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IMPORTANT DECISION

Judge Evans Decides Case Brought by County Treasurer to Collect Delinquent Telegraph Taxes.

In the case of W. C. Cozad, County Treasurer vs. the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, in March 1913 Mr. Cozad Treasurer of Decatur county, Iowa, brought suit against these two defendants for back taxes for the years 1900 to 1912 inclusive.

This demurrer was fully argued and submitted to the court, and the court sustained the same, holding among other things, that each year's taxes was a separate and distinct account in and of itself and did not constitute an item of any open continuous current account and that all taxes prior to the year 1908 were barred by the statute of limitations for and on account of the fact that no suit had been brought to collect the same.

Whereupon the defendant, the C. B. & Q. R. Co. paid to the County Treasurer all taxes on its lines or the telegraph lines belonging to it for a period of five years and the Western Union Telegraph Co. agreed to pay, and if it has not, will pay on all lines belonging to it for a period of five years; that the costs of the proceedings are to be paid by the defendants and the cause thereupon be dismissed.

This is a question and kind of action that seems to have arisen in many counties of the State, and while as we understand it there have been few if any courts in which the same has been so fully submitted and discussed as in this one, yet the ruling of Judge Evans on this case will be one of material importance and undoubtedly will be followed by the other trial courts.

Rumley is Some Pitcher.

Ralph Rumley, of near Van Wert, was down at Bethany, Mo., last week and pitched for Davis City in a game with Bethany, which the Davis City boys won by a score of 4 to 0. In speaking of the game the Bethany Republican says: "Lafferty, of St. Joe, who pitched for Bethany, is a fairly good pitcher, but he is not in it with Rumley, of Van Wert, Iowa, who did the twirling for Davis City Saturday. This man Rumley can 'shoot 'em over' so fast that Lafferty would look like thirty cents. The Davis City pitcher who lives at Van Wert, was without any question whatever, the best twirler that stood on the Bethany diamond this season, and he was ably assisted by a catcher who froze onto the hot sizzling pebble with a tenacity equal to LePage's liquid glue. It was a good game."

Wanted to Buy Glidden Light Plant.

Sam C. Johnston, formerly of this city, who has been manager of the municipal electric light plant at Glidden, Iowa, for the past two years, recently submitted a proposition to that town to purchase the light plant for \$20,000, the amount of the bonds which have been issued by the city. At a meeting of the Glidden city council last Friday evening it was decided not to call an election to submit the question of the sale of the plant, as the plant was a paying investment, the income being sufficient at this time to pay the interest on what the plant cost.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis Lose Their Baby Daughter.

After an illness of but a few hours, Dorothy Ruth, the five weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis, living six miles northeast of Leon, passed away last Saturday. Funeral services from the home were conducted by Rev. G. J. Fansher Sunday at 3 p. m. Many friends gathered to express their sympathy to the bereaved ones. Burial was in the Johnson cemetery.

New Court Cases.

John Bason vs. Martha Bason. The parties were married at Kansas City, Mo., June 23, 1913, and lived together until September of the same year. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, and that defendant has absolutely refused to live with him. A. P. Olsen, attorney for plaintiff.

Circus Was Here.

Gollmar Bros. circus exhibited at Leon last Thursday, although they had a strenuous time getting here from Memphis, Mo., where they exhibited the previous day. It was a good long haul, 106 miles, and it took them over thirteen hours to get to Leon, being delayed several hours by a washout near Sedan, and it was a few minutes after 12 o'clock when the circus train pulled into Leon. The circus had to change their location from the Mitten lots in south Leon to the ball park in north Leon on account of the muddy condition of the roads, and the ball park was not large enough for all their tents, the animal tent not being erected, the cages of wild animals, being placed between the other tents with just a canvas wall around them. The circus people worked like troopers in getting their stuff to the show grounds, and did not attempt to give a parade, but managed to give two shows, although the afternoon performance did not commence until about 5 o'clock. A good crowd attended both the afternoon and evening performances and they were well pleased with the show. Many of the acts were especially good, and it is a good clean circus and made a good impression here. The show went from here to Bethany, Mo.

