

# A FREE TRIP TO THE PANAMA EXPOSITION

## Who is going to win Free Trip to the Panama Exposition now going on

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There is to be special prizes every week commencing next Wednesday, February 24th. The girl having the largest number of votes in the ballot box at 3 o'clock on this day will be presented with a fine set of Ivory toilet articles.

Special for Saturday, Febr'y 20: We will give with every dollar purchase 1000 votes.

There are now 31 contestants. Who will be the lucky one to win the first weekly prize?

Nominate yourself today and be the lucky one.

We have been receiving new spring clothing, hats and shoes for the past week and it will be a pleasure to show you the newest things in suits from the greatest clothes makers, Hart Schaffner & Marx. We have put forth every effort to make this the greatest showing of fine clothing, hats and shoes ever displayed in this city.

## Get to Know G. B. PRICE The Clothier

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Candidate

Only one to a Candidate. Clip out and Nominate Candidate.

### About the Increase Asked by the Railroads.

Editor Reporter:—I have been paying some attention to the articles in your paper written by some official of the Burlington Railroad, I suppose, asking the people to increase the freight and passenger rates on eleven railroads in Iowa, for the reason they claim the present rate doesn't pay a sufficient income to pay a reasonable rate of interest on their investment, and are now circulating a petition asking the people to sign it, which they will give to the Railroad Commission and also present the same to the State Legislature for their consideration. I have taken some pains to ascertain the reason why our citizens who signed this petition did so and also those who refused to do so. Captain Brown said he did not sign it for the reason that he would not subscribe to a proposition of that kind until the company gave the people the physical valuation of their roads so the people would have something to base an estimate on. His answer is the meat in the cocoon. The people are willing they should have a fair income on their investment. Albert Ackersley gave the same reason and added another reason of great importance, that since the two cent passenger rate had gone into effect James Hill of the Great Northern Railroad leased the C. B. & Q. railroad for a term of three years and paid 7 per cent or double the amount of their stock or 14 per cent on the actual value of their stock, then took the earnings above 14 per cent and bonded the road for enough to buy it. Now if the readers of this article know the value of the C. B. & Q. system you can easily figure his loss.

I call it a fair income for Hill's investment for about ten years. Mr. Olsen gave as his reason for signing the petition, that he thought the company ought to have a reasonable income on their investment. Mr. Ed Bell gave the same reason. Loten Gassett said the petition would be thrown into the waste basket. Dr. Bowman gave as his reason for signing the petition, that he objected to the people fighting the railroads all the time, that the people through their legislatures were injuring the country by such conduct. C. M. Akes and E. Housh oppose the increase on the ground, that they refuse to build a depot at Leon and refuse to furnish water for stock at Leon and other improvements that are indispensable for the accommodation of the public. Dennis Daughton and Joseph Mullin made the same complaint.

Bowsher & Bowsher oppose the increase on the ground that there is no freight depot to store goods until they can be hauled to their place of business. They pay more freight than any other business firm in our county outside of stock shippers. I have failed to find a farmer who signed the petition.

Dr. O. W. Foxworthy, whom we consider as one of the most careful business men in our county, gave his reasons for opposing the increase in both freight and passenger traffic

as follows: First, he wants to know what the physical valuation of the road is; second, the railroad company is not rendering reasonable service for what is now charged.

For thirty years the packers have at their meetings in November named the price they would pack the bulk of the pork and often times I have thought it could not be done. Look at the price of hogs in November and the price of the finished product. Compare the price of the hog on foot and the price of the product. The finished product is as high now as it was in November or nearly so. Suppose real estate hadn't increased in the last 20 years in price, who is going to make up to the farmer the loss on the cattle he is feeding this winter. He bought his cattle at 7 cents last fall, is feeding 80 cent corn. If he had to put his cattle on the market now, they would not sell for a cent more than he paid for them last fall. Who will make up his loss. Some parties I have consulted claim the railroad bonds are owned by widows and orphans, they are innocent purchasers of railroad bonds, then we ought to pass a blue sky law and send every man to the penitentiary that sells watered stock to innocent purchasers.

