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GRADES WILL CONTEST

At the Opera House Saturday Evening for Declamatory Honors. Nine Contestants Entered.

The Decatur County Graded Schools Declamatory Contest will be held at the opera house, Friday evening, March 19th at 7:45. The contestants have all been selected through local contests.

- Invocation... D. F. Lambert Music... "The Night" Girls' Quartet, Garden Grove "Johnnie's Elocutionary Effort"...

Decision of Judges. Awarding of premiums. 1st premium, \$3.00. 2nd premium, \$2.00.

A Prosperous Bank Statement.

In this issue will be found the published report of the Exchange National Bank of Leon, as reported to the comptroller of the currency at Washington at the close of business on March 4th, 1915.

Monroe Family Circle Broken.

The remarkable reunion of the Monroe family held at Leon on Saturday, Feb. 27th, in honor of the fiftieth birthday of Mr. E. G. Monroe, of Leon, at which all of the ten brothers and sisters were present.

K. P. District Convention to be Held at Leon, May 11th.

Again will the fifth district K. P. convention be held in this city this year, the date for the convention being fixed for Tuesday, May 11th.

Bought New Cadillac Eight.

J. R. Bowsher, of this city, wants to be a leader in anything he undertakes. Not satisfied with being the owner of the first Ford auto ever owned in Decatur county, he has now become the owner of the first eight cylinder auto, having purchased a big seven passenger eight cylinder Cadillac, which will arrive in Leon in the near future.

Will Award Contract for Sewers Tonight.

Leon is crowded with sewer contractors today, who will file their bids for the big sewer contract with the city clerk this afternoon and the city council will award the contract at a special meeting of the council this evening.

MONOPLANE IN SEA; BEACHY IS KILLED.

Aviator Who Has Been Attraction at State Fair Meets Death at Panama Exposition.

Additional thrills to the perpendicular drop in a new monoplane caused Lincoln Beachy to fall to his death in the waters of San Francisco Bay Saturday before a large crowd of spectators at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

It was during his second flight of the day the accident occurred. At a height of 3000 feet he shut off the power of the new machine. For a thousand feet he dropped head on and then the aviator endeavored to adjust the levers for the graceful descent that had characterized previous attempts.

Beachy was born at San Francisco in September 1887. At the age of thirteen he first took up the idea of being a birdman and was employed by a balloonist.

Will Erect Coal Elevator at Depot.

The Biddison Coal & Grain Co. have purchased the ground near the Burlington depot owned by Swift & Co., together with the salvage of the building and machinery and have a force of men at work clearing off the property preparatory to erecting a big coal elevator at once.

The Biddison Coal & Grain Co. are also contemplating the erection of a big grain elevator on the property, which is admirably located for this purpose, already having sidetrack facilities direct to the ground.

Over \$8000 Paid to People of Leon and Vicinity.

Over \$8,000.00 has been paid to the people of Leon and vicinity in two months for fire losses. F. A. Townsend, of the Townsend Insurance Agency, has handed out \$8,155 since January 1st.

- Here they are: Aaron Poultry Co. \$2000.00 Jap Cesler 500.00 Jap Cesler 1000.00 Jap Cesler 1,100.00 T. A. Sutherland 1,165.00 W. H. Akers 900.00 Capt. J. D. Brown 500.00 Lew Akers 500.00 W. J. Stout 325.00 Ida Hebener 87.50 Ed Spencer 50.00 Sol Stanford 27.50

Total \$15,155.00 This good insurance costs no more, and you get both safety and service with your policy.

Special Sale a Big Success.

The big special sale conducted last week on "White Beauty" Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets by F. S. Stewart at the Big Furniture Store in this city, was a hummer. Although the roads were almost impassible, so that it prevented country customers, from taking advantage of the special sale, still he sold and delivered 25 of these fine kitchen cabinets last week.

Bought High Priced Sow.

Milt Manchester, of the firm of Manchester Bros., the well known Poland-China hog breeders, of just south of Leon, went to Clarinda last week, and purchased the top gilt at the J. W. Pfander sale, paying \$170 for the gilt. For several years Manchester Bros. have been building up their herd of big type Poland-Chinas, and they have been paying big prices whenever they found an animal good enough to suit them.