The Leon Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Leon Federation of Women's clubs will meet Friday afternoon, September 25, in the assembly room of the public library. Meeting will begin promptly at 2:30, all ladies who are not members are cordially invited. The following program will be given by the Magazine and Priscilla clubs: Piano Duet—Mrs. Minor and Mrs. Cozad. Paper—Mrs. Baker. Paper—"Woman Suffrage"—Mrs. E. Long. Recitation—Margaret Brown. Paper—"Women under the Law"—Mrs. Stutzell. Paper—Mrs. Hart. Piano Solo—Mrs. Anna Long. Bessie B. Minor, president.

Dandy Band Concert.

The K. P. band boys put on an extra fine concert last Saturday evening, which started at 7 o'clock and lasted for two hours. The boys were assisted by several out of town musicians, Alby Tansey and Roy Hatcher, of Chariton, Will Wright, of Corydon, H. B. Cushman, of Bethany, and that splendid cornet player, Chet Jenkins, who is traveling with a theatrical company and happened to be here on a visit. There was a big crowd on the streets and the fine selections rendered were heartily applauded. The band boys are planning for another big concert on next Saturday evening and are getting more out of town talent. It may be the last concert of the season, so don't fail to hear it.

More Court House Bonds Paid Off.

County treasurer W. C. Cozad on Tuesday paid off \$5,000 more of the court house bonds issued by Decatur county when the new court house was built. These bonds were not due until 1917, but as the money was on hand it was thought best to pay off some of them and stop the interest. When the court house was built the board of supervisors issued \$70,000 in bonds. Of this sum \$46,000 have been paid off, and there are only \$24,000 outstanding. The tax levy which is collected each year will produce funds sufficient to pay off all the court house bonds within three years.

E. H. Peck Promoted.

E. H. Peck, of Decatur City, who has been employed for a number of years in the engineering department of the Burlington system, with headquarters at St. Joe, Mo., has received a merited promotion, having been appointed engineer of the Missouri district to succeed F. M. Patterson, resigned, with headquarters at St. Louis. The promotion carries with it a fine increase in salary. Mr. Peck's many friends in this county will be mightily pleased to hear of his success.

Do You Want a Chautauqua Next Year?

All persons interested in having a Chautauqua at Leon in 1915 are requested to call on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22nd, at 8 o'clock. If you are in favor of having a Chautauqua don't stay away but a Chautauqua don't stay away but lend your assistance to the committee by coming out to this meeting. It will be up to the citizens to decide this matter.

Call Meeting.

A meeting of the Leon Cemetery Association is called for Thursday evening, Sept. 24th, at 7:30 at the Leon Public Library. This is a special meeting for the purpose of planning our fall work. We hope everyone interested will come. Eva Rhea, Secy.

Sale Date Claimed.

At Mrs. J. H. Delk's closing out sale on October 21st, 7 miles north of Leon, 4 miles south of Weldon there will be 175 head of stock sold, Jersey cows, hogs and horses.

Laundry Agency.

J. A. Caster has secured the agency for the Iowa Steam Laundry. Baskets sent Monday and Wednesday. Satisfaction guaranteed.

CORN PICNIC PROGRAM

The Ninth Annual Corn Jubilee Picnic will be held at the Davis Park, Saturday, Sept. 26.

The 9th annual Corn Jubilee Picnic will be held Saturday, Sept. 26th, 9:14 at the (Davis) Alexander Park, three miles northwest of Garden Grove, under the auspices of the Garden Grove Corn Club. Everybody is invited to come and bring their dinner and spend the day in the woods. At the park—Music by the Humeston band. Address—Hon. Horace M. Townner, of Corning. Reading (James Whitcomb Riley)—Rev. J. G. Duling of Garden Grove. Basket ball and foot ball games. A fine pony parade. Great list of premiums for farm products. Everybody welcome.

Program.

