

206-ACRE FARM AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

I will sell at public auction, my farm consisting of 206 acres, located 1 1/2 miles north of Van Wert, Iowa, and 4 miles west of Weldon, Iowa, commencing at 11 a. m., on

Saturday, Dec. 11, 1915

DESCRIPTION OF FARM

The farm is located in the northwest quarter and the northwest one-fourth of the southwest quarter of section one, in Long Creek township, Decatur county, Iowa. A good large five room house with closets; a new 32x40 barn, room for twelve head of horses and thirty-five tons of hay, and two large grain bins, good chicken house, four room old house on north eighty and other outbuildings; a good cistern and a good well at the house and a good stock well in the pasture, orchard, fence in good repair—420 rods of the line fence hog tight. The farm all lies together in one piece, land lies gently rolling about twenty acres of timber in the pasture and the soil is black loam. There is 160 acres of good farming land and more can be farmed. This farm is the best located stock farm in the country, only about ten miles of Osceola, Iowa, which is on the main line of the C. B. & Q. R. R., and only one and a half miles of Van Wert, a good town, it being a town with two railroads. This farm is on the main traveled road, mail route, on telephone line and telephone in house, one and one-half miles of town school.

Be sure and attend this sale as the farm will sell December 11.

Terms—\$1000 on day of sale, \$1000 March 1, 1916, when possession will be given, \$1500 March 1, 1917, \$1700 November 1, 1917, and the balance to be paid March 1, 1918.

To accommodate those coming from a distance we will meet all trains the forenoon of December 11th.

SALE WILL BE HELD ON THE PREMISES
This farm will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder.

F. E. MIARS,

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REPORTER FOR SALE BILLS.

DECEMBER WEATHER.

Hicks Says There Will Be Numerous Storms This Month.

The first regular storm period is central on the 3rd, its disturbing forces lasting from 1st to the 6th, inclusive.

Disturbing causes and what to look for—The Mercury period projects at least half way through the regular Vulcan period. The Mars period, is, of course, continued in full strength. The Moon is in conjunction with Earth and Sun, and also in perigee on the 6th. Threatening, Mercurial conditions, will most likely, last throughout this period. The barometer will give low readings, and drizzling, winter rain, turning northward to persistent snow and sleet, will characterize this period. The new moon in perigee on the 7th, will tend to a prolongation of such weather, holding barometric pressure below the normal, and keeping back barometrical change until after that date. A sudden and intense cold wave is now probable, attended by blizzards, puffs of wind and snow, immediately on the heels of this storm center. The cold, clearing weather, with high barometer and northwest gales, will pass from the west from about the 6th, passing central, and reaching eastern sections progressively on the 7th, 8th and 9th. Unless modified by the Mars influences—a thing all careful observers will understand by this time—we will experience some royally cold weather at the closing, and for several days following this period.

The first reactionary storm period is central on and touching the 9th and 10th. The December solstice period will make itself felt at this time, and boreal storms of wind and snow will begin to rush out of the polar regions "in good shape." From this period, to the end of December, and into January, 1916, look for marked winter storms and weather. The Venus period, as shown by the December storm diagram, will add its strength to the mid-winter turmoil. Navigators on both the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, who fail to anticipate and prepare for buffeting, mid-winter storms and tempests and cold, will suffer loss of ship and cargo and life. Let the mariners and their managers make a note of this warning, and make their calculations accordingly—will they?

The second regular storm period conjoins its center with that of the earth's winter solstice period on the 15th. It extends from about the 11th to the 18th, inclusive.

Disturbing causes and what to look for—About this time the Earth's north pole, and hence its northern hemisphere, is turned at widest angle away from the Sun and into frigid outer space. The south pole and its hemisphere is at the opposite storm and weather breeding position, in its relation to the Sun and the influences that lie outside the Solar system. We are now "up against" the combined influences of Mars, Venus, winter solstice and Vulcan. The Moon is at first quarter and on the celestial equator on the 13th. Putting all these facts together, we figure that phenomenal results, in the way of storm and weather, will pass across this continent, beginning in the west about the 13th, and reaching the Atlantic coast and ocean about the 17th to 18th. Your barometer, the clouds, the wind currents, along with the exercise of common sense, will show you within a few hours when the storm trains will reach your station. You, of course, will not wait until you hear the blasts of nature's whistle and blizzard and thunder, before you think of such matters as fuel and food and shelter for yourself, your family, and your dependent helpless live stock. There are, too, some worthy, unfortunate souls, whom you know, that ought to share in your superior forethought, and your more abundant blessings. God Himself will add to your comfort and store, if you remember your needy neighbor.

