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PRESIDENT STANDS PAT

Will Reply in No Uncertain Terms to Germany's Note in Reply to the President's Protest.

Advices from Washington yesterday were that at a cabinet meeting the cabinet approved President Wilson's Mexican policy and also conveyed the information that the president will take a very firm stand in his reply to Germany.

"The administration will not back down. The president is a man of peace, but this country will not stand for the destruction of American life on the high seas, without warning and in violation of those laws of humanity that are recognized among civilized nations."

This was the statement tonight of one of the closest supporters and advisers of the Wilson administration. It is believed to represent accurately where the president stands in the present crisis between the United States and Germany.

It was learned, furthermore, that the attitude of the president at the cabinet meeting today was in favor of standing squarely by his first note and that the cabinet backed him up. If any member of the cabinet dissented, the fact found no official admission. The whole trend of the situation today pointed in one direction, that the administration will not retract.

The situation has reached a critical point where one side must give way or there will be grave trouble. The administration feels the American people will not countenance backing down and that Germany must make important concessions in respect to her submarine policy or a clash is inevitable.

Some ground for hope appears in the fact that Ambassador Van Bernstorff has sought a conference with the president and will see him at noon Wednesday.

Personally the ambassador wants peace and is willing to make concessions, but there is much doubt whether he has the confidence of the Berlin government sufficiently to influence it.

Ambassador Dumba of Austria has urged his government in effect to try to prevent a rupture with America. He has warned Austria in a way intended to let Berlin know that if another passenger ship is blown up and lives are lost the United States will go to war.

It is felt here that the situation is one of extreme gravity.

Swamped With Ground Hogs.

County auditor Walter Osborn was literally swamped with dead ground hogs at his office Tuesday, a total of 134 dead hogs being brought in, and claims filed for the bounty of 25 cents a head. The recent high waters drowned out the ground hogs which had holes in the banks of the small creeks and they had to take to the trees and were easily captured.

Will Take Moving Pictures in Leon.

Hugh V. Jamison, of Kansas City, an experienced moving picture photographer, will be in Leon Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and take a large number of moving pictures on the streets of Leon, which will later be shown at the Idle Hour theatre in this city.

A Lot of Rain.

During the seven days ending on Saturday of last week there was a total rainfall in Leon of 7.49 inches, according to the record of government observer Morris Gardner. This was an average of over an inch of rain each day for seven consecutive days.

L. P. VanWerden Will Hold Lot Sale at Corydon.

L. P. VanWerden, of this city, who recently conducted a very successful lot sale of his new addition to Leon, has purchased a 60 acre tract of land at Corydon, and about June 15th will hold a big public lot auction in that town.

Street Sweeper Will Be Here Today.

The city officials have received word that one of the new combined street sweepers and sprinklers will arrive in Leon today, and with it a demonstrator who will show how the machine does the work.

Alumni Banquet This Evening.

The annual banquet of the Leon High School Alumni will be held at the M. E. church this evening. Col. W. P. Hepburn, of Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Lot ladies, misses and children's orders at out prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. N. Hansell.

LAST SENIOR PLAY.

"Aaron Boggs, Freshman." Presented in a Pleasing Manner by Class of '15.

The third class play by the members of the Senior class of the Leon High School, was presented at the opera house last Friday evening, and notwithstanding the impassable condition of the roads which kept many from the country from attending, the opera house was well filled.

"Aaron Boggs, Freshman," pleased the large audience. The play was a rollicking college comedy, and the parts were all well taken. The star of the cast was Miss Gretchen Hurst in the role of Miss Elizabeth Maudelia Feeny, nee Lizzie Peeny, a waitress but a perfect lady, and Miss Hurst showed exceptional dramatic talent.