Farm Loans—We have been offered a limited amount of money to place on farm security at 6 per cent, with 1 per cent annual commission note. Exchange National Bank.

HE MADE ARIZONA DRY

G. F. Rinehart, of Tucson, Arizona, Visited in Leon and Spoke at the M. E. Church Last Sunday.

G. F. Rinehart, of Tucson, Arizona, dropped into Leon last Saturday morning for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. James Mansfield, and other relatives in this city. He was returning from Chicago, where he had closed a big contract at a fine salary to take charge of the dry campaign in that city.

When it was known on Saturday, that Mr. Rinehart was in town the people felt that it would be a privilege out of the ordinary for them to hear him speak, could he be induced to do so, on the subject to which he is now devoting his attention and he kindly consented at some disarrangement of his plans to comply with the urgent invitation.

The address was pronounced by all to be the strongest plea for national prohibition ever heard in Leon. Mr. Rinehart is a pleasing and forceful speaker who impresses his hearers from the first moment with his sincerity of purpose and holds their closest attention throughout with the strength of his plea and the eloquence of its presentation.

It was useless to try to report such an address but it will be remembered with pleasure and profit by those so fortunate as to have heard it.

Mr. Rinehart visited with old friends in Des Moines last Friday, and the Register and Leader of Saturday had the following interview with him: "Chicago will be dry after April 3, 1916," said G. F. Rinehart, superintendent of the Chicago Dry Federation, in Des Moines yesterday.

He was in charge of the movement to secure prohibition in Arizona and with a campaign fund of only \$6,500 put that state squarely into the dry column. In Chicago he expects a much hotter fight but he is perfectly confident that the dry sentiment is strong enough to put it over.

"It is not a child's undertaking," he said yesterday. "There is a territory thirty miles long and seven miles wide, with almost 3,000,000 people in it, probably a majority of whom have personal liberty notions, and served by about 3,200 saloons paying an annual revenue to the public of \$7,200,000."

"There are 160 societies and civic bodies and organizations interested in the dry campaign. It is possible that they will raise a fund of \$100,000, possibly \$200,000, with which to organize the fight. But on the other side the whisky interests will raise \$5,000,000 or \$7,000,000 or whatever they think is needed to defeat the proposition. The whisky people have control of politics in that great city, and have had control so long that they feel the political machinery is theirs."

"You can see that we have some problems to solve and some work to do. But we are going to do it. The first thing that we did twenty-five days ago, was to get together. For years the different dry organizations have not been able to get along harmoniously, but that is all changed. We are working as one force against the common enemy. That was one secret of our success in Arizona, by the way."

"I am perfectly confident of the outcome. The liquor business is an outlaw. Public sentiment is against it. What we need to do is to organize that sentiment and see that it has a fair and free chance to express itself. "We are going to do a great work in Chicago. The track has been cleared for Billy Sunday and he will help us next winter. The newspapers have agreed to a fair and free public discussion of the question in their columns, and that is all we ask. Publicity, public debate and organization will result in a great victory."

The fight in Chicago, Mr. Rinehart believes, will be the effective means of forcing national prohibition to the front as an issue in 1916, and at the latest 1920.

"I believe that the attention of the whole country will be so centered on the Chicago contest," he said, "that it will lead one of the big political parties to make prohibition a national issue in 1916. The people are ready for it. They want it. They want a chance to stand for it. They want candidates that are for prohibition and not afraid to stand up and be counted. The big fight in Chicago is bound to fire their enthusiasm and I am going to be disappointed if it doesn't lead to the national contest in 1916. That is the great thing."

It has been stated that Mr. Bryan was responsible for the attitude of Mr. Rinehart in respect to the desirability of the democratic party taking up prohibition in 1916. Those on the inside of politics realize that

it is just the other way around. It was on the vigorous insistence of Mr. Rinehart that the democratic party must take up this great issue that the commoner began to give expression to that view.

