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PAYING CONTRACT LEI

Ford Paving Co. Awarded Contract for Additional Paving. Price 10 Cents a Yard Higher.

The city council at their meeting Tuesday let the contract for the second lot of paving in Leon, which consists of the one block running south from the southeast corner of the square to connect with the paving on Commercial street, and from the top of the depot hill south to the bridge over Possum creek, beyond the railroad tracks. There was only two firms who submitted bids, and the contract was awarded to the Ford Paving Co., of Cedar Rapids, who have the other contract in this city. The paving will cost \$2.10 per square yard as against a price of \$2.00 secured on the big contract last summer, but it was not expected that as good a contract could be secured for this paving on account of it being a much smaller tract. The curbing will cost 70c, the same as on the first contract, but the extra grading is to cost 65c per square yard as against 49c on the first contract, but it is possible that the city will do the grading themselves, as it is thought they can do it cheaper than the bid of the Ford Co. The contract provides that the brick used is to be Purington, Buffalo or Moberly.

The following were the bids submitted by the two bidders: Ford Paving Co. Paving per yard. . . . \$2.10 Curb and gutter per foot. . . . 70 Extra grading per yard. . . . 65 Cameron, Joyce & Co. Paving per yard. . . . \$2.24 Curb and gutter per foot. . . . 68 Extra grading. . . . 45

Citizens! Your Attention!

The Commercial Club at their last meeting requested me to issue a general invitation to every able bodied citizen of Leon and vicinity to assist them in a glorious revel in dirt and dust by assisting in removing the same from the finished paved streets, thereby giving a boost to the successful operation of the street and alley department along this line. Those who have teams and vehicles, no matter what their rated horse-power, and all individuals who can get hold of or can use a shovel, are equally invited to meet Friday, morning April 17, on Main street, where the fun will be organized under the supervision of the street and alley committee.

If this date is not suitable on account of the weather conditions, then meet Tuesday morning, April 21. Dirt can be had for filling at a reasonable price according to the length of the haul. Come on and help make this a success. Geo. R. Farquhar, Mayor.

Decatur County Woodmen Insurgent.

At the recent county camp of the M. W. A. held at Van Wert, it developed that Decatur county Woodmen are strongly insurgent. The Leon camp was represented at the convention by F. C. Mullinnix, E. W. Farquhar and J. A. McIntosh. Six camps were represented at the county camp and W. H. Shields, of Grand River, was selected as delegate to the state camp at Cedar Rapids on May 6th. Resolutions were adopted against the Chicago rates, for a reduction of the salaries of the head camp officers, and in favor of a rule of only two terms in office for head camp officers.

"See Yourself as Others See You."

The Capital City Film Co., of Des Moines, will be in Leon Saturday of this week with their moving picture cameras for the purpose of making several reels of pictures of Leon. They will take views of the principal streets, and of local points of interest. It is to be hoped the weather will be fine and that a large crowd of people will be on the streets from both town and country. The pictures will be developed into a moving picture film and will later be shown at the Idle Hour theatre in this city.

Paving Company Busy.

The Ford Paving Co. are getting busy with a big force of men on their paving contract in this city. They have been grading for the past month and Monday morning commenced mixing concrete and putting in curbs and gutters. A large amount of material has been received and they will commence spreading the concrete foundation now within a short time. Charley Treble, the fast brick layer came in Monday and will soon be dropping the paving brick into place against.

Idle Hour Theatre Remodeling Front.

Work was commenced yesterday morning on the remodeling of the front of the popular Idle Hour theatre and they will be able to increase the seating capacity of the house considerably as the lobby will be done away with, entrance being direct from the street.

Will someone please explain why in 1897 when hogs were selling at \$2.25 on foot, that one could buy bacon for 10c a pound, and in 1913, with hogs selling at \$7.50 to \$8.00 on foot, bacon now costs 35 cents a pound. The difference between the selling price of hogs and bacon was then 7 cents a pound; the difference between the selling price of hogs and bacon is now 27 cents a pound. Does it not seem plain that somebody besides the farmer is getting the big end of the deal?—Greenfield Free Press.

IOWA CENSUS.

State Officials Are Already Preparing For The Count.

The complete enumeration of Iowa people will be attempted next year. The governor and state officials are already giving considerable time and thought to the plans for making the taking of the state census as complete as possible.

There is a general belief that most of that which has been featured in some places as the loss of population in Iowa is due to imperfect census work. It is regarded as certain that if there is a full count next year it will show that Iowa is not suffering in any way.

