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LOSE A RURAL ROUTE

Leon Route No. 4, Ordered Discontinued October 16th. Patrons are Put on Other Routes.

For some unknown reason the postoffice department at Washington has ordered a big change in the rural route service out of the Leon postoffice, the change resulting in the discontinuance of the Leon rural route, No. 4, the patrons on this route, one of the best out of Leon, being transferred mostly to Weldon and Van Wert, and 31 boxes located on Leon No. 1, and 10 boxes on No. 1 are transferred to Weldon No. 1. The change will be one which will not be appreciated by the patrons, and it removes 68 mail boxes from the patronage of the Leon postoffice, which will materially reduce the receipts of the Leon postoffice, and will go a long way toward keeping the Leon postoffice in the list of third class offices just when the office had hopes of getting into the second class list.

Everett Waters, the carrier on route No. 1, has his route lengthened so that it will be 2 1/2 miles long, and he will serve the patrons on the present No. 4, who are not transferred to Van Wert or Weldon. Glen Rumley, who is carrier on route No. 4, is transferred to route No. 2, and C. R. Turner, the carrier on route No. 2, is not provided for, but will probably be transferred to some other office in another part of the state, this being the custom which has been followed at other places. After Oct. 16th, the present route No. 5 will be known as route No. 4, and Carl Reynolds, who is now carrier on route No. 5, will be the carrier on the new No. 4.

The following is a list of the boxes which are transferred by the new order:

- From Leon No. 1 to Van Wert No. 1: Frank Binning, Geo. Black, E. J. Blair, H. J. Blair, Wilbur P. Blair, I. S. Corbale, J. W. Downey, S. E. Easter, S. C. Fierce, Don Hacker, L. P. Hastings, Ralph Hoadley, Lyda Keller, W. H. McJinsey, O. C. McClintock, H. D. Overton, etc.

Why Is This Law Not Enforced?

The Iowa law in regard to the registration and regulation of motor vehicles contains the following section, which is openly violated every day in Leon, and many people have asked why the officials do not enforce this law the same as any other law regarding motor vehicles.

Third Iowa Cavalry Held Reunion at Farmington Last Week.

The Third Iowa Cavalry held their annual reunion at Farmington on Thursday and Friday of last week, and about one hundred and fifty old soldiers were in attendance, but many of them were not members of the old Third. Only four survivors of this regiment live at Farmington, but a number of the old boys live at Leon, but on account of the distance and poor railroad connections, none of the Leon veterans attended. The reunion next year will be held at Centerville.

Bought Fine Residence Lots.

The two fine building lots formerly owned by R. A. Sigler on south Main street, just south of the old Sigler homestead, were sold Monday to Orel Estes and Elmer Harris, Mr. Estes taking the north lot and Mr. Harris the south one, and both of them are planning on erecting fine residences on the property the coming year. They have secured two of the most desirable locations in the city.

Don't fail to attend the Harvest Home dinner at Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, Oct. 5th.

THE BEDFORD CASE AGAIN.

Attorneys Say Gold Chest Located in Well.

Another surprise will be sprung in the Bedford case is the promise of W. W. Bullman, attorney who was interested in the famous gold chest case in which John Damewood of Shenandoah, and Henry Damewood of College Springs, were acquitted with two other pioneer citizens. A Council Bluffs dispatch says: "Attorney W. W. Bullman, of Chariton, blew into Omaha last night and there told a sensational story of new evidence he has discovered in the so-called Bedford murder treasure mystery. He said he was on his way to Colorado to secure the testimony of a man who will enable him to reopen the case. 'Bullman claims to have located the well into which a wooden bucket containing \$12,000 of the stolen treasure was lowered, the bottom later rotting out and leaving the gold. He says he is having a special machine made with which he will recover this gold electrically. 'I will soon begin grappling for it,' Bullman said, 'and it will be an important chain in the evidence. The well is near the Klondike farm. Very soon there will be another surprising move in the case.'"

Judge Evans Decides Paving Cases.