Mr. Rinehart was in Des Moines after speaking at Newton Thursday evening. He formerly was in the newspaper business there before coming to this city where he ran the Evening Tribune prior to 1908. He was on his way to Tucson, where his family is and where he goes on business, preparatory to permanent settlement in Chicago for the big wet-dry fight.

J. F. Smith Will Erect New Electric Light Plant at Lorimor.

J. F. Smith, of this city, who recently disposed of his interest in the Leon Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., has decided to locate at Lorimor, Iowa, where he will erect a new electric light and power plant, leaving Monday for that place to arrange for commencing work at once, and he informs us he will have one of the most modern plants in the state of Iowa, with everything new and of the most approved construction throughout.

Lorimor is most fortunate in securing Mr. Smith to locate in their thriving little town. He is one of the best electricians in the country, and he built the Leon plant up from an old worn out plant which was not making expenses to one of the best plants in the state of Iowa, and it is doing a fine business, the receipts now being more each month than they were in a whole year when he came here. We are mighty sorry to see Mr. Smith leave Leon, for he has been one of our best boosters and we commend him to the good people of Lorimor as a most desirable addition to their town. We hope that he may reap a fortune in his new enterprise.

We're Going to Attend College.

The Reporter editor has passed his 49th birthday, and at this late day we have decided that we need a college education, something we did not have the privilege of obtaining in our youthful days. We leave this morning for Ames where we will attend college. Our course will of necessity be a short one, just three days, but we expect to gain considerable knowledge. The State College has arranged for a three days short-course for newspaper men at the college, which will be a strictly business course, devoid of banquets and other entertainments. Men who have had years of experience will instruct the newspaper men in regard to how they can improve their publications, as well as better business conditions in handling the work of their offices. In the neighborhood of one hundred editors have enrolled for the short-course, the first of its kind ever held in the United States. An ordinary editor is a pretty busy man, and it is hard to get away from the business cares of the office, but we expect to profit by the short college education which we will get by attending this short-course, and hope to be able to give our readers the benefit of our education, for a newspaper man never gets too old to learn.

Port P. Bowsher Buys Hotel Leon.

A deal was closed Monday whereby Mr. Port P. Bowsher, of this city, became the owner of the Hotel Leon property in this city, purchasing it from the Humeston State Bank, who had owned the property for a number of years, the consideration being \$10,000, and arrangements were made with Mrs. Ira Markley, who had the property leased to surrender her lease and Mr. Bowsher took charge of the hotel on Tuesday. Extensive improvements of the property are contemplated and Mr. Bowsher will make the hotel one of the leading hostleries of southern Iowa.

Mrs. Markley, who has managed the hotel since the death of her husband last fall, has made a great success of the hotel, but her lease with the owners had a provision that possession was to be given in case the property was sold. She has taken rooms in Geo. W. Baker's building on the north side of the square, and has made no plans for the future as yet. She has been ably assisted in conducting the hotel by her brother, Geo. W. Franklin, and they both have many friends in Leon who are sorry to see them retire from the hotel.

Brick Were Burned Half Century Ago.

In making the changes in the Sigler building at the southwest corner of the square for the new Savings Bank, the workmen tore out a part of the inside wall in erecting the vault, and the brick used in this wall are a part of the first court house in Leon, which was located on the corner now occupied by the Kraft-Grimes Clothing Co. The Sigler building was erected by the late M. H. Wood in 1874, and L. W. Foregrave had the contract for the brick work. The old court house had been torn down and the bricks were purchased for use on the inside wall, while new bricks were used for the outside, they being burned by Wm. Simms, the pioneer brickmaker of Decatur county, and they are as good brick as were ever used in this county.

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.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

It was reported that Will Coffin, an old Leon boy, now conductor on the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, had drawn \$5,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery.

The Spooner Dramatic Co. was playing a week's engagement at the opera house, featuring Edna May and Cecil Spooner.

Leon was boasting of her first mandolin club, the members being Edgar McClelland, Dr. J. W. Rowell, Charles Edwards and Misses Grace Curry, Mall Atlee, and Mary Ray. Their instruments arrived Monday.