The second reactionary storm period is central on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. These are critical days, at the turning crisis of the winter solstice. The Venus period is nearing its center, the Mars influence still holds, and the Moon is in opposition to Earth and Sun on the 21st—the shortest day of the year. On and touching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th, 21st and 22nd, a storm center, one or more, will pass from west to east across the country. This means—a low and falling barometer, increase in temperature, cloudiness and rain and snow. Each day the actual storm areas will advance further eastward, with rising barometer, change to colder and clearing weather following from the west. The indications are that much stormy weather, with severe cold, and heavy general storms, will result at this time, and through all the central and latter parts of the month.

The third regular-storm period is central on the 26th, extending from the 24th to the 29th inclusive.

Disturbing causes and what to look for—added to this regular Vulcan period, the Venus period is central on the 28th, the Moon is on the celestial equator on the 27th and at last quarter on the 29th. The Mars period will be closing about this time. The barometer will give notice in all western sections by the 24th to 25th, of growing storm conditions, and from about Saturday the 25th, to Tuesday the 28th, marked and intensive midwinter storms will visit all sections of the country in their progressive way eastward. On and about the 27th these storms will be attended with winter lightning and thunder, specially in southern sections. High gales, with winter tornadoes southward, would not be altogether surprising at the crisis of this period. On the western and northwestern tangents of these storms the barometer will rise rapidly, and fierce winter gales and blizzards will supplant tropical storms of rain, so that by the close of the period, high barometer, blizzards and change to very cold, will have traversed the country to the Atlantic seaboard. Such to our mind is the outlook for the closing week of 1915. Those of our readers who note this prediction, and make their calculations accordingly, will most likely have occasion to congratulate themselves—and us.

Letter From John W. Schaeffer, an Old Time Resident of Leon.

We have received the following letter from John W. Schaeffer, of Retsil, Washington, an old time resident of Leon, who will be remembered by some of our older citizens, and especially by the boys of Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cavalry, of which company he was a member. It has been 47 years since Mr. Schaeffer left Leon, but he still has a warm interest in Leon. Mr. Schaeffer is now 82 years of age, and is blind in one eye, on account of a cataract. He resides at Retsil, which is 14 miles west of Seattle, opposite the U. S. navy yard, and adjoining Port Orchard, the county seat of Kitsap county:

Retsil P. O., Kitsap county, Wash. November, 1915.

Editor Reporter:—An old time army friend wrote to me lately inquiring about this Puget Sound country and more particularly about the Washington state veterans home and how we were treated and if the old soldiers were satisfied as a general thing with the way the home was conducted. I would say that so far as I am concerned I am satisfied and would say that from my knowledge ninety-nine per cent of the veterans here are satisfied with their treatment and think themselves lucky to be an inmate of the home. There are other veterans in the state who have applications in to come here and become inmates, but owing to the lack of room cannot get in. I have it from good authority that additional buildings will be built in the near future to accommodate all who are entitled to come in and who have been residents of the state of Washington for one year or more. The climate here is considered ideal by those who have been here two years or more. Last winter ice here did not get more than half an inch thick only on a few mornings and ground only frozen a couple of inches deep.

There is a rainy season here commencing sometime in the latter part of October and lasting through November and December and occasionally some snow in January and February, but does not last long, melts off. As a general thing people here say they would rather have rain than snow as the rain would soon run off and then it would be pleasant again. I would say that the old civil war veterans here are having a good time in their old age, nothing to do only to enjoy themselves and take things easy.

The state of Washington furnishes good buildings, furnished with all necessary furniture, heaters, beds and every thing else for the comfort of the inmates of the home.

