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FALL BROKE HIS NECK

Joseph Young Instantly Killed By Falling From Livery Stable Loft at Grand River Saturday.

Joseph Young, a well known farmer living a mile and a quarter east of Grand River, was instantly killed about dusk Saturday evening, when he fell from the loft of J. W. Fowler's livery barn in Grand River, striking on his head on the cement floor, fracturing his skull and breaking his neck.

Mr. Young drove his team to Grand River about dusk and went to the Fowler livery barn to put them up. There was no one at the barn at the time to care for the team, so he unhitched them and put them in a stall and went to the loft and was throwing down some hay when the accident occurred.

The deceased was about forty years of age, and was a man who was highly respected. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, interment being in the Young cemetery.

Business Lively in Mayor's Court.

Mayor Farquhar has been doing quite a business in his court the past week. George Leahy, of Blockley, was arrested on the charge of driving his team too fast on the streets of Leon a week ago Saturday night. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

Claud Boyd, employed with the paving gang, was fined \$7.00 and costs for striking Ralph Perdew, just because Perdew asked him to pay a debt.

John Epperley was arrested Saturday night on the charge of intoxication, and as it was not his first offense, Mayor Farquhar fined him \$25 and also gave him a jail sentence of twenty-nine days, suspending the jail sentence so long as he refrains from the use of intoxicating liquor.

Charged With Dynamiting in Grand River.

Assistant state game warden Charles S. Hobson, of Clarinda, came to Leon last Thursday to investigate a case of alleged dynamiting fish in Grand River, and the result was that an information was filed against Rob Akes, Burley Russell, Lem VanNosttrand and James Konklin, all of Leon, on the charge of killing fish by dynamiting the river on the farm of R. E. Lee, southwest of Decatur City, a week ago Friday night.

First Auto Funeral in Decatur County.

F. S. Stewart, Leon's undertaker, conducted the first auto funeral ever witnessed in Decatur county, on Tuesday, it being the funeral of Mr. John W. Keeler, who died at the home of his son, B. W. Keeler, just across the line in Clarke county, a distance of 13 1/2 miles from Leon.

Everybody Drank Orangeade.

Last Saturday was another big day at the Rexall drug store of Bell & Robinson, when they gave away another shipment of rubber balloons with each purchase of orangeade. On a previous sale day they had 500 balloons, but ran out, so this time they doubled the order and had 1,000 balloons, but even this big number was exhausted before the day was over.

A Former Leon Boy Made Fortune in Oklahoma.

C. W. Hoffman returned last Sunday from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where he visited a week with L. B. Jackson and wife, former well known residents of this city. Not so many years ago Lew Jackson was a struggling young lawyer in Leon. Law business was not very brisk in Leon, and finally Mr. Jackson decided to seek his fame and fortune in a new country and went to Sapulpa while the town was in its infancy.

Will Complete Sewer System.

The city council at their meeting last Thursday night decided to go ahead and install the balance of the sewer system for the entire city, and the city engineer is now at work preparing the plans. The old septic tanks, which are located on Roe Carter's land which have proven a failure in disposing of the sewerage from the sewers which have already been installed, will be abandoned, and land purchased from S. A. Oiler southeast of the depot will be used for a disposal plant, the plan being to install a sand filter disposal plant, which is being successfully used at Albia and other cities.

Canvassed the Primary Vote.

The board of supervisors were in session Monday and Tuesday, canvassing the vote cast at the recent primary election. No change was made in the result as announced last week, except that it was discovered that Geo. W. Baker was not nominated for the democratic nomination for county attorney. There was no candidate for this office on the democratic ticket, but 94 democrats wrote in the name of Mr. Baker. An examination of the law shows that in order for a candidate to be nominated by having his name written in, he must receive ten per cent of the votes cast for governor at the last election.

Wind Damaged Silos.

Saturday afternoon there was quite a little wind storm a few miles northeast of Leon, which did considerable damage. The silos on the farms of John W. Wasson, Charles Klem and Frank Garber were all blown down, and considerable damage to roofs of barns and other buildings was done by the wind. Mr. Wasson and Mr. Garber think the elements must have been in for their silos, for both of them were also blown down during wind storms last summer.

