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A BIG FAMILY REUNION

Eight Brothers and Two Sisters Attended 50th Birthday of Their Youngest Brother in Leon.

What was probably the most remarkable family reunion ever held in the state of Iowa, was the one held in this city last Saturday in honor of the fiftieth birthday of Mr. E. G. Monroe, at which there were present a family of eight brothers and two sisters, the youngest fifty years of age and the oldest past seventy, and in this large family there had never been a death aside from the parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Monroe, the father dying at the age of 43 years only a few months after the birth of his youngest son, and the mother passing away at the age

attention, ladies and gentlemen both, for they were sure a fine looking bunch of people, but they all insisted that E. G. was the black sheep of the family. If he is, the balance are little short of saints. One of them told us in explaining Ed's snow white hair at his early age, said that when he was a boy he was so lazy he would not work but would sit under a shade tree all day and that when he finally did get out in the sun his hair all bleached out.

Sunday the entire party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe at dinner at Hotel Leon, Mrs. Markley arranging one big table at which all were seated at once, and she served a most splendid dinner to them. Several of them had to leave Sunday afternoon, others went Monday and the last of the big party got away Tuesday night, with the most pleasant recollections of the family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mon-



EIGHT BROTHERS, TWO SISTERS.

Top Row—Thomas Monroe, Isaac Monroe, George Monroe, Millard Monroe, John Monroe, E. G. Monroe. Bottom Row—Christopher Monroe, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Julia McCaig, W. H. Monroe.

of 63 years. In addition to all the brothers and sisters there were also their wives and husbands and many of their children present.

On Jan. 27, 1835, the first family reunion was held at Sullivan, Illinois, when Christopher, the eldest son, reached the age of fifty years, and each time one of his brothers or sisters reached that age there was a big family reunion, but circumstances were such that only one were all the brothers and sisters able to attend before, that being at the home of Millard T. Monroe, who resides on the old Monroe homestead near Sullivan, Ill., and the reunion held in this city last Saturday will probably be the last time this interesting family will all be together, for they are getting well along in years and are somewhat scattered.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Monroe had been looking forward to this event with great anticipation and had made plans for a big celebration at which they expected to entertain many of their Leon friends, but just a few days before Mrs. Monroe's father, Mr. George Brotherton, of Sullivan, Ill., who with his wife are spending the winter at the home of his daughter in this city, was taken seriously ill, and for several days his death was expected at any minute. It was feared that the reunion would have to be called off, but as some of the brothers were already on their way to Leon, it was decided to go ahead and trust to luck, and we are

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1, 1911, and has since been active in the management of this bank. He has also been a factor in city affairs and has served as a member of the city council for a number of years. He and his family have a large circle of warm friends in this city and county. The following is a list of the relatives in attendance at the reunion: Christopher Monroe, age 70, and daughters, Misses Clara and Dollie, of Sullivan, Illinois. Wm. H. Monroe, age 68, of Elton, Louisiana. Thomas Monroe, age 66, and wife, of Sullivan, Illinois. Isaac Monroe, age 64, of Sullivan, Illinois. Mrs. A. T. Wright, age 62, Mr. Wright and daughter, Miss Lura, of Bloomington, Illinois, and Mrs. Altona Yantis, of Fidelity, Illinois. G. W. Monroe, age 60, and daughter, Miss Lorah, of Bloomington, Ill. Millard T. Monroe, age 58, wife and daughter, Miss Blanche, of Sullivan, Illinois. John Monroe, age 5, of Chicago,

SUB-DISTRICT CONTEST

Eleven High Schools will be Represented at Declamatory Contest in Leon, Friday, March 5th.

On Friday Leon will entertain representatives from eleven of the high schools of southwestern Iowa. In the evening will occur the declamatory contest for the twelve high schools of our sub-district. Miss Nina Olsen will represent Leon. As the visiting delegations arrive they will be escorted to the school building where the committee will assign them to various homes in the city for entertainment. At 5:30 p. m. all will assemble in the basement of the M. E. church where a 25c supper will be served by the Parent-Teachers' Association. The public are invited to this supper.