George Perdew, who took the part of Second-Hand Abe, and Casey Jones, a college politician, is also deserving of special mention. Local Quiet, as Aaron Boggs, a Freshman from Splinterville, portrayed the part of a green country boy to perfection. Others in the cast were Leal Buchanan as Happy Jimmy Jamieson, a susceptible Junior, Bert Kemp as Beau Carter, a prominent Senior, Rollie Dale as Pepper Jarvis, studying repose at college, Cecil Wright as Epenetus Boggs, a pillar of Splinterville, Andrew Scott as Mr. Chubb, born tired, Mary Boyce as Mrs. Chubb, a popular boarding house keeper, Lydia Davis as Mrs. Pickens, an unpopular boarding house keeper, Fern Melvin as Evelyn Newcomb, a college belle, Grace Campbell as Lois Hunter, a girl's friend, Dorothy Hull as Cherry Carruthers, with a changeable heart, Myrtle Boyce as Loretta Rea, a romantic Junior, and Myra Garber as Dollie DeCliffe, nee Chubb, a vaudeville queen, all took their parts in an artistic manner and are entitled to words of praise.

The play was put on under the direction of Mrs. Marion E. Wasson, and its success is another tribute to her ability as a director of class plays.

Big New Elevator Will Be Built in Leon at Once.

Leon is going to have a big new elevator and it will be erected at once. Last week negotiations were closed which had been pending for some days and a new elevator and coal company was formed, the members of the company being the Biddison Coal & Grain Co., of this city, W. L. Lingle and J. F. Noll, of Bethany, Mo. The new elevator will be erected on the site of the old Swift & Co. poultry plant which was destroyed by fire last winter.

It will be a strictly modern elevator with a capacity of from 12,000 to 14,000 bushels of grain, and in connection with it they will erect a large warehouse and coal elevator so as to facilitate the handling of coal which will be unloaded from the cars on the side track and placed in the coal bins by machinery. The contract for the erection of the new elevator has been let to the Burrell Construction Co., of Chicago, and material for the new elevator is now being unloaded. Everybody is pleased with the manner in which this matter has been settled so as to insure Leon a good elevator with ample capital to handle the business, and it will provide a market at all times for the farmers of this vicinity for every kind of grain and seed. The Bethany gentlemen who are associated with the Biddison Coal & Grain Co., are experienced elevator men, owning elevators at several other points, and the fact that they control a chain of elevators will give them a decided advantage in the grain business over smaller dealers.

Commencement Exercises Friday Night.

The commencement exercises of the class of '15 of the Leon High School, will be held at the opera house Friday evening of this week when the largest class in the history of the Leon schools will receive their diplomas. The class of '15 numbers thirty-three, which is a magnificent showing for the Leon schools. There are twenty girls and thirteen boys in the class. Miss Elma Forbes was chosen to deliver the salutatory and Miss Martha Hoffman the valedictory. The address to the class will be by Congressman H. M. Townner.

High Water Did Much Damage.

The heavy rains of last week caused all the rivers and creeks in this section to overflow and thousands of acres of corn, wheat and oats were under water. Long Creek was reported to be higher than it was ever known to be, and while Grand River was not as high at Davis City as in previous years, it was all over the bottoms, and in the west part of the county was reported higher than the flood of last year. But the sun is shining now, and everybody getting busy to replant the corn which was washed out, and we'll soon forget all about the high waters.

Peculiar Accident.

Mrs. D. C. White was the victim of a very peculiar accident last week. She was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Skinner, and in stepping out in the yard stepped on a hoe which was lying on the ground causing it to fly up and strike her on the left arm with the result that she received a broken arm just at the wrist.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Look for Graduation Gifts at Bashaw & Shular's Jewelry Store.

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COURT IS IN SESSION

Judge Maxwell is Holding an Extra Week of Court in an Effort to Clean Up the Big Docket.

Judge Maxwell and court reporter Hyland arrived Monday evening from their homes at Creston and Osceola, and convened the adjourned term of the March court. On account of the large number of cases awaiting trial, when Judge Maxwell adjourned the three weeks March term he agreed to return this week and hold an extra week of court to dispose of a number of cases which were awaiting trial.