Died While on a Visit.

Mrs. Mollie Combs, a well known resident of Grand River, dropped dead Saturday evening at the home of her daughter near Farragut, Iowa, where she had gone on a visit. Mrs. Combs was in apparent good health when she left home, her death being caused from heart disease. Her body was brought to Grand River for burial, the funeral being held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. She was about 90 years of age.

FINE ALFALFA MEETING

Good Attendance and a Splendid Showing of Alfalfa Grown in Decatur County This Year.

Some excellent samples of alfalfa were on exhibition from nearly every township in Decatur county. The premiums were awarded as follows:

For best sample taken from field 2 years old or over. 1st, John Baker, Grand River township; 2nd S. A. Gates, Center township; 3rd E. H. Sharp, Center township.

For best sample taken from field sown in 1913. 1st, K. P. Baker, Woodland township; 2nd, E. H. Sharp, Center township; 3rd, J. K. Henderson, Davis City.

Samples taken from oldest fields in county. 1st, E. H. Sharp, Center township, sown in 1908; 2nd, A. E. Cotterill, Decatur township, sown in 1910.

The samples shown by John Baker, showed a remarkable growth, 4 feet on upland, with a mass of leaves clear down to the roots, showing the possibilities of alfalfa as a hay producer. There is no doubt but what alfalfa will be one of the leading crops of the county in a few years as well as one of the most profitable, judging from the specimens on exhibition.

It will grow on any of the different soils in Decatur county. One specimen 24 inches high, taken from the Beavers hill road in High Point township, where the road had been graded down 8 feet into the yellow clay, another sample was taken from the ballast on the C. B. Q. right-of-way, the root having been broken up several inches below the surface, was one inch in diameter and the crown was 4 inches across and a good armful of alfalfa ready for the sickle growing on it.

Prof. Hughes, chief of farm crops, Iowa State College came here from Blackhawk county after assisting in a three days farm to farm tour, gave an excellent address on the production of alfalfa, stated that he had never seen so many samples showing excellent growth with fine quality as were exhibited at Leon.

The chief points that he wished to impress on those intending to sow alfalfa were inoculation and lime. That it is possible to grow alfalfa using an abundance of manure it would still grow better with inoculation. The question of lime for Decatur county is not settled and will take a good many tests before we can tell whether our soils need lime or not, from the few tests that have been made some have not responded at all, others showing the need of lime. There is no doubt but what the growing of alfalfa will add thousands of dollars to the wealth of Decatur county every year.

G. A. R. Encampment.

The 40th annual encampment of the Iowa G. A. R. will be held in Burlington, June 16-17-18. At the same time the Woman's Relief Corps and the ladies of the G. A. R. will gather in the same city. Every preparation for their entertainment feature will be the river excursions. The program is out. The parade is set for the afternoon of the 17th. Governor Clarke and staff, Hon. Washington Gardner of Albion, Michigan, the Grand Commander of the National G. A. R., Mrs. Ida S. McBride of Indianapolis, Indiana, National President of the W. R. C., are among the notables who will be present. The 25th and the 45th Iowa will hold regimental reunions on this occasion. Comrade H. A. Field of Grinnell, Iowa, of the 45th, requests all survivors who cannot attend the reunion to write to him. This encampment (there will not be many more) is worthy a visit by all who can come.

Will Not Show Moving Pictures Taken in Leon.

The films of the moving pictures taken in Leon several weeks ago by a Des Moines firm, were received Tuesday evening, and it was announced that they would be shown at the Idle Hour theatre some evening this week, but after running the pictures through the machine the proprietors found that they were not at all satisfactory, being very indistinct, and they have decided not to use the pictures, as no one would be satisfied with them. The Idle Hour will show nothing in the way of moving pictures which is not strictly first-class.

K. of P. Decoration Day.

Hesperia Lodge No. 33, K. of P. will observe their annual Decoration Day on next Sunday, June 14th. The members will meet at the hall at 2 o'clock, and after appropriate exercises will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the deceased Knights.