10:30—Music by the Humeston band. 11:00—Address by Hon. H. M. Townner of Corning. Reading—Rev. Duling. 12:00—Dinner. Afternoon on grounds. Basket ball, girls, Garden Grove and Weldon. Boys, Garden Grove vs. Weldon. Pony parade. Foot ball—Garden Grove vs. Davis City. Auction of exhibits. Display of fancy work. Premium List.

Class A—10 ears of corn on stalk, the stalk to be considered as much as the ear in judging. 1st prize \$2.00, 2nd \$1.50, 3rd \$1.00. Class B—30 ears of corn any color. 1st \$2.50, 2nd \$2.00, 3rd \$1.00. Class C—10 ears of corn any color. 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, 3rd 50c. Class D—Single ear of corn any color. 1st \$1.00, 2nd 75c, 3rd 50c. Class E—Half bushel of wheat. 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, 3rd 50c. Class F—Half bushel of oats. 1st \$1.50, 2nd \$1.00, 3rd 50c. Class G—Peck potatoes. 1st \$1.00, 2nd 75c, 3rd 50c. Exhibits to be judged by Frank Bone of Grand River.

All exhibits entered for premiums to belong to the Corn Club and to be sold at auction to help pay the expenses, but every one is asked to bring any farm products for exhibition or decoration and such will be the owners property. Any donations for auction to help pay expenses will be thankfully received. Auctioneer of exhibits, J. J. Hasbrouck, of Humeston. Lunch on grounds. Pony prizes—For prettiest pony, pony blanket. Best boy rider, a spur. Best girl rider, saddle blanket.

Death of Mrs. Henry Hasbrouck.

Mrs. Henry Hasbrouck died at her home at Humeston last Sunday, the funeral services being held at that place on Tuesday morning and her remains were brought to Leon on the noon train for interment in the Leon cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Gardner, of Humeston, and was one of the most popular ladies of Humeston. She was married to Henry Hasbrouck a little less than a year ago, and her demise at the young age of 21 years is greatly regretted by her many friends. A large number of friends accompanied the funeral party to Leon.

Rural Festival.

There will be a Home Life exhibit, in connection with the Farmers Institute at the time of the Grange Show in December, when our farmers' wives and daughters will display baking: such as bread and cake, choice canned fruit and fancy sewing. Will also have a Rural Life day when a good program will be given along that line. Let us all consider ourselves coworkers and success will crown our efforts. Members of the Boys' and Girls' clubs will be given opportunity to exhibit. All plans and dates will be announced later. Mrs. Roy Gammon, Secy. Rural Life Dept.

Put One Over on Their Friends.

Mr. Fred Painter and Miss Bea Christoff put one over on their friends by slipping away to Charity on September 5th and being quietly married. They returned to this city and the secret has just leaked out this week. They are both well known young people. Mr. Painter being an energetic young farmer and his bride has been a resident of this city for several years. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

In the Mayor's Court.

The city treasury has been enriched considerably the past week by reason of a number of fines imposed by Mayor Farquhar, on account of various parties indulging in intoxicating liquor on show day. The parties fined, all for intoxication, were as follows: Henry Turpen, \$17.85; Ralph Avery, \$17.85. John Epperley, \$17.85; George Mintoyne, \$12.85; Dennis Poland, \$14.85 and Harry Springsteen, \$12.85.

Marriage Licenses.

J. W. Drury, Pleasanton, 23 N. I. Woolsey, Leon, 22 Archie M. Anderson, Lamoni, 41 Mrs. Jennie Ebermann, Indianola, 30 Elmer Liggett, Weldon, 26 Eva Bell Warnstaff, Weldon, 19

PROPERTY VALUATION IS MADE FOR IOWA.

Taxable Values According to Revenue Clerk's Report, Amount to \$4,000,000,000.