Governor Clarke is already taking steps to secure the co-operation of all the authorities in the state, to the end that Iowa shall have a perfect census enumeration. The county officials must be largely relied upon for the enumeration in the rural districts, and it is here that the greatest losses have been reported in the past. But in the cities the commercial organizations will be asked to help. Nearly every city and town of the state has a commercial club of some kind. Each community is interested in having a proper count of its people. It is hoped that some plan can be worked out so that these commercial organizations will be able to make certain that there is in every city and town of the state an enumeration that will not be questioned as to its completeness and accuracy.

The enumeration is part of the census taking and is under the direct control of the state executive council. A special agent will be placed in charge to handle this work and nothing else.

Notice from Mayor.

I hereby cause to be published parts of some ordinances of the city of Leon, that require immediate attention. From Ordinance No. 20:

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for anyone within the said city, to throw or place upon any street or alley or in any drain or gutter made by the city of Leon, any filth, rubbish, manure or garbage of any kind. Penalty, etc., follows.

We will give all such offenders against this ordinance until May 1st, 1914, to remove such offense of their making, from the streets and alleys of this city and cease violating this ordinance.

Ordinance No. 66 makes it unlawful to throw glass, china or earthenware, ashes containing nails, boards with nails, etc., upon the streets and alleys.

This ordinance with penalty is in force.

Ordinance Regarding Dogs.

Sec. 1. That for every dog or spayed bitch owned or harbored in said city shall be paid by the owner or harbinger thereof a license of one (1) dollar annually, and for every bitch owned or harbored thereof a license of two (2) dollars and shall be paid before May 1st, of each year. No license shall be collected on dogs less than three months old.

Sec. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the city marshal to annually collect such license and pay over the same to the city clerk, specifying the year for which it is paid and the number of such dogs.

Sec. 3. The owner of such animals after paying any such license shall place upon every such animal a collar with the number and year given by the marshal on a metal tag, supplied by the city.

For other sections concerning dogs, see ordinance book. Geo. R. Farquhar, Mayor.

Iowa Third in Rural Routes.

Practically every farm in Iowa is within a short distance from a rural route and only two states in the union have more routes than Iowa has, according to the Iowa department of agriculture.

An investigation of the rural route situation recently was made by Howard N. Whitney, publicity agent for the department. His report says:

"There are only two states which have a larger number of rural routes than Iowa, Illinois having 2,856 and Ohio 2,539 as compared to Iowa with 2,242. Both Illinois and Ohio, however, have a much larger rural population than Iowa. Illinois has 2,161,662 people living on farms, and in towns of less than 2,500 people. Ohio has 2,101,987 and Iowa 1,544,717. The area of Illinois exceeds that of Iowa by about 600 square miles, while the area of Ohio is less than that of Iowa by about 15,000 square miles. California has only 409 rural routes. Its rural population amounts to 907,810 and the area of the famous southwest coast state is 158,360 square miles as against 56,025 square miles in Iowa. The western states as a rule have but few rural routes. Wyoming has 13, Utah 51, Montana 59, New Mexico 18 and Nevada 4.

"The middle western states on the whole are better supplied with rural routes than any of the other states, population and area considered. With practically every farm in Iowa convenient to a rural route, and telephones enough for ninety out of every 100 farm homes, with no farm in Iowa more than ten miles from a railroad and an automobile for every thirty-two inhabitants, it would appear that every farm in the state is conveniently located not only for the conduct of its business but for the comfort and convenience of the farmer and his family."

Marriage Licenses.

Wm. Erwin Davis, Weldon. . . . 20 Addie E. Scofield, Weldon. . . . 17

The moving picture men will be in Leon next Saturday. Watch for them.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Court Adjourned Friday. The Jury Found James McIntosh Guilty of Assault and Battery.

District court adjourned last Friday after being in session for three weeks. Nearly all of last week was occupied in the trial of the case of State vs. James G. McIntosh, of Davis City, who was indicted on the charge of murder in the second degree, it being alleged that city marshal T. T. Stephens, of Davis City, died last summer as the result of being struck by Mr. McIntosh. The case was hotly contested, it being shown that Mr. Stephens died 71 days after the time he was struck by McIntosh, and the jury evidently took the view that the blow struck by McIntosh was not responsible for his death. The case went to the jury about 6 o'clock Thursday evening and at 9:15 the same evening they brought in a verdict of guilty of assault and battery, the assault on Stephens being admitted by McIntosh, who testified he struck him with his fist but had no intention of killing him or inflicting great bodily injury. Judge Maxwell imposed sentence on McIntosh the same evening, fining him \$100 and the costs of the case. The fine was paid the same evening and he was released from custody and his bond exonerated.

