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THE K. P. CONVENTION

Held in This City Tuesday was a Big Success. Grand Lodge Officers and Many Visitors Here.

The annual convention of the Knights of Pythias of the 26th district, comprising the counties of Appanoose, Clarke, Decatur, Lucas and Wayne, was held in this city Tuesday, when the visitors were the guests of Hesperia Lodge No. 33 of Leon.

All the business houses of Leon were decorated with the colors of the order with welcome signs on the windows and the visitors were given a cordial reception upon their arrival in this city, nearly all of them coming in autos.

By a unanimous vote of the Knights, the Grand Chancellor was instructed to send the following telegram to President Wilson, showing their feeling in regard to his course during these troublesome times:

Leon, Iowa, May 11, 1915. Woodrow Wilson, President U. S., Washington, D. C. Three hundred Knights of Pythias in district convention assembled to tend to you congratulations on the continuance of peace in our beloved country.

The visiting Knights were entertained at supper at the Christian church at six o'clock, served by the Pythian Sisters, and it was a veritable feast. More than one hundred visitors were served, lack of room preventing the local members from attending.

After supper the convention again assembled at the K. P. hall, where addresses were made by George Cayannus, D. D. G. C., Ward Ferguson, S. R., Lester E. Outing, F. D. G. C., Dr. J. N. McCoy and Rev. Chas. W. Reader.

The Grand officers who were present said this was one of the best district conventions ever held in the state.

The following is a list of the visitors who registered, but quite a few failed to register, so the list is not complete: Dr. J. N. McCoy, Geo. S. Moore, H. F. Miller, Von Prugh, Pean S. Miller, D. L. Murrow, F. B. Selby, D. E. Jaquis, Jacob Hoyl, H. F. Garrett, R. E. Merrick, E. K. Richie, Fred L. Clark, S. E. Hilliard, E. O. Luce, F. M. West, Z. E. Hook.

Charlton—E. L. Farline, Fred Householder, J. M. Miller, Fred Morgan, R. A. Gray, Julius H. Crane, H. F. McCollough, L. B. Gittinger, W. L. Anderson, E. L. Gookin, A. G. Beasley. Lucas—C. A. Israel, W. W. Allen, R. A. Hunter, Dr. Bell, C. E. Kent, C. E. Stark, N. J. Stark, W. E. Allen, C. G. Peterson.

Humeston—E. E. Keller, J. H. Moore. Garden Grove—W. D. Smith, E. H. Allen, W. T. Waters, M. A. Richards, A. E. Northrup, C. B. Metz, Chas. D. Smith. Weldon—P. H. Mitchell, C. A. Luce, J. A. E. Cunningham. Lovilla—C. E. Lane. Des Moines—L. C. West. Beaconsfield—A. L. Hewlett, J. E. Knight, W. V. Doty, F. N. Whitaker, John A. Scott, F. J. Bryant, W. P. Bohall, Geo. A. Dickson, C. Lent, E. E. Reasoner. Lamoni—Chas. R. Percy, O. M. Rew, John Stolberg, Willard Baker, A. A. Rew, John Eubank, C. T. Rhodes, E. E. Prall, C. T. Tallman, J. J. Moore, A. Otis White, W. H. McElroy, T. J. Gruver, Fred Fischer, Clarence Brenizer, H. B. Murray, H. H. Brenizer.

Afton—L. Lent, Webster Tevabaugh, Ray Thomas, James Purvey, J. E. Cole. Cincinnati—G. M. Smith, David Steele Jr., Sam English. Bethany—Chas. C. Penisten. Senior Play Next Week. On Tuesday evening, May 18th, the Senior class will present the play "What Happened to Jones." The class has to pay a royalty for the privilege of this production. It will be one of the very best plays ever put on by our school talent.

BOY SCOUTS ON LONG HIKE.

Walking From St. Paul to San Francisco Exposition Were in Leon Saturday.

