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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fullerton, Who Live Near Grand River, Round Out Half Century Together.

On Tuesday, July 6, occurred the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Fullerton, at their home about seven miles north-east of Grand River, Iowa, where they have resided for thirty-nine years.

The day will be long remembered because of the pleasant associations, the sumptuous feast, the well arranged program, the delicious cake and ice cream and, lest we forget, a photograph of the group by H. O. Tuttle, the Van Wert photographer.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton, of Grand River; Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman, of Redding, Iowa; William Shipp and J. N. McJimsey, of Van Wert; Mrs. Matilda Coon and Misses Pernice and Pearl Fullerton, of Norfolk, Neb.; Mrs. Joe Shields and Rev. Roy Shields, of Hopeville, besides John Wilson and family, Guy Williams and wife, Lew Greenland and family, Thomas Collins and family, Albert Fullerton and wife, Ed Carrier and family, Mrs. Oscar West and children, Joe Munyon and wife, John Collins and children, all of whom reside in the neighborhood, also Mr. Frank and Miss Sylvia, who are at home yet.

Rural Carriers Get a Raise.

A rural order went into effect July 1, whereby several changes were made concerning the rural routes of the United States. The carriers on all routes over twenty-four miles in length are to receive \$1,200 per year and each of the routes from Leon are effected. Prior to this order our carriers received the following pay:

Everett L. Waters, route No. 1, increased from \$1,092 to \$1,152; C. R. Turner, route No. 2, received the same as before, \$1,200; F. P. Allen, route No. 3, increased from \$1,140 to \$1,200; Glen Rumley, route No. 4, received the same as before, \$1,200; Carl Reynolds, route No. 5, increased from \$1,152 to \$1,200.

July is the regular month the carriers have to weigh all mail handled on their respective routes. It is required that each carrier weigh all mail received during the first month in every quarter and keep an accurate account of each piece of mail handled. The department has also ruled that the carriers make a report as to the kind of vehicles used, kind and number of horses, carrying capacity of the vehicles, and anything else pertaining to the delivery of mail on the respective routes. The department is tending more and more each year toward a system that will soon be perfect and is trying to increase the number of motor vehicles for the use of the rural carrier.

Bell & Painter Pleased.

Bell & Painter are sure well pleased with the way they sold orangeade and gave away balloons last Saturday. Their largest trade was from Saturday noon to night as the weather was so cool and the roads were so impassable that no large crowd was able to partake of their generosity as did last year when they dispensed sixty-seven gallons of orangeade, this year being but fifty-six gallons. Last year the day was hot and the thirsts great. They presented 1,080 balloons to the thirty ones last Saturday. Thursday evening they sent up a balloon with one of their tags attached to it with the information that the person presenting it to them at their fountain shall receive twenty-five glasses of orangeade, up to date they have not heard from their offer. The last seen of the balloon it was going in a straight westward direction.

Ball Park Taking On City Appearance.

Last Sunday when the fans gathered at the ball park south of Leon they were surprised at the cleaned appearance. C. A. Cherrington, of Cherrington's drug store, has erected a score board 10x14 feet capable of caring for eleven innings, which can be seen at all parts of the field. G. B. Price, the north side clothing man, has erected a sign back of center field containing the information, that the person batting the ball far enough to hit the board was to receive a three dollar shirt as an inducement for more home runs on the part of the players.

Leon's Ice Plant in Operation.

Leon's artificial ice plant will be put in operation today for the first time. This plant has a capacity of thirty tons of ice daily, and will supply the refrigeration for the big new poultry plant of Aaron & Co.'s big cooling rooms. Ice has been one of the most needed necessities in Leon for several years since the capacity of the production of lake ice has not been adequate to the demands made upon it by the ever increasing population of Leon. Now that we can have ice whenever needed and an abundance of it, let's boost for the plant.

at Cherrington's.

Is Nearing Completion.

The new elevator being constructed for the Eddison Coal and Grain Company is nearly completed. The building that houses the grain bins is nearly finished and the machinery is being installed in that portion of the building. The scales have been placed in position and work is going on rapidly.