On Tuesday Judge Maxwell passed on a juvenile case, that of Cecil Dunn, of Weldon, who was declared to be lacking proper care, and the court appointed J. W. Sampson as a suitable guardian to take charge of and care for the girl.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Marion Woodard, adm. vs. Herald Publishing House, of Lamoni, was submitted to the court on Tuesday, but the court had not passed upon the motion at the time. The Reporter went to press. When this case was tried in April the jury returned a verdict of \$5,000 damages for the death of W. W. Johnson, who was killed by coming in contact with a live electric light wire at the lamp plant at Lamoni owned by the Herald Publishing House.

Yesterday the case of Leon Electric Co. vs. City of Leon, was commenced, in which the plaintiff seeks to have the contract with the city for the pumping of the city water reformed, alleging they are entitled to more money than the contract calls for on account of the machinery not pumping as much water per minute as it was supposed to, and the Electric Co. claim it costs them more than the contract price to do the pumping. There will be considerable expert testimony to take and the case will probably occupy a couple of days. The injunction case of Joseph Hamilton vs. Leon Park Commission will also be tried at this term of court, the issues in the case being the building of a fence enclosing a sixteen foot strip along the north side of the park, which Mr. Hamilton claims to own, the Park commission claiming their deed to the land providing that this strip was to be kept open as an alley.

The following cases had been disposed of this week up to Wednesday morning:

LAW AND EQUITY

Arthur Forbes vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Settled.

A. D. Ansett vs. C. E. Myers et al. Dismissed as per stipulation on file.

Nancy J. Moon vs. John O. Moon. Decree of divorce granted.

Lydia Paist vs. Louis E. Paist. Decree of divorce granted.

PROBATE

Estate of John Wiley. Will admitted to probate. George R. Wiley appointed executor with bond of \$15,000.

Estate of Samuel Metier. A. H. Metier appointed trustee to take charge of \$5,000 trust fund, invest same and use interest for benefit of all parties, with bond of \$1,000.

Guardianship of Vincent Robinson. Application for sale of real estate set for hearing at Creston on June 12th.

Estate of Charles Carroll. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

A Mighty Fine Baccalaureate Sermon.

The opera house was packed to capacity Sunday evening at the Baccalaureate services, every seat being filled and many were unable to gain admittance to the opera house. Those who were fortunate enough to secure seats heard without question the finest Baccalaureate sermon ever preached in this city. Rev. G. T. Ronk, pastor of the Brethren church of this city, delivered the sermon and it was a masterly one, replete with excellent thoughts. Rev. Ronk did not write out his sermon before delivering it, simply having a few notes to speak from. It was such a fine sermon that at our request Rev. Ronk wrote it out for memory, and we publish it in full on page three of this issue, so that those who were unable to hear him may read it at their leisure, and we believe that nearly everyone who heard it will want to read it again.

Harry Finley Died at Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts.

Relatives in Leon have received news of the death of Harry Mills Finley, only son of the late J. P. Finley Jr. and Jennie Miller, which occurred at his home at Lake Pleasant, Mass., on May 24th. The deceased was born at Leon, Iowa, Nov. 16, 1865, his boyhood days being spent in this city. He was married to Miss Mary E. Lennon at Muncie, Indiana, in June, 1898, who survives him, together with two sisters, Mrs. Helen F. Daily, of Aurora, Illinois, and Mrs. Eloise Wadsworth, of Carlisle, Iowa. Interment was at Lake Pleasant.

Called Federation Meeting.

On Friday afternoon, June 11 at 2:00 p. m. at the library building, there will be a meeting of all the clubs of Leon, called especially to decide what shall be done with the Harvey Park Fund. Presidents of the various clubs are requested to bring the subject up at their meetings this week for discussion. Everyone interested in how it shall be spent is urged to be present and make known your wishes in the matter. By order of the president. Mrs. D. F. Long.

DEFER WAUBONISIE TRIP TWO WEEKS; IS JUNE 15.