A party of six boy scouts pulled into Leon Friday evening and remained here until Saturday afternoon who have undertaken a mighty big task, a hike from St. Paul, Minn., to San Francisco, California, a distance of 2,800 miles. There were six in the party, which was in charge of Lieut. H. S. Sorrels, scout executive of St. Paul, the other members being Harry and Fred Marcellus, Ucea Phillips, Max Bernstein and Leon Blehert. They left St. Paul on Sunday, April 4th, bearing official letters from the governor of Wisconsin to the governor of California, and from the mayor of St. Paul to the mayor of San Francisco. At Des Moines they secured a letter from Governor Clarke to the governor of California and will secure a letter from the governor of each state they pass through. They carry with them a complete scout camp outfit, including a tent, do their own cooking and are enjoying the trip immensely. They try to average 20 miles a day. The boys are paying their expenses of the trip by selling post cards and soliciting subscriptions to various magazines. They have a regular harness for the six boys, and pull a two wheeled wagon in which is carried their supplies and extra clothing, the outfit weighing 850 pounds. They were traveling over the Interstate Trail.

School Board Elects Teachers.

The Leon school board has held two meetings the past week for the purpose of electing teachers for next year, and everybody will be glad there will not be many changes in the corps of instructors, for Leon now has one of the best public schools in the state. Prof. O. M. Gass, who was re-elected as superintendent, has worked hard to bring the schools up to their present high standard, and he has been ably assisted by all the instructors under him. The board adopted a resolution requiring all teachers who were elected to notify the board of their acceptance within five days or their place would be declared vacant, and two of the teachers, Miss Clara Barnes, domestic science teacher and Miss Helen Deck of the south building have given notice they would not teach the coming year.

The following is a list of the teachers re-elected, there being four of the spaces yet to be filled: High School—Prof. O. M. Gass, principal. Miss Margaret Sears, principal. Miss Estelle Whitney, Himesa Hoffman, Doris Lake, Grace Phillips, Margaret Hurst, Clara Barnes, Mida Bradley and Prof. Fred Ehrhardt. Grades—Misses Nellie Mullin, Olive Gwinn, Harriett Beavers, Josephine Cooney, Ella Grogan, Grace Beavers, Lyda Epperley and Helen Deck.

To Former Weekly Inter-Ocean Subscribers.

Last December the Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean was discontinued and their subscription list sold to Farming Business, who agreed to send that paper until the expiration of all subscriptions to the weekly Inter Ocean. Complaints are coming to us from some of our subscribers that Farming Business is not stopping that paper at the expiration of the paid subscription, but are continuing to send it to subscribers and then sending a bill for the subscription. We do not desire to have any misunderstanding with any of our subscribers over this arrangement and advise all to refuse to take the paper from the mail box after the expiration of your subscription unless you want to continue to take Farming Business and expect to pay for it. If you continue to receive the paper without notifying your postmaster or your mail carrier after your subscription expires, you will have to make settlement with that paper direct, as The Reporter does not club with Farming Business. If you don't want Farming Business just notify them to stop the paper to you and prevent them from running up a bill on you.

A Costly Suit of Clothes.

A week ago last Saturday Charles Gore picked up a suit of clothes in the clothing store of J. A. McIntosh and walked away with them. He left the vest to the suit and Mr. McIntosh in this way discovered they were gone. Suspicion fastened on Gore a few days later and he was located at Jefferson, Iowa, where he was arrested by request of sheriff Lorey, and deputy sheriff Bob Craig went to Jefferson and secured him, returning to Leon Saturday evening. On Monday Gore entered a plea of guilty to petit larceny before Justice John Woodmansee and was fined \$50.00 and costs which he paid and was released. He also paid Mr. McIntosh for the suit of clothes, so he now has a suit which cost him about a hundred dollars.

City Council Will Purchase Sprinkler and Street Sweeper.

The city council at their regular meeting last Thursday evening decided to purchase a street sprinkler and sweeper for use on the paved streets in order to keep the pavement clean of dust and dirt. Several kinds of sweepers are under consideration and it is expected that a number of them will send machines here for a demonstration. This is something which has been badly needed, and the council will receive the thanks of everybody in the city for their action.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Elected New Officers and Made Arrangements for Renewed Activity During the Coming Year.