The concrete foundation is in place for the warehouse on the west side of the elevator and work on that part of the building will soon be under way. The elevator is one of the most modern in construction and machinery used in the southern part of the state. It is so arranged that a farmer wishing to sell grain, drives upon the scales on the south side of the elevator. The load is weighed while the driver of the vehicle remains upon the seat. The party in charge then opens the end gate of the wagon and pulls a lever. An apparatus then lowers the rear part of the wagon and the grain slips into a monster hopper under the scales and is carried by the electrically driven machinery to the top of the elevator and down into one of the big grain bins. The farmer receives his check for the grain and drives on. His grain has been weighed and he has received payment for the load and he is on the way home all without having left the seat of the wagon. The elevator is being covered with corrugated iron which has been nearly completed. The office is on the south side of the elevator where Mr. Biddison will have ample quarters. The office as well as the balance of the elevator will be modern equipped. The new elevator will fill a long felt want among the farmers and stockmen of this section of the country.

Davis City, 5 Leon 4.

The Leon and Davis City ball teams met on the Leon grounds last Sunday and predicted had a red hot game. It was not as free from errors as it should have been, but nevertheless was exciting from the spectators' point of view. As in Leon's previous game with Mt. Airy, Smith, Leon's pitcher, was off form, and allowed seven men bases on balls. Leon out hit their opponents better than 2 to 1, but owing to their numerous misplays coupled with some poor base running, was unable to overcome the lead that Davis City obtained in the first two innings, as they got four of their five runs in these innings. Leon fought gamely to the last, and after one out in the ninth filled the bases and scored two runs on wild hits, a base on balls and a sacrifice fly, and came near scoring the tying run when Russell hit through Osborne at third and the ball was caught by a spectator and relayed to Osborne but he stepped in the pitcher's box and held Peck at third, on what should have been the tying run had the ball been allowed to take its natural course. Leon has no kick to make as they were beaten fairly and by a good bunch. The game went off very smooth as there was not a kick made by either side. This is the kind of base ball every body likes, as proven by the good crowds that Leon is drawing. At home Leon plays Grand River next Sunday, July 18th. This promises to be a good game as each team has won a game each, and this one will be hard fought.

Contract Let For Building of Davis City School.

The contract for the building of the large new addition to the Davis City school was awarded to J. W. Sell and son, Harry, and Tom Wallace, of Leon. The building is to be two-story and basement, 24x35 feet. This contract calls for all the work to be complete with the exception of the plumbing, which is to be done by a Mr. Sturdevant, of Osceola. The contract for the building called for the complete wiring of the building, this part being sublet to the Leon Electric Co. The work on the new building will begin as soon as the material can be delivered on the ground. The letting of the contract for such an institution by the Davis City board to such men as J. W. Sell and son, Harry, and Tom Wallace shows that the people of Davis City want the best that their money will buy, and at the same time it insures them of getting a first-class piece of work.

Charles Chaplin Here Tonight.

The Idle Hour Theatre has been trying to arrange bookings on Charles Chaplin feature comedies for some weeks and last Friday received a message stating that the Chaplin comedy "His New Job," would be sent to that theatre for Thursday evening, July 15th, (tonight). This is just one night ahead of "The Island of Regeneration," but the theatre wanted the Chaplin picture and the booking was accepted even if it did put the two features so close together. The management has decided that the admission for the Chaplin comedy tonight will remain at 5 and 10 cents, the usual admission. Three shows will be given. First show will begin at 7 o'clock.

What Do You Know?

Do you know an editor or a reporter for a newspaper can in his rounds stop and ask a hundred persons "what is the news?" and ninety out of the hundred will reply, "Nothing special" and yet 50 out of that number know something that, if not found in the next paper, will astonish them greatly and disappoint them more. Don't be afraid to let the newspaper man know it.

1868 MURDER MYSTERY

A Double Murder of 47 Years Ago Brought to Light by Man Who Dug for Treasure Chest.

