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AUTO TURNED TURTLE

Samuel Alva West, of near Grand River, fatally injured in auto accident last Thursday.

Samuel A. West, a young farmer about thirty years of age, was fatally injured when his Ford auto went into the ditch near the farm of Alex Ramsey, about five miles northeast of Grand River last Thursday morning, receiving injuries which caused his death about 4 o'clock the same evening.

Samuel Alva West, son of J. A. and Ellen West, was born near Grand River, Iowa, September 6, 1886, and died December 30, 1915, aged 29 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Money Wolf Got His Meat

Last Friday night J. A. Keeran, who lives on Route No. 2, had an unusual experience with a hungry wolf. Mr. Keeran recently butchered a big hog and was keeping the meat in a barrel outside the house over which was placed a galvanized tub as a cover.

Paid \$28,500 for a Decatur County Farm.

T. U. McCrystal, of Des Moines, who formerly resided near Decatur City has purchased the 285 acre farm northwest of Leon known as the George T. Ogilvie farm from Charles H. Richardson, of Brush, Colorado, at \$100 per acre.

Boxing Match Was Stopped.

The boxing match which was scheduled to be pulled off at the opera house on last Wednesday evening did not take place, as county attorney Geo. W. Baker stepped in and informed the promoters that it was contrary to law and would not be permitted.

Omitted From Franklin Township Taxpayers.

By an oversight the following names were omitted from the list of taxpayers in Franklin township as published last week.

A BIG SALE ON.

M. F. Grimes Will Buy Interest of Kraft in Kraft-Grimes Clothing Store.

The Kraft-Grimes clothing store in this city has been closed this week making preparations for a big sale which opens today. Mr. M. F. Grimes who has just purchased the interest of I. N. Beard in the Leon store, has contracted to buy the interest of George Kraft on February 1st, and in order to raise money to close up the deal is inaugurating a big money raising sale, the entire stock having been turned over to the T. K. Kelley Sales and Adjustment Co., of Minneapolis and Chicago, who have orders to dispose of the stock at any price in order to raise money.

Enjoying Themselves in California.

Among the new names added this week to our list of couples who have been married fifty years or more appear the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cherry, of Leroy, who report from Los Angeles, California, where they are spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Ida Cherry Searcy. While there they celebrated their golden wedding, all of their children being present except one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Heaton and her family, of Garden Grove.

Buying More Decatur County Land.

Clarence Hayes, of Anita, Iowa, who already owned more than eight hundred acres of Decatur county land, added another 100 acres to his holdings Monday when he purchased 100 acres adjoining his other farms northeast of Leon from a Mr. McIntosh, of Manchester, Iowa, for which he paid \$100 an acre. This gives Mr. Hayes almost a thousand acres lying in a body and he thinks it is mighty valuable property. He was accompanied to Leon by W. H. Houck, J. B. Cecil and Herman Newman, of Anita, who came for the purpose of investing in some Decatur county farms, but have not as yet closed a deal.

New Court Cases.

Rosa Cox vs. R. G. Cox. The parties were married at Leon on Oct. 19, 1915, and lived together until Dec. 1, 1915. Plaintiff alleges her husband has been drunk the greater part of the time since their marriage and has neglected and refused to properly care for her. She asks for a decree of divorce and that she be restored to her maiden name Rosa Bigley. C. W. Hoffman and Ed H. Sharp, attorneys for plaintiff.

Aurelia P. Roberts vs. Mary J. Bason et al. The parties are the heirs of George Bason deceased, and ask that the shares of the heirs be confirmed and the real estate sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. Varga & Son, attorneys for plaintiff.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Loren V. Tullis.

Mrs. Loren V. Tullis died quite suddenly at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Roberts, of Decatur City, on last Friday morning, after an illness of less than two days, her death being caused from appendicitis. Mrs. Tullis was visiting with her parents when she was taken sick. There was profound sorrow among everybody in Decatur City and vicinity when her death was announced. The funeral was held at Decatur City on Saturday. The bereaved husband and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their sore affliction. We trust we will be furnished with data for an obituary next week.

House Party at Harvey Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Harvey entertained a house party over New Year's, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Cheshire and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson, of Indianapolis, and Col. Hugh Shepherd of Mason City. On Friday morning Mrs. Harry J. Vogt, Mrs. J. A. Caster and Mrs. O. E. Hull entertained the visitors at a breakfast at the Vogt home, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey gave their annual dinner party on New Year's eve, after which a number of guests came to enjoy a watch party. The visitors all returned home Saturday.

Masonic Officers Installed.

At the regular meeting of Grand River lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M. Tuesday evening the following officers were installed for the ensuing year.

LEON'S SHORT COURSE

Is Being Held This Week, and Those Attending are Very Enthusiastic and Well Pleased.

The first short course held in Leon opened Monday and the attendance is pretty good, although not so large as it should be. The special exhibit train of three cars arrived Saturday evening and are located on the side track near the passenger station and are open to visitors at all times. One of the cars is an Arms palace horse car in which are carried three fine Belgian horses from the farm of R. E. French, of Independence, Iowa, which weigh over a ton each and are said to be the best in Iowa, if not in America. They are used for demonstration purposes and have attracted considerable attention.