The valuation of property in Iowa for taxation in 1914, as equalized by the state executive council, totals \$3,717,600,000 according to a report made by W. A. Williams, revenue clerk. This is an increase of \$50,800,000 over the values of 1913. Last year the figures announced by the council were \$3,666,800,000. In addition the moneys and credits reported for taxation this year amount to \$250,218,000. Last year the report was \$207,233,000. This is an increase of \$42,985,000. In the \$50,800,000 increase in property values is included \$12,000,000 increase in live stock and \$24,000,000 in new buildings erected last year.

Non-Partisan Judiciary.

Under the new non-partisan judiciary law, the voters at the November election this year will not find the names of the candidates for district court judges among the names on their regular party tickets, but they appear in the last column of the ticket, underneath the names of the non-partisan judges for the supreme court. All voters should remember this and not fail to vote for the judges of their choice. The returns at the recent primary election show that in every county the vote for judges was away below that of the other candidates, on account of voters failing to find their names under the separate column. In this district there are three candidates, and two judges to be elected, the candidates being Judge T. L. Maxwell and Judge H. K. Evans, the present popular judges of this district, the third candidate being J. W. Laughlin, an attorney of Mt. Airy.

House Struck by Lightning.

During the electrical storm Monday morning, Joseph Tharp's home was struck about 5 o'clock by a bolt of lightning, which did considerable damage to the upper story breaking window lights, tearing off shingles, and removing all the boards from the front of the upper story, exposing the plastering. The house looked as though a cyclone had hit it. The previous rains had dampened the roof, which probably prevented it from catching fire. The upper floor was luckily unoccupied, the room being used as a store room. The family were not much disturbed by the storm, and were unaware of the havoc wrought by the lightning, until the morning dawned. They consider themselves lucky to have escaped more serious harm, though their property is badly damaged. Mr. Tharp carried insurance which will probably cover the loss. —Davis City News.

Teachers' Institute at Leon, October 9th and 10th.

County superintendent Miss Mabel Horner has arranged to hold a teachers' institute for Decatur county at the high school building in Leon on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9th and 10th. Instructors of note have been secured for the institute, including Prof. C. E. Avis, of Chicago, Prof. Irving Park, of the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Prof. Edgar S. Kintley, of Davenport, who made such a hit at the Leon Chautauqua this year and Miss Carrie Van Gilder, of Indianola. It is expected there will be a large attendance of teachers from all parts of the county.

Meredith to Speak at Pleasanton Harvest Home Festival, Friday, October 2nd.

E. T. Meredith will deliver an address in behalf of Maurice Connolly's candidacy for the United States Senate, and the democratic state ticket at the big Harvest Home Festival to be held at Pleasanton on Friday, October 2nd. Elaborate preparations are being made to have a big celebration and Mr. Meredith's many friends in Decatur county will be pleased to have an opportunity to hear him speak. Don't forget the date, and arrange to attend.

Death of Aunt Mary Carter.

Aunt Mary Carter, widow of John Carter, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Walter Snyder, three miles north of Leon on last Wednesday, at the advanced age of 84 years, 6 months and 19 days. Aunt Mary as she was familiarly known was one of the old pioneers of Decatur county. Her funeral was held on Friday, interment being in the Franklin cemetery. We were unable to secure data for a suitable obituary in time for this issue and it will be published next week.

Loss Settled Satisfactorily.

The loss of the house on my farm adjoining Leon has been fully and satisfactorily settled by the local agency of Pease & Pease, and I can cheerfully recommend this agency to anyone in need of insurance of any kind. They look after their patrons and see that losses are quickly and satisfactorily settled. C. M. Akers.

Special Saturday.

One pound Chocolate Molasses chips. A chip of the old block. 29c the pound. Bell & Robinson.

Don't forget the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Idle Hour theatre at 5 o'clock. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

"Meet us at Cherrington's."

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Miss Edith Mills died last Friday at the home of John Holden. The bereaved parents of this unfortunate girl have the sympathy of our entire community in this untimely taking off of their daughter.

John A. Edwards was appointed postmaster at Green Valley. Mr. John Grogan and Miss Hannah Daughton were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Daughton in Woodland township, on Sept. 23rd the ceremony being performed by Father Mullens.