The triangles to be filled with flowers are at Bell & Robinson's drug store, and all Knights who can fill a triangle are requested to call there and get a triangle.

Marriage Licenses.

Ivan Beach, Pleasanton, 28
Enith Branaum, Pleasanton, 19
A. Deringer, Queen City, Mo., 26
Lillian Arnold, Garden Grove, 21

Passed Auto Speed Ordinance.

At the regular meeting of the city council last Thursday evening an auto speed ordinance was passed which is published elsewhere in this paper. The council decided that the old ordinance limiting the speed of autos and motorcycles to 10 miles an hour was too slow and it could not be enforced, so they very wisely fixed the limit of speed at 15 miles an hour inside the city limits. The new ordinance meets with the approval of all fair minded drivers and they will assist the city authorities in enforcing the ordinance. There is no necessity to drive cars on the city streets at a greater speed, and the officers will arrest all violators. There is a state law which provides that no auto or motorcycle shall be operated inside the city limits of any city or town with the cutout open, and Mayor Farquhar is going to see that this law is enforced. Some car drivers and motorcyclists have had a habit of running with the cutouts wide open, making a hideous noise, and often disturbing the sick, and it is going to be stopped. If you have been violating this law, better take a hunch and quit it, or don't hallow if you are pinched for violating the law.

Ran Auto in Ditch to Avoid Striking Little Girl.

Last Thursday evening Walter Dobson, of Decatur City, was coming to Leon from the north, having taken his brother and family out home, and when near the Capt. J. D. Brown farm a couple of miles north of Leon, met a little girl riding a bicycle. Walter was driving on the right side of the road and just starting up a hill while the girl was coming down on the wrong side of the road. She apparently was paying no attention to the approaching car, and he could not turn out any further to the right, so had to turn into the bank at the left side of the road, doing considerable damage to the big Hudson. He is considered one of the careful drivers in this section, but came mighty near having an ugly accident and only avoided it by skillful driving. Children, as well as grown-ups should be instructed as to the rules of the road, and they should ride on the right side of the road.

Mexican Paper Money.

C. M. Keller has left at The Reporter office a Mexican paper bill, something we never saw before, which was given him recently by his nephew, John Strong, of Clinton, Oklahoma, who was visiting here. The bill is dated February 7, 1914, and is issued by El Banco Minero de Chihuahua, and of the denomination of 2 pesos, whatever that is. The local banks say it is worth probably 95 cents in American money if it is not repudiated, but owing to the condition of affairs in Mexico the banks will be mighty wary of taking any Mexican paper money. The back of the bank note is printed in brilliant scarlet colors and it is quite a curiosity. The bill can be seen by any one interested by calling at The Reporter office.

It Sure Is Dry Here.

The oldest inhabitant never saw as dry a time at this time of the year before. United States weather observer Morris Gardner, tells us that since April 28th, his government gauge has recorded but three-tenths of an inch of rain, that falling on May 14th and for over a month there has not been enough rain to even make a mark in the rain gauge. One day last week several acres of meadow on the farm of Mose Smart near Blockley were burned, the grass being so dry that it burned just like it would ordinarily in August. Meadow burning in June is something unusual for this section.

Later—the above article was written Tuesday, and it must have had some effect, for yesterday morning we had a dandy nice shower, the first rain for nearly five weeks, and everybody is hoping that the long drouth is now broken.

Store at DeKalb Burned.

The depot and store building at DeKalb was destroyed by fire about six o'clock last Thursday evening. The stock of goods kept in the depot building was owned by George South, and practically the entire stock was destroyed, together with all his books. The fire had gained such headway when discovered that but little could be saved from the building. The building was owned by the railroad company and Mr. South had insurance of \$600 on the stock. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from an egg candle which had been left burning in the store.

Died While Enroute Home.

Mrs. George Street, a daughter of Samuel Kier of Decatur City, died at the hotel at Diagonal Monday, while enroute to Decatur City. Mrs. Street had been in failing health for some time, and realizing that she could not recover, had expressed a desire to be brought to the home of her father. In company with her husband they started from their home in Missouri, and while at the hotel in Diagonal, waiting for the train she passed away. Her body was brought to Decatur City Monday evening, the funeral being held Wednesday afternoon.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

On Friday, June 8th, a young lad sixteen years of age named Carey Poland, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He and his younger brother were returning from hunting, and were about four miles south-west of Garden Grove when the fatal calamity occurred. The younger brother was knocked down but was not seriously injured. The deceased was buried in the Dunkard cemetery on Sunday.