Because of Rains, Officials Set New Date for Inspection—Mt. Ayr's Plans.

Using the same schedule of stops along the route, the official inspection of the Waubonsie trail has been deferred two weeks, the new date being Tuesday, June 15. Because of the week of rain, the officers of the trail association, thought it best to postpone the trip and give time for the roads to be put in good order.

Newspaper articles and inquiries from the twenty-seven towns along the Waubonsie indicate the cross state tourists and the official inspectors will receive royal welcomes whenever they do come.

Judge Horace M. Townner has been invited to join the party that leaves Shenandoah and other prominent men and highway officials will be in the party. At Mt. Ayr where the first noon stop will be made, arrangements for the entertainment are being made by the local boosters. P. S. Holbrook, the county engineer, has issued an official statement advising the people along the trail in Ringgold county to give it an extra dragging as "the report of this official inspection will be scattered broadcast over the country and is for the purpose of betterment and to obtain increased travel across Iowa."

Rural Route Roads Must Be Dragged.

Postmaster Smith has recently ridden over all of the five mail routes running out from Leon, and found that many of the roads are not properly kept up and dragged. The patrons of the rural routes in signing a petition for rural delivery agree to keep the roads in good condition for the carriers and the postal department in many instances has discontinued rural routes or parts of routes where the roads are not properly kept up. There is grave danger that some of the Leon routes will be discontinued unless an improvement is shown in keeping up the roads, and some of these days patrons will be waking up when their mail stops coming to them. The past week several of the carriers were unable to make all their routes on account of bridges being out, carrier Reynolds of route No. 5 not having covered all of his route for the past six days on account of an approach to a bridge over Jonathan creek being out, and carrier Allen on No. 3 has also had a bridge out on his route, so he could not get all the way around.

Hessian Fly Damaging Wheat.

Farmers in Decatur county are becoming alarmed at the damage which is being done to the wheat fields by Hessian flies. Mr. Elmer Akers, of near Leon, brought in a number of samples of wheat Monday which he secured from different fields, and in every sample he found Hessian flies and tells us that he does not believe there is a single wheat field in Decatur county in which these pests are not working. Many farmers do not know what the Hessian fly is and where to look for it, believing that they are well up on the stalk of wheat, but such is not the case. They are found right in the heart of the stalk commencing close to the roots and in the samples which he showed us there was not a single one which did not contain these flies or their eggs. The eggs are oblong in shape, increased in a hard brown shell. We will endeavor to print an article in regard to the Hessian fly with some illustrations of it next week.

Settled Loss Satisfactorily.

I have received a draft covering the loss in full on the policy on my dwelling house and contents, which was recently destroyed by fire, handled me by the local insurance agents, Pease & Pease, and I desire to state that they adjusted my loss to my entire satisfaction, and I found them pleasant and business-like in their dealings, and can cheerfully recommend them as being the agents with whom any one can place their insurance with confidence that in case of a loss you will receive the fairest kind of treatment. J. M. Still.

Will Start on Long Auto Trip.

Deputy treasurer J. Wesley Chew, wife and little daughter are busy preparing for an auto trip to California and other western states. They will travel in their auto and carry a complete camping outfit with them, expecting to enjoy out door life while on the trip. They expect to visit the California exhibitions and other places of interest, making the trip leisurely and stopping when and where it suits their fancy, and will be gone about three months. Unless rain interferes with their plans they will start Saturday.

Marriage Licenses.

Hurley Munyon, Grand River... 24
Eva Jones, Grand River... 20
Albert Anderson, Humeston... 24
Florence Fuller, Humeston... 23
Glenn B. Vall, Garden Grove... 26
Hazel H. Lionberger, Garden Grove... 25
Harry R. Stover, Pleasanton... 32
Marian J. Huston, Pleasanton... 28
Leroy Brammer, Grand River... 21
Zora Grace Overholzer, Grand River... 18
Geo. E. Starks, Manchester, Okla. 25
Fanny Hallet, Leon... 21

Motorcycles.

