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POULTRY PLANT BURNS

Aaron & Co.'s Poultry House and Jap Cesler's Livery Barn Burned Monday Night.

The new poultry house of Aaron & Co., which recently opened in this city, following the destruction only a few weeks ago of the big plant of Swift & Co., was destroyed by fire which was discovered a few minutes after ten o'clock Monday night, and nothing was saved from the building, and the livery barn of Jap Cesler, just west of it, was also burned.

The poultry house was temporarily located in the big frame building on east Commercial street formerly used as a livery barn and had been fitted up for a receiving and killing plant, the upper floor of the big implement house of E. W. Hamilton on west Commercial street being used as a packing room, and the dressed poultry was moved to this building as soon as it was dressed.

The new poultry house was just getting fairly started, but they were receiving an immense amount of poultry, Monday they had over thirty pickers at work in the killing department and they worked until after 9 o'clock Monday night finishing the last of the turkeys received that day, about 450 turkeys being killed and dressed after supper that evening. When the employees left they filled up a stove in the killing room at the rear of the building to keep the room warm over night, and the fire started around the stove, which either became overheated or the door came open and allowed coals to fall on the floor. This room is shut off from the balance of the building by tar paper covered partitions so the fire could not be seen from the outside and the whole interior was a seething mass of flames when it was discovered, and nothing could be saved from the building. In addition to the 450 dressed turkeys which were burned there were about 1700 head of hens, 200 ducks and some geese in the building and all of these were burned. A car load of new barrels was stored only that day in the loft and a large number of coops and other property was burned.

It was seen at once that the livery barn on the west owned and occupied by Jap Cesler was sure to go, and a large number of men went to work releasing the horses and getting the buggies, harness and other property out of the barn, most everything except the feed on the first floor being saved. In the loft were stored several sleighs, and other property, and Mr. Cesler had 400 bushels of corn, 75 bushels of oats, 20 tons of baled hay and 40 bales of straw, which was all burned except about 75 bushels of corn which was saved.

Both the burned buildings were owned by Mr. Cesler and he carried insurance of \$1,900 on the two buildings, as well as some insurance on the contents. He feels very grateful to all the people who worked so hard to save his property during the fire.

Aaron & Co. carried insurance on their poultry house, the policies having just been delivered to them that day, but not enough to cover their loss, which will reach \$5,000 to \$6,000.

In less than an hour after the fire started Mr. Manning, one of the managers from Kansas City, who was here assisting local manager Hanes, in handling the big holiday rush of poultry, was talking over the long distance telephone to the headquarters of the company at Kansas City, and he received instructions to get busy and secure a building and go right ahead with the business the next morning. Tuesday the basement under Jap Statzel's poultry house was used as a killing room while the Sigler barn on south Main street was being fitted up for use and yesterday morning a full force of pickers were at work in the new location. Aaron & Co. are paying out more than \$1,000 a week in salaries in this city, and are employing more than fifty people and everybody is glad to see them going right ahead. They will erect a big fire proof poultry plant in this city the coming spring.

After the fire had burned down the fire boys returned to the fire engine house to dry their wet clothes and care for the hose, and about 12 o'clock a second alarm was turned in, a small barn just southeast of the burned buildings being on fire, but the boys soon had this in hand and only a part of the roof was burned off.

Who Pays the Taxes?

We this week commence the publication of the list of taxpayers in Decatur county who will pay \$10 or more in any one township or corporation. These are the taxes levied for the year 1914 and become due and payable Jan. 1st, 1915. The Reporter commenced the publication of this list nine years ago and it has been read each year with considerable interest by the people of Decatur county. We were the first paper in southern Iowa to undertake this big job, and since we commenced the publication of the list of taxpayers quite a number of the enterprising papers in this part of the state have followed The Reporter's example. The Reporter always leads in publishing original news.

Marriage Licenses.

Olin Yoder, Cainsville, Mo. 18
Otha Hadley, Cainsville, Mo. 18

A good smoke—"Havana Spikes."

Knights Templar Banquet.

