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LEON, IOWA, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1915.

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INSPECTOR WAS HERE

U. S. Post Office Inspector Spent Three Days Here Investigating Charges Against Mrs. Smith.

Congress adjourned last Thursday, and Mrs. Caroline Young Smith, who had been named as postmaster of Leon was not confirmed, and her nomination died with the adjournment of congress.

Post office inspector Harry Schriver, of Shenandoah, arrived in Leon last Thursday morning and immediately took up the official investigation ordered by the post office department in regard to the charges which had been filed against Mrs. Caroline Young Smith, it being claimed that she was not a bona fide resident of Leon and was not a democrat, it being shown by her own affidavits that for many years she had been a resident of Des Moines, that only two years ago she was a candidate on the republican ticket for county recorder at Des Moines, and also that during the last two sessions of the legislature she had held the office of engrossing clerk of the house, and her residence is given in the Iowa Official Registers as Des Moines, Polk county.

Mr. Schriver, the inspector, is a very pleasant appearing gentleman, and he came here solely in his official capacity to make an official investigation. He took no hearsay evidence, but all the evidence submitted was sworn statements, a number of persons appearing before him on both sides of the controversy, and the actual facts in the case, consisting of sworn statements and the personal observation of the inspector will be submitted by him to the department, and it is expected that a new nomination for postmaster of Leon will be made in the near future.

The matter is now up to the post office department at Washington, and the report of the inspector will give them a full statement of the contest, which has attracted attention all over the state of Iowa. The opponents of Mrs. Smith feel that they have made a fair and open fight against her, supported by her own sworn affidavits, as to her residence and past affiliation, and there is nothing more to be done but to wait the decision of the postmaster general.

The Jubilee Meeting.

An informal meeting was called at the court house Tuesday evening at 7:30.

J. M. Harmon was chosen chairman and Dr. Mitchell secretary.

By request of the chairman an invocation was offered by Rev. Jacobs.

The first question for discussion, the constitutional amendment, prohibition, was ably presented by Rev. Johnson, who called attention to the importance of vigilance in looking after the interests of the temperance cause, if we expect to have constitutional prohibition. Rev. Fansher, Mr. Chastain, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Crichton, Lou Gardner, Rev. Jacobs and Dr. Foxworthy took part with discussions, presenting many interesting and important thoughts for the success of the amendment. The next subject considered was the constitutional amendment—woman's suffrage. Miss Horner presented the subject in a masterly way, showing careful thought and mature judgment. It is not for the mere name of the ballot, that should actuate a favorable consideration of the measure, but the ultimate good that can and will be accomplished by enlisting woman's best endeavors in our civic and economic problems.

The last question considered was the "Repeal of the Mulek Law." This was briefly presented by S. A. Gates, referring to its provisions, workings and results. Mr. Gates then called attention to the fact that legislation was not all we needed for a betterment of our social and economic condition—that laws, be they ever so good, were of little or no value unless properly enforced. Thus a campaign of education was necessary to create a sentiment in favor of our present and proposed legislation if we expected any benefits therefrom. At the close of his remarks Mr. Gates offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is the sense and judgment of this meeting that the proposed prohibitory and suffrage amendments to the constitution of our state, should both receive the loyal support of the voters of our county, and we pledge ourselves to use our influence to accomplish such result. On motion resolution adopted, and on motion a copy of the resolution was ordered sent to our representative and senator in the legislature.

Motion carried to have the minutes of the meeting and copy of resolution furnished the Leon papers for publication. On motion a committee of five was appointed to prepare for and call another meeting in behalf of these amendments.

The committee appointed was Dr. Foxworthy, Dr. Mitchell, S. A. Gates, Jabel Horner and Mrs. Murphy.

Millinery Opening.

The largest and best millinery opening we have ever held in Davis City will be March 24, 25, 26 and 27 and lasts all through the season. 30-2t Marshall's Millinery.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

Decatur County Improved Live Stock Breeders Meeting Postponed to Saturday, March 20.