Hugo Sisch and Thomas Tyman, the St. Joe clothing men who were arrested at Davis City some weeks ago for putting on a clothing sale without a transient merchant's license, plead guilty to the charge and were fined \$25 each. The case against Ikey Kohen indicted with them was dismissed. The temporary injunction secured by county attorney Sharp against Henry Terry, of Davis City, restraining him from selling intoxicating liquors was made permanent. The following cases were disposed of since our report last week: Eliza Woodard vs. Charles H. Woodard, the defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$150 for attorney fees and support within 30 days. R. L. and Grace Fear vs. F. A. Fear, et al., report of sale and deed to Louie Lloyd approved. Patrick Griffin vs. Edward Hammond, judgment on account for \$64. C. S. Murdy vs. C. B. & Q. R. R., settled. C. S. Murdy and J. S. Ramsey vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., settled. O. E. Hull vs. Chas. H. Woodard, confession of judgment confirmed. Leon Cement and Brick Co. vs. P. B. and Fannie Walker, judgment on note.

Big Increase in Auto Tax.

County treasurer W. C. Cozad last week received the first installment of the state auto tax for this year, receiving a draft for \$5,562.88. The first installment received in 1913 amounted to \$3,204.29, and the second \$2,220.54, a total of \$5,424.83, the first installment for 1914 amounting to \$138.05 more than for the entire year of 1913. In 1912 the total amount received by Decatur county was \$2,338.67. The increase of the first installment this year amounts to 60 per cent, and there will be another apportionment of the auto tax receipts on September 1st, according to indications there will be another big sum to distribute at that time, as the collections of the motor vehicle department continues to average about \$5,000 a day. The amount apportioned among the counties does not represent the total sum collected. From the gross receipts there was deducted 8 per cent for the highway commission's expenses and 7 per cent for the expenses of the motor vehicle department. The auto tax is distributed among the counties by population. The counties having the greatest number of townships get the biggest slice. Kossuth and Pottawattamie counties each receive \$9,735.04, which is the high mark. The low mark is \$4,172.16, and there are fifty-two counties which will receive this amount. Clarke and Lucas counties, just north of Decatur, are among the number, as this tier of counties across the state have only twelve townships, being only three townships deep north and south.

Special at Idle Hour Tonight.

There will be a double special feature at the Idle Hour theatre this evening, an Edison two reel special "Alexias" Strategy" being the feature play, and the other feature will be "Leon and Leon People," showing a large number of views of Leon and Leon people which were taken when they did not know it, and the pictures will show many Leon people who will be surprised to see their pictures. You may be in one of the pictures, so don't miss seeing them tonight.

Lost An Eye.

Ed Shelton, of Decatur City, met with a serious accident last Saturday when the sight of one of his eyes was destroyed. Mr. Shelton was working at his trade of carpentering and was driving shingling nails. One of the nails flew from under the hammer and struck him in the eye, bursting the eye ball. He was taken to Omaha the same day to a specialist to have the injury attended to.

The K. P. lodge had a dandy good meeting last Monday night, about forty knights from Lamoni coming up to visit the Leon lodge. Degree work was put on and a smoker followed. Everybody had a fine time.

Get in the picture next Saturday.



George W. Rudibaugh.

George W. Rudibaugh was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1830, and departed this life, April 4, 1914, at the age of 84 years and 2 months. He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Thomas, March 3, 1851, and to this union were born three children, one son and two daughters, Chas. L., living near Davis City, Iowa; Mrs. Icie Barr, of Lineville, Iowa, and Mrs. Nettie Keaton, of Orchards, Washington. He moved to Agency, Wapello county, 1857, came to Decatur county, 1857, teaching school for one year. In 1858 he moved on the farm where he has since resided. He was a successful farmer and school teacher. He was elected to the office of county commissioner for two terms—1873-1879. Since that time he has retired to private life. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, three children, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at his residence Monday, April 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. C. R. Cortell of the Lineville M. E. church, interment being in the Lineville cemetery.

What the Water Works is Doing.