At 8:30 the program as given below and with several special numbers will be given at the opera house. ORATORY 1—"Corwin on the War with Mexico" John Eddy, Osceola 2—"Napoleon" Reid Laufner, Fontanelle 3—"The Unknown Speaker" Richard McDowell, Garden Grove 4—"Idols" Yandall Seaton, Malvern

DRAMATIC 1—"The Going of the White Swan" Faustina Ankeny, Corning 2—"Patsy" Dorothy Kenworthy, Greenfield 3—"Bob Shafto" Nina Olsen, Leon 4—"Helen Thams" Mabel Sweet, Tabor

HUMOROUS 1—"Uncle Pete and the Trolley Car" Floyd Churchill, Bedford 2—"The Mustard Plaster" Helen Coen, Afton 3—"The Lady Across the Aisle" Mabel Edwards, Villisca 4—"The Village Seamstress" Pauline Hamilton, Glenwood

The winners of first and second places in each class will be sent to the district contest to be held at Atlantic, March 26th. Tickets to the contest will be on sale at Kopp's store on Thursday morning at 35 cents. It is possible that the program will be repeated at the Methodist church. This will be done only in case the opera house will not accommodate the audience.

Big Stock Sale. I will sell at Green Bay stock farm, 4 miles east of Garden Grove, 4 miles southwest of Humeston, on Wednesday, March 10th, 1915, 135 Head of Live Stock: 16 head of horses, 8 head of good work mules, 100 head of cattle, 5 good milch cows, to be fresh soon, 7 two year old steers, 53 coming two year old steers, 35 coming yearlings, blacks and reds, mostly steers, 10 head of hogs, some farm implements. Unity ladies serve lunch.

M. A. HUNTER, Hasbrouck & McMillan, Auctioneers. Bert McCulloch, Clerk. A Big Special Coming to Idle Hour. The management of the Idle Hour theatre have announced an extra big special feature play for Friday night, March 12th, when Robert Edson comes in "The Call of the North." This is one of the famous player picture plays and that alone insures that it will be well worth seeing. On account of the unusual interest in this great feature an afternoon matinee will be given in addition to the regular evening shows. Remember the date, Friday, March 12th.

Will Take Music Pupils to Hear Josef Hofmann. Prof. Russell Mauley and wife will chaperone several of his music pupils on a trip to Des Moines Friday to hear Josef Hofmann, the great pianist, in a recital at University church. In the party will be Misses Nellie and Leslie Pullin, Alma Kindblade, of this city, Miss Jessie Nish, of Weldon, and Fred Holt, of Osceola.

Johnson—McKee. James Perry Johnson and Miss Piroma Grace McKee were married Feb. 24th at the home of Rev. Jas. W. Johnson. Both these young people are well known in and about Leon and will make their home on a farm east of town. Best wishes.

Are You Coming? Don't forget the 25 cent dinner to be served by the Parent-Teachers' Association in the dining room of the Methodist church on Friday evening, March 5th, at 5:30 o'clock. Come and bring some one with you.

Illinois. Mrs. W. H. McCaig, age 53, Mr. McCaig and daughter, Miss Bernadine, of Sullivan, Illinois. Jack Monroe and wife, of Texarkana, Ark., son of Christopher Monroe. Charles Monroe, wife and daughter, Miss Katharine, of Sullivan, Illinois, son of Thomas Monroe. J. B. Michael, wife and daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth and son Edward, of Sullivan, Illinois, daughter of Christopher Monroe. Ralph Monroe, of Decatur, Illinois, a prominent attorney at that city, son of Millard Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe, Leon, Iowa, son of E. G. Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. George Brotherton, of Sullivan, Illinois, parents of Mrs. E. G. Monroe. Mrs. Sophia Dolan and grandson Glen Dolan, of Sullivan, Illinois; a sister of Mrs. E. G. Monroe. Mrs. Etta Dixon, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a cousin. Mr. and Mrs. William Timmons, of Yale, Iowa, cousins.