W. A. Boone was erecting a new wagonshop on the north of W. W. Craig's blacksmith shop.

Last Saturday night some parties took a handcar from the Narrow Gauge railroad at this place and went down to the drug store of Dr. J. W. Crofford, just across the line in Missouri from Pleasanton, where they broke in and stole a quantity of beer, wine and other liquors. Monday morning two barrels of the beer were found in a pasture just south of the Q depot in Leon, but the other stuff has not been located. The matter is being investigated and it is now pretty well settled who the guilty parties are.

The K. of P. lodge observed their Decoration Day last Sunday, and decorated the graves of the departed Knights in the Leon cemetery, those buried here being W. A. Brown and James Goen.

Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Roy had been employed to teach the Van Wert public schools for next year.

Notice was published that an application had been filed with Governor Larabee asking that a pardon be granted to C. S. Pugsley, who was convicted in May, 1886, of the crime of disinterring a dead body and sentenced to serve a term of two years in the penitentiary.

Gus Blomberg purchased the tailoring establishment of Bruce Patterson.

There were twenty-six patients being treated at the Leon Infirmary.

Moxie Frank had business in St. Joe the past week.

Miss Edna Crouse went to Lincoln, Neb., to spend the summer.

Hollie Kelley of Burlington, visited over Sunday in this city with his mother.

Ed E. Beck returned last Friday from Los Angeles, California, and will visit for a while with relatives and friends in this city.

J. G. Springer, of Bloomington township, brought his daughter, Miss Mary, to Leon yesterday to take a term of music lessons from Miss Abbie Fraser.

Mrs. E. W. Curry went to Decatur, Illinois, to meet her daughter, Miss Grace, who is returning from Memphis, Tenn., where she had been attending a young ladies seminary.

J. T. Pence, of Grand River, township, returned home from Parsons' college at Fairfield. He has gained quite a reputation as an orator while at college. In a contest at the close of the spring term for a prize, the award was given to a lady by the judges. The Fairfield papers, the college paper and the public agreed that the oration, "The Siege of Jericho," by Mr. Pence, should have had first prize.

Joe Dale, of Boothtown, drove a fine lot of hogs to Pleasanton to market, but only received \$3.75 for them.

Shipped Special Train of 24 Cars of Stock.

C. M. Akes had a special train of twenty-four cars of live stock for Ottumwa Tuesday morning, loading six cars at Pleasanton and eighteen cars at Leon. The shipment consisted of cattle, hogs and sheep, and was the largest single shipment ever made from this station. Considerable of the stock was Mr. Akes' own feeding and it was as good a train load of stock as ever went over the Burlington road. There was a string of wagons coming into Leon all night long with hogs, from every direction out of Leon. Owing to the extreme hot weather and scarcity of water at the stock yards, Mr. Akes secured fire hose and connected with the hydrant at the foot of Main street, and used city water to keep the stock cool until they were loaded in the cars.

Cutting New Road Around Dynamite Hill.

County road foreman George Smith and a force of men are at work cutting the new road around the famous Dynamite hill on the Leon and Decatur City road, a mile and a half west of Leon. They have the new road all grubbed out and are ready to commence the grading. It is expected that the new road will be completed in a couple of weeks and it will be one of the best pieces of road work ever done in Decatur county, for Dynamite hill has long been a terror to all who travel this road.

Has Purchased New Hampton Paper.

B. W. Lanning, who has been employed as linotype operator at the Journal office in this city for the past year, has purchased the Herald office at New Hampton, Mo., and will take charge of the paper next Monday. Mr. Lanning is an experienced printer and editor and he will give the people of New Hampton a model newspaper. The Lanning family have many friends in this city who are sorry to see them move away from Leon again, but wish them well in their new home.