At the last term of court held in this city by Judge H. K. Evans, the case of J. F. Cesler vs. City of Leon, was tried and taken under advisement. Mr. Cesler appealed from the paving assessments made by the city council against lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of block 20, being the block just east of the electric light plant, claiming the assessments were excessive and the property would not stand for it. Judge Evans has filed his opinion in the case, making a net reduction in Mr. Cesler's assessment of \$140.19. On some of the lots he allowed the assessment to stand and on others he reduced it, as follows: Lot 1, assessed at \$157.03, sustained. Lot 2, assessed at \$157.03, sustained. Lot 3, assessed at \$122.03, reduced to \$48.82. Lot 4, assessed at \$145.58, reduced to \$109.18. Lot 5, assessed at \$180.58, reduced to \$150.00. Lot 6, assessed at \$180.58, sustained.

Improvements at Idle Hour Theatre.

The management of the popular Idle Hour theatre has placed an order for new opera chairs which are expected the coming week, to replace the small folding chairs which have been in use. The new chairs will be big and comfortable and it will be an improvement which will be appreciated by their patrons. The entire theatre will also be newly decorated and painted, and when the improvements are completed it will be one of the finest little theatres in the state. The past week the front of the theatre has been adorned with some big brass frames in which the lithographs are displayed.

Important Commercial Club Meeting.

The Commercial Club has its regular meeting on Friday night, Oct. 1st, and there are numerous important matters to come before the club at this time. Among other matters to come up at this meeting will be Chautauqua for next year, additional land for the cemetery, the matter of a new post office and freight depot and the question of contracts for additional paving.

Corn Picnic Postponed Until Saturday, October 9th.

There was great disappointment when the heavy rain of last Saturday caused the postponement of the Corn Jubilee Picnic to be held at the Davis woods northwest of Garden Grove, as many people from all parts of the county had planned to attend, but the weather could hardly have been worse. The committee in charge of the picnic postponed it for two weeks, and it will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th. A new program is now being prepared and will be published next week.

Self Pumping Tires.

An ingenious solution of the problem of the roadside repair of tires has been reached by a British inventor. The device is a kind of rotary pump, and when this is attached to the hub each revolution of the wheel forces air into the tire. In an official test by the Royal Automobile Club, a tire punctured in five places was kept full and hard so long as the running of the car was kept up.

"The Goddess" Tonight.

Chapter ten of the feature serial, "The Goddess," will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre this evening, the first show commencing promptly at 7 o'clock, and the regular 5 cent afternoon matinee will be given at 3 o'clock. "The Goddess" is pleasing everybody.

Corn Sold for \$27.50 per Acre in the Field.

At the public sale of Miller & Longacre, at their farm four miles southwest of Garden Grove last week their corn brought \$27.50 per acre in the field. That's not bad for a year when many claimed there would be no good corn.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Illioikoto District Conference of the Brethren Church Convened at Leon for Four Day Session.

The Illioikoto District Conference of the Brethren Church convened at the new Brethren church in Leon today for a four day session, and in the neighborhood of one hundred delegates are expected from Illinois and Iowa. Rev. W. H. Beachler, of Waterloo, will preside as moderator and Rev. G. L. Maus, of Dallas Center, is secretary. The Leon Brethren church is one of the finest churches in the state, and Rev. G. T. Ronk, the local pastor and many of his congregation have been working like beavers the past ten days, completing the basement of the church, and making arrangements to care for the visitors who will be in attendance. Our citizens have responded liberally in providing sleeping accommodations for the delegate, and Rev. Ronk informs us that more than enough places



MODERATOR W. H. BEACHLER, of Waterloo.

have been provided. All of the delegates will be served with all meals in the basement of the church by the local ladies. The conference sessions will be very interesting not only to the church members but to the general public. Speakers of national reputation will be in attendance, and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend the sessions of the conference.