Hen Belver, of Des Moines, an old time Leon printer, was visiting friends in Leon. He is now interested in the Illustrated Graphic published at Des Moines.

Will Ledgerwood has bought of G. W. Vorhees, of Detroit, Mich., the two year old stallion Pama, by Woodford Pilot, dam Red Wilkes, paying \$1,000 for the horse. The fine animal arrived Saturday, being accompanied here by Mr. Ledgerwood.

W. A. Alexander made a business trip to Chicago Saturday.

Miss Ciella Bashaw entertained a party of young folks at the home of her parents Monday night.

Lon H. Boydston left Monday night for Brainwood, Illinois, to buy another fine horse.

Mrs. Alice Anderson, who had been visiting at the home of her brother, Frank Avery, returned to her home in Chicago Wednesday.

Miss Cora Lunbeck returned home from her Kansas visit last week. She brought with her little Florence Lunbeck, her little niece, who will visit here for several months.

Geo. T. Young returned from a visit of several months with relatives at Oskaloosa.

Mike Mayer went to Chicago last Saturday to buy his spring stock of clothing. His wife accompanied him and will visit with relatives and friends in the World's Fair city.

Mrs. Emma Clark entertained a party of young folks for dinner Friday, in honor of Miss Lilyan Rowell, who left on the afternoon train for her home at McCook, Neb.

There was an auspicious party at Lamoni Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Yarrington. Mr. Yarrington is going to Dunlap, Iowa, where he has been engaged as a bookkeeper. C. J. Yarrington takes his place in the hardware store of Evans Bros.

There was a civil suit tried before Squire McCleary at High Point one day last week, in which T. Walker was plaintiff and A. Hart defendant. E. W. Curry, of Leon, was attorney for defendant and S. H. Amos, of Garden Grove, for the plaintiff. A couple of the witnesses tried to settle a little dispute by knocking the stuffin' out of each other, but before they made much progress Elias King stepped up and settled them and peace reigned supreme.

Mrs. Albert Konklin, of High Point, died at her home in High Point township on March 15th, at the age of 27 years.

The Normal College at Garden Grove opened again Monday with a good attendance.

Stock Breeders' Meeting to be Held Saturday.

Don't forget the postponed meeting of the Decatur County Improved Stock Breeders Association to be held in the court room Saturday, March 20, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may come before the meeting.

The question of whether or not Leon shall hold a Farmers Short Course, will be taken up at this time. It will be held on the farm of the association. It is to the interest of every farmer to help get a short course, therefore when a paper is presented every farmer should sign it. It will be necessary to get one hundred farmers to sign if we are to get the course. Will those having papers report what success they have had at this meeting.

"Million Dollar Mystery" Tonight.

The regular weekly installment of "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre this evening, the first shown commencing promptly at 7 o'clock. It is unnecessary to say anything about this great serial picture, for the big crowds which flock to the theatre at every installment testify that it is proving a most popular attraction.

Thoroughbred Stallion For Sale.

French draft, dapple bay with black mane and tail, legs black from hoofs to above the knees and hocks, coming 7 years old, weight 1900, has good style and action. Good foal getter. Will trade for young stock or take a bankable note. Glaus & Son, Clio, Iowa. 30-2t

Marriage Licenses.

- Wm. M. Jones, Grand River ... 25 Goldie M. Correl, Grand River ... 20 Norman Starks, Coldridge, Neb. ... 33 Pearl Gibson, Van Wert ... 33 James Paris, Cainsville ... 29 Vella Still, Cainsville ... 20

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

New Court Cases.

J. B. Dague vs. R. N. Marshall, R. G. Sutton, John B. Gibson and John H. Gibson. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a note for \$4,000. O. M. Slaymaker, attorney for plaintiff.

T. M. Riddle vs. Thomas R. Konklin et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a note for \$2,500 dated March 1, 1910. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

Jerome L. Harvey vs. H. Graves et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage on lot 2, block 15, Decatur City, Iowa, given to secure three notes of \$50 each. Jas. F. Harvey, attorney for plaintiff.

