followed to the Leon cemetery by a number of relatives and friends, where she was laid to rest. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

Drillers Find Coal at Princeton.

When the drill was pulled up from the bottom of the first prospect hole on the Kesterson farm, south of town, Monday, it brought out a core showing fifty-four inches of coal. This was found at a depth of 484 feet and the quality is the same as that mined at Cainsville. This coal, however, is in two veins. One is 24 inches thick and the other 30 inches. Between the two is a layer of 22 inches of shale.

The showing of the first prospect hole is about all that was expected by Mr. Fred Morck, who is prospecting here in the interest of eastern capitalists with a view of opening a mine. The parting in the coal veins is a little larger than that found in the Ballew prospect hole in that vicinity.

Mr. Morck takes an optimistic view of the matter, and continues the work in good spirit. "This is one of the freaks of nature," he said. "This is the biggest parting we will find in the coal and the former prospecting indicated that it would be. Other holes will show up much better." Not much more coal is expected in other prospect holes, but the parting in the veins will be less. Former prospecting indicates that the center of the big coal bed is on a line near the house of Isaac Mason, and is getting thinner going north and south.

The drill was moved from the Kesterson farm Tuesday to the Vernon Boxley place, and Mr. Brennan began drilling the third hole there this morning. The second hole on the James Mason farm is now down about 150 feet. Mr. Brennan expects an expert driller here from Chicago this week to assist him.

While the prospectors have leases on some 4000 acres of land, Mr. Morck believes that if a good vein is found under half of that it will be sufficient for profitable mining. He thinks the field here should be sufficient for some 50 to 75 years mining.

The outcome of the prospect hole on the Kesterson farm indicates that there will be very little difference in the records of the present prospecting and that done by Mr. Ballew a few years ago. And this will be sufficient, it is believed to get a mine. The object of the present work is to more thoroughly locate the veins as to their thickness and to the least parting.

Former prospecting showed on the Mullinax farm 42 inches of coal at a depth of 460 feet with a 4 inch parting; at the lime kiln, 43 inches of coal at 461 feet, with 18 inches of parting; at Isaac Mason's farm, 58 inches of coal at 473 feet, with 15 inches parting; at the rock quarry, Hyde's sugar camp, 64 inches of coal at 468 feet, with 29 inches parting; on the Cockrell farm, 64 inches of coal at 434, with 30 inches parting. —Princeton Post.

Four Billions in Pensions.

From 1790 up to now Uncle Sam has paid \$4,557,539,824.68 to the nation's war veterans, and is now carrying \$60,294 persons on the roll. The year ending June 30 took 57,459 pensions from the rolls, mustered out by the call of death.

These and other interesting figures appear in the report of the pension commissioner, just made public. For instance it is shown that there are now 462,379 survivors of the Civil War on the pension rolls, against 497,263 a year ago—and just for comparison, Commissioner Saltzburger cites the fact that the total in the American army and navy in the Civil War was 2,213,365.

At present there are no pensioners on the rolls from the Revolutionary war. The last widow pensioner of that war was Mrs. Esther E. Damon, of Plymouth Union, Vt., who died on Nov. 11, 1906, 93 years old. The last survivor of the Revolution, was Daniel F. Blakeman, who died at Freedom, N. Y., April 5, 1869, 109 years old. The last surviving pensioned soldier of the war of 1812 was Hiram Cronk, of Ava, N. Y., who died May 13, 1906, 105 years old. The names of 190 widows of the war 1812 were still on the pension rolls June 15, 1913.

Ohio leads the states in having the largest number of pensioners. The total in the Buckeye state is 77,599. Pennsylvania is next with 75,618, and New York is third with 68,270. Even in Canada there are 2,879 Americans drawing pensions from the United States.

The commissioner's figures show that there are 252,944 women on Uncle Sam's pension rolls, of these 5,282 are widows of the Mexican war veterans. There are 279 nurses who receive monthly checks from the treasury for their work in the Civil and Spanish-American wars. The average yearly pension paid is \$171.

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SHOT FIRER NEAR DEATH.

Overcome by After-Damp Caused by Windy Shot.

J. W. Massey, jr., a shot firer at the mine had a narrow escape from death by after-damp caused by a windy shot while at work Thursday afternoon of last week. Had it not been for the forethought and carefulness of his fellow shot firer, Ernest Still, Mr. Massey would never have gotten out alive.

Two shot firers go down each afternoon about 4:30 to fire the shots in the rooms, and are the only men in the mine at the time. A windy shot is one which does not take effect against the coal but comes back out of the hole made by the drill much the same as in firing a gun.

Mr. Still relates the circumstances about as follows:

The two men had fired about five shots apiece and were then about a quarter of a mile apart. About this time Mr. Still felt a rush of air and knew that Mr. Massey had a windy shot. He sat down and waited to see what had become of it, or rather what it would amount to, and having waited some little time and not hearing any more shots from Mr. Massey's territory, knew that he was in trouble but how serious he did not know. At the time Mr. Still was in an entry under the Wilson land about a quarter of a mile from the shaft while Mr. Massey was straight west and perhaps a little farther away from the shaft than was Mr. Still. The latter made his way to the bottom of the shaft as quickly as possible and telephoned up that there had been a windy shot and to start the fan as soon as possible. This was done and Messrs. Garrett, Green and Aldredge went down to assist in the search for and rescue of Mr. Massey.

The men struggled hard against the damps and sometimes it seemed as though they must fail, but at length Mr. Green found the unconscious man lying by a string of cars which were standing on the track in the entry running west, and some distance from the last room which Mr. Massey had fired.

Mr. Massey was brought out to the top and taken to his home in the north part of town about 9 o'clock and remained unconscious for some time after arriving home. Drs. Doolittle and Nally attended him, and though his lungs hurt him severely for a few days, he has so far improved as to be up and around, and will soon be as well as ever.

In relating his experience, Mr. Massey said that it was simply awful. The heat from the windy shot, which was terrific, was before and the shot in the room behind him would soon explode, thus placing him between two fires. The last thing he remembers was pouring the water from his canteen into his mitten to hold over his face and crawling through heat trying to make the main entry and get into some fresh air.

It was a narrow escape, indeed, as perhaps another half hour would have brought the end—Cainsville News.

A Winter Cough.

A stubborn, annoying, depressing cough hangs on, racks the body, weakens the lungs, and often leads to serious results. The first dose of Dr. King's New Discovery gives relief. Henry D. Sanders, of Cavendish, Vt., was threatened with consumption, after having pneumonia. He writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery ought to be in every family; it is certainly the best of all medicines for coughs, colds or lung trouble." Good for children's coughs. Money back if not satisfied. Prices 50c and \$1. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Osceola Freight House Employee Charged with Embezzlement.

Monday evening Ben Glaze was arraigned before Justice Trent on a charge of embezzlement. Charges were preferred by an officer of the C. B. & Q. railroad company. Preliminary hearing was waived and Ben was bound over to appear before the grand jury at the February term. Upon furnishing the one thousand dollar bond required, Ben was released.

For the past week a special auditor has been examining the books at the freight house where Glaze has been employed as bookkeeper. This examination shows a shortage of \$3861.72, and covers a period of about three years.

How much, if any, of this shortage will be charged to Ben will come out at the trial.—Osceola Democrat.

Two Home Women Talked About Hair.

Two women met in our store the other day, when one of them said: "My, how pretty your hair looks! What have you been doing to it?"

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