I remember a stunt that was pulled off in the 61st Congress. The Union Pacific railroad company owed the government fifty million dollars that the government had loaned them in 1865 when the road was built, the people were clamoring for them to pay the amount with interest, there had accrued ninety-one million dollars interest on the loan. When the matter came up in congress they gave the company the ninety-one million of interest and refunded the original debt of fifty million—thirty years at 4 per cent.

There are a few things that I wish to call the public's attention to that comes under our own observation every day. The freight on a fifty ton car of coal from Franklin county, Illinois, \$125.00, on a 40 ton car it is \$100.00, the freight on a car of stock cattle from the same place to Leon is \$40, the freight on coal from Centerville, this state, to Leon is 78 cents per ton. They pull coal from the same place to St. Joe, Mo., for 60 cents per ton.

The freight from Andover to Leon on a car of corn is, or was two years ago, \$48.00 per car—sixteen and a half miles. The freight from the same place to Chicago on the same car of corn was about \$38.00.

The above has been the rate since the year 1900. To my knowledge for years Omaha had a rate on stock to Chicago of 16 cents per hundred pounds. We paid 23 cents from Leon. When corn was 15 cents per bushel and cattle \$3.00 per hundred pounds, the railroads didn't lower their freight rates any.

What Mr. Hill made in the transaction, some one paid. Let us see if we can find who it was. We know the man that pays it all. It is the man who digs it out of the ground, the boy that holds the plow.

Let us see how he has fared during the past few years. Twenty

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years ago the incumbrance on the real estate was \$7.00 per acre. There are 310,960 acres in the county, multiplied by \$7.00 makes \$2,176,720. Six per cent on that amount is \$130,603.20. The incumbrance now is \$25 per acre, which makes \$7,774,400.00 at 6 per cent makes \$466,464.00 interest paid per annum. A difference of \$335,847.00 in interest. It is true our land has increased in value, more than doubled in the twenty years. The misfortune with the farmer when his stuff is high, the other fellow is in possession of his products.

In conclusion we will say, if the railroad companies will give the people the true physical valuation of their roads, the whole people of the state of Iowa will treat them fairly.  
A. M. Pryor.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Kemper.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kemper, a good and dear mother, died at the home of her son, W. M. Kemper, in Jackson township, Clarke county, Mo., Monday, Jan. 18, 1915, at 4:25 p. m. aged 87 years, 4 months and 13 days. Funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Walker cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kemper was born in Jackson county, Missouri, in the year 1851, and in this same year was united in marriage to J. W. Kemper. To this union ten children, four girls and six boys were born. The beloved husband passed away twenty-two years ago, also two sons, John B. and Thomas A. Kemper, are deceased. The following children survive: Louisa J. Dagg of near Wayland; Benjamin F. Kemper, of Luray; Kamel Kemper, of near Wayland; Mrs. Thos. A. Deck, of Wayland; Mrs. Mary E. Sanders of Leon, Iowa; Jephtha J. Kemper, of Wayland; William Kemper and Miss Sarah Kemper, at home. She is also survived by twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Notice to Telephone Patrons—All bills for telephone rent and tolls must be paid every 30 days. This means everybody and the rule will be strictly enforced. Decatur County Mutual Telephone Co.

When People Ask Us what is good for nerves and lost weight, we always recommend **Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion** containing Hypophosphites a food tonic and tissue builder. Bell & Painter.

### FELL ONTO HOT STOVE.

#### Mrs. J. C. Atz Faints and Falls Against Hot Stove and is Badly Burned.

Ill-luck seems to pursue the family of J. C. Atz, agent of the C. B. & Q. in this city. Last Saturday Mrs. Atz met with an accident that was serious, and one which has left her in the greatest pain. She had stepped from the kitchen into the living room and remarked as she did so that she felt as though she was going to faint. The young lady who was in the house with her at the time dashed some cold water in her face, but Mrs. Atz lost consciousness and fell. She was in such a position that her face and neck were thrown against the hot stove and the result was serious burns along the left side of her face, as well as quite a deep burn on her neck. She has been given the most careful treatment and it is thought there will be no permanent scar. Mr. Atz had the smallpox while the disease was at its height in the city, the children have been sick, Mrs. Atz has been far from strong and this last accident adds but more to the troubles of the family.

There will be the sincere thanks on the part of the lady's friends that she escaped from the accident as fortunately as she did.—Osceola Democrat.