New and rebuilt on monthly payment plan. Dealers and riders wanted. Eagle Motor Co., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

District court was in session with Judge J. W. Harvey presiding. Elder Curry purchased J. W. Bowman's fine driving coat, Ben Bolt.

Friends in Leon had received invitations to the wedding of Mr. Robert A. Gray, a popular grocery traveling man and Miss Jennie Kinzell at the home of the bride's mother in Mt. Ayr on June 5th.

T. C. Jackson, cashier of the Davis City bank, died at his home in that town on last Saturday and was buried at Davis City on Monday.

Miss LaNelle Hoffines was visiting with friends at Chariton. Lyman Foregrave was up from St. Joe last week to attend the commencement exercises.

Miss Lulu Mowatt is visiting with her sister, Mrs. L. Scott Robinson, at Glenwood.

A. Hildreth, of Columbus, Ohio, was in Leon looking after his property interests.

Mrs. J. W. Honnold and children went to Peoria, Ill., for a month's visit with relatives.

Mrs. A. J. Detrick went to Kansas City, Mo., for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Grannon.

A. Swearingen and wife of Mercer county, Mo., were spending a few days with friends in Leon.

Mr. Elmer Somes, erstwhile a citizen of Leon, was visiting with "Jimmy" Johnson and other friends in this city.

W. Westcott, of Bloomfield, leased the Ward Hotel and was preparing to open it for business.

Dr. W. T. Kelley went to Dakota Friday to look up a location for a drug store.

Mr. Bronson Morgan and wife arrived here last Monday to visit her father, Jacob Helscher. Mr. Morgan is a theatrical man and a thorough musician.

John C. Newton and his brother and Theo. C. Sherwood, of the Des Moines & Kansas City Ry., were in Leon last week on business connected with that road, at the solicitation of the Leon Board of Trade.

An effort is being made to have that road put on their regular passenger train to Des Moines from this place.

The Holiness people purchased the Maple Grove church northwest of Decatur City, and its doors were again opened for service.

The farmers' Alliance were claiming they would elect enough congressmen next fall to hold the balance of power in the house for the next two years.

The Garfield Memorial monument was dedicated on Decoration day at Cleveland, Ohio.

Hurst—Dunham.

Mr. Raymond L. Hurst, one of Leon's boys of whom everybody is proud, and Miss Florence Dunham, of Ames, were married at Ames on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

"Buck" Hurst has a well reputation in Iowa, gaining fame as the plucky captain of the great Ames football team a few years ago. After leaving college he engaged in the advertising business and at the present is located at Bay City, Michigan, where he has charge of the advertising for a big lumber corporation which sells ready made houses direct to property owners, and he has achieved great success in his vocation, being looked upon as one of the rising men in the great professional field of advertising.

He has a host of friends in this city, where he was born and raised. He has won for his life's companion a most charming young lady, who has visited in this city on several occasions and has many friends here. The friends of these estimable and worthy young people extend hearty congratulations, and trust that their future may be all sunshine and happiness.

Rural Mail Carriers Meet.

A meeting of the Decatur County Rural Mail Carriers Association was scheduled to be held at Weldon on Monday, as it was a holiday for the carriers, but on account of a small-pox scare at Weldon the officers transferred the meeting to Leon, and it was held in the grand jury room at the court house.

President F. P. Allen presided at the meeting and talks were made by the carriers Heathman and Lester of Lamoni, Morey of Pleasanton, Hampton of Van Wert, and Allen of Leon. Postmaster Smith of Leon, gave a talk on better service and urged that every carrier in the county should become a member of the association which the members greatly appreciated.

Carriers Allen of Leon, Thomas of Lamoni, and Morey of Pleasanton, were selected as delegates to the state meeting to be held at Atlantic July 20-23.

Getting Rid of Gophers.