Exchange National Bank vs. F. G. Grove and Winnie Grove. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage on a farm given to secure a note for \$3,000, dated Jan. 29, 1914. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

I. N. McDonough vs. Wm. A. Gardner et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage on lots in Leon given to secure a note for \$1500, dated March 14, 1908. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

F. A. Greenland vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Suit is brought for \$158.81 damages resulting from two car loads of cattle shipped from DeKalb to Chicago which were delayed by being taken off at Galesburg, and arriving at Chicago for Saturday in place of Friday's market. C. W. Hoffman and E. H. Sharp, attorneys for plaintiff.

Leo Fullerton vs. Chas. West. Plaintiff alleges he traded a horse to defendant for a bull worth \$100, which defendant refuses to deliver to him and has notified him not to come on his place and take the bull off. C. W. Hoffman and E. H. Sharp, attorneys for plaintiff.

D. M. Grove vs. C. L. Ingram and wife. Plaintiff asks that a landlord's lien attachment be issued to secure \$60 due as rent for a farm. Varga & Son, attorneys for plaintiff.

Covington & Estes vs. H. J. O'Neil and O. P. Jamison. Suit is brought on a note for \$374.00, dated April 28, 1914. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiff.

Iowa-Missouri Grain Co. vs. E. L. and Lida Jones. Suit is brought on a note for \$324.76, dated March 24, 1914. Wm. J. Springer, attorney for plaintiff.

S. H. Covington vs. D. R. Slaughter. Plaintiff sues for \$4,000 damages by reason of the failure of defendant to execute a deed to 290 acres of land in Decatur county, as per a written contract made to J. N. Gates at the agreed price of \$55 per acre which was duly assigned to plaintiff. C. W. Hoffman and V. R. McGinnis, attorneys for plaintiff.

Dr. B. E. Eversmeyer vs. Gary T. Rhoades. Suit is brought on a note for \$100 dated May, 18, 1909. Wm. J. Springer, attorney for plaintiff.

Riley Buchanan vs. E. E. Keller. Suit is brought to recover a commission of \$168.00 due for selling a farm owned by defendant. C. W. Hoffman and M. Woodard, attorneys for plaintiff.

Farmers & Traders State Bank vs. J. M. Caster et al. Suit is brought on two notes amounting to \$4,600. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiff.

G. W. Baker and A. P. Olsen vs. W. A. Kirkpatrick. Suit is brought for attorney fees due from defendant. J. S. Parrish, attorney for plaintiffs.

S. E. Smith, administrator of estate of Martha Smith, deceased, vs. Dr. Bertha A. Greer. Plaintiff sues for \$3,000 damages alleging that defendant is a practicing physician at Lamoni and about March 15, 1914, defendant was employed to wait on deceased, who was about to be confined. That the physician carelessly and negligently went to her from a patient suffering from erysipelas and waited upon her, and as a result of such careless, unskillful and negligent treatment, the patient contracted blood poison and died. E. H. Sharp, Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

T. U. McCrystal vs. R. B. Greenhaigh. Plaintiff brings suit for \$750 damages by reason of breach of warranty in a deed, alleging that on Oct. 14, 1912, defendant deeded him certain real estate in Keokuk county, Iowa, by warranty deed. That there was a breach of warranty as to title of a portion of the land, a portion of it having been decreed by the court to be the property of one Wm. G. Kitzman, and the plaintiff has been deprived of possession and title to said strip of land, and that plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of \$750, and he asks for judgment for this amount. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

H. G. Beard Re-Appointed State Highway Commissioner.

H. C. Beard, of Mt. Airy, who has been a member of the State Highway Commission since it was established, has been re-appointed for a four year term beginning July 1, 1915. The law provides that there must be at least one democratic member of the commission and Mr. Beard has done good work on the commission.

Death of Mrs. C. Filical.

Mrs. C. Filical, mother of Will Filical, died at her home in west Leon yesterday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Filical was 89 years of age, and was one of our oldest and best beloved women. Funeral services will be held on Friday.

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.