The people of Taylor county and neighboring counties, as in fact over the middle west, were thrown into a state of great excitement the last of last week by the announcement that the office of the attorney general had taken up the work of unraveling the mysterious threads connected with a double murder supposed to have been committed near Slam in Taylor county in 1868. Investigations were conducted by G. A. Burnson one of the state's special agents, C. A. Robbins, assistant attorney general, and W. W. Bulman, of Charlton, the attorney who started to unwind the threads of mystery.

For years it has been a matter of common knowledge in many of the older households in Taylor county that a large sum of money was concealed somewhere in that county. A few of the older residents of this vicinity may remember something of the incidents of the time. It is also reported now that men have been digging for the lost treasure for the past twenty years. Another report is that the treasure was uncovered some twenty years ago. There were many reports circulated and much information given out, part by reliable authority and part the result of gossip, but the facts following have figured heavily in the case.

In 1868, before there were many railroads and banks, a gang of counterfeiters, seven in number, learned in some manner that a cattleman named Smith and his son were coming from northern Missouri with an ox team, hauling a chest containing \$90,000.00 with which to buy cattle, to take to Missouri to feed. Near Slam, in Taylor county, lived Maria Collins, aged twelve years, who is now Mrs. Maria Porter, of Quitman, Mo. In September, 1868, about midnight she heard a racket, went out on the porch and saw an ox team, wagon and a box in the wagon, several men, some of whom were carrying money, some of whom she thought in the moonlight, resembled the figure of a person wrapped in a sheet or blanket and soon they dumped the object in an old well. The son was killed also and buried close by. The chest of gold was buried, a plat of the ground made of it, but the plat was afterwards burned when the house of one of the gang caught fire, and searching parties have repeatedly dug for the treasure, but have not found it.

Samuel Anderson, one of the men who figured in the case, moved on this rough piece of land where the \$90,000 was alleged to have been buried, about thirty-five years ago and very soon after he had declared his intentions of making his home there he was engaged by parties to dig for a lost treasure, said to have been buried near a spring on his farm "in war times." Anderson dug for several years, in which time he uncovered the grave where the boy was buried. Finally one day he stated he came to what appeared to be an iron bound chest and at this point the men ordered him to leave the place stating that they "could do the rest themselves." The men who engaged Anderson had promised him rich compensation for his labor and after twelve years spent in trying to secure his reward with no success, he became disgusted and angry and told the authorities what he knew of the case.

With this evidence the authorities began work and after locating the woman mentioned above at Quitman, Mo., they secured evidence that pointed to the guilt of certain men. Four arrests were made, and the preliminary trial was held Tuesday in a justice's court at Bedford. The men taken into custody are the Darnewood boys, Henry and John, the eldest of which is 77 years old, Sam Schriver and Bates Huntsman. The fifth man in the "gang of five men" is supposed to have been killed several years ago when he attempted to kill one of the most important witnesses against the gang. His name was Jonathan Dark.

After the news of the arrest and the unwinding of the evidence in the frontier days' murder had been flashed across the land, a story came from C. P. Huntsman, of Fresno, California, stating that the murder committed by the James boys gang and that it was under threats of death that Bates Huntsman buried the body of the murdered cattleman. C. P. Huntsman is a nephew of Bates Huntsman, of Bedford, who is one of the men arrested. He stated also that Bates Huntsman's father, Dr. C. R. Huntsman, was forced to bury the gold, but he died without revealing the secret of its hiding place. Cole Younger, of Lee Summit, Mo., the only survivor of the notorious James boys gang, has issued a statement denying the story of the Fresno man, stating that Frank James was in California in 1868 and that the gang was not organized until two years later.

Just what will come of the Bedford murder mystery is difficult to tell. Some say it will come to nothing and others say that there may be more to it than has been brought to light. The defendants arrested do not comprise the original gang of counterfeiters which was disbanded years ago and several of the original members are dead. However, murder is never outlawed, but the defendants if held in answer to the charge, will have to be tried under the statutes of those days.

Marriage Licenses.

Don E. DeLa, Hettinger, N. Dak. 25
Beulah Baker, Grand River 31

Big Coolers Finished.