Farmers of Pottawattamie county whose alfalfa and small grain fields have been ravaged by gophers have gotten rid of these pests by adopting a plan devised by Richard Frederickson, who found a hole made by the gophers and into this he inserted a hose attached to the exhaust pipe of his automobile. Starting his engine he let the gas pour into the hole. Sometimes the gas will be seen escaping from the ground 150 and 200 feet away. All who have tried the plan say it works to perfection in killing the gophers.

SPECIAL AT THE IDLE HOUR.

"East Lynne" in Three Acts, Wednesday, June 3.—7,000 Feet of Pictures.

On Wednesday, June 9th, another big special production will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre in this city. P. P. Craft's powerful revival of the world's greatest emotional drama, "East Lynne," in three acts—7,000 feet of perfect photography. Mr. Fred Paul appears as Archibald Carlyle and Miss Blanche Forsyth as Lady Isabel. There never was a more popular novel written than "East Lynne," and the drama has recently had a great revival, playing to capacity houses in the leading theatres. This presentation of "East Lynne" is complete, showing the play in full, presented by a cast of the leading actors of the day. A special matinee will be given at 3 o'clock, and the first evening show will commence promptly at 7 o'clock. Prices of admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

What the New Census Shows.

The following are the official figures of the new state census just completed by the assessors, showing the population of all the towns in Decatur county, as well as the population as shown by the government census of 1910. All of the towns in Decatur county have made a gain in population in the past five years except Weldon, which shows a loss in population of 21. A peculiar coincidence is that the population of Lamoni this year is exactly what the population of Leon was five years ago, 1911.

Table with 3 columns: Town, 1910, 1915. Rows include Leon, Weldon, etc.

Our Cemetery.

The beauty of our city of the dead was much commented upon on Decoration Day notwithstanding the past week of rain which interfered with the work there. This is largely due to the work of the Cemetery Association, that volunteer body of public spirited citizens who have given both time and money to the work. The grounds are pretty and park like and are well kept. The association has been aided by the various lodges and clubs and the city council as well as by individual contributions, to this end. In thanking all such helpers it is suggested that every effort be put forth by present and future lot owners to help in every way to improve still further this place where all are or will be interested. Especial care in setting stones properly in deep concrete foundations is urged as this secures permanency as well as appearance. Where this has not been done it still can be at small additional cost. Cemetery Association.

Important Change in Train Service.

An important change in our railroad service will be effective next Sunday, May 30th. By this order the freight train will carry passengers only to Leon. This ruling affects week days as well as Sundays, and passengers who want to make towns on the Des Moines-Cainville branch north of Leon will have to wait until the passenger trains.

This will result in great inconvenience on week days not only to traveling men who are accustomed to take the early morning train for points north of Leon, but also to the general public.

We do not know the reason for the order, nor can we see any good reason for it.—Cainesville News.

Program for Band Concert, June 5.

The following is the program to be given by the K. P. band at their ever popular Saturday evening band concert Saturday evening of this week: March, "First Regiment Band"... Atkinson Selection, "Bohemian Girl".... Dalbey March, "Stars and Stripes Forever".... Sousa Idyl, "Mountain Breezes".... Kayt March, "Up With the Flag" Crosby Patrol, "The Yankee".... Meacham March, "Loveland".... Holzmann March, "On the Front Line".... Rosenkrans L. D. Wheeler, Director.

Chapter Masons Enjoyed Fine Banquet.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon a class consisting of F. H. Cozad, Ed W. Farquhar and Guy McMorris by Leon Chapter No. 23 last Wednesday evening, and after the work was completed in the lodge room the members enjoyed a banquet served at the Puritana Cafe, which everyone present pronounced the finest lodge banquet ever served in Leon. Mr. and Mrs. Wright simply outdid themselves on this occasion and were highly complimented on the success of their efforts.

Alfalfa.

I will begin cutting alfalfa in a few days. I will have a limited amount to sell. If you want buy me at once. It is free of sand bugs and other objectionable features shipped in alfalfa has. Ed H. Sharp.

Flour, feed and coal.

Gammam Bros. Mill.