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SUCCESSFUL LOT SALE

Smith Realty Co. Sold 215 Lots in Less Than Four Hours. Many New Residences to be Built.

The biggest transaction in the way of selling town lots ever held in Leon, and one of the biggest ever held in southern Iowa, was the auction sale of 216 lots embracing the entire tract of about 34 acres known at the J. L. Metter property in northeast Leon Tuesday.

The Smith Realty Co. carried out everything exactly as they advertised. The K. F. band furnished music for the big crowd which thronged the grounds, and the auctioneer, Col. E. S. Moore, of Springfield, Tenn., is some auctioneer.

The opening of this new addition to Leon will mean much to the city, for within a year there will be many new residences built on this new tract which will relieve the scarcity of houses in Leon.

The following is a complete list of the buyers and the prices paid for each of their lots:

- Henry Miller, 2 lots at \$75.00
Henry Stanley, 2 lots at 80.00
Leslie Grimes, 2 lots at 75.00
C. G. Cline, 2 lots at 40.00
M. Cox, 1 lot at 67.50
Charles Rumley, 2 lots at 75.00
Carl Sankey, 1 lot at 52.50
Carl Sankey, 1 lot at 50.00
F. S. Stewart, 4 lots at 40.00
Maud Wallace, 2 lots at 40.00
S. A. Gates, 4 lots at 37.50
Jack Comerford, 2 lots at 50.00
Jasper Baker, 1 lot at 42.50
Earl Biddison, 2 lots at 32.50
Louise Moore, 1 lot at 35.00
Louise Baker, 4 lots at 51.25
Mrs. Mac Cox, 1 lot at 87.50
Mrs. Chester O. Smith, 1 lot at 50.00
George Gray, 4 lots at 50.00
Mrs. Belle Stockton, 3 lots at 60.00
I. P. Stanford, 2 lots at 47.50
J. O. Woodmansee, 4 lots at 45.00
H. L. Long, 3 lots at 57.50
Mrs. Belle Stockton, 3 lots at 43.33
Helen Pace, 1 lot at 82.50
Emma Crouse, 4 lots at 75.00
Chester O. Smith, 2 lots at 75.00
Wm. Lamb, 2 lots at 50.00
Milan Sanger, 2 lots at 35.00
S. A. Gates, 4 lots at 60.00
E. H. Sharp, 2 lots at 60.00
Maudie Wade, 2 lots at 47.50
J. H. Evans, 1 lot at 47.50
Henry Stanley, 4 lots at 37.50
Frank Osborn, 5 lots at 37.50
Frank Osborn, 5 lots at 47.50
Eugene Russell, 1 lot at 32.50
Byron Watsbaugh, 4 lots at 35.00
Mrs. Marion F. Stookey, 3 lots at 37.50
Henry Stanley, 3 lots at 60.00
Mrs. F. A. Gardner, 3 lots at 22.50
C. Ansel Barry, 3 lots at 19.16
Jas. Howell, 5 lots at 75.00
Geo. W. Sanger, 3 lots at 42.50
J. T. Harris, 10 lots at 52.50
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Ed Spencer, 1 lot at 60.00
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F. L. Lorey, 3 lots at 25.00
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Henry Stanley, 2 lots at 67.50
Mrs. H. C. Cox, 2 lots at 52.50
A. G. Finch, 1 lot at 50.00
Mrs. Chet Pullen, 1 lot at 55.00
J. B. McDaniell, 3 lots at 57.50
Jesse Bennett, 1 lot at 47.50
R. E. Owens, 1 lot at 42.50
Geo. Lamb, 1 lot at 42.50
A. E. Mullen, 1 lot at 42.50
A. J. Rumley, 2 lots at 45.00
Milt Manchester, 3 lots at 50.00
Harve Phillips, 8 lots at 42.50
Geo. Myers, 1 lot at 37.50
Frank Osborn, 10 lots at 37.50
Ed Biggs, 2 lots at 40.00
Mrs. C. D. Sanger, 2 lots at 47.50
E. E. Daugherty, 1 lot at 47.50

A BOYS' ENCAMPMENT

100 Boys will be Awarded Free Trips to Iowa State Fair. Decatur County Boys are Entered.

The Boys' Encampment at the Iowa State Fair has become an annual event. Its success and popularity the past three years has been greater than even the management has anticipated.