The short course meetings are held at different places, the meetings and exhibits in the grain and soil department being held in the big Mullinix building. About fifty samples of corn are shown and the men in charge of the short course say it is the best they have had at any short course this winter.

The big implement house of E. W. Hamilton was secured for the live stock exhibit which will be held the latter part of the course, the floor being covered with saw dust and raised seats arranged for those who attend so that all can see.

The Home Economics course is held at the assembly room of the library building and it is being well attended, close to forty ladies being enrolled for the course and they are nightly interested in the work. Mrs. Roy Gammon and Mrs. Everett Waters, whose names did not appear on the program through an error, are in charge of the exhibit in this department and they have been working like Trojans and to them much credit is due for the success of this department.

In the evening the meetings are held at the opera house and good crowds have attended, the programs as published in this paper last week being carried out. Tuesday evening Raymond Hazlet, the thirteen year old boy who won the free trip to the California expositions for the raising the best acre of corn in the boys' contest, gave a very interesting description of his trip to California and what he saw on it, which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. A special feature for Friday evening is an old fashioned spelling match.

The sports exhibits were judged yesterday afternoon and the judging of the other exhibits will follow later, and the results will be given next week.

There are eight people from the State College at Ames here, conducting the short course, George Dunlop, having charge of small grains and corn, assisted by F. C. Fenton, who in addition has charge of the farm buildings and silo department. H. B. Bart is in charge of the live stock department, being assisted by P. C. Tomlinson, and E. H. Houser is in charge of the live stock exhibit which is carried on the special train. R. W. Reep has charge of the exhibit cars. Miss Mabel C. Bentley is director of the Home Economics and Domestic Science department, being assisted by Miss Maud Donahue.

Those who are attending the short course are very enthusiastic about it, and say they are getting a great deal of good out of it, and it is to be regretted that the attendance is not larger, the total number enrolled being between 100 and 125 when at least three hundred should be enrolled.

In this connection we believe the people at the State College at Ames, who are conducting the short course, have made a mistake. The Commercial Club and others were anxious that a short course be held at Leon, and the committee appointed to carry on the work have worked hard, but it was uphill business, for the average business man knows but little about short course work, or how to go at it to get the best results. If a competent man, thoroughly familiar with all the details of the organization had been sent to Leon for a solid week he could have accomplished more than the local parties could expect to do in months. The work here has lacked organization and effectiveness, simply because those doing the work did not know and had no means of finding out just what to do. If another short course is held here, it will probably be looked after in an entirely different manner, but believe us, the men and ladies too, who have served on the local committees do not think it is any snap.

Stock Show Saturday.

There will be a stock show Saturday, Jan. 8, at the close of the Short Course, now going on at Leon. There will be classes for brood mares, yearling horses and mare colts, weanling horse and mare colts, bull calves, heifer calves, any beef breed, dairy cows any breed. See premium list for prizes.

An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged. All stock except brood mares and dairy cows must be set of registered sire. The judging will commence at 10 a. m. Saturday morning. All the beef and dairy cattle entries must be in by 10 a. m. Saturday and all the horses must be in by 12 o'clock noon Saturday.

Everyone who intends to exhibit live stock should keep these announcements in mind.

Stewards—H. L. Long, F. Varga. Secretary—J. R. Conroy. Treasurer—S. Varga.

AT 104, HE'S SICK.

Uncle Johnnie Phipps, Past Centennial, Confined to Home.

Confined to his home, although he is nearly 104 years old, is a rare experience for Uncle Johnnie Phipps of Farragut, who is sick at the present time. Other members of the family are also sick with grippe. Mr. Phipps who was initiated into the Elks when he was 100 years old, will be 104 St. Valentine's Day.—Shenandoah Sentinel-Post.

More Names Added to List.

Several additional names were added this week to our list of couples residing in Decatur county who have been married for fifty years or more. We are very anxious to have the list completed as soon as possible. If you know of any whose names do not appear in the list, we will appreciate it if you will send their names to us at once.

- Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Anderson, Lamoni, married July 5, 1857. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown, Van Wert, married July 4, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowsher, Leon, married Feb. 14, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bright, Decatur, married July 25, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cherry, Leroy, married July 4, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cherrington, Decatur, married July 29, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Elliott, Leon, married July 4, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fullerton, Grand River, married July 6, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frost, Leon, married Jan. 6, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gammon, Leon, married April 26, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hickman, Leon, married Feb. 23, 1862. Capt. and Mrs. A. A. Jenks, Leon, married July 8, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, Leon, married Feb. 7, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Woodland, married Oct. 29, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Massey, Woodland, married Dec. 22, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, Davis City, married Oct. 29, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pickering, Leon, married May 17, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, Lamoni, married Nov. 3, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Van Wert, married May 3, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Still, Woodland, married Oct. 6, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. John Woodmansee, Leon, married March 13, 1864.

New Law for Pensioning Blind Persons.

The new law providing for the pensioning of blind went into effect on January 1, 1916.

