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A NEW POULTRY PLANT

Edward Aaron & Co., of Kansas City, will locate in Leon and erect a big new poultry plant.

Although nothing has been heard from Swift & Co. as to what their intentions are in regard to rebuilding their plant in this city, the impression prevails that they will not rebuild here, but the prospects for a poultry plant here are very flattering.

Last week A. M. Caster got in touch with Edward Aaron & Co., a big poultry company at Kansas City, and on Thursday he went to Kansas City and talked the proposition over with them, and the result is that the firm will in all probability locate a plant in this city.

The firm of Edward Aaron & Co. deals exclusively in poultry, and do not handle butter or cream. They are now operating big plants in five different states, and Mr. Aaron informed us they had long had their eye on this territory, but hesitated to enter as long as Swift & Co. were here.

This territory is recognized among big poultry dealers as being among the best poultry territory in the United States, and there is not much prospect but what a big poultry plant will be in operation here within a short time.

Aaron & Co. already have branch houses at Creston, Ottumwa and Centerville, and with a big new house in Leon they would be in shape to handle the immense poultry business in southern Iowa and northern Missouri as no other house could handle it.

A Lucky Auto Accident.

There was a mighty lucky auto accident on Little River hill five miles southwest of Leon Monday morning when a Paige touring car owned by Wm. Stuteville, of near Pleasanton, backed down the steep hill and went into a ditch.

Change in Management of Osceola Democrat.

There was a sudden change in the management of the Osceola Democrat last week. About six months ago Theodore Wall sold a half interest in the Democrat to Mrs. Heaton, who took entire charge of the newspaper.

A Big Special Next Monday Night at The Idle Hour.

On next Monday evening at the Idle Hour theatre will be presented, "Loyalty," a five reel film produced in natural colors. It is the same kind of a picture as "War is Hell," which was shown here a few weeks ago and made such a big hit, many pronouncing it the finest picture ever shown in Leon.

Marriage Licenses.

Delbert M. Richard, Humeston, 39; Florence E. Garton, Humeston, 31; James A. Gentle, Calmar, Mo., 31; Miss M. Still, Calmar, Mo., 26.

The Oldest Horse in Decatur County.



"DICK," Age 35 Years.

Down on the farm of Roy Beavers, near Woodland, there is an old pony who is probably the oldest horse in the state of Iowa, being 35 years of age, and "Dick" is still in use as a pony for the children.

New Court Cases.

Incorporated Town of Van Wert vs. David Ettinger. On March 12, 1914, defendant was arrested and fined \$25 for selling goods in Van Wert without a license.

T. U. Merrifield, of Davis City, was indicted by the last grand jury on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors, and was arrested and gave bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at the next term of court.

Promotion for J. A. Wilson.

J. A. Wilson, who for the past year has been second trick operator at the Burlington station in this city, has received a merited promotion and left yesterday for Hamburg, Iowa, where he will assume the duties of station agent, at a good increase in salary.

Farmers' Wives' Exchange.

There will be an exchange held at the O. H. Stoner grocery store, Saturday, Nov. 21st, when the farmers' wives will have on sale choice butter, fresh eggs, dressed chickens and home baking, such as fresh bread, doughnuts, pumpkin and mince pie, also cottage cheese.

Card of Thanks.

The ladies of the Leon Relief Corps No. 206, wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the K. of P. lodge for the use of their hall to the ladies of the W. R. C. to hold their convention in.

Oscar Beck Elected to the Wyoming Legislature.

At the recent election in Wyoming Oscar Beck, of Big Piney, a former well known Decatur county citizen, was elected as the first member of Lincoln county, a new county formed by dividing up Uinta county, which was only 215 miles in length north and south.

TO GIVE CAR OF CORN

Farmers of Decatur County Asked to Donate Corn to Relieve the Starving People of Belgium.

C. G. Biddison, of the Biddison Coal & Grain Co., of Leon, has been appointed a member of the elevator committee of the Belgian Relief Association of Iowa, and an effort will be made to have a car load of corn donated by the farmers of Decatur county to be sent to the starving people of Belgium, which country has been made desolate by the ravages of the great European war.