Noxious Weeds Should Be Cut.

Our attention has been called to the fact that right here in Leon, within one block of the public square, there can be seen growing Canada Thistle, Cocklebur, Wild Mustard, Curled Dock, Wild Parsnip, Horse Nettle, Velvet Weed and Burdock. This should be looked after. There is a very stringent law in Iowa compelling the removal of certain weeds from highways, lands, town and city lots, and the officials charged with seeing that these weeds are destroyed are liable to a fine if they do not enforce the law.

The Iowa weed law is violated in many parts of the state, partly because the farmers and some officers are unfamiliar with the law, and partly because they are not interested in the important question of weed control.

The weeds recognized by the law as noxious are:

- Quack grass, Agropyron repens. Canada Thistle, Cirsium arvense. Cocklebur, Xanthium canadense. Wild Mustard, Brassica arvensis. Curled Dock, Rumex crispus. Smooth Dock, Rumex altissimus. Buckhorn, Plantago lanceolata. Wild Parsnip, Pastinaca sativa. Horse Nettle, Solanum carolinense. Velvet-weed, Abutilon Theophrasti. Burdock, Artium Lappa.

The thirty-third general assembly passed a law compelling the removal of certain weeds from the public highway, and from lands adjacent thereto, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Land owners or tenants to destroy weeds—when. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning, occupying or controlling lands, town and city lots, land used as right-of-way, depot grounds or for other purposes to cut, burn or otherwise entirely destroy all weeds of the kinds mentioned in section two (2) hereof at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent the said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity.

The Law's Penalties.

The law provides also a method of procedure in case of neglect to remove noxious weeds from highways.

Section 3. Destruction on Highways—Neglect or Refusal to Destroy. It shall be the duty of the township trustees or other officers responsible for the care of public highways in each township or county in this state to destroy or cause to be destroyed all noxious weeds mentioned in section two (2) hereof or unnecessary brush on the highways in such a manner as to effectually prevent the production of their seeds or their propagation in any other manner, to warn out labor or to employ labor for this purpose in the same manner as for repairs to the highways, and for neglect or failure to perform this work they shall be subjected to the penalties of this act. If any occupant of lands adjacent to the public highways neglect or refuse to destroy the noxious weeds upon his land, or shall fail to prevent the said noxious weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, when such weeds are likely to be the means of infesting the public highway, or upon complaint of any land owner to the township trustees that his lands have been or are likely to be infested by weeds from the lands of another including railroad right of way, the trustees shall make investigation of such condition or complaint and if the same appears to be well founded they shall make an order fixing the time within which the weeds shall be prevented from maturing seed, and an order that within one year such noxious weeds shall be permanently destroyed, and prescribing the manner of their destruction and shall forthwith give notice to the occupants of the land where the noxious weeds exist, and if he shall neglect to obey said order within the time so ordered the trustees may cause such noxious weeds to be prevented from maturing seeds or may cause such noxious weeds to be permanently destroyed and the cost of the work shall be recovered from the owner by a special tax to be certified by the township clerk in the same manner as the other road tax not paid.

Sudden Death of an Infant.

Harry, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Albaugh, died quite suddenly last Friday evening. The little fellow was born June 21, 1913, and had always been frail. Last winter he had a severe illness, but recently had been much improved. Friday he seemed better than usual and had been out in his buggy most of the afternoon. In the evening Mrs. Albaugh was out in the yard with him, when he suddenly passed away, so suddenly that she could not realize that he was dying. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. F. Jacobs, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sore affliction, which was made doubly so on Mrs. Albaugh, whose father, Mr. J. W. Keeler, also passed away Saturday evening.

New Court Cases.

Vanderslice & Stahmer Shoe Co. vs. L. Ostarkamp. Suit is brought on an account for goods sold to defendant on which the sum of \$49.20 is due. Plaintiff alleges defendant is a non-resident and asks for a writ of attachment against his property. Marion F. Stookey, attorney for plaintiff.

Notice of Teachers' Examination.

The next regular examination for Uniform County Certificates will be held at the High School building in Leon, June 24, 25 and 26.

Mabel Horner, Co. Supt.