Mrs. John McDougall, who had been a patient sufferer with that dread disease, consumption, for some time past, died at her home in this city Sunday, funeral services being held on Monday.

Dr. Fullerton, of Princeton, Mo., and James Fitzgerald, of Trenton, Mo., brothers of Mrs. F. F. Thompson, are in the city attending the reunion of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry.

Little Nellie, son of Dr. A. Brown, fell down a flight of stairs last Sunday, breaking both bones in his left arm.

Miss Fronie Williams, the trimmer for Mrs. Kate Ambrose, returned from a visit at Osceola.

J. C. Wharton, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a brother of Mrs. Johnson Foster, was here visiting at the home of his sister.

Capt. J. D. Brown was appointed by the governor as one of the delegates to the National Farmers' Congress to be held at Montgomery, Alabama, November 13 to 15th.

Miss Win Borchardt, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Grace Curry, for several weeks, left for Chicago Friday, where she will visit with friends before returning to her home at Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Doss Caster is visiting with relatives at Savanna, Ill. Meanwhile the next county treasurer—the people's choice—Doss Caster, will be around to see the boys.

Capt. T. H. Brown, of the live stock commission firm of Coffman & Brown, Chicago, has been visiting relatives and friends in this county the past week and attending the reunion of his regiment, the 3rd Iowa Cavalry.

King & McKibben purchased the 53 acre farm of Henry Chase at High Point for \$1,600 and will use it as a stock farm. The reunion of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry held in Leon was well attended, there being 150 veterans of the old 3rd registered and 86 veterans of other regiments in attendance. Major C. A. Stanton, of Centerville, was elected president of the association for the coming year and Fairfield was selected as the place for holding the next reunion.

And Every Other Town.

Manson is really too small a town for a fighting bulldog. There are no enough brutes in the town to enjoy (?) the spectacle of dogs chewing each other into mincemeat and spitting out the mincemeat. And it is painful to see one of those great fighting bulldogs attack and maim an inoffensive pet dog that happens along the street and crosses his path. The fighting bulldog is a menace and the nicest way to get rid of him is to send a bullet through his head and haul him out to the dump ground. The main street of the town is no place for him and he must either go back and sit down, somewhere out of sight, or suffer extinction via the lead route.—Manson Democrat.

Don't Favor Autos.

Use of automobiles has been forbidden by the German Baptist church, which is holding its national conference on a farm near Frankfort, Ind. Only three delegates voted in favor of the machine, while 900 were against it. Actual count showed that 956 automobiles were driven upon the grounds by members of the church. According to the laws of the church the members also are forbidden to use telephones.

Osceola Again Has Water.

The big air pressure pump recently installed in the new city pump house at the southwest corner of the square was started Saturday afternoon and much to the delight of the city authorities and the citizens present 3,150 gallons of pure sparkling water was pumped into the reservoir in 16 1/2 minutes. Though the big tank was filled from the city water supply for the first time in many months there seems to be for some unknown cause little or no pressure in the mains. It is presumed that there is an immense leak some place in the system, but as yet the trouble has not been located. The fact that the well has stood the test of the big pump with no indication of lowering the water is almost conclusive evidence that Osceola has an inexhaustible supply of good water. As soon as the leakage is located and repaired Osceola will probably have one of the best water supplies in southern Iowa.—Osceola Sentinel.

Chet Jenkins who has been traveling with a theatrical company the past summer, leading the band and orchestra, is spending a week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenkins at Garden Grove. He joins the Theresa L. Martin Co., at Ft. Madison Saturday night for the winter season, the company starting for Florida.

MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

All Children Between the Ages of Seven and Sixteen Must attend School.

The state law says that all children between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who have not graduated from the eighth grade, must attend school at least six consecutive months during the school year. It is the duty of the school board, where no truancy officer is appointed, to see that this law is enforced and it sure should be enforced.