The members of the Knights Templar lodge had a fine time last Thursday. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon they met at the Masonic lodge room and conferred the Red Cross degree upon four candidates, Harry Stover, C. H. Smith and Ivan Beach, of Pleasanton, and W. A. Pouch of Leon. The work in the lodge room was finished at 6 o'clock and at 6:30 the Knights and their ladies sat down to a banquet served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in the basement of the church, which was prettily decorated with the colors of the order. Music was furnished during the banquet by the Leon orchestra under the direction of Prof. Ehrhardt, and the banquet was pronounced by everyone present as one of the best if not the best ever served by any organization in Leon, and the ladies in charge of the banquet received many compliments. Jas. F. Harvey presided in a pleasant manner as toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to between the courses of the banquet: "Knighthood," by Sir Knight S. H. Amos, of Garden Grove; "Our Ladies," by Sir Knight J. E. Penniwell, of Leon; "The Candidates," by Companion Harry Stover, of Pleasanton; "Masonry and the Man," by Sir Knight J. B. Horner, of Lamoni.

At the conclusion of the banquet the assemblage repaired to the Masonic lodge room where a social hour was spent, during which Miss Mabel Horner gave several choice readings in her splendid style, which were greatly enjoyed. At 10 o'clock all attended a special theatre party at the Idle Hour theatre, and saw that excellent five reel photo play, "Shannon of the Sixth." All in all the day was one of the best ever enjoyed by the Sir Knights and their ladies.

High School Night.

This evening the High School will hold its local declamatory contest at the opera house. Twelve contestants (three from each grade) will take part.

This year the school has made more preparation than heretofore by holding a preliminary contest in each grade to select the three candidates for their contest.

The winners will be sent to the county contest at Weldon, to the quadrangular contest at Creston, and they will appear at the sub-district contest which is to be held in Leon this year.

The doors will be closed until each contestant finishes his selection.

Program.

Music. High School Orchestra.
Bruce Townsend 12 "The New South."
Micheal Grogan 10 "Daniel O'Connell."
Joe Keshlear 11 "War and Public Opinion."
DRAMATIC
Marcia Wallace 10 "The Lost Word."
Nina Olsen 12 "Bobby Shaftoe."
Nancie Kemp 10 "The Sign of the Cross."
Colonial Minuet. Third Grade
Lola Brazelton 12 "Miss Civilization."
Nettie Hutchinson 9 "The Convict's Violin."

HUMOROUS

Helen Jones 11 "Who's Afraid?"
Doyle Brown 9 "Counting Eggs."
Marjorie Mullinix 9 "Mandy's Organ."
Leal Buchanan 12 "The Prettiest Girl and the Homeliest Man."

Decision of Judges.

Buy a Missouri Farm.

We have three 160 acre farms and a 200 acre farm, all well improved from 2 to 4 miles of King City, that we can sell well worth the money. You Decatur county men who know good farms, who can sell at good figures, should come here and let us "show" you. If we do not show bargains, we will pay your expenses for the trip. Not far from Leon and only 33 miles from St. Joseph and in the famous blue grass region of northwest Missouri, and near the best town of its size in the state. Prices \$110 to \$125 per acre and on terms to suit. Cheaper farms farther out. Write us your wants. Better yet, come and see us.

W. L. Bowman Realty Co.
King City, Mo.

A Mighty Good Show.

The best show seen in Leon for a couple of years greeted "That Printer of Udell's" at the Leon opera house last Wednesday evening, and the big audience were unanimous in pronouncing it the best show they had seen in Leon for a good long time. The play was well staged and costumed, and every member of the cast was a star. If Leon could get a few more such shows as this one the theatre business in Leon could be brought back to where it used to be, one of the best theatre towns in southern Iowa.

O. E. S. Elect Officers.

Leon Chapter, No. 352 Order Eastern Star met in regular session Monday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
W. M.—Mrs. Katherine Olsen.
W. P.—F. C. Mullinix.
Asso. M.—Mrs. Emma Long.
Secretary—Mrs. Jessie Woodard.
Treasurer—Mrs. Lois Cozad.
Cond.—Mrs. Maud Fulton.
Asso. Cond.—Miss Grace Bowman.

Box Supper at South White Oak.