VAN WERDEN'S AUCTION SALE.

L. P. VanWerden's Addition to Leon Being Sold to Parties Who Will Build New Residences.

The big auction sale of the town lots in L. P. VanWerden's new addition to Leon, between Church and Poplar streets, just south of Corporation streets, embracing some of the most desirable building sites in the city, is in progress and lots are being sold daily.

The promoters of the sale are not attempting to sell all their lots in one day, they want the people to take their time, look over these very desirable lots and buy them worth the money.

The following is a list of the sales made up to Tuesday evening:
M. Griffin, 2 lots at \$265.00
Mrs. Chas. Swanson, 2 lots at 130.00
Louis Dobson, 2 lots at 135.00
Mabel Horner, 3 lots at 130.00
M. J. Powers, 3 lots at 110.00
G. B. Price, 2 lots at 70.00
John Gray, 4 lots at 80.00
Jas. F. Harvey, 2 lots at 85.00
F. A. Townsend, 2 lots at 85.00
G. E. Davis, 2 lots at 90.00
Mrs. G. W. Dunn, 2 lots at 75.00
Mrs. J. W. Hurst, 2 lots at 50.00
F. A. Townsend, 2 lots at 225.00
Mrs. Rosa M. Haag, 2 lots at 255.00
Mrs. Daisy Smith, 2 lots at 240.00

Mayor's Sanitation Notice.

The city has secured a place to dump trash and waste of all kinds except dead animals or fowls, which should be buried.

You will enter said land at the north end of Main street and fasten the gate each time you go through. Manure may be put there or on the Caster or Pearson pasturage.

Remember if the city has to haul away your trash you will have to pay a good price for it, so look after it yourself and help to keep the city as clean and sanitary as possible under the circumstances.

Don't phone the mayor's residence before 5 a. m., not later than 11 p. m., on trivial matters.

Auction Sale Thursday, May 7, 1915, at 2:00 p. m.

General store fixtures, consisting of 2-12 foot floor show cases, 1-10 foot floor show case, 2 large mirrors, 2 large heating stoves, \$250 up-to-date National Cash Register 320 accounts, American Accounts System, L. C. Smith typewriter, 57x33 Mosler two door safe, E. P. light system, roller top desk, show cases, tables and chairs, coat racks, several other articles. The above are in first class condition.

The Boston Store, Mt. Airy, Iowa.

Kicked by a Horse.

Mrs. Walter Snyder, of three miles north of Leon, was painfully injured by being kicked by one of their horses at her home last Friday, the hoofs of the animal striking her in the side and back, inflicting painful bruises, but fortunately no serious results are anticipated from the accident.

Capt. Brown's Hogs Sold for \$7.60.

In last weeks issue the type caused an error in stating the price which Capt. J. D. Brown received for his car of hogs in Chicago, the article making the price \$6.60 when it should have been \$7.60, and we don't want anyone to think that the kind of hogs which the Captain ships only brought \$6.60.

MARRIED HALF A CENTURY.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Will Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Next Monday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, four miles south of Van Wert, will be the scene of much jollification on the third day of May, it being the 50th anniversary of their wedding, having been married May 3rd, 1865.

Margaret Jane Smith was born in Mt. Sterling, Brown county, Illinois, Dec. 15, 1843, her parents moving to Des Moines county when she was quite small and settled on the farm where her mother died three years ago at the age of 101 years and 4 months.

Nine children were born to George and Margaret J. Smith, five of whom are living: Mattie E. Imhoff, Alfred G. Sarah Alice Richey, Carrie A. Redman and Guy H. Smith, all living close to the old folks.