The following is the official program of the conference:

- THURSDAY EVENING: 7:15—Praise service. 7:30—Devotional. B. T. Burnworth. 7:40—Message of Greeting. G. T. Ronk. 7:45—Three minute responses: Livengood, Burnworth, Deeter, Maus. 8:00—How to Make Christian Endeavor a Real Asset in the Local Congregation. C. M. Pierce. 8:20—Moderator's sermon. FRIDAY MORNING: 9:00—Praise Service. 9:15—Devotional. Z. T. Livengood. 9:25—Conference organization. 10:30—Sunday school period: (a) Report of district president. 20 minutes. (b) Ten minute reports from department superintendents—Elementary, Secondary, Adult, Home, Missionary and teacher Training. 12:00—Announcements and adjournment. FRIDAY AFTERNOON: S. C. E. Session: 1:45—Praise service. 2:00—Devotional. Mrs. C. M. Pierce. 2:10—Presentation of National, District and Local Goals. District President. 2:35—Our Reading Course. Mrs. S. P. Hoover. 2:50—"Daybreak in the Dark Continent." Mrs. W. H. Beachler. 3:05—General discussion of theme—Methods of Increasing Our Usefulness, to be led by Mrs. S. C. Henderson. 3:30 to 4:30—Sisterhood hour, in charge of Mrs. G. T. Ronk. 3:30 to 4:30—Session of Illioikoto Ministerium. FRIDAY EVENING: 7:15—Praise service. 7:30—Devotional. J. A. Meyers. 7:40—C. E. Echoes from National Conference. G. L. Maus. 8:00—C. E. as a Factor in Training for Service. C. E. Bickley. 8:20—Sermon. S. C. Henderson. 9:00—Reception to young people. SATURDAY MORNING: 9:00—Praise service. 9:15—Devotional. W. R. Deeter. 8:25 to 10:30—Our Mission Interests: (a) Report of president. (b) Report of secretary. (c) Report of treasurer. (d) Report from Missionaries. 10:30—Enlistment of Laymen in the Work of Missions. Dr. W. D. Furry. 11:00—Illioikoto and Our Superannuated Ministers. Z. T. Livengood. 11:30—Importance of Holding Local Congregations True to the Work of Evangelism. G. T. Ronk. 12:00—Adjournment. SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 1:45—Praise service. 2:00—Devotional. C. E. Bickley. 2:10—Our Educational Interests. Dr. W. D. Furry. 3:00—Our Publishing Interests. Dr. R. R. Teeter. 3:50—Unfinished business. 4:30—Announcements and Adjournment. Saturday evening, Communion service. SUNDAY MORNING: 9:45—Sunday school session in charge of Leon Brethren. 11:00—Sermon. Dr. W. D. Furry. SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 2:00 to 3:00—S. C. E. will have charge, carrying out the following program: Solo—Hindoo Child-Widow. Talk—The Dark Continent, exhibiting curios, Mrs. G. L. Maus. Recitation—So Much to Do at Home. Reading—Have You Known It All This Time and Never Told Us? 3:00 to 4:30—Sunday school session. 3:00—Fundamental Problem of our Sunday school and how to solve it. S. C. Henderson. 3:20—When is a Sunday school a success? W. R. Deeter. 3:40—Our Illioikoto schools and our National Standards of Excellence. District President. 4:00—General Round Table conducted by W. H. Beachler. 4:30—Adjournment. 7:00—C. E. session in charge of Leon Brethren. 8:00—Sermon. Dr. R. R. Teeter. Otis Green Refused Parole.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Emigrant wagons are passing through Leon almost daily going east, which reminds us of a few years ago when they were all going west with "Kansas or Bust" as their motto. Many of them now passing through Leon look as if they had "busted." Last Friday Wm. Perdue, who had been working for J. W. Honnold on his farm, went home about noon, and helped his wife with a washing. He then picked up his shot gun and remarked that he would go out hunting a little while, but would be back in time to bring up the cows. He then left, and has not returned as yet. He left Mr. Honnold's team standing with the harness on, and did not intimate to any one that he intended leaving. His wife is at a loss to account for his strange absence, as everything was pleasant at home when he left. It is reported that he was seen near Van Wert, but whether the report is authentic we are unable to state. Mr. Freeland Bobbitt and Miss Etta Bright were married at the residence of the bride's father, Sunday morning, Sept. 28th, by Rev. W. E. Jones. While going down the cellar stairs last Friday Mrs. S. W. Hurst had the misfortune to fall and break one of the bones in her ankle. Mr. and Mrs. Will Lorey are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy baby at their home last Saturday. Miss Lulu Craig is at Ottumwa visiting friends and attending the Cool Palace. Charles Hoffines, from western Nebraska, is visiting at the home of J. Hoffines. Mrs. R. A. Rush arrived from Halsey, Neb., last Friday, and will make her home in Leon. Abner Burns and wife are visiting with relatives at Cainesville, Mo. R. W. McConn was called to Ft. Madison last Saturday by the serious illness of his father. O. L. Ellinwood, Nate Craig and Gus Blomberg went to Ottumwa today to attend a big K. of P. meeting. Mrs. E. M. Sanford and children departed Monday for Des Moines, where they will make their home the coming winter. T. H. Winn, who lived in Leon away back in 1853, being the business partner of J. N. Clark, was re-joining acquaintances in Leon this week. Mr. Winn is now living at Leavenworth, Kansas, and is highly pleased with the appearance of Leon, although it does not resemble the town when he resided here very much. Capt. E. H. Alexander and his daughter, Mrs. Lena Houston, of Hastings, Neb., were visiting with relatives and friends at High Point. S. C. Jennings, the Grand River merchant, has sold his stock of goods to James H. Garrett.