It is to be hoped that every farmer in Decatur county will do his share in this matter and contribute from a bushel to as much corn as he feels like giving. The people of Belgium are reported to be in a starving condition and must have help or many will perish for want of food.

Ira Markley Died Friday.

Ira Markley, the well known landlord of the Hotel Leon, died at his home in east Leon last Friday morning after a long illness. A couple of months ago Mr. Markley was taken ill with an affection of the brain due to a nervous breakdown, and although he was taken to a sanitarium in Des Moines for treatment by specialists, nothing could be done to save his life and he had been growing weaker day by day.

Had a Good Time at Parents'-Teachers' Meeting.

Those who attended the parents-teachers' meeting at the High School building last Friday evening enjoyed a very pleasant evening. There was no set program, as this was in the nature of a social meeting for all to get acquainted with the teachers and with each other.

A Barn Burned.

A barn on the lot owned by Milan Sanger in northwest Leon was destroyed by fire about midnight last Wednesday night. The origin of the fire is unknown and the roof of the barn was falling in when it was discovered. A horse, buggy and other property was burned.

Elected Officers.

The Junior Philathea Class met at the M. E. church last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers: President—Barbara Pennell; Vice-President—Marjorie Hoffman; Secretary—Ethel Beers; Ass't Secretary—Irene Buchanan; Treasurer—Verna Stros; Prizes—Ruth Shields.

Rural Life Day, Dec. 4th.

J. W. Coverdale, agent of U. S. Department of Agriculture, will speak. What has heretofore been observed as Woman's Day of the Farmers' Institute will give place this year to a Rural Life Day, broader in its scope and more attractive in its activities.

The Home Life and Boys' and Girls' Clubs exhibit to be held in the court house rest room and the county superintendent's office will be another feature of interest in connection with the day.

- Class I—Butter: Lot 1—Best pound of butter from single cow. Lot 2—Best pound of butter from herd. Class II—Bread: Lot 1—Best loaf of bread. Lot 2—Best dozen rolls. Class III—Cake: Lot 1—Best layer cake. Lot 2—Best fruit cake. Lot 3—Best loaf cake (angel food and fruit not included). Lot 4—Sweepstakes, best cake of any variety. Class IV—Needle and Crochet Work: Lot 1—Best article in Embroidery. Lot 2—Best article in Hardanger. Lot 3—Best article in drawn work. Lot 4—Best article in Tatting. Lot 5—Best article in Crochet.

Nov. 25th, Belgium Tag Day.

Belgium Relief Association of Iowa, under appointment of Geo. W. Clarke, governor of Iowa: We have received an official communication from the above association, stating that Wednesday, Nov. 25th, 1914, has been designated by them as "Tag Day" for securing cash contributions to the relief fund.

This same day has been named for every city and county in Iowa. Every man, woman and child in the state of Iowa, who is able, will be expected to contribute to the ship load of corn for the starving Belgians.

Once more we will call upon the young ladies to assist in this most worthy work. We ask that each minister in the community take immediate steps to organize a class of young ladies from their church and other institutions and societies, to occupy every street corner in our city, so that no one escapes the opportunity of getting tagged.

They will meet with their classes Wednesday, Nov. 25th, at 9 a. m. in the assembly room of the public library, where instructions will be given and tags distributed. We will furnish the tags. Persons desirous of contributing to this Iowa shipload of corn, who cannot get in touch with our "taggers" on Nov. 25, can send their gifts to Carl Monroe, Exchange National Bank, who will make a record of same, which will appear in the Leon papers the week following.

Everybody help Iowa know herself. Dated Leon, Iowa, Nov. 18, 1914. CITY OF LEON, per Geo. E. Farquhar, Mayor.

Will Organize a Poultry Association.

At a preliminary meeting of a number of the fine poultry breeders of Leon and vicinity held in this city on last Saturday, steps were taken to organize a Poultry Association here. At this meeting Geo. W. Sanger was elected president, Walter Osborn vice president, Frank Chastain secretary and Simon Goodman treasurer.

A committee consisting of C. W. Hoffman, Wilber Miller and E. H. Sharp was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

The president, secretary and treasurer were named to act as an executive committee and arrange a premium list.