There will be a box supper at South White Oak school on Friday evening of this week. A cordial invitation to everybody to attend.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Lemmax Bros.'s new mill at the Narrow Gauge depot was in operation having been moved here from near Spring Valley.

Fat turkeys were quoted at 4 cents per pound and chickens at 4 1/2 cents. A ten pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Warner.

Doss Caster was helping J. R. Basha in his store during the holidays.

E. K. Pitman jr. left for a prospecting tour through Kansas and Nebraska.

Miss Millie Avery, who is a student at Simpson College at Indianola, came home to spend the holiday vacation.

W. W. Scott, of Lamoni, was studying law in the office of Parrish & Hoffman.

Mrs. Mollie Perdue-Davis will leave Saturday for Omaha, Neb., where she will make her future home.

Sheriff J. W. Honnold was at Des Moines attending the sheriffs' annual convention.

Miss Viola Wason departed for California to spend the winter with relatives.

James Henderson, a farmer living near Lamoni, was killed in a runaway accident Saturday. In company with Fred Blair they were going home from Davis City when the team ran away, the tongue coming down and throwing them both out. Mr. Blair was not seriously injured, but Mr. Henderson was caught in the wheel and dragged about forty rods, killing him instantly. Funeral services were held on Monday at Elk Chapel, the former home of Mr. Henderson.

In a temperance meeting lasting eleven days Francis Murphy induced 2,600 people to sign the pledge at Waterloo.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Iowa State Teachers' Association will be held at Des Moines, Dec. 31 to Jan. 3.

A committee of Sioux City men who accompanied three car loads of provisions to the drought stricken portion of Dakota report that 2,500 families are in actual want and suffering for food.

The funeral of Jefferson Davis was held at New Orleans, La., on December 12th.

At the meeting of the Iowa State Grange held at Des Moines, Hon. Robert McCaull, of Garden Grove, was elected to the position of state lecturer.

Alfalfa an Important Crop in Iowa.

Alfalfa is coming to be a more important crop in Iowa every year. This year there was a total acreage of 88,070 acres according to the figures submitted by Dr. Chappel, with an average yield of 3.6 tons per acre. This gave a total yield of 319,853 tons. The average price on December 4th was \$12.50 per ton which made the value of the crop worth \$3,998,162. The township assessors reported the total acreage in alfalfa in 1913 as 79,769 acres and the total yield as 189,941 tons. In 1912 the total alfalfa acreage according to the assessors' reports was 46,644 and the total yield 105,936 tons or an average of 2.3 tons per acre.

Yoder—Hadley.

Mr. Oliver Yoder and Miss Olathe Hadley, both of Cainsville, Mo., were married, Dec. 10th, at the home of Rev. James W. Johnson. A few immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder will make their home in Cainsville, where he is engaged in the livery business with his father. Best wishes.

County Engineer Mallette Reports a Year's Work.

County engineer Frank Mallette, who by the way is one of the best county engineers in the state, has sent his annual report covering the fiscal year from Nov. 1st, 1913 to Nov. 1st, 1914, to the state highway commission. The report shows the following summary of the finances of the county road and bridge fund and where the money came from and what it was spent for.

Table with columns for fund type, amount, and date. Includes ROAD FUND, BRIDGE FUND, and REPAIR WORK.

Total paid out of road fund. . . . \$22,171.50
BRIDGE FUND
Balance in bridge fund Jan. 1, 1914. . . . \$ 8,454.26
Paid into bridge fund to Nov. 1, 1914. . . . 21,446.95
Paid out of bridge fund. 27,763.90
Balance on hand in bridge fund, Nov. 1, 1914. . . . 2,137.52

REPAIR WORK
Wood repairs designated. \$ 4,573.40
Steel repairs designated. 1,941.11
Repair w/k not designated. 9,182.64
County road repair. . . . 16,329.06
Lumber. 3,200.00
Right of way for new roads. 1,500.00
Permanent bridge work finished, Nov. 1, 1914. 3,730.55
Paid on contract to Iowa Bridge Co. 3,452.00
Outstanding bills on Nov. 1, 1913 the 1913 dragging on county roads, material on hand and pay roll on work not completed Nov. 1, 1914 8,136.43

Total. \$52,045.19
The total expenditure from road funds during the year was \$22,171.50, the expenditures from bridge fund during the year was \$27,763.90.