The law provides that any man, 20 years old or over, or woman eighteen years or over, who is blind and is not an inmate of a charitable institution, or who has an income of less than \$300 a year, is eligible to a pension to be paid by the county. The amount of the pension is \$150. The applicant must have lived in the state five years and in the county one year.

Under the phrasing of the law, the examining physician will make examinations the first week in January only, so that those who contemplate taking advantage of the pension act must file their application and be examined during that week.

Under the terms of the law an applicant for a pension must first go to the district court clerk's office in the presence of two witnesses who will swear that the applicant is eligible. On or before January 15, these affidavits are certified to the board of supervisors.

Board of Supervisors in Session.

The board of supervisors met in regular session Monday, and the new democratic member of the board, L. P. Hastings took the oath of office and assumed his duties, succeeding H. L. Northrup, of Garden Grove, whose term expired with the close of the year. J. H. Hill, of Decatur, was chosen as chairman for this year.

The board selected The Leon Reporter, Decatur County Journal and Lamoni Chronicle as the official papers for the year 1916, there being but three applications on file.

There was quite a number of applications for the position of county bridge foreman, but the board selected F. L. Barrett as foreman. Mr. Barrett has given excellent satisfaction in this position, and is familiar with the work. He is a splendid workman and the county bridge business will be well cared for in his hands.

Fine New Auto Delivery.

Pearl Craig, the grocer, drove in Tuesday from Des Moines with a fine new auto delivery truck for use in delivering groceries to his customers. It is a Ford with a regulation enclosed truck body, the same as used in the cities, the body being built by the Kratzer Carriage Co., of Des Moines. It is the first real auto delivery truck to be used in Leon, but doubtless others will follow.

Marriage Licenses.

- Calvin B. Ryan, Leon \$22 Myra E. Gaber, Leon 19 Philip Smith, Lamoni 23 Vera Landon, Lamoni 18 Jesse J. Dunham, Leon 26 Beulah Connor, Leon 24 Floyd M. McNickle, Battle Creek. Michigan 21 Alta V. Young, Lamoni 21

Wood Cutting Wanted.

Anyone having a large amount of wood to cut, please communicate with R. J. McEvoy, either by mail or through the editor of this paper.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

The storm on New Year's day seriously interfered with the trains on both our roads. The passenger train due here on Thursday afternoon on the D. M. & K. C. did not arrive until Saturday morning when the road was cleared, and the south bound passenger on the St. Joe branch of the "Q" did not reach St. Joe until Saturday, being delayed by the engine leaving the track while bucking snow, and a snow plow which was sent out to assist them was also ditched. All trains were running as usual on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dug Green are rejoicing over the arrival of a son to start the new year with. A little son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Tullis died last Saturday with membranous croup.

A party of young folks started for John Wasson's home in Morgan township last Saturday afternoon in a big bob sled with four horses. They intended when they left Leon to return that evening, but owing to circumstances over which they claim they had no control, they did not get back home until Sunday morning about eight o'clock. It seems they lost the road and could not find out where they were. They stopped at a farm house and inquired the way, and after being informed, started on, but after driving for an hour or so found themselves back at the same house again. If that crowd ever starts to find the way to Wasson's again it will be when the flowers are in bloom and the moon is shining bright.

Charles Ackerman returned from Omaha Saturday and will now remain in Leon.

John Leeper and wife, of Burlington, spent New Year's in Leon, guests of Mrs. Lucy Ray.

Ed Brooks and Charley Harvey returned to their studies at Iowa City Saturday and Fred Honold started for the same place on Monday.

Chas. A. Hawkins went to Corydon Monday where he began duty as court reporter for Judge Tedford. With two such competent stenographers as Messrs. Hyland and Hawkins, the new judges will have no trouble and the lawyers all over the district are well pleased with the selections.

Mrs. John M. Gardner, of Center township, died on January 4th, at the age of 57 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Two Fires at Davis City.

Davis City is starting the new year off well in the way of fires, having had two this week. Monday morning the barn of Riley Hullinger was destroyed by a fire which was discovered about 4 o'clock, and the barn and all the contents were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought some one who had been sleeping in the barn accidentally dropped a match. There was no live stock in the barn but a couple of tons of hay, 150 bushels of corn, 40, or 50 bushels of oats, harness, rigs and considerable other property was burned. Mr. Hullinger has \$300 insurance on the barn and \$500 on the contents, but his loss will be considerable.

Tuesday morning about 2:30 o'clock, the Zika Bros. cafe was destroyed by fire, and it was only by the hardest kind of work that the adjoining buildings were saved. The Zika boys were sleeping in the restaurant, and the fire had made such progress that they barely escaped with their lives, nothing being saved from the building. Fortunately they carried insurance of \$2,500 on their stock. The building was owned by F. M. Freeman, who had \$500 insurance, but his loss will be considerable above this.

Shipped a Lot of Poultry.

During the month of December the poultry plant of Aaron & Co. in Leon shipped a total of 250,000 pounds of dressed poultry to eastern markets. Just think of it, a quarter of a million pounds. Manager Manning informs us that their business since their new plant was opened has more than exceeded their anticipations and he is well pleased with