Parents or guardians neglecting to send their children to school are subject to a fine of not less than \$3 nor more than \$20 for each offense. Any citizen in the district can make complaint when they know of a truant pupil. It is their duty to notify the president of the board in writing regarding such truancy and then if the president of the board does not enforce the law he is subject to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$20 for each offense.

Every child in Decatur county under the age of 16 years should be in school and it is the duty of the school boards to see that the law is enforced. If they don't do it they are subject to prosecution themselves.

Last Kathlyn Picture Tonight.

The last of the series of thrilling pictures, "The Adventures of Kathlyn," will be shown at the Idle Hour Theatre this evening, when three shows will be given, the first show commencing at 7 o'clock. These Kathlyn pictures have been of absorbing interest and if you have seen any or all of them you will want to see the final ones. After Kathlyn and her party have escaped from the streams of lava thrown from the volcano they search for the hidden treasure only to learn that Umballah had secured it and departed. They locate his boat in the dim distance and start in pursuit. Umballah reaches his native heath and hurries to a jungle to hide the treasure, but it is infested with wild leopards and the beasts force Umballah and his natives to flee. Kathlyn secures the treasure and Umballah instructs the natives to secure rifles and ammunition and take back the gold from the white devils. They capture the white party, but Bruce and Ramabal escape and secure the hidden treasure and take it to the supreme tribunal. Umballah incinerates Kathlyn and her father in the court of death, with the purpose of torturing them and feeding Kathlyn to the lions. The supreme tribunal refuses to accept the treasure until Kathlyn has been found and Bruce and Ramabal start in search of her. A slave informs them where they are detained and they reach the scene just as Umballah has arranged to free the lions. Ramabal climbs upon a balcony and encounters Umballah, who disarms him and drags him into his private chamber. Bruce rescues Kathlyn and they enter the house just as Ramabal is about to be stabbed. Umballah is captured and returned to the treadmill, the gold is given to the poor by Kathlyn, and she is freed from the hated throne. A week later Kathlyn and party sail for California, where Kathlyn's marriage to Bruce is assured.

Nelson Trembly Passes Away.

Nelson Trembly who resided in the south part of Maxwell, Neb., passed away August 31, 1914, at 2 o'clock p. m. after an illness of several weeks from a complication of diseases. Mr. Trembly was born in the state of Indiana on the 4th day of September, 1837, and when yet a boy moved to Decatur county, Iowa. In that state on August 27, 1857, he was united in marriage to Margaret Wallace and to this union eleven children were born, eight boys and three girls, four boys who died in infancy, four boys and three girls still survive him. In 1895 he migrated with his family to Frontier county, Neb., coming to Lincoln county in 1901, where he has since resided. The funeral services were held at the Latter Day Saints' church just south of Maxwell, Sept. 1st. Rev. Thomas of Iowa, conducting the services and the remains were laid to rest in the Plainview cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him the 9th of November 1909. The children who are left to mourn his departure are: G. W. Trembly, C. W. Trembly, James Trembly, Mrs. F. M. Drake, of Maxwell, Neb.; C. H. Trembly of Lineville, Iowa, Mrs. W. T. Dodson of Independence, Mo., and Mrs. T. L. Sides of Glenville, Neb. Nelson Trembly was known in this community as an honest hard working man. He was a kind and loving father whose pleasure in life was the comfort of his children. In this they lose a loving father and the community an honest and upright citizen.

We the undersigned, have recently had losses settled to our entire satisfaction by Pease & Pease, the well known insurance agents of Leon, and we are pleased to recommend them to all parties who are in need of insurance of any kind. They treat their patrons on the square every time. Al Scott, Jern Ellis, A. L. Richardson, Ed Rumley.

Mrs. E. E. Lighthill, of Ft. Jones, California, and her sister, Mrs. M. V. Fowler, of Lamoni, were in Leon Saturday, returning from a visit with relatives at Chicago and other points in the east. They went from here to Decatur to visit at the home of their nephew, J. H. Lighthill.

Flour, feed and coal.

Gammon Bros. Mill.