Manager G. W. Manning, of the Aaron Poultry and Egg Co., began moving into their new building from the temporary quarters in the Slinger barn, a week ago and last week they moved the office down to their new building. They were all moved down by Thursday and the business is now being conducted there.

The new plant is one of the best in southern Iowa. Every part of the big plant is modern in construction and equipped. The poultry dressing department is to be in the big basement. The coolers are in the north-west corner of the second floor in that portion of the building extending around the north side of the ice plant. The coolers have been in course of construction under the direction of William Joiner, of Kansas City, an expert in that line. The coolers were completed Wednesday night and will soon be placed in use as soon as all of the refrigerating pipes are placed in position.

The office is located in the southeast corner of the second floor. Plenty of room is provided for the office work now being completed.

A large sign reading "Aaron Poultry and Egg Co." has been placed on the top of the big plant. The sign was the work of H. E. Simmons. It is most attractive and so placed that it can be seen and read from a long distance.

Manager Manning has built up a large business in this territory and he expects to develop the field still more now that he has ample quarters in which to handle his business. Mr. Manning and C. M. Haines, the efficient plant superintendent, are handling a tremendous lot of business.

"Island of Regeneration."

The Vitagraph blue ribbon feature, "The Island of Regeneration," will be shown at the Idle Hour Theatre, Leon, Friday afternoon and evening of this week. This is one of the greatest features of the present season and is attracting tremendous business everywhere. The feature is filmed from the Cyrus Townsend Brady story of the same name which many Decatur county people have read. The feature comes from the same people who furnished the Idle Hour Theatre with the wonderful picture, "Graustark," shown last week. Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady never wrote a more absorbing story than "The Island of Regeneration," and there never was a story written by anyone that offered greater possibilities to film drama. The story is intensely interesting.

A beautiful girl—running away from the unwelcome attentions of the owner of the yacht on which she was a guest—cast upon a tropical island in the Southern Pacific; the sole inhabitant, a man who had lived alone there since early childhood; his only remembrance of language the "Now I lay me" taught him twenty years before by his mother. Imagine what a story could be built upon an idea like this. And by such a master-hand as Cyrus Townsend Brady. The feature is produced in six reels.

A special matinee will be given at 3 o'clock. The first night show will begin at 7 o'clock. The prices at the matinee will be 10 and 15 cents and the prices at night will be 10 and 20 cents.

Old Pioneer Passes Away at Weldon.

J. P. Kline, one of the pioneers of the northern part of the county, passed away Sunday at his home near Weldon. He was near 80 years old. Mr. Kline was at one time the owner of the tract of land on which Weldon now stands, at the time of his death owning a section of land near there. The funeral was held yesterday morning at ten o'clock and interment made in the Greenbay cemetery. Mr. Kline has been prominently connected with the affairs of Weldon and vicinity and the county for many years and he will be greatly missed. The family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. An obituary will be published next week.

Band Concert Programme by Leon K. of P. Band, July 17.

March—"Scotts Special," M. E. Phillips.
Overture—"Sky Pilot," A. M. Laurens.
Ballet—"Flight of the Birds," W. M. Rice.
Razza—"Mazzazza," Arthur Pryor.
Waltzes—"Wedding of the Winds," John T. Hall.
March—"Majestic," F. A. Myers.
A Tone Poem—"Apple Blossoms," K. A. Roberts.
March—"Under the Double Eagle," Wagner.
L. D. Wheeler, Director.

Topped the Cattle Market.

E. Housh had twenty-two head of his good cattle on the Chicago market last Wednesday which topped the market that day and brought him \$10.20 per hundred. The cattle were sold by Capt. T. H. Brown, the well known commission man at the Union Stock Yards, and Mr. Housh is feeling pretty good over the sale.

Christian Church.

Elder Babcock, of Cainesville, will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening, July 18th. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Tuesday night we had another great smoker, Morris Gardner, our local weather observer, reporting a fall of 2.35 inches.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

A. E. Chase and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of the third girl baby at their home, the last one being born Monday morning.