Another meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at C. W. Hoffman's office, and everyone interested in pure bred poultry is invited to attend and become a member.

A Card—I desire to thank all the kind friends who by their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of my husband, did all in their power to make the burden as light as possible, and assure them that their acts will ever be remembered. Mrs. Ira Markley.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Dr. G. W. Baker had made a proposition to the Leon Board of Trade to donate five acres of land for a pork packing plant, creamery, canning factory or something of the kind.

Mr. John M. Wilson and Miss Martha Helsing were married on Nov. 17th, by Rev. F. M. Northern at his home in this city. District court was in session with Judge R. C. Henry on the bench.

A detective has been here the past week working up evidence for the insurance companies who were interested in the great fire at St. Joe, Mo., when the Exposition buildings burned.

John James Hoffman died at the home of his parents in Leon on Nov. 15th. He was a harness maker and brick mason by trade and had resided in Leon for many years.

John A. Perdew, of Omaha, Neb., was here visiting his parents. Mrs. H. J. Close departed for San Jose, California, to spend the winter.

Will Lorey came in from Seattle, Washington, where he had been working for the past year.

Mrs. Mollie Davis, of Cedar Rapids, was spending a few days with relatives and friends in this city and vicinity.

J. L. Combs, artificer in Co. I, 8th U. S. Infantry, stationed at Ft. Robinson, Neb., was here visiting with his parents and other relatives.

Misses Mary Ray, Nellie Rowell, Grace Curry and Mall Atlee and Messrs. Chas. Edwards and Dr. J. W. Rowell visited over Sunday with Miss Viola Wason near Lineville.

High Point was struggling with an unusually severe epidemic of the measles. Mrs. Phoebe Layton, wife of John Layton, died at her home in Clarke county, on Nov. 14th. She had lived for many years at High Point, and moved to Clarke county last spring.

Mrs. Jane Stuart, wife of Jacob Stuart, died at her home two miles south of High Point on Nov. 13th, after an illness of only six days with lung fever. She is survived by her husband and six children.

Samuel Brown and family, of Tiffin, Ohio, had located at Garden Grove, Mr. Brown purchasing an interest in a store at that place.

The Blamed Fool Hound.

We dont know who wrote the following ditty, but it has a sound that makes it fit well a certain would-be politician or two in this city:

A dog sat out in the midnight chill and howled at the beaming moon; his knowledge of music was strictly nil and his voice was out of tune. And he howled and howled as the hours went by, while dodging the bricks we threw, till the moon was low in the western sky, and his voice was split in two. An' there wasn't a thing at which to howl, over which a pup should weep, and the course of the dog was wrong and foul, for people were wild to sleep. There are plenty of men like that blamed fool hound, who yell when there's nothing wrong, disturbing with senseless sound the pessimist's doleful song.

Young Men's Convention.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, at the new Leon Brethren church will be held the Young Men's Convention. The young men's classes of our various Sunday schools in and around Leon, will be represented in a fine program. There will be discussions and vocal and instrumental music.

This convention is a new departure in this locality, but it promises to be a very entertaining convention. There will be no admission fee and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend, and we can assure them they will enjoy the splendid program.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Was Here.

Deputy state fire marshal Frouwick of Des Moines, spent a couple of days in this city the latter part of last week, investigating the numerous fires in this city recently. He said he was satisfied that several of them were of incendiary origin, but no evidence could be found connecting anyone with the crime. While in Leon deputy Frouwick investigated several old fire traps and as a result of his visit some property owners have received notice to clean up and repair their buildings or they will be condemned.

Chicago Stock Yards Reopens.

After being closed for ten days the Union Stock Yards at Chicago, opened again for business at midnight Sunday, and stock is now being handled there under strict quarantine regulations. Owing to the stringent measures taken by state and federal authorities to stamp out the foot and mouth disease, the situation is clearing up rapidly.

Special Saturday.

One pound Chocolate Molasses chips. A chip of the old block. 25c the pound. Bell & Robinson.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

Mrs. J. P. Hall, of Denver, Buried Here Sunday.