Also has a large steam laundry and does the washing for all the inmates of the home. The home is lighted by electricity as well as heated by oil that is used to make steam and as for grub, we have the best the country affords and no complaints as we have as good as the majority of the Seattle hotels. If we want to go off to visit or travel we can get a furlough from two days to six months and transportation on the railroads at half rates and steamer rates at one-third off. There is a large hospital where, if anyone gets sick or disabled they can go, or be taken and cared for free of any charge, and if your time comes to go to the bourne from which none return your body will be buried in the home cemetery in due military form and a nice stone planted at the head of the grave, giving name, age, regiment, rank and record.

John W. Schaeffer,
Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cavalry.

An Author Lives in Lamoni.

J. P. Buschlen, who is the author of four Canadian novels, as well as other matter, is living in Lamoni for the present. He came here in August, and since then has had two plays, "The Pleasures of the World," and "Traunts," published by the Herald Publishing House. The first of these is a bright discussion of the "pleasure question," which seems to worry so many people. It "goes after" a lot of old time prejudices in quite a lively way, and makes one think.

Mr. Buschlen, however, does not write under his real name any more. He says it is too hard for people to remember, so he has adopted the pen name of "John Preston," and expects to adhere to it.

You will shortly see a novel of his appear in Lamoni. The name of this book is "Peter Bosten," and it is written around Latter Day Saint characters and ideals. The story starts in Independence, Mo., and ends in Lamoni, Iowa.

The play, "The Pleasures of the World," may be produced here this winter by a home-talent company.—Lamoni Chronicle.

St. Louis Republic's Free Offer.

The Twice-a-Week Republic of St. Louis is offering to send its paper free for the balance of 1915 to all who send 50 cents for one year's subscription or \$1 for 3 years' subscription. In other words, to all who send 50 cents, they will send the paper until December 31, 1916. To all those sending \$1, they will send the paper until December 31, 1918.

The sooner the money is sent, the more you will get for your money. Send your money today, addressing it to the Twice-a-Week Republic, St. Louis, Mo.

Notice of Appointment of Administratrix.

In the District Court of the state of Iowa, in and for Decatur county. In Probate.

In the matter of the estate of L. J. Landis, deceased.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as administratrix of the estate of L. J. Landis, late of Decatur county, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 1915.

Rose D. Landis, 14-3t Administratrix of said estate.

California Second in Money Spent on Roads.

A bulletin just issued by the department of agriculture, division of public roads and rural engineering, shows that there was expended on roads in the United States during the year 1914, \$249,055,067. Of this sum \$75,919,984 was expended by the states themselves through their state highway departments; the remainder, \$174,035,083, was from the local county district funds. New York state expended the greatest amount of money expended during the year,

\$29,890,473; California was second with \$14,670,614; Indiana third with \$13,258,761. Three other states, Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania spent more than \$10,000,000.

The department of public roads has compiled, also, statistics to show the total amount of money expended through the various state highway departments since their organization. This total sum is \$211,859,163. New York state alone has spent \$82,638,729; Pennsylvania \$24,259,344; Massachusetts \$16,365,425; Maryland \$14,253,142; Connecticut \$14,334,176. There was available for

road work by the state highway commissions at the beginning of 1915 a total of \$54,884,007.

The New York state highway commission had the greatest amount of money available for state work, \$15,000,000; California state highway commission was second with \$7,000,000; and Pennsylvania third with \$5,000,000.

For Sale—One of the most desirable residence lots in northwest Leon. Will be sold at a very low price. See F. S. Stewart at the Big Furniture and Rug Store.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

Having sold my farm and going to move away, I will hold a closing out sale at the farm, better known as the Billy Fields farm, 3 1/2 miles north and 2 miles east of Leon, 1 1/2 miles east of Crown, 7 miles southwest of Garden Grove, on the Leon and Garden Grove road, on

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1915

Commencing at 10 o'clock sharp, the following property, to-wit:

139 Head of Live Stock.

12 Head of Horses and Mules



Consisting of brown mare 9 years old with colt by side, weight 1800; 8 year old horse, weight 1200; 4 year old mare, weight 1000; 9 year old standard bred mare, weight 1000, has a mark of 2:22 1/2; span of matched black two year old colts, horse and mare, weight 2600; yearling colt; suckling draft mare colt; Shetland suckling colt; suckling mare mule colt, extra large, a good one; high grade dapple gray Percheron stallion, 8 years old, weight 1800, a good breeder, broke to work and fully guaranteed in every way. He is a good one sure.