New Court Cases.

Bowsher & Bowsher vs. A. L. Bishop and Pearl Bishop. Plaintiffs secured a judgment before A. R. Warford, justice of the peace, on a note for \$148.85, and have filed a transcript of the judgment. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiffs. Florence Haynes vs. Roy Haynes. The parties were married at Leon, Oct. 10, 1909, and lived together until Sept. 16, 1915. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of adultery and that she be awarded the custody of their two minor children. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff. R. A. Haynes vs. Archie Haynes. The plaintiff is a son of the defendant, who since 1892 or 1893 has absented himself and concealed his whereabouts from his family. Plaintiff asks for a decree declaring his father legally dead, so that his estate may be administered upon. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

Gold Found in Harrison County, Missouri.

People of Blue Ridge and vicinity are all excited over the discovery of gold in their midst. While digging a well on his farm Leonard Archer, living 2 1/2 miles east of Blue Ridge, at a depth of 20 feet found a good sized nugget and a large vein of sand containing flake gold. It is said that the jeweler at Gilman says it is gold and specimens have been sent to Columbia for test. Report is that Mr. Archer has been offered \$200 per acre for his land.—Bethany Clipper.

Is Making Good in New York.

Dr. Crittenden Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ross, of south of Leon, who graduated from the veterinary college at the state college at Ames, a couple of years ago, being selected from the class by the leading New York veterinary as his assistant, has recently been appointed an inspector in the health department of New York City, which is a pretty good job and will not interfere with his regular veterinary practice.

What Do You Think of This?

Last Saturday one of Leon's well known citizens celebrated his 77th birthday, and did something he had never done before in all his life, smoked a cigarette, and then calmly blew the smoke in the face of another Leon citizen, 85 years old, who was very much disgusted with him. We won't tell you his name, but everybody in Leon knows him.

Advertise Your Sale.

If you are going to have a public sale this fall, you should not fail to advertise it in The Leon Reporter. This paper is recognized as the paper which carries more sale advertising than any other paper in this part of Iowa, and people look to it for information in regard to public sales. We print you good clear bills too.

A BLUE RIBBON FEATURE.

"The Juggernaut" with Earle Williams and Anita Stewart in Leading Roles, Next Monday.

The Idle Hour theatre has announced a Blue Ribbon special feature play for next Monday, and you know how good Blue Ribbon features are. In "The Juggernaut," Earle Williams and Anita Stewart, who are now appearing in "The Goddess," take the leading roles. It is a thrilling modern railway drama, the girl in the case rushing in a railway train toward a bridge which cannot stand its weight, and her two lovers madly racing to the scene, one in an auto and the other in a powerful motor boat. The train crashes through the bridge, the big coaches crumple like cardboard before your eyes and pile themselves up on the wreck—their passengers floundering and struggling in the debris. Again you see the girl—again her father. The car of Juggernaut rolls on. But who are the victims? Come and see this tremendous spectacle. It comes direct from the Vitagraph theatre in New York. This is one of the best feature plays of the season. The regular 3 o'clock matinee will be given, prices 10 and 15 cents. The first show starts at 7 o'clock, and prices are 10 and 20 cents.