Invitations were extended to relatives of which there were fifty. Neighbors and friends are invited through this sketch to call from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon at which time Mr. and Mrs. George Smith will receive them.

New Court Cases.

C. R. Boeger vs. Mary Latta Willis. Plaintiff asks for an injunction restraining the defendant from moving a division fence separating the lands owned by the plaintiff and defendant, alleging said division fence has been recognized as the dividing line between the farms for more than fifteen years, and that defendant has torn down a part of the fence and is about to build a fence over on the land of the plaintiff.

Marion Woodard vs. Geo M. King. The plaintiff brings suit to restrain the defendant, who has the contract for building the new sewer system in Leon from throwing any of the waste dirt taken from the sewer ditch in front of his property on the lawn, alleging that he has spent much time and money in planting shrubs, trees and flowers and if the dirt is thrown on the lawn it would destroy the shrubbery and grass.

Evans issued a temporary injunction in the case, Marion Woodard, attorney for plaintiff.

E. M. Griffin vs. A. Fry. Plaintiff secured a judgment against defendant for \$9.20 before Justice J. M. Allen at Van Wert and defendant has filed a petition in support of application for a writ of error, alleging Justice Allen erred in his decisions and rulings in the case. R. B. Hawkins, attorney for defendant.

A Dandy Job of Road Grading.

That prince of good fellows, J. E. Leeper, of northeast of Leon, who knows just how to grade up a country road so that it is like a boulevard, did a mighty fine job of grading and dragging the new street named Corporation street, which runs east and west between L. P. VanWerden's new addition and the farm of C. W. Hoffman, last Thursday.

While this job was only opened up last year, Joe graded and dragged it until it was as smooth as a floor, nicely rounded and the water will all run off the road. We wish that every road worker in Decatur county could see this piece of road work and use it as an example on other roads.

Program.

The following is the program to be given by the K. P. band at their Saturday evening concert, May 1st: March, "Ole Joe"; H. A. Vandercook Polonaise, "Voyage of Life"; Collins Grand Selection, "The Sunny South"; J. B. Lampe Schottische, "Wild Rose"; K. L. King Indian Reverie, "Red Man"; Henry Longboat Redewa, "Moon Winks"; G. Stevens Spanish Fantasia, "La Paloma"; J. M. Missud March, "The New Dominion"; Dalbey L. D. Wheeler, Director.

Celebrated 90th Birthday.

Mrs. W. J. Darr, one of the oldest and most beloved residents of Leon, reached that ripe old age of four score and ten Tuesday, and she enjoyed a quiet celebration of the happy event at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Ray, the occasion being all the more pleasant on account of all of her children being with her for the day, Mrs. Lucy Ray, Mrs. J. A. Harris and Mr. Will Darr, of this city, Mrs. J. D. Bruce, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Sallie Coyne, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Sewer Workers Strike.

Contractor King, who has the contract for the sewer system being installed in Leon, had a small strike on his hands Tuesday. He decided to discharge a few of the Italians who were brought to this city from Des Moines as their work was not satisfactory, and when he gave them notice to quit the whole bunch of Italians quit. Contractor King will have men here in a day or two to take the places of the strikers.

John Bunny is Dead.

John Bunny, the moving picture comedian whose face has frequently appeared in the pictures shown at the Idle Hour theatre in Leon, and who was one of the most popular of movie artists, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday. He had been ill for three weeks with Bright's disease. Bunny was not noted for his beauty, but he was one of the great comedians of the day.

Mid-Summer Hat Sale.

Keller & Pryor, the north side milliners, announce a mid-summer sale of white hats for Friday and Saturday of this week. All the new and nobby summer hats will be shown. Don't fail to see the display.

There never was a man so strong but strong drink is stronger.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

W. W. Palmer was appointed postmaster at Westerville. Brown & Horner sprung a new soft drink on Leon people, "Whipped Cream."

Dr. E. W. Doolittle, of Garden Grove, was granted a patent on a road cart. Orison Long is going around on crutches—all because he could not stop it before it reached him—the velocity of the hind foot of a horse.