Leon Federation of Woman's Clubs. The Leon Federation of Woman's Clubs will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, March 6, in the assembly room of the public library. All ladies who are not members are cordially invited. The following program will be given by the Sorosis and New Century Clubs: Ladies' quartette. Paper, "Power of Thought," Mrs. Harris. Solo, Mrs. Hemphill. Paper, "Conservation of Waste Material," Mrs. Ogilvie. General discussion. Reading, Lola Brazelton. Song, Federation. Besse E. Minor, Pres.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Harrow. The remains of Mrs. Sarah Harrow, for many years a resident of this county, were brought here Tuesday morning for burial. Mrs. Harrow was 92 years of age and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Stephens, at Kelley, Colorado, Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church in this city Tuesday afternoon, conducted by F. A. Garber, interment being Wednesday morning at the Franklin cemetery, being delayed awaiting the arrival of a son who came yesterday morning.

Brood Sows For Sale. I have 54 fine sows bred. I want to sell 21 of them. They are first-class and bred to first-class boars. Will sell any number desired up to 21. Cash or bankable note. Ed H. Sharp.

Marriage Licenses. Floyd Richardson, Lamon, 30. Belle Woodrum, Lamon, 30. James Perry Johnson, Leon, 25. Piroma Grace McKee, Leon, 20. Earnest Woodruff, Humeston, 22. Eunice Roberts, Garden Grove, 22.

Spring Millinery Opening. Keller & Pryor's big spring millinery opening will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 17, 18, 19 and 20. Keep your eye on these dates.

Burglary at Pleasanton.

The general store of Smith & Hagan, at Pleasanton, was entered by a burglar or burglars late Saturday night and robbed of about \$75 in cash, which had been left in the cash register by Mr. Smith. In the cash register were also a number of checks and drafts but these were not molested, the thief being satisfied with the cash which he found, which was all in silver, Mr. Hagan having taken the currency from the cash register home with him when the store was closed Saturday night. Entrance was gained to the store by breaking out a glass in the front door. Nothing was molested or taken from the store except the cash in the register, and up to this time there has been no clue to who committed the crime, but it is thought it was the work of local talent, some one who was familiar with the premises.

It Was Some Job. Marvin & Stout, the transfer men, finished a job Friday forenoon which had been bothering them for several days. It was the task of moving the big steel safe for the new Savings Bank from the depot to the bank building at the southwest corner of the square. The safe did not look very large, but it was billed at 3,700 pounds and all the boys who handled it are ready to swear it weighed considerably more than the billing weight. They started with the safe last Tuesday, but the weight caused the dray to sink down in the mud close to the freight depot, and they were unable to move it. The dray broke down and they had to transfer it to another dray, and then it required eight horses to pull it through the mud until the paving was reached when one team handled it easily.

Back to the Old Farm. Last week ex-county treasurer W. C. Cozad and family moved back to the old home farm in Morgan township, after a residence of a little over four years in Leon, having moved to this city in the fall of 1910, when Mr. Cozad was elected county treasurer. Four years of public service and of city life did not take away the longing for farm life and now that Mr. Cozad has finished his public work they go back to the old farm where they will enjoy life among the old friends where they resided for so many years. During their residence in Leon Mr. Cozad and family made many friends, for a finer family never resided in this city. And down in Morgan township there is great rejoicing over the return of the Cozad family, by their many friends.

Davis City Dramatic Co. to Visit Leon. The Davis City Dramatic Co. will visit Leon next Tuesday evening, March 9th, when they will present in Leon opera house the beautiful play, "Human Hearts," under the direction of Mr. Grant Mallory, an actor of ability who for a number of years followed this profession. The cast is a splendid one and the opera house should be well filled on this occasion. The company is composed of the best people in Davis City, and they have devoted much time in rehearsing and getting this play ready. It is reported to be far better than most of the traveling companies this season. Reserved seats are on sale at Kopp's drug store.