Owing to the stormy weather and bad roads the meeting of the Decatur County Improved Stock Breeders Association was postponed until Saturday, March 20th, at 1 o'clock at which time we would like to have a good attendance of farmers and breeders. When the question of holding a short course in agriculture in Leon during the winter of 1915-1916, probably sometime in December, instead of county fair as suggested in previous notice, will be discussed. A. E. Cotterill, Sec.

R. F. O'Donnell of the extension department at Ames college was in Leon Saturday to see about organizing a short course in agriculture to be held in Leon next winter.

After explaining to those present the object and management of a short course the officers of the Farmers' Institute were elected to act as a temporary committee of officers until next meeting, when, if there are enough persons present and enough interest shown a permanent organization will be formed to hold a short course. Lamoni has held two very successful short courses and would be very glad to have one next year. But the extension department wishes to have the course held at some other town in the county this year, so it is up to the farmers and business men around Leon to get busy and secure the course. Out of over two hundred short courses held in the state the last few years only one has failed to pay out.

We want every one that possibly can to be sure and attend the next meeting, Saturday, March 20 at the court house, for there is nothing that will benefit the farmers in an educational way more than a short course will.

The difference between a farmers institute and a short course, is that the farmer listens to the lecture and watches the judge place the exhibits, and at the short course the farmers place the exhibits giving his reasons after which the judge scores the cards according to their rating. Outlines of subjects that will be taught will be published next week.

"The Call of the North."

The paramount feature Robert Edson in "The Call of the North," comes to the Idle Hour theatre Friday matinee and night. This remarkable five reel feature is presented by the Jesse L. Laskey company, the same concern that produced "Brewster's Millions" which made such a decided hit at the popular Idle Hour theatre not long ago. Many Leon people have seen Robert Edson, one of the most popular romantic actors of the American stage, in "Strongheart," one of the great dramatic successes of recent years. "The Call of the North," as produced by the Laskey company with Mr. Edson featured therein is one of the most popular film productions now being exhibited in the United States. It made a great impression when recently shown at the famous Garden theatre in Des Moines. It is a thrilling story of the trackless north woods, the play being written by George Broadhurst from the story by Stewart Edward White, one of the greatest of present day novelists. In order that those who are unable to attend the evening performances, a special matinee will be given Friday afternoon at 4:15. The first show in the evening will start promptly at 7 o'clock. The prices of admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Corydon High School Student Falls Dead in Basket Ball Game.

A most distressing accident occurred at the High School building in Albion last Saturday night, resulting in the death of Garth Churchill, the best player on the Corydon team. The Corydon team went to Albion to engage in a friendly contest with the Albion team. The first period of play had just been finished and the players had retired to their dressing rooms for a brief rest before resuming play. Young Churchill had no more than taken his seat when he fell over apparently in a faint. Assistance was given him, but it was seen that he was dying and he passed away just as a physician reached him. The young man was the best player on the Corydon team, and a splendid student. He was a sufferer from heart trouble and it is said that he had been warned against playing by his home physician, having had a similar attack once before, but boy like he thought he had recovered and insisted in going into the game. His father went to Albion Sunday morning and it was a sorrowful home coming for the Corydon team. The young man was only eighteen years of age and a most popular student in the Corydon High School.

Van Wert to Have Contest Friday Evening.

The following is the program to be given at the High School declamatory contest, Friday evening of this week, which will be held in the new Methodist church: Invocation, Rev. O. W. Morrow. "Corwin on the Mexican War," Harold Traupel. Vocal solo, Dr. C. L. Belding. "From a Far Country," Fern Snider. Selection, orchestra. "Keeping a Seat at the Benefit," Atha Briner. Vocal solo, Mrs. C. L. Belding. "The Heart of Old Hickory," Ralph Owens. Patomime, "Abide With Me." Selection, orchestra. Decision of the Judges.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

THE DISTRICT CONTEST

Snow Blockade Prevents Some Contestants Coming. All Received Gold Medals.