### Letter from Ed Alexander.

Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 13, 1915.

Dear Editor:—On the morning of the 11th of February, wife and I were sitting on the porch enjoying the beautiful sunshine as usual, waiting for the post-man, who greeted us with an unusual smile on his face, when he came up the steps with an armful of mail of about two hundred and fifty letters and cards. He said, "I think some one must be having a birthday." For a moment a lump seemed to be rising in my throat giving me a peculiar sensation, but I soon overcame my feelings and went to work with a right good will, looking over the beautiful cards and reading the messages of love and good cheer, then took up the letters and spent the remainder of the day reading the comforting words of our friends, wishing for me happiness, health and strength.

It was a happy surprise, and has given me a new hope, and a stronger desire to be able in the spring-time to return to our many friends and home in Leon.

I wish to thank each and every one of you personally for your kind remembrance on my birthday. The beautiful thoughts and comforting words will linger in my memory all the days of my life.

I feel in the last ten days I am gaining a little each day.

With the best of wishes for you all, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Ed H. Alexander.

### Weldon M. E. Church.

It was certainly gratifying to meet such large audiences last Sunday when the roads and weather were so very bad but we had an excellent day. At the morning service there was one decision for Christ, the one accession, four baptisms, making 86 conversions, fifty-six baptisms. Both old and new christians should keep busy working with and praying for other friends.

At the morning session the girls organized a girls' gospel team of nineteen members and the older ladies organized with fourteen members. Both teams will be increased by some who were not present. The men's team pledged several new members and numbers thirty-five or more. If you have not lined up yet with these organizations, you should do so at once. The girls' team will have charge of the prayer meeting next Friday night. You should be there to encourage and help them. Forty-five at prayer meeting last Friday night as bad as it was. Let us double it for next Friday night. You will also want to be one of the one hundred and twenty-five at Sunday school next Sunday.

The pastor's theme for Sunday evening will be "The Work of Salvation." Every member of the church should hear it.

### Van Wert M. E. church Notes.

The pastor of the First M. E. church will preach a series of seven sermons beginning with Sunday evening, Feb. 21st. Much care has been taken in the selection of these themes. We are confident that these evenings spent with us will be helpful to you. Therefore, you are most cordially invited to attend these services, and, in fact, all other services.

Themes are as follows:  
1—Feb. 21, "The Faith of the Present."  
2—Feb. 28, "The Believer's Challenge."  
3—March 7, "The Peril of a Rash Choice."  
4—March 14, "The Message Misunderstood."  
5—March 21, "The Supreme Personal Problem."  
6—March 28, "The Virile Christ and the Masculine Church."  
April 4, Easter Sunday.  
7—April 11, "The Authority of the Bible."

### Orville W. Morrow, Pastor.

### Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore existing under the name of Bell & Robinson, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. C. W. Robinson retiring from the firm. All book accounts due the firm of Bell & Robinson are payable to the new firm of Bell & Painter, and all accounts owed by the firm of Bell & Robinson are assumed by Bell & Painter.

E. E. Bell,  
C. W. Robinson.  
Leon, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1915.

Pease & Pease have removed their insurance office from the rooms in the rear of the Exchange National Bank to rooms in the Biggs block, over Hansell's store, where they will be found ready to serve their patrons.

A big load of cinders delivered any place in town for 75 cents. Phone Leon Electric Co.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

### SCHOOL NOTES

GRACE CAMPBELL  
CLARA GARBBER  
Editors

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treating others as you love to be treated yourself.—Chesterfield.

Rev. F. G. Wilcox of Des Moines, gave a very interesting talk to the High School Friday on the "Society for the Friendless."

"You" must not forget the Senior play Friday night, Feb. 19. The Seniors will use this money to buy something useful for the High School. Admission 35 cents.

Miss Lila McKinley visited High School Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Warner, Mrs. Edna Monroe and Miss Daisy Sell visited Thursday afternoon in Miss Colter's room and Miss Beavers' room.

Mrs. VanWerden visited Friday afternoon in Miss Cooney's room.

The grade pupils gave Mr. Gass an apple shower Friday afternoon. He received about a bushel of apples. Mr. Gass was certainly surprised and he appreciated it much better than valentines.