The Leon Commercial Club held their annual meeting at the club rooms last Friday evening, and in addition to electing officers for the coming year, voted in twelve new members, appointed a new committee to go after the railroad company and compel them to erect a freight depot at Leon, and transacted much other business. The club is making extensive plans for the coming year and everybody should lend their assistance. The Leon Commercial Club has been a powerful factor in assisting in securing many of the recent public improvements in Leon. The officers and members have worked hard to make Leon a progressive and up-to-date city, and their efforts have been rewarded with success. The efforts of the club in this direction have given Leon a great deal of publicity in the past and Leon is a city which is favorably referred to all over the state.

The officers for the ensuing year: President—Jas. F. Harvey. Vice President—A. L. Ackorley. Secretary—G. B. Price. Treasurer—C. E. Stuber. Executive Committee—C. M. Akes, O. E. Hull, Fred Teale and the above four officers.

The following new members were voted upon and declared elected as members: Ralph Rumley, Frank Fong, C. M. Richardson, E. L. Richardson, Walter Osborn, Art Scott, H. A. Smith, M. M. Painter, Earl Gardner, Prof. Fred Ehrhardt, Bryant Sears, Dr. R. A. Sears.

There was a discussion in regard to holding a big picnic or entertainment of some kind, and C. M. Akes was appointed as a special committee to take charge of the project, and you can rest assured that there will be something doing.

The club voted to guarantee the necessary funds to secure a "Short Course for Leon," and a committee consisting of J. W. Hurst and Will J. Springer was named to raise the necessary funds required by the guarantee.

A mighty good thing was accomplished when the club voted to have all the telephone poles along the various auto trails which pass through Leon, painted white, and a committee consisting of Clyde Marvin, Maurice Grogan, and Dr. J. O. Woodmansee was appointed to secure the funds for the painting. This will make the streets of Leon look mighty good, not only to our citizens but to every one who passes through this city.

A committee consisting of G. B. Price, Jas. W. Hurst and Will J. Lindsey were appointed on selecting a slogan for the city of Leon.

There was renewed activity developed in regard to going after the Burlington railroad and seeing if a suitable freight depot can not be secured for Leon. Since the destruction of the old freight depot by fire several years ago, we have had no freight depot, an old box car being used for this purpose, and the patrons of the railroad company are demanding that a depot be provided by the railroad company. The city council refused to allow the company to build another fire trap for a depot, and will insist that a fire proof freight depot be constructed, and in this matter they are backed up by the Commercial Club and all our citizens. A new committee consisting of Dr. B. L. Elker, Jas. W. Hurst and Clyde Marvin, were appointed to look after a new freight depot.

Leon Will Have Third Oil Co.

The S. L. Collins Oil Co., of Knoxville, Iowa, have unloaded big oil and gas tanks at the Burlington depot and have leased land from the railroad company for a distributing station in this city. This will make three oil companies located at Leon, the Standard Oil Co. having maintained a distributing station here for a number of years, and a couple of weeks ago the Missouri Valley Oil Co. made arrangements for a station in this city which will be located on the switch leading to Aaron & Co's poultry plant. With the three oil companies doing business in Leon there is pretty apt to be some stiff competition for patronage and the drivers of buzz wagons will buy some cheap gas for their machines.

Was Over 100 Years Old

Mrs. Mary L. Boyer, widow of Joseph C. Boyer, one of the pioneers of Decatur county, passed away at the insane hospital at Clarinda Monday night, at the extreme old age of 100 years, 3 months and 3 days. Mrs. Boyer was born in France, Feb. 7, 1815. With her husband she came to Decatur county from Illinois in an early day, purchasing 120 acres of land in Eden township in 1856 from H. J. Stanley for \$7.50 an acre. She resided on this farm until a few years ago. On April 28, 1914, she was adjudged insane and sent to the hospital at Clarinda. Her remains were brought to Leon yesterday for interment by the side of her husband.

FOR SALE.

On account of business connections which are more inviting than my present situation, I am obliged to sell my residence property in Decatur City, Iowa. I have \$2750 in this property but will sacrifice for quick sale. I am going to sell this property. Call on me at Clarinda, Iowa. Box 34. H. C. Townsend.