The big snow and high wind last Thursday night played havoc with the plans for the sub-district High School Declamatory Contest in Leon Friday evening, as only seven of the thirteen contestants reached this city. The badly drifted snow prevented trains from running on many of the branch lines, and on this branch of the Burlington the early morning train from Chariton did not reach Leon until after one o'clock in the afternoon, meeting the early morning train from Mt. Ayr at the Leon station. The noon trains were both annulled and the evening train from Des Moines did not arrive until six o'clock. Many of the contestants were from the extreme western part of the state, and the railway officials reported to them that there would be no trains run to Leon Friday afternoon, so part of them did not start. There was no train at all that day on the Cumberland branch north from Creston, and this cut out two schools, Greenfield and Fontanelle. The representatives from Glenwood, Corning and Villisca were also unable to reach Leon, so that instead of having thirteen contestants the field narrowed down to seven.

On the first train from the north Friday afternoon came the Garden Grove contestant and a delegation of twenty-two visitors. It had been arranged to care for about three hundred visitors and when messages were received that so many could not reach Leon it put somewhat of a damper on the enthusiasm of the local people who had made elaborate preparations to entertain the visitors. When the belated Des Moines train arrived at six o'clock in the evening there was a pretty good delegation on it from Tabor, Bedford, Afton, Malvern and Osceola, and the High School pupils of the Leon school were out in force to welcome them. A big string of autos were at the depot to bring the visitors up to the city, and they were all taken to the A. E. church, where the Parent-Teachers' Association served a dandy good chicken supper, and this put them all in the best of humor. The storm made the country roads impassable, and although arrangements had been made to hold an overflow meeting in the M. E. church, this was not made necessary, as all but a few people were able to secure seats in the opera house, every seat being sold out.

Prof. O. M. Gass, superintendent of the Leon schools was at the head of the local organization, and Prof. F. P. Reed, of Osceola, was chosen as chairman of the evening, and he made the announcement that on account of the disappointment in five contestants not being able to reach Leon, it only left seven contestants for the six medals which had been offered, and the committee had decided that they would not allow any of the contestants to go home without a gold medal and that an extra medal would be awarded to the contestant who failed to win one of the regular medals. There were three classes, oratorical, dramatic and humorous, and the winners of the first and second places in each class were awarded gold medals and will represent the Southern Iowa Sub-District at the Southwestern District at Atlantic, March 26th.

The program opened with a selection by the Leon High School Orchestra, followed by the invocation by Rev. E. Frank Jacobs, pastor of the Leon Presbyterian church, and then the High School Girls' Chorus sang a couple of good selections.

The Leon High School pupils were vigorously applauded when they gave a hearty high school yell for each school represented at the contest, before the commencement of each of the three classes. The first class on the program was the oratorical, there being three contestants, all boys, the first being John Eddy, of Osceola, his selection being "Corwin on the Mexican War," and it was ably spoken. He has a fine voice, was perfectly at ease, and he won first place easily. Second place in this class went to Richard McDowell, of Garden Grove, his selection being "The Unknown Speaker," but it was a close decision between him and the third contestant, Randall Seaton, of Malvern, his selection being "Idols."

In the dramatic class there were only two contestants, Miss Nina Olsen of Leon, winning first place with "Bobby Shafto," which she gave in a manner which would have been hard to beat no matter how many contestants appeared against her, and Miss Mabel Sweet, of Tabor, was awarded second place with "Helen Thame," and she was also good and well deserved the second medal.

In the humorous class, first place was awarded to Miss Helen Coen, of Afton, with "The Mustard Plaster," but her opponent Floyd Churchill, of Bedford, gave her a close race with "Uncle Peter and the Trolley Car," the markings between these two being the closest of any in the contest, as they were both extra good.

During the intermissions between the different classes there were some pleasing specialties, the grade children in costume presenting the Virginia Minuet, and had to respond to a vociferous encore for the little tots did extra well. The High School Boys and Girls' Chorus sang in a pleasing manner and some of the High School boys and girls presented a pleasing song and drill. The judges selected to make the awards were Miss Charlotte Dryden, instructor in public speaking at the

State College at Ames, Miss Katherine Moore, an instructor in the Villisca High School, and Supt. E. W. Neyeln, of Lamoni, and when the final awards were read by Prof. Reed there was universal approval of the awards, for nearly everybody agreed with the judges in every award.