John Parrish, of this place, is teaching school at Pleasanton. Miller Chandler commenced his duties as clerk at Young & Teale's clothing store Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goen and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan, of Atchison, Kansas, were visiting with Leon friends. C. H. Jenree moved to Creston, where he had a position with the Burlington railroad.

Mrs. Sue Young Rinehart and two children passed through Leon Tuesday on their way to Ft. Scott, Kansas, to join Mr. Rinehart. Miss Mayme Penniwell had organized a music class at Decatur City.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith arrived here last Thursday from Fayette county, Ohio. John was married on March 20th to Miss Flora M. Martin, at Madison Mills, Ohio.

Miss Mary Sullivan was teaching the Hall school in Woodland township. Albert McClary, of High Point, was canvassing for a book and selling a recipe for how to dehorn cattle.

C. R. Riley, the agent of the Narrow Gauge railroad at Decatur City, was spending a few days in Des Moines. The United States Supreme Court rendered a decision declaring unconstitutional the Iowa law providing for the seizure of intoxicating liquors in inter-state shipment.

Louisa P. Mead, of Alton, secured a divorce from her husband on the ground that he made fun of her culinary efforts. The largest saw mill in the world has just been completed at Clinton. It cost \$260,000 and is capable of sawing 450,000 feet of lumber in eight hours.

The Latter Day Saints had decided to erect a college at Lamoni. Plans were perfected for the building of a "Blue Grass Palace" at Greenway. The building will be 240 feet long, and will have a seating capacity of 2,500 for concerts and addresses.

Orders had been issued by Mayor Campbell, of Des Moines, for the closing of the saloons in that city. Selling Better than a Car a Day.

Estes & Co., the Leon Ford dealers, are making a great record this month, having sold 27 cars up to Tuesday, which is more than a car a day. They received a car load yesterday and also drove some down from Des Moines the past week. The following parties have had new Fords delivered to them the past week: Carl Sankey, C. E. Peugh, M. F. Springer, W. B. Rook, E. L. Hutchinson, Arthur Forbes, C. G. Biddison, Vern Beck, Arthur Hoover, Weldon, Guy Young, Weldon.

Springer-Cash. Mr. James G. Springer and Miss Emma G. Cash were united in marriage Thursday evening, April 22nd, at the home of Mr. S. A. Gates. The Rev. B. Frank Jacobs, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Springer and friends went to Mr. Springer's fine home on north Church street where an elegant dinner was served. The groom is one of Leon's most enterprising citizens, and the bride is one of Decatur county's most accomplished women. Their many friends wish them happiness and success.

Acquitted Ex-Sheriff Terrell.

The jury in the case of State vs. Henry Terrell, ex-sheriff of Ringold county, tried at Mt. Airy last week on the charge of criminal libel, returned a verdict of "not guilty" after being out about five hours. The ex-sheriff was indicted as the outgrowth of the publication of certain articles by him in his newspaper during the last campaign. Two other indictments against Terrell for libel were dismissed by the county attorney, Mr. Terrell is now an applicant for appointment as one of the state agents under the new law passed by the recent legislature authorizing Governor Clarke to appoint not to exceed four members of a state police force.

Death of J. P. Jordan.

J. P. Jordan, for many years a resident of Garden Grove, but for the past few years a resident of Indianola, died at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines on Tuesday of last week, his death following an operation for cancer of the stomach. Funeral services were held at the Jordan home in Indianola on Thursday afternoon, his remains being brought to Garden Grove Friday for interment.

For Sale—Single buggy, rubber tired, and two sets single harness. Inquire of Dr. F. A. Bowman.

Meals at the Park Hotel, 25 cents.

Former Leon Lady Eats Ground Hog and Writes Poetry.