Mrs. Farquhar visited the music classes in Misses Moore, Mullin and Gwinn's rooms Monday.

Friday afternoon the 8th grade gave a Lincoln program. They invited the seventh grade in for the exercises.

The 5th and 6th grades gave a very interesting entertainment at the High School building. They cleared \$18. This money will be used to buy a library outfit for the two rooms. The grades appreciate the attendance of the patrons at the entertainment.

For Sale—On the Stone farm, 6 1/2 miles northwest of Leon, 4 1/2 miles northeast of Decatur, native lumber of all kinds, fence posts, split or sawed and stove wood. W. W. Fulton.

Pease & Pease, the "Old Reliable" insurance agents, handle the best in fire, lightning and tornado insurance.

### Laundry Agency.

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

It is rumored that the C. & N. W. Ry. Co. have let a contract for sixteen miles of roadbed, extending the line from Buxton, No. 18; Consol, to Chariton, where the line will connect with the C. B. & Q., and the Rock Island.

Daylight flour and Champion feed. Gammon Bros. Mill.

DROPSY TREATED FREE.

DR. FRANKLIN MILES, The Well-Known Dropsy Specialist, Sends a Remarkable New \$3.75 Treatment Free as a Trial.

Many "Incurable" Cases Soon Cured After 5 to 15 Doctors Failed.

At first no disease is apparently more harmless than dropsy; a little swelling of the eyelids, hands, feet, ankles or abdomen. Finally there is great shortness of breath, smothering spells, sitting up to breathe, cough, faint spells, sometimes nausea and vomiting, even bursting of the limbs and a lingering and wretched death if the dropsy is not removed.

Dr. Miles has been known as a leading specialist in these diseases for 35 years. His liberal offer is certainly worthy of serious consideration. You may not have another opportunity.

The Grand Dropsy Treatment consists of four dropsy remedies in one, also Tonic Tablets, and Pura-Laxa for removing the water. This treatment is specially prepared for each patient and is at least four times as successful as that of most physicians. It usually relieves the first day, and removes swelling in six days in most cases. Delay is dangerous. Dr. Miles' book contains many wonderful cures. Send for Remarkable Cures in Your State.

All afflicted readers may have the new Dropsy Book, Examination Chart, Opinion, Advice, and a two-pound treatment, free, as a trial. Write at once. Describe your case. Address: Dr. Franklin Miles, Dept. DC, 387 & 397 Main St., Elkhart, Ind. 24-25-26

## You'll Want to See The "Varsity Coach"

Not because it's "Home Talent." Not because it's for the benefit of the High School, but because

## It's Worth Seeing

- CAST
- Robert Selby, assistant coach of the Varsity crew.....
  - .....Edgar N. Rowell
  - Mousie Kent, a grind.....Horry Van Nostrand
  - Howard Dixon, Selby's room mate.....Neal Quiett
  - Dick Elsworth, member of the crew.....Bryan Robbins
  - Chester Allen, his room mate.....Rollie Dale
  - Ruth Moore, charming college girl.....Loia Brazelton
  - Mrs. Moore, a boarding house keeper.....Nina Bowman
  - Miss Serena Selby, Roberts spinster aunt.....Lela Easter
  - Genevieve Allen, a typical college girl. Marguerite Daughton
  - Ethel Lynn, a pretty college girl.....Lulu Bright
  - Daisy Doane, a fashionable boarding school girl.....
  - .....Dorothy Hull

The Senior Class is paying a royalty to the author to put on this play, and it is expected to be the best home talent play yet.

### Friday Evening, Feb. 19

Curtain rises promptly at 8:30  
Adult admission, 35 cents. Children, 25 cents

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### Black Silk Stove Polish

Makes a brilliant, silky polish that does not rub off or dust off, and the shine lasts four times as long as ordinary stove polish. Used on sample stoves and sold by hardware and grocery dealers.

All we ask in trial. Use it on your cook stove, your parlor stove or your gas range. If you don't find it the best stove polish you ever used, your dealer is authorized to refund your money. insist on Black Silk Stove Polish.

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### Black Silk Stove Polish Works

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but we make no claims in the way of making new men out of old ones by pressing out their joints and other deformities, but we can make your old clothes look like new by our

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