During the fiscal year ending Nov. 1, 1914, there was used in repairing bridges 136,291 feet of lumber, which cost including the labor in making the repairs \$8,591.92.

On Nov. 1st, 1914, the overdraft in the county road fund was \$2,110.

Special Notice—No Clubbing With Inter Ocean After Dec. 19.

For a number of years we have had a clubbing arrangement by which we were enabled to furnish Reporter subscribers with the Chicago Weekly Inter-Ocean and Farmer at a very low rate. The Inter-Ocean and Farmer has been sold to the W. D. Boyce Co., who will continue it as the Farming Business. We will continue to accept subscriptions at the old clubbing rate until Saturday, Dec. 19th, but after that date we cannot furnish any club price on this publication. If you want the Inter-Ocean and Farmer for the coming year, you must have your order reach us not later than Saturday, Dec. 19th, as we positively will not receive any subscriptions after that date.

Just the Thing for Christmas.

The Perfection Cook Book, issued by the ladies of the M. E. church, makes a nice Christmas present. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. T. S. Arnold.

Special Saturday.

One pound Chocolate Honey Nougat and nut, 29c the pound. Bell & Robinson.

FRED BIGLEY WAS SHOT

By Marshal Don Kier while Resisting Arrest at Decatur City Last Saturday Night.

Another unfortunate shooting scrape, with whiskey as the cause of it, occurred at Decatur City about 10 o'clock last Saturday evening, and as the result Fred Bigley, a young man about 19 or 20 years of age, who resides in Leon, is at the Leon hospital with a bullet wound which passed entirely through his body.

Saturday evening young Bigley and Clarence Gable in company with the latter's sister and another Leon young lady, drove over to Decatur City. They put their team up at a livery barn and went to Campbell's restaurant for some refreshments. While here Bigley, who had been drinking, created some trouble, having broken some dishes and spilled pop on a table and he was made to settle for the damage by Mr. Campbell. He had been flourishing a revolver while in the restaurant and continued to do some loud talking after going out on the street. Young Gable and the girls who were with them were not doing any drinking, Bigley being the only party intoxicated. They all went down to the livery barn where some more loud talk followed and marshal Don Kier went down where they were and after some talk with the boys in which Bigley was abusive the marshal told the boys to consider themselves under arrest. Gable made no resistance, but Bigley commenced backing away and drew a revolver and commenced shooting direct at Kier, firing three shots at him, some of which brushed his clothing. Kier had a small .25 calibre automatic revolver in his vest pocket and as soon as he could unbutton his overcoat and get at his weapon he returned Bigley's fire and shot him through the right chest, the bullet entering about two inches below the nipple and coming out of his back. Bigley fell to the ground with his revolver in his hand and was trying to get it in position to shoot again when the marshal knocked it out of his hand with his club, and then Bigley was taken to a doctor's office for examination, and word of the shooting was phoned to sheriff Lorey, who drove to Decatur in an auto, accompanied by deputy Bob Craig. It was thought the bullet was still in Bigley's body, and as the Decatur doctor did not want to operate upon him he was brought to Leon in the auto and taken to the Leon hospital where he was attended by physicians, and he is getting along nicely with good prospects for recovery.

Young Bigley who has resided in Leon all his life, has never before been in trouble of any kind, and the fact that he was under the influence of liquor is responsible for the trouble Saturday night. In addition to being shot, the young man will probably have to answer to several serious criminal charges, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting an officer, and probably with assault with intent to commit murder.

No blame can be attached to marshal Kier in the matter as he did not draw his revolver until after Bigley had shot at him several times.

Shepard—Paschall.

The marriage of Miss Geraldine Shepard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Shepard, to Verner Paschall took place at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents on south Main street, Rev. C. W. Cole of the Christian church officiating in the presence of about thirty relatives and friends. The color scheme was of pink and white and the couple stood beneath a beautiful umbrella of pink and white roses. At the appointed hour Miss Cecile Grimes, of Leon, sang "O Promise Me," to the piano accompaniment by Miss Mabel Rarick, who at the close of the song played Lohengrin's wedding march and the party took their places for the ceremony. The bride wore a beautiful chiffon over blue crepe-de-chine and carried a bouquet of white roses.