Commencing on Friday of this week the C. B. & Q. will stop using the Rock Island's track from Indianola to Des Moines. Passengers from here will either have to change cars at Indianola or go around by Albia. No reason is given for this action, but we venture the assertion that it will not be very long before the "Q" runs their trains direct to Des Moines again.

A large bridge on the Narrow Gauge south of Pleasanton, was burned last Friday afternoon. No trains went south of Pleasanton until Monday evening. Agent Wall informs us that the new bridge was put in for a standard gauge track. This looks as if something was going to be done, in connection with the fact that a large force of men are at work straightening the track between Osceola and Des Moines.

Willis Mitten died at his home in Leon on July 10th after a lingering illness. He leaves a wife and four small children. His funeral was conducted by the I. O. O. F. lodge, of which he had long been a member.

George T. Young and Thomas Teale have dissolved partnership, Mr. Young retaining the dry goods store and Mr. Teale the clothing store.

Old hens are selling at 5 cents per pound and old roosters at 10 cents each. Spring chickens were 8 cents a pound.

Dr. Foxworthy, of Van Wert, was a Leon visitor Friday.

Miss Grace Albaugh visited over Sunday with friends at Garden Grove.

Miss Allie Willey, of Omaha, Neb., is spending this week with Leon friends.

Horace Farquhar left Tuesday for Indianapolis, Ind., to visit his wife and son a few days.

Mrs. Dora Mills and son, of Des Moines, returned home Saturday after visiting a few days with friends in Leon.

Misses Allie Kellogg and Bell Beers, of Garden Grove, visited with Miss Sue Parrish the latter part of last week.

Henry Lunbeck came in from New York City Monday to spend his summer vacation with his parents in this city.

Mrs. W. P. Nott, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riordan, in this county for a couple of months, returned to her home at Syracuse, Kansas, Monday.

A barn on the farm of Wm. Atha, south of Leon, burned Friday night. The Advent people held services in their new church for the first time last Sunday. The dedication services will not be held for about four weeks yet.

The census returns gave Des Moines a population of over 53,000. Grandma True, of Eden township, died last Friday.

New Court Cases.

O. W. Hood vs. Adam M. Hoy and E. W. Briggs. Plaintiff brings action on a promissory note executed to Lewis Bros., by Adam M. Hoy. Judgment for \$313.10 with interest and costs and foreclosure of mortgage given on real estate in Leroy to secure same is asked. The plaintiff also asks that the lien of defendant E. W. Briggs upon the mortgaged property be decreed junior and inferior to plaintiff's lien thereon. S. H. Amos, attorney for plaintiff.

J. L. Brown vs. J. L. Sink et al. Suit is brought to recover on a promissory note executed by the defendants to the plaintiff in May, 1914. Judgment for \$1,681.60 with interest at 8 per cent from May 11, 1915, and costs is asked together with foreclosure of mortgage on real estate given to secure loan. Varga & Son, attorneys for plaintiff.

O. T. Beavers vs. Alice Ann Beavers et al. Action is brought by heirs of Andrew J. Beavers for division or sale of 70 acres in Woodland Township. A. P. Olsen, attorney for plaintiff.

May Prevent a Bad Accident.

The city council has ordered that a railing be placed on the bank at the curve just over the big Coffin hill south of the depot, which is a dangerous turn, as parties approaching can not see each other until the turn is reached and at least one car that we know of has gone over the bank while others have had very narrow escapes. The railing will be painted white and every driver who passes over the road will approve of the council's action. They have also ordered danger signs painted which will be placed at the street intersection between the residences of J. W. Bowman and James Grandstaff, as the view is obscured by the Grandstaff residence.

Postmasters Salaries Raised.

While a few of the towns in Iowa show decreased earnings in the post-offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, the increases are more numerous and one hundred and twenty-two will receive increases in salary of \$100 yearly. Out of this number to receive an increase in this county is Lamoni. In Iowa there are twenty get decreases of \$100 yearly.