The visitors while in Leon were very pleasantly entertained in the homes of our people, the schools kept open house, although not many reached here in time to visit the schools, and nothing was left undone to make the visit to Leon a pleasant one for all who came, and the visitors were loud in their praise of Leon's hospitality, the following resolution being adopted after the close of the contest: Resolved: That we as members of the Southwestern District of the State Declamatory Association extend to the people of Leon our kindest appreciation for their loyal entertainment and hospitality shown to the contestants, and faculty representatives of the schools of the association.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to Supt. O. M. Gass, and one to each of the newspapers of the city for publication. Miss Katherine Moore, Villisca, Iowa. Supt. E. W. Geotch, Bedford, Iowa. Supt. E. P. Morlan, Garden Grove, Iowa.

New Court Cases.

Chas. West vs. Leo Fullerton. Replevin action to recover live stock. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

E. O. Twombly vs. Harvey DeKalb. Plaintiff alleges that he bought a bull calf from defendant which was represented to be a thoroughbred Short Horn, but which was not. Suit for damages for \$200 actual and \$50 exemplary damages. W. S. Hedrick, attorney for plaintiff.

E. D. Parker vs. H. C. Scott et al. Suit is brought for foreclosure of a mortgage on the east half of the northwest and part of the northeast quarter sections of 36-69-25. J. F. Harvey, attorney for plaintiff.

J. B. Dague vs. R. W. Marshall et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage on the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north 25 acres of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 8-70-26. O. M. Slaymaker, attorney for plaintiff.

Inter-State Trail Recognized.

The Inter-State Trail, which passes through Leon north and south, has been recognized by the Minnesota state highway commission, the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and the St. Paul Automobile Club, a few days ago, it was decided to change the name of the old Capital-National highway to the Inter-State Trail. This move completes the arrangements for the marking of the trail on north from Des Moines to St. Paul. The St. Paul Automobile Club will donate \$200 for marking the trail through that city. This is now one of the great roads of the middle west and this summer will be traveled more extensively than any other marked highway in this portion of the United States. A party of several hundred automobilists, it has been announced, will start from New York in May, going to San Francisco. It is planned for them to come west to Des Moines and from there south to Kansas City and west from there. This will undoubtedly take them over the Inter-State Trail through Leon. The road also connects Fort Leavenworth with Fort Des Moines and Fort Snelling, in Minnesota.

Had His Arm Fractured.

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Meals at the Park Hotel, 25 cents.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jenks on Tuesday. Mr. John W. Butts and Miss Sarah E. Goodknight were married by Rev. F. M. Northern at his residence in Leon Monday evening.

At the special school election held last Monday Jonas Hoffhines and John Ledgerwood were elected directors. There were three tickets in the field, the vote being as follows: Hoffhines 124, Ledgerwood 123, Geo. E. Hurst 100, W. S. Johnson 87, Mrs. Nannie Forgrave 43, Mrs. Harriett Brown 34.

George Hamilton, of the southeast part of Decatur county, was severely hurt while chopping timber for Marsengill's mill last Saturday, a tree which he was felling slipping from the stump and catching his foot, badly fracturing the bones of the ankle, and he will probably be laid up for some time if not crippled for life.

Edmund, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Biggs, has the measles quite bad.

Miss Hannah Dillon returned yesterday from Taylor county, where she has been teaching the past winter.

Wm. Ogden, of Hamilton township, returned from a visit with relatives in Illinois.

About forty of the young folks of Lamoni were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ackerley, the occasion being the eighteenth birthday of their son, Albert, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

A fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stout of High Point on March 3rd.

News was received at Ottumwa from Greensburg, N. C., of the shooting and probably fatally wounding of Sanford Kirkpatrick, formerly of Ottumwa. Kirkpatrick is a revenue collector and was shot during a seizure of an illicit still.

L. A. Leach, for many years deputy sheriff of Lucas county, was caught by a stock train as he was crossing the tracks in Chariton and torn into a shapeless mass.

Senator Wm. B. Allison was re-elected United States Senator from Iowa, defeating S. L. Bestow, the democratic candidate.

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