During the congratulations Charley Campbell sang "Love's Sorrow." An elegant three course supper was served and Misses Blanche Ralph, Frances Sheesley and Ruth Collier presided over the dining room.

The bride received many beautiful gifts. The bride is one of Osceola's most popular young ladies and has lived in this city all her life.

The groom is a young man of sterling character and holds a lucrative position in the Osceola postoffice.

Their many friends in Osceola join with the Democrat in wishing them prosperity and happiness in their matrimonial venture.

Mr. and Mrs. Paschall will be at home after Dec. 12 at their beautiful home in north Osceola.—Osceola Democrat.

Spidle—Scott.

Clyde Spidle and Miss Hattie D. Scott, of Davis City, came to Mt. Ayr Wednesday evening and were united in marriage at 6:30 p. m. at the home of the groom's uncle, John Taylor, the ceremony being performed by Justice Taylor. The bride and groom are popular young people of Davis City. They will make their home on a farm near that city.—Mt. Ayr Recorder-News.

Notice to Assessors.

All the assessors of Decatur county are hereby notified to meet at the county auditor's office in Leon, Iowa, on Monday, January 11, 1915, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving instructions and supplies. Every assessor should be present at this meeting.

R. E. McLAUGHLIN, County Auditor.

"His Son's Wife," at the opera house Monday, Dec. 21.

Special scenery and vaudeville between acts. A clean moral attraction. Prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents. Notice—One lady will be admitted free with each 25 cent ticket purchased before 6 p. m. on the opening night. Two ladies on one paid ticket or a gentleman and a lady. Phone orders from the country given special attention.

Manchester Bros.' Hog Sale Was a Good One.

The public sale of Big Type Poland China brood sows and gilts held by Manchester Bros. at their farm just south of Leon Tuesday, was a dandy good one considering the severe cold weather which kept many buyers from a distance from attending the sale, but it resulted in great good to the hog raisers of Decatur county, for nearly all of the hogs were sold right here in Decatur county to raise more good hogs. Fifty head were sold for a total of \$1,476.50, an average of \$29.53, and considering that more than half of the animals sold were young gilts the boys are well satisfied with the sale, and the buyers are certainly pleased for they all secured good bargains. The following is the list of the buyers and the amount paid for each animal:

Table listing buyers and amounts paid for hogs. Includes names like J. R. Bowsher, Guy Chambers, Grant Jones, etc.

New Court Cases.

Lina Knapp vs. Lotta Wells. The plaintiff who resides in Black Hawk county brings suit for \$5,000 damages for alienating the affections of her husband, Curtis J. Knapp. In her petition plaintiff alleges that about two years ago the defendant began to pay attention to plaintiff's husband, frequently calling to see him, stopping him on the streets and during the last few months has been writing endearing letters to him almost every day which have caused him to withdraw his affection and companionship from plaintiff. E. H. McCoy, attorney for plaintiff.

Clarence Hedges vs. J. W. Wolverton. Suit is brought to establish a landlord's lien for \$300 for rent of a farm owned by plaintiff. Francis Varga, attorney for plaintiff.

A. D. Annis vs. C. E. Myers, et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure three notes amounting to \$2104. V. R. McGinnis and Tinley, Mitchell & Pryor, attorneys for plaintiff.

Drank Carbohic Acid.

Mrs. O. V. Parkhurst, wife of a farmer residing six or seven miles south of Leon, drank a small quantity of carbohic acid last Friday in an attempt to commit suicide, following some family troubles. Dr. Mitchell was summoned and rendered the necessary medical attention. The woman did not swallow enough to produce death but her mouth was burned by the acid, and she will recover.

Judge Maxwell Will Hold Court Here Next Monday and Tuesday.

When Judge Maxwell adjourned the November term of the district court he expected to return to Leon for another week, but was prevented from coming on account of illness. There are some matters which require the court's attention and word has been received from Judge Maxwell that he will come to Leon next Monday at noon to finish up the business of the term and will remain here until Tuesday afternoon.

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