Col. Curt Alexander Leads Mississippi Mardi Gras. From papers received from Biloxi, Miss., where Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alexander, Col. and Mrs. Curt Alexander and Mrs. S. A. Gates are spending the winter, we note that Col. Alexander attracted a great deal of attention at the recent Mardi Gras parade at Biloxi. Col. Alexander bears a remarkable resemblance to "Buffalo Bill" and is frequently mistaken for him. The Biloxi Mardi Gras is one of the big features of that famous winter resort. In the write-up of the big parade we find the following notice of Col. Curt Alexander. One of the most pleasing as well as one of the most noticed features of the parade was the appearance of Col. Alexander, noted Indian scout and lifelong friend of "Buffalo Bill," at the head of the parade attired in full scout uniform and mounted upon a thoroughbred Kentucky horse, the combination of man, horse and costume being of a nature to attract not only attention, but to command respect in any gathering. Biloxi was most fortunate in having Col. Alexander as one of the attractions of its Mardi Gras parade.

Davis City Shows Good Gain. A. G. Craig, assessor of Davis City, has completed the work of taking the census of that town, and it shows that Davis City has made a fine gain in population in the past five years. The U. S. census of 1910 gives the population of Davis City at 489, and the state census just completed by Mr. Craig will give it about 630, possibly a little more, showing a gain in population of about 30 per cent.

"Million Dollar Mystery" Tonight. The regular weekly installment of the serial "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre this evening, the first show starting promptly at 7 o'clock. As each installment of this interesting serial is shown the interest is increasing and the pictures become more thrilling each week. Don't miss any of them.

Will Have Big Stock Sale. Tullis Bros. will hold one of their big live stock public sales at their farm adjoining Decatur City on Thursday, March 18th. Watch next week for their sale advertisement.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mr. Willard A. Royer and Miss Elizabeth E. McDonough were married at the home of the bride's parents near Crown on February 26th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. Noerr, pastor of the Leon Presbyterian church.

At the city election Monday W. H. Albaugh was elected mayor, W. J. Edwards recorder, and T. H. Schenk and John Allbaugh members of the city council.

Ed Daugherty traded one of his farms for the opera house block. Mrs. C. Bobbitt and Miss Hattie Kirkpatrick purchased the millinery store owned by Mrs. Kate Ambrose.

Little Jim Pennwell has been staying at the electric light plant with engineer Creed Bobbitt for the past six months, and under his instructions has learned almost all there is to learn about the big engine. It is amusing to watch the little fellow running the engine, and he is setting a very good example to many older boys. It is a great deal better to be learning a useful trade than loafing on the streets.

On last Thursday evening occurred the marriage of Mr. Orison S. Long to Miss Eva Bell, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, the Rev. A. T. Jeffrey officiating.

One of the most exciting and yet funny runaways that he ever witnessed took place in Leon last Saturday—the first of the spring sports. Master Clair Boone came riding up Main street on his sled, behind his spotted steed, when all of a sudden the animal took a notion to "go for" another animal, and you can rest assured he went. Clair "slid off behind," and then the fun commenced. Down the street they came, and the excitement was at fever heat when all of a sudden the two animals and the sled collided with an electric light pole at the corner of Main and Commercial streets. The first dog "shot out" from under Tasso. Clair's dog, while the sled and Tasso were safely entwined around the electric light pole, the sled being in a slightly demoralized condition. Fortunately no one was hurt, but Clair's dog Tasso and the sled were somewhat disfigured but are still in the ring.

There is a postal card in the general delivery at the post office in this city, addressed to "A post office who lives in Leon, Iowa, who has two daughters, one 14 and the other 12 years old. I have forgotten her name." The postal was mailed in Des Moines, and signed by a gentleman living on Walnut street. If the person addressed will call at the postoffice postmaster Harvey will be pleased to deliver the postal card.

Lyss Gibson came up from Cosby, Mo., and visited over Sunday with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. Gibson. Miss Ida Brooks left for St. Joe, where she will remain a few weeks and then goes to Marysville, Mo., where she will trim in a millinery store the coming spring.

James Grandstaff was teaching a singing class at Sunny Side.