Morris Gardner and Win Cash, members of the water committee of the city council have filed with the council their report for the first quarter of 1914, showing the amount of water pumped and the receipts of the water plant. They also make the recommendation that the city demand from the Electric Light Co. that their contract with the city for the pumping water as to the price, be strictly complied with. On August 29, 1913, the city signed a contract with the Electric Light Co. to furnish power for pumping the water for a period of seven years at 15 cents per thousand gallons. There has been considerable friction between the council and the Electric Light Co., the latter claiming that owing to changes made in the installing of the machinery and the fact that only about 60 gallons of water can be pumped per minute instead of 100 gallons, that the cost of pumping is greatly increased and they ask for more money on the contract for this reason. Reading on large meter at plant for which the power company was allowed 1,982,400 From which deduct cooling water (metered twice) 130,020

Total water pumped to tank. . . . 1,852,380 Also deduct water used at Rumley fire, for which city received no pay. . . . 40,000

Water for which city would have received pay had there been no loss. . . . 1,812,380 Readings on residence and business house meters for which city received pay. . . . 1,516,130 Sold in tanks at plant. . . . 20,500 Total water for which city was paid. . . . 1,536,630 Loss in mains and meters. . . . 275,750 Loss to city including Rumley fire. . . . 315,750

Per cent of loss in mains and meters, not counting fire loss, figured from 1,812,380. . . . 15.2 Per cent of loss including fire loss, figured from 1,812,380. . . . 17.4 The loss in the mains will be greater as the system gets older. The fire loss is always present.

Cost of Pumping. Money allowed to power company during quarter \$ 297.36 Paid Mitchell for labor. . . . 134.74 Oil, incidentals and Filical. . . . 6.94

Cost of pumping, nothing for depreciation or interest. . . . \$ 439.04 Cost of pumping per 1000 gallons, figured from 1,536,630. . . . 28.58 cents Collected for Water in Quarter. On meter readings. . . . \$ 548.65 On tanks sold. . . . 16.40

Total money from sale of water. . . . \$ 565.05 Collected for water sold, per 1000 gallons. . . . 36.77 cents Profit to city per 1000 gallons, nothing for depreciation or interest. . . . 8.81 cents Per month. . . . \$ 42.00 Per quarter. . . . 126.01 Pumping at 20c per 1000 gallons would have shown a profit of \$26.89. Pumping at 25c per 1000 gallons would have shown a loss of \$72.23.

The small profit appearing would be quickly turned into a considerable loss if the city pushed sewers, sprinkled streets or tamped ditches, counting nothing for depreciation or interest.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mose Hollingshead, who was confined in the county jail, being on trial in the district court on the charge of rape, committed suicide in his cell in the jail by shooting himself with a .32 calibre revolver. The evidence had all been submitted in the case when he shot himself, and the case went to the jury who returned a verdict of guilty. Hollingshead however died the following morning.

Robert Kennett and Miss Hattie Williams, both of Leon were married at Mt. Ayr.

The Garden Grove Express was purchased from the Boydston Bros. by the Express Printing Co., and S. H. Amos took charge as editor.

Mrs. George Miller, of Omaha, was here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Young.

Miss Mattie Pressler was to be married to a gentleman from Nebraska.

Judge McMill and Smith McPherson were over Sunday visitors in Leon, being here on legal business. Leander Bechtold and wife were preparing to leave Leon, having decided to locate at Lincoln, Neb.

Miss Lottie Woodbury, of Osceola, was the guest of Miss Lulu Young.

The big bank case from Osceola which had been on trial in the district court in this city, in which Geo. H. Cowles, president of the defunct Osceola bank, was on trial charged with embezzlement and mismanagement of the bank's affairs, resulted in a verdict of "not guilty" being returned by the jury.

Examination for Fourth-Class Postmasters.

An executive order has been issued by President Wilson for competitive examinations for the position of postmaster at all fourth-class post offices at which the annual compensation is \$180 or more, and at which the present incumbent was not appointed under the civil service regulations will be held in Iowa on May 2 and May 16th. For the benefit of prospective candidates for the various Decatur county offices we give the dates and places in this vicinity where the examinations will be held: On May 2, examinations will be held at Corydon and Mt. Ayr. On May 16 at Charlton, Lamoni and Osceola. The following postmasters in Decatur county are to be selected from those taking the examination: Davis City, Grand River, Leroy, Pleasanton, Van Wert, Weldon and Woodland.

Applicants may be examined at any of the examination points and on the dates mentioned without regard to the location of the post office at which appointment is desired. An applicant for examination for appointment at any post office must reside within the territory supplied by such office. No change in the dates of examination at any points can be made. Applicants will be allowed to be examined on only one of the dates mentioned. The application form may be secured from the postmaster at any of the offices for which the examinations are held, the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the postmaster at any place at which the examination is to be held, and should be properly executed, indicating therein the examination point at which the applicant desires to be examined, and should immediately be forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Persons who, for any reason, are unable to forward their applications to the Commission in time to receive written authority to enter the examination will be examined, subject to the subsequent approval of their applications, if they appear for examination at a place and on a date scheduled. For location of the examination room, apply at the post office at the place where the examination is held.