While it had been known for several weeks that her death was only a matter of days, the many friends of Mrs. J. P. Hall, of Denver, Colorado, in this city, were grieved and shocked when a message was received last Wednesday afternoon, announcing her death at her home in Denver that morning. Mrs. Hall had been an invalid since last winter when she fell and broke her hip.

Mrs. Hall, whose maiden name was Etta May McClelland, was born at Decatur City, Nov. 30, 1853, and with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. McClelland, came to Leon a short time after her birth. Her early life and until her marriage in 1877 was spent in Leon, and she was a prime favorite with everybody, her unassuming manners and cheerful smile making friends with all who knew her.

She was united in marriage to Mr. J. P. Hall in Leon in 1877. At that time Mr. Hall was telegraph operator at Leon. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Hall went to Denver, Colorado, on account of his health, and they had made their home in that city ever since. Mrs. Hall was a frequent visitor in Leon, and always regarded this city as home. Her visits here were always greatly enjoyed by her many friends in this city.

Her body was brought to Leon Sunday, accompanied by her husband, her sister, Mrs. Emma G. Clark and daughter, Miss Etta Clark, and Mr. Hall's sister, Miss Maggie Hall, all of Denver. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the sermon being by Rev. A. B. Cornell, pastor of the Van Wert Christian church, whose father married Mr. and Mrs. Hall, assisted by Rev. Jas. W. Johnson, pastor of the Leon church.

The floral offerings from friends in Denver and this city were the most beautiful ever seen in this city, the rostrum and pulpit being completely covered with them. Interment was in the Leon cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband, sister and other relatives. The Denver, Colorado, Post of Nov. 11th, had the following in regard to the death of Mrs. Hall:

When death entered the home of J. P. Hall at 123 East Second avenue this morning and summoned Mrs. Hall for the unreturnable journey there passed one of those quiet forces for good which have made Denver a happy and friendly place for people to live in.

Following a fall during the heavy snow of last winter, when her hip was broken, Mrs. Hall has been an invalid. All that science, love and care could do to restore her to health was done, to no avail. But her slow descent into the valley of the shadow of death was an inspiration to the beauty of patience and gentleness and cheerfulness, not alone to her immediate relatives, but to the countless friends who sought her in the sick room as they had sought her when she was the mistress of a lovely home.

Mrs. Hall, who was Etta May McClelland before her marriage to J. P. Hall, general agent of the Santa Fe railroad, was born in Iowa, Nov. 30, 1853, and married in 1877. With Mr. Hall she came to Denver in 1881 and straightway the fortunes of the city became her special pride. As the wife of a prominent railroad official she watched with deepest interest the development of the west and shared confidences and gave wise counsel to the husband whose responsibilities assumed larger and larger proportions as the years passed.

While placing husband, home church, above all other interests, Mrs. Hall yet became a member of the art and literature department of the Woman's club and took an active interest in the S. O. B. order of wives of Knight Templar and was a conspicuous figure in the social activities which marked the great convalescence held in Denver in 1913.

Personal helpfulness was the rule of Mrs. Hall's service to charity and so she made each needy person coming to her door her own special charge. As a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the South Broadway Christian church she set a high standard of usefulness, and in innumerable other ways made the city and its people her debtor.

Yet quietly, serenely, without blare of trumpets, this gentlewoman ordered her life and when she dropped this rare flower from her still, flowers this morning her friends were legion. The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Rogers undertaking chapel, 1544 Lincoln street. The Rev. David Y. Donaldson will conduct the services. Later the body will be taken to Leon, Iowa, Mrs. Hall's birthplace, for interment.

Surviving Mrs. Hall, besides her husband, is a sister, Mrs. Emma G. Clark, and a niece, Miss Etta G. Clark.

Found Wood at Depth of 77 Feet.

Ed Rumley, while drilling a well on his Sunny Side farm just northwest of Leon last week, found a quantity of well preserved walnut timber at a depth of 77 feet, and brought a good sized piece of the wood to The Reporter office. He is drilling at another place on the farm in hopes of getting a good well. At the bottom of the 110 foot well the drill brought up quite a quantity of coal or shale.