New Court Cases. Craig & Carter vs. E. C. and Minnie Conner. Suit is brought to recover \$471.74 due as rent for a farm. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff. Emerson-Brantingham Imp. Co. vs. C. W. Sutherland. Suit is brought on two promissory notes amounting to \$483.31. Amos P. Olsen, attorney for plaintiff.

Farmers & Traders State Bank vs. D. B. Coontz and J. F. Newlin. Suit is brought on a note for \$48. Stephen Varga, attorney for plaintiff. Elizabeth Renner vs. Allen Renner et al. Suit is brought to quiet title to block 19 in the town of Decatur City, Iowa. Varga & Son, attorney for plaintiff. Geo. T. Ogilvie vs. James H. Aldredge. Suit is brought for rent on a farm amounting to \$231. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff. Fred Teale vs. William Harrow et al. Plaintiff owns an interest of one of the heirs of John W. and Sarah P. Harrow, and asks that a referee be appointed to sell the real estate and distribute the proceeds among the heirs. Marion F. Stookey, attorney for plaintiff.

Notice to Executors, Administrators and Guardians. Office of the Clerk of District Court, Leon, Iowa, March 1, 1915. To Executors, Administrators and Guardians of the estate you represent, that have not made any report since Jan. 1, 1915. By order of the Judge of the District Court, January term 1915, you are notified, as the law provides, that you shall report each year, and impose a penalty for failure so to do, so you will see the necessity of complying therewith, and making report of the present condition of the estate to the Clerk of the District Court. If you fail to do so within 10 days, it will be my official duty to issue the proper process to bring you into court. E. E. BECK, 29-11 Clerk of District Court.

Richardson—Woodrum. Floyd Richardson and Belle Woodrum, both of Lamon, were married at the home of Rev. Jas. W. Johnson, Feb. 24th. Mr. Richardson is engaged in a garage at Lamon, where they will begin their new home. Congratulations. "Meet me at Cherrington's."

REGULATES "DOPE" SALES. Federal Law Upon Subject Goes Into Effect March 1st. The new federal law regulating the sale of all sorts of "dope," as the habit forming drugs are commonly designated, will go into effect with the first day of the new month. It is assumed that the government officers will see to it, that this law is enforced strictly. One who has given this matter careful attention, writes: Further enlightenment in regard to the new drug act reveals the fact that the internal revenue officers are preparing for a ruthless campaign for violators of the new law after March 1st. A plea of ignorance will not be considered in the light of extenuation. The law is very sweeping in its effect and very specific as to its provisions. "The law regulates the production, importation, manufacture, compounding, sale dispensing and giving away of opium or coca leaves, their salts, derivatives or preparations. Opium, heroin, codeine, alpha, beta eucaine and cocaine and their derivatives, are among the drugs named. "Anyone dispensing these is required to register with the collector of internal revenue in his district, giving his name and place of business. He must also pay a special tax of \$1 on or before July 1st of each year. "The law declares it unlawful to sell or give away any of the drugs except upon written order from the purchaser on a form issued in blank by the commission of internal revenue. "The druggist or other person accepting such an order must keep it on file for two years open to inspection by government, state or municipal officials, and every person giving such an order must retain a duplicate for two years. "Physicians, dentist, and veterinary surgeons, using these drugs in their practice are not required to make out order blanks. They must, however, keep for two years a record of all such drugs dispensed, showing the amount, the date, name and address of the patient. "No record is required, however, when the drug is dispensed to a patient whom he is personally attending. "A dealer in drugs dispensing to a consumer under a written prescription need not fill out a written order blank. "The new drug law does not apply to the sale of preparations or remedies which do not contain more than two grains of opium, one-eighth grain of heroin, one grain of codein or any salt or derivative of these drugs, in the ounce, provided the preparations are for medicinal purposes and not to evade the law. "Possession of any of these drugs by an unregistered person who has not paid the tax is presumptive evidence of violation of the provisions of the act. This does not apply, however, to an employee of a registered person, to a nurse under the supervision of a physician, or to a person who has obtained the drug on a physician's prescription. "Violation of any of the sections of the act is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for five years, or both."