MUST PUBLISH PROCEEDINGS.

Town Councils Ordered to Tell the Public What They Do.

One of the laws passed by the last legislature compels the town councils of Iowa to publish in the local paper an account of their proceedings. This is no more than right; the public names the councils and is fully entitled to a report of their transactions. Frequently these transactions are of a very important nature and under the old system of business no one would ever be apprised of these unless he attended the meeting or called around to read the clerk's record. The order to publish becomes effective July 1 and the public will be given the entire line of transaction.—Williamsburg Journal.

Jury Will Hear All the Evidence.

On Friday evening, May 14, before Judge C. W. Hoffman, at the Leon opera house, Mr. Ed Farquhar, a well known and highly respected citizen of this town will stand as defendant in a Breach of Promise suit brought by one of Leon's fair daughters. Judge Hoffman says the case is one of the most interesting that has ever been tried before him while Geo. W. Baker, esq., and Col. Newton, the lawyers for the respective parties agree that it is one of the most complicated in which they have ever been retained.

The defendant in this startling case offers for his defense "conspiracy." He says that well known parties have conspired with Mr. G. B. Price and others, for the purpose of damaging his—the defendant's—reputation.

We cannot vouch for the truth of such statements, but it is said by those in position to know, that from the opening of the court until the close of the case, the audience will be kept keyed up to the point of convulsions by the unique proceedings.

Wit, pathos, eloquence, laughable local hits and vagaries will be drawn upon without stint to keep up the current of excitement.

An entertainment of innocent fun, conducted with mock dignity and without the shade of offense to refined tastes, the Mock Court Trial will be an event of unusual interest.

Wins Many Honors.

Miss Erma McMains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. McMains, of Derby, who is well known by a number of Leon people, will graduate from Northwestern University, Chicago, at the start of June, in the chemical course. Miss Erma was selected by the faculty as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, being one of thirty-six out of 180 students, which is one of the highest honors of the University. She has also been selected to take part in the Scholarship Luncheon, being the student having the highest grades from the Sorority, and has been assigned one of the leading parts in the Shakespearean play to be given at the close of the term. Her many friends in this city and vicinity will hear of her honors with a great deal of satisfaction for she is most popular and deserving young lady.

Eligibility to Phi Beta Kappa, the honor society, requires that a student must have maintained an excellence in scholarship during their entire course of a better standard than four-fifths of the other members of the class. This year of the thirty-six to receive this high honor twenty-four are young ladies and two gentlemen. The initiation into the society will be held on June 8th.

Normal Training—Important Notice.

The South Central Iowa Normal Training School will open at Lamoni, June 7th, and continue six weeks, (possibly five weeks of 6 days each). The tuition will be ten dollars for the session, and board and room may be secured at the Graceland College dining hall for four dollars per week, or slightly higher with private families.

There can be no doubt about the school being accredited as we can meet the requirements of the state in every way. Competent instructors have been secured.

Prospective students should write at once notifying us of their intention to attend. This is necessary in order that our plans may be completed before the opening day.

Address, S. C. Iowa Normal Training School, Box 352, Lamoni, Iowa.

Congressman Towner Was Here.

Congressman H. M. Towner, of Corning, came in Sunday noon and spent Monday in Leon, just visiting around with his many friends in this city. He went to Lamoni Tuesday morning and will be in Decatur county all of this week, visiting in all parts of the county. He says this is the first time he has had to get around to see his constituents, owing to the long seasons of congress since he was elected to represent this district. Congressman Towner expressed the belief that there was little prospect of the United States becoming involved in the European war, for as he expressed it, neither the president or congress want this country to go to war.

Thirteen Club Elects Officers.

The Thirteen Club, one of Leon's leading clubs, has elected the following officers for the coming year: President—Mrs. Sadie Lindsey. Vice President—Mrs. Clella Shular. Secretary—Mrs. Blondina Price. Historian—Mrs. Alberta Townsend. Critic—Mrs. Martha Layton.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

C. M. Akes and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy baby at their home last Thursday. Charley's lame leg got well that same day, and he was around setting up the cigars to the boys.