65 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 15 head of good milch cows, 4 two year old heifers, 3 yearling heifers, 20 yearling steers, 20 spring calves, Short-Horn bull calf, Hereford bull calf, two year old Short-Horn bull. All high grade Durham, Short-Horn and Hereford native cattle.

62 Head of Hogs

Consistign of 4 brood sows, two have pigs by side; yearling Poland Ch nabo ar, weight 200; 2 Chester White boars, can be registered, weight 130; 55 spring shoats weighing about 130 pounds.

1200 bushels Reid's Yellow Dent corn, 10 or 15 bushels seed corn, 20 tons hay in barn, 25 to 30 tons hay in stack, 40 acres stalk pasture, 50 white oak and 50 hedge fence posts 6 1/2 foot, 25 corner posts 8 foot, 1500 feet 2 inch 10 and 12 foot white oak lumber.

FARM IMPLEMENTS:—McCormick binder 6 1/2 foot, 12 foot harrow, John Deere manure spreader, Deere hay loader, Deering 6 foot mower, John Deere 12 foot hay rack, corn weeder, sulky plow, 16 inch walking plow, two riding cultivators, 16 roller disc, John Deere No. 99 corn planter, roller bearing wagon, low down wagon, oscillator bob sled, buggy, roadwagon, two sets of 1 1/2 inch harness, set of 1 1/2 inch harness, set of double buggy harness, refrigerator, and all kinds of small tools. This machinery is all practically new and will be sold promptly at 11 o'clock.

Lunch by George Roberts.

TERMS—A credit of 9 months will be given on all sums over \$10, purchaser giving note with approved security drawing 6 per cent interest from date if paid when due, otherwise to draw 8 per cent. 2 per cent discount on sums over \$10 if paid in cash on day of sale. No property to be removed from the premises until settled for.

A. F. PLACE.

McMains & Hasbrouck, Auctioneers.

Fred Teale, Clerk

Closing Out Sale

I will sell at public sale at my farm one and one-fourth miles south and one-fourth mile west of passenger depot, Leon, Iowa.

Tuesday, December 7th

COMMENCING AT TEN O'CLOCK SHARP, THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

Will Sell My Farm of 37 ACRES on Day of Sale

This farm is located within one-fourth mile of good public school, one and one-half miles from county seat of Decatur county, has twelve acres of good river bottom land, balance of farm gently rolling, all extra good farm land. Nearly new 4-room house, new barn, 24x26, good hen house. Forty year fruit trees and other small fruit, good hog pasture and lot fence, all fenced and cross fenced and one of the best wells in the county. This will make an ideal home for someone wanting a small farm close to town. Terms, \$500 cash on day of sale; balance, March 1st, 1916.

2 Head of Horses 2

One mare, eleven years old—weight, 1400 pounds; one three-year-old filly.

3 Extra Good Milch Cows 3

10 Head of Hogs 10

Consisting of two Poland China brood sows; six shoats weighing from 100 to 125 pounds; two spring Poland China boars.

Hay, Grain and Implements

THREE DOZEN CHICKENS, 45 SHOCKS OF CORN, SEVEN TONS OF HAY IN BARN. One McCormick mower, one Case riding cultivator, one John Deere walking cultivator, one corn planter, one Charter Oak wagon, two 14-inch plows, one harrow, one set single harness, one set one and one-half inch work harness, one four foot water tank, 2,000 brick, four steel chicken coops, and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under cash in hand. On all sums over \$10 a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security drawing 6 per cent interest from date if paid when due; 8 per cent from date if not paid when due. A discount of 2 per cent will be given for cash on credit sums. No property to be removed until settled for.

MILT MANCHESTER & ROY HALL, Auctioneers.

CLERK from Exchange National Bank.

LUNCH ON GROUNDS.

Frank Sales