The following is an extract from a letter written by a former Leon lady now located in Arkansas:

"In these letters of mine I am endeavoring to set forth the great desirability of Arkansas, as a place to locate, thereby in my feeble way to help increase her population, and shall endeavor (hard as this will be) to keep truth on my side. I went over to the other day and they had cooked ground hog, the first I had ever tasted. They also cook pole cats, but told me they had to be carefully handled (which surprised me). We had a man from Missouri located in the Ozarks and he writes poetry and sends to the papers. He makes it rhyme, but no meter. I have often laughed at his poems, but am sorry for it now, and see how hard it is to live in this country and not be poetically inspired. In a beautiful poem written in my album by ———, a former county superintendent, she says: "Dear friend, do not notice the meter, a careless poem is always sweeter, in fact some seem to think it neater, etc."

"This state has some ironclad game laws but am afraid the natives are not keeping them very strenuously, as I see them carrying guns, but perhaps it is to protect themselves from women homesteaders. I notice so many have their guns when they come here."

(Note—The writer seems to have been poetically inspired, hence the following poem which explains itself.) American made poetry for the Americans.

THE HARBINGER OF SPRING

'Way down here among the Ozarks, Where the cost of living is high, Is but nominal considering That of other states close by; Where we have the toothsome ground-hog, Good enough to feed a king; Specially those at war in Europe, Useful harbinger of spring. And they say the pole cat's dainty When he's carefully ensnared; I would rather eat a tom-cat, Were he properly prepared. You can talk about 'possum, And the joy that it may bring, But there's nothing half so luscious As the "harbinger of spring." There is no restrictive game law That's preventing his demise; All he has at stake is his shadow And that's merely a surmise. As to when he really sees it Is a vacillating thing; But its given him his prestige As the harbinger of spring. When they write us "Pumpkin, He was all filled up on pie. When Burns wrote his "Tom-o-Shan-ter," He no doubt was full of "rye." Like spontaneous combustion I must needs break forth and sing With my stomach full of ground-hog, That blest harbinger of spring. Lines written on devouring a ground-hog.—Author.

Commodore C. M. Akes Had a Birthday.

Commodore C. M. Akes, who recently moved to his elegant country home just south of Leon, reached the age of fifty years Tuesday, and Mrs. Akes and her sons, Bob and Earl with their wives planned a neat little surprise on the Commodore, quietly invited about a hundred of his friends to come out in the evening, and the Commodore was sure surprised. He was enjoying a quiet game of cards when the tooting of auto horns announced there was something doing, and more than twenty autos filled with his gentlemen friends crowded into the yard. It took the Commodore off his feet for a few minutes, but he soon recovered, and he and his guests enjoyed a delightful evening. Mrs. Akes and her two daughters-in-law serving delicious refreshments which they had surreptitiously prepared. Before leaving, the guests left a handsome gold headed cane, suitably engraved, with Mr. Akes as a memento of the happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Akes have one of the finest and most modern country homes in southern Iowa and they delight to entertain their friends at any and all times.

Another Oil Station Located in Leon.

Another new business enterprise is to locate in Leon. For many years the Standard Oil Co. has maintained a distributing station at Leon, supplying many of the towns adjacent from their Leon station with oil and gasoline, but now they are to have competition. Mr. Harry V. Flora, of Omaha, Neb., representing the Missouri Valley Oil Co., is in Leon making arrangements for the erection of a second oil and gasoline supply station in this city, having leased ground for the station near the Burlington depot, on land adjoining the new switch which will be built to the big new poultry plant of Aaron & Co., which is now in course of construction. The Missouri Valley Oil Co. is one of the big independent oil companies, and in looking around for new territory for their business they selected Leon as a live wire town. Permanent storage tanks will be built and they will have a local agent located here and tank wagons. The company owns a line of 800 oil tank cars, and the prospects are that with two oil companies located at Leon the owners of buz wagons will be able to get mighty cheap fuel for their cars.

Marriage Licenses.

James G. Springer, Leon66 Emma G. Cash, Decatur50 Hazel A. Logan, Clarinda24 Hazel L. Bell, Davis City23