Prof. Lyon, of Center Point, was elected principal of the Leon schools for the coming year.

The graduating class of the Leon High School this year is composed of four members, Minnie Beavers, Nanine Read, Leota Newlin and Harry Forgrave.

W. B. Sherman, of Eden township, was in Leon Saturday exhibiting two young bald eagles which he had taken from a nest in a large tree on the banks of Weldon creek. They were about six weeks old and very lively. Mr. Sherman has seen the mother but once and was unable to kill her.

Capt. J. D. Brown had received the fine Hambletonian two year old stallion, George Dixon, which he purchased at Burlington, paying \$1,200 for the colt.

Andy Kemp came near sustaining serious injuries by a fall from the roof of the Advent church Tuesday evening, but luckily he escaped with a few bruises.

Ed Brooks went to Omaha, Neb., Tuesday to visit a few days with his sister, Miss Cora Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman went to Prairie City, Ill., to visit a couple of weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McConn and Miss Amy Hoffhines went to Charle to attend a May masquerade ball.

Mrs. H. L. Johnson returned Monday from an eight months visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Taylor at Fairfield. Mrs. Taylor and children came home with her and will visit for some time with their Leon friends.

Miss Emma Alexander, of Hastings, Neb., was visiting with friends at High Point.

Patrick Wiley, a well known resident of High Point, died at his home near High Point on May 8th. He is survived by his wife and four children. Interment was in the Cunningham cemetery in Wayne county.

Rev. Robert Beer, of Garden Grove, left Tuesday to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at Saratoga, New York.

Canadian Liner Lusitana Torpedoed.

The big Canadian Liner Lusitana, the finest steamship in the world, which sailed from New York on May 1st, was torpedoed by a German submarine, last Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock, at a point ten miles off the Irish coast, and the big vessel sank within twenty minutes, the death loss being terrible. The vessel carried 1,251 passengers and a crew of 816 and only about 600 were saved. In the list of passengers on the vessel were 118 Americans, many of them being prominent citizens and only a few of them are in the list of rescued. Among the notables who found a watery grave were Elbert Hubbard and wife, Alfred Gwyn Vanderbilt, Charles Frohman and others.

Prior to the sailing of the Lusitana, advertisements were published in "The leading American papers, warning passengers not to sail as the boat was liable to be torpedoed, and many of the passengers received telegrams warning them the boat would be destroyed. The advertisements were signed by the Imperial German Embassy, as Washington.

The loss of many American citizens has aroused the country and Germany will be called upon for a settlement, although she disclaims any responsibility, saying that everybody was duly warned, and that the Lusitana was carrying a great cargo of ammunition and other contraband of war, was an auxiliary cruiser of the British navy, and as such was subject to destruction by a nation with whom England was at war.

It was reported from Washington yesterday that President Wilson was preparing a strong note to Germany, demanding that submarines refrain from attacking mercantile vessels, and demanding a formal expression of regret for the loss of American lives.

President Wilson is the man of the hour, but the country has faith in him and whatever his course in the matter he will be sustained and supported by practically all of the citizens of the United States.

Mock Trial Pleased at Creston.

The Mock Trial, which was in the nature of a breach of promise suit, given at the Temple Grand theatre Friday evening was attended by a large audience, almost every seat in the house being taken. The entire cast with the exception of one member, was made up of Creston people. This trial was given under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class of the M. E. church, and made a hit with the entire audience from the rise of the curtain to the fall.—Creston Advertiser-Gazette.

A False Rumor.

In some mysterious manner a report went over the wires in all parts of the country Monday, with the startling statement that President Wilson had been assassinated, but it was soon denied, there being no foundation for the report whatever.

WAUBONSIE TRAIL ASSOCIATION PLAN TRIP.

Will Start at Shenandoah June First To Visit Keokuk—Want 50 Autos to Make Trip.

The officers of the Waubonsie Trail Association are planning for a trip to Keokuk June 1 over the Waubonsie Trail and visit to the big dam on the Mississippi.