For Sale—Black and white Fox terrier male pup. Inquire at Bell & Painter's Rexall drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kohler Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Kohler were the complimented guests at a beautifully arranged dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bowsher at Hotel Leon at seven o'clock on Friday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler were former residents of Leon, but have been living in Butte, Montana, for a number of years. This is Mr. Kohler's first return visit and they have been the recipients of many social courtesies during their stay, and of many motor trips to places of interest in southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

The guests included the near relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kohler. They were seated at one long table, the length of the dining room, which was profusely decorated with pink and white carnations and ferns. The four course dinner was neatly and capably served by Mr. and Mrs. Port Bowsher, thus adding to the already enviable reputation of this popular hostelry. At its conclusion Mr. James Bowsher announced that seats had been reserved at the Idle Hour Theatre for the company where the popular feature film "Graustark" was being shown. This was indeed a treat, as it is not often that a film is shown here which features so many good actors in one play.

Then in a body the guests repaired to "Linger Longer," the spacious hospitable home of the Bowshers, where the remainder of the evening was devoted to playing "Progressive Grand." Mr. and Mrs. Bowsher are capital entertainers and their beautiful home is always open to their friends, and an invitation there means a period of pleasure at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler left for their home in Butte, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Teale entertained a few friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kohler, Sunday evening.

Contest Closes July 31.

The big California trip contest that G. B. Price, the north side clothier, has been conducting, closes Saturday, July 31. Interest in the contest is now at fever heat and growing warmer each day. Some of the leading contestants have large votes. Those in the country or elsewhere who have coupons that have not been voted are urged to vote them at once in favor of some of the contestants. Following is the standing of those contestants who have over 25,000 votes:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Olive Bright (34,460), Helen Beavers (29,500), Marguerite Daughton (28,340), Marie Grogan (31,750), Ida Hazlet (1,494,300), Marjorie Mullinix (489,795), Rhea Butler (68,500), Irene Stone (63,600), Ruby Harvey (1,700,685), Marcia Wallace (42,280), Lou Sears (368,955), Edna Watsbaugh (454,980), Cleo Hill (72,535), Ardes Woodard (25,220), Lou Record (803,300), Hazel Moore (365,035).

Geo. Gray Gets Jewel Cafe.

Tuesday afternoon Geo. W. Gray became the third owner of the Jewel cafe, within the week. Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Ira Markley purchased the restaurant from W. B. Rook, who has been in the business for the past year, coming here from Des Moines. Mrs. Markley had rearranged the interior a bit and had opened the cafe to the public again on Tuesday. She was assisted by her brother, Geo. W. Franklin, who was manager of Hotel Leon at the time Mrs. Markley owned it. Mr. Rook had expected to take a few weeks vacation as soon as the roads were in condition for auto travel, going to Lenox and Anamosa to visit relatives and to Des Moines for a short visit with his mother, but in the meantime he is helping Mr. Gray get onto the inside workings of the restaurant business. Mr. Rook has not decided what his future course will be nor where he will locate, but says that Leon looks good to him.

Uncle Jack Phipps Elopes Alone.

Bert Phipps is looking for his father, who left home early this morning without saying where he was going. As he was seen on the station platform making his way toward the train which was just about ready to pull out it is supposed that he decided on his way to town to pay a visit to his children in Nebraska. He never can see why he should tell his children just where he is going every time he steps out of the house or why he shouldn't take a railroad journey just whenever he wants to. If a man isn't able to take care of himself at 103 he never will be.—Shenandoah World.

Sorosis Club Enjoys Picnic.

The ladies of the Sorosis Club, with their husbands and guests enjoyed their annual picnic last Thursday evening at the home of J. A. Harris. The club had planned on having their picnic at the Harvey Park but the weather was unfavorable. Tables were prepared on the porch and they had "good eats" in abundance. A genuine good time was had by all present.

Leases Depot Hotel at Humeston.

George Franklin returned Monday noon from Humeston, where he had been completing arrangements to get possession of the depot hotel in that town. Mr. Franklin is a hustler and knows how to run a good hotel. He gets possession of the property August 1st.

E. L. Hutchinson went to Cambria yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother, W. L. The store will be closed today from 11 to 2.