Aged Pioneer Dies.

Last week Decatur county lost one of its oldest citizens as well as one of its pioneers. Larken McDaniel was born in West Virginia, Sept. 22, 1823. He died at the home of A. T. Weldon, near Davis City, Sept. 20, 1915. With his father and mother he moved to northern Missouri in the year 1837. The next year they moved east of Torre Haute, Iowa. In the year 1853 he moved with his parents to Oregon and while there his occupation was that of a miller and farmer. He returned to Iowa in 1882 and for the larger part of the time made his home with A. T. Weldon west of Decatur City, and moved with him to the new home near Davis City, where he died.

Princeton Farmer Convicted of Second Degree Murder Charge and Sentenced.

Princeton, Mo.—Sept. 25.—Clayton Hill, a 24 year old farmer, was found guilty of second degree murder here today for the killing of his wife last February. He was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Hill's defense was that the killing was justified. He said he had heard rumors concerning his 20 year old spouse. One Sunday night, according to the testimony, he left his wife, dressing to go to church, and went out for a walk. Returning, he found the doors of his house locked. When he was admitted he discovered the kitchen door ajar and assumed a visitor had fled. Hill testified he upbraided his wife and she took a razor from a drawer. At the same time he seized a revolver and fired four shots. Then he took the razor from his wife's hand and slashed his own throat. A 7-month old baby slept through the tragedy.

A Narrow Escape.

C. S. Humeston and Louis Traupel had a narrow escape from fatal injury when the former's car was struck by an engine of a freight train at the Burlington depot yesterday morning. Mr. Humeston had his left hand badly smashed and a bone broken. Mr. Traupel escaped without injury. The Ford car was badly damaged. Mr. Humeston had been to the station on business and was backing away and did not notice the approaching train as his view was obstructed by a freight car. He quickly turned his car and set the emergency brake. The engineer stopped his engine as quickly as possible. Onlookers expected to see the gentlemen severely injured.—Humeston New-Era.

Post No Bills.

The manager of a show that gave a performance at Galva, in Ida county, learned of an Iowa law which may not be known to many Iowans. It forbids the pasting of advertising matter on concrete bridges. The advertising man had spied that new bridge and found it an excellent place for pasting a few posters calling attention to the show. As the sheriff was convinced that there had been no intent to defy the law of the state, he was satisfied when the manager proceeded to that bridge with a bucket of hot water and removed every bit of the artistic work which the man with the paste can had no doubt viewed with pride.

What Crop Biggest Ever.

The wheat harvest of the United States will be 90,000,000 bushels bigger than any ever raised before. It promises to fall just short of the billion mark. Wheat to the amount of 400,000,000 bushels will form the probable exporting surplus of the United States crop this year.

Shipped a Fine Calf.

W. H. Hazlet, the well known breeder of Red Poll cattle in Eden township, on Monday shipped a yearling bull calf to Auld Bros., at Frankfort, Kansas. The youngster weighed 1250 pounds, which is not bad for a yearling and good judges who saw the calf say he is one of the best they ever saw.

Mrs. Uria Perkins, while visiting at the home of Art Martindale, last Thursday, fell down a flight of stairs and broke two of her ribs.

Marriage Licenses.

- Wm. H. Acton, Grand River.26
- Minerva Foster, Grand River.26
- Kline Cress, Grand River.21
- Ethel M. Bridger, Decatur.19
- Charles B. Mirgon, Ridgeway, Mo.24
- Goldie O. Eaton, Ridgeway, Mo.19
- Arthur R. Baker, Grand River.21
- Margaret Brenneman, Grand River.20
- Fred Thompson, Davis City.20
- Mary Parsons, Leon.18