Arrangements are being made to have the members of the Iowa State Highway Commission as well as other prominent speakers make the trip.

The object of the tour will be to create more interest in this popular auto road across the state and also for the various members in the towns and country along the trail to get better acquainted. The officers of the association hope to have at least fifty autos in line when they reach Keokuk.—Shenandoah Sentinel-Post.

Mrs. Closson Campbell.

Marietta M. Coover was born near New Holland, Fayette county, Ohio, September 26th, 1836; died at Osborn, Mo., May 9th, 1915; aged 78 years, 7 months and 13 days. Early in life she was converted and united with the Presbyterian church. She was united in marriage with Closson Campbell on August 2, 1852. To this union two daughters and three sons were born, all of whom, with the aged husband, survive. They are Mrs. John Muse, of Leon, Mrs. Martin Newman, of Wauweta, Wyoming, S. M. Campbell, of Osborn, Mo., J. C. Campbell, of Leon, and W. C. Campbell, of Des Moines. In the spring of 1862 the family removed from Ohio to Leon, being among the first settlers of this town. They have since resided in or near this place, living for the last 46 years on the same farm, until last fall when they went to live with their son S. M. at Osborn, Mo., where she peacefully passed away at 5:20 Sunday afternoon. After her removal to Iowa she united with the M. E. church here, of which she has ever since remained a member. She leaves, besides her husband and five children, sixteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a host of friends, to mourn her death.

The body was brought to Leon on the afternoon train Tuesday, and the funeral services were held in the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Guy J. Fansher, the pastor. Music was by a mixed quartet. The remains were laid to rest in the Leon cemetery. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

That Breach of Promise Case.

The Mock Court Trial to be given under the auspices of the Leon Fire Department at the Leon opera house on Friday evening, May 14th, promises to be an event of unusual interest. Judging from newspaper reports of similar entertainments conducted by the present management it would seem to be one of the most amusing things now offered for public patronage.

It will be, in the first place, an exact reproduction of a court scene in methods and procedure and on this account will be extremely interesting to ladies and others who have never attended a real trial.

Best of all with the refined fun of the whole affair, with C. W. Hoffman, Esq., presiding over the court, Miss Mabel Horner appearing as the broken hearted plaintiff, Col. Newton prosecuting the case, and Geo. W. Baker, Esq., defending the accused, to say nothing of the brilliant array of court officers, witnesses and jurors, it is pretty certain we shall have all the comedy and reality of a court scene and enough wholesome fun to last a whole year.

Looks Suspicious.

Claude Robinson has nearly completed the remodeling of his house. Three new rooms have been added on the north side, where the old kitchen was torn away, a new bungalow porch has been added on the east, and three gable windows built in the roof on the south, a large window has also been placed in the parlor. The improvements added now make this one of the nicest residences in the city.—Davis City News.

Names Delegates to National Top-Notch Farm Meet.

Governor Clarke last Thursday named the delegates to the National Top-Notch Farm Meet at San Francisco on August 5 and 6. Among the list of delegates appears the following from Decatur county: Chas. L. Bolan, Davis City; Herman Deck, Decatur; L. C. Judson, Lamoni; Ralph Rumley, Leon; Carder Throckmorton, Garden Grove.

Stevenson—Ross.

Mr. David R. Stevenson and Miss Ollie V. Ross, both of Lamoni, were married at the clerk's office in this city on Monday, the ceremony being performed by Justice John Woodmansee. The happy couple were accompanied to Leon by Mr. John Salsbery and sister, Miss Maud. They returned to Lamoni on the evening train and will go to housekeeping at once. They are well and favorably known and a large circle of friends extend congratulations.

Harp—Harp.

Mr. C. H. Harp and Mrs. Dora Harp, who had been divorced, were remarried by Justice John Woodmansee last Thursday evening. They many friends extend congratulations and trust that their future may be a happy one.

Farm for Sale—Anyone wanting a good Decatur county farm see J. E. Leeper, Leon, Iowa. "Forest Lawn" farm of 200 acres is for sale.