Program to be Given by Van Wert Public Schools Tonight. The following is the program to be given by the Van Wert public schools on Thursday, April 16th, at 8:00 o'clock.

Song, "Our Flag," primary pupils. Reading, "When Company Comes," Bessie Hawks. Piano Duet, Frank Livingston and Arthur Pierce. Reading, "The Schoolmaster's Guest," Atha Briner. Playette, "The Young Teacher," Intermediate pupils. Reading, "The Poppy Land Express," Lois Stearns. Exercise, "The Merry Old Maid," Grammar girls. Reading, "The Reading at Bixby Center," Lula Rumley. Song, "Our Blessings," Intermediate pupils. Folk Dance, Primary pupils. Reading, "Guilty or Not Guilty," Ralph Owens. Flower exercise, Grammar girls. Reading, "Ma, She Knows," Keith Murry. Song, "Mr. Rooster and Mrs. Hen," Primary pupils. "Scare Crows-A-Roaming," Intermediate boys.

Two More Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the Leon school board Monday evening two more teachers were elected, Mrs. Voe Aiken as a grade teacher and Miss Mida Bradley as music teacher. There are still two primary teachers and one teacher in the High School to be elected.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Candidates' announcements will be run in this column until the June primary election at the uniform charge of \$5.

For County Treasurer.

I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county treasurer at the primary election in June, subject to the decision of the democratic voters of Decatur county.

John W. Wasson, of Center Township.

For County Treasurer.

I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer of Decatur county, subject to the will of the republican voters at the June primary.

Elba Shewmaker, Grand River, Iowa.

For Clerk of the Courts.

I will be a candidate for re-nomination for the office of clerk of the district court, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the June primaries.

E. E. Beck.

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce by name as a candidate for the office of Auditor of Decatur county, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary election in June.

Walter Osborn.

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce my name as a candidate for the office of Auditor of Decatur county, subject to the will of the republican voters at the primary election in June.

A. W. Stearns.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for a second term as sheriff of Decatur county subject to the will of the voters of the republican party at the primary election to be held in June.

F. L. Lorey.

To the Republican Voters of Decatur County.

I hereby announce by candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of county attorney of Decatur county, Iowa, subject to the will of the voters at the republican primary, and, if nominated, will be thankful to the voters of the county, regardless of politics, for their support.

John S. Parrish.

For County Attorney.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination on the republican ticket in the June primary for the office of county attorney.

Wm. J. Springer.

Will Analyze Water Free of Charge.

Iowa City, April 3.—Any city or town in the state may have water analyzed for sanitary purposes in the University of Iowa's epidemiological laboratory, free of charge, according to a letter which has just been sent out by Dr. C. S. Woods, state epidemiologist. Provision is made, however, that no more than a limited number of samples is sent for analysis.

Following is the letter which has been written to the city authorities by Dr. Woods:

"Permit me to call your attention to the fact that the last legislature made an appropriation to the State University of Iowa for the purpose of engaging a state epidemiologist who would study the causes of epidemics, and the means of controlling them and stamping them out. The appropriation also provided for the establishment of an epidemiological laboratory.

"The University has carried out the provisions of the appropriation and the epidemiologist and laboratory are now at the service of the people of the state.

"Any city or town in Iowa may have water analyzed for sanitary purposes at the laboratory, free of charge, provided, however, that not more than a limited number of samples is sent for analysis.

"In order to insure greater accuracy special containers for the samples of water will be provided by the university. The container will be forwarded and returned at the expense of the applicant.

"You are cordially invited to call upon the university at any time if it can be of service to you in the prevention and control of diseases in your community."

Swift & Co. Making Extensive Repairs at Their Plant.

Swift & Co. have been making some pretty extensive repairs at their big plant in this city. They have installed an entire new creamery equipment of machinery and have overhauled and remodeled much of the other machinery in the plant, the repairs costing in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Nothing definite has been heard as to when work will be commenced on the new building they have planned to erect in this city this year.

Warning!

We have just secured a six room house located on lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Barr's addition, in Van Wert, Iowa, (the J. E. Rhodes place) which we are going to sell to the party that will make us the best price within the next ten days. Please inspect and submit your best offer by return mail. B. F. Loos Co., owners, phone Red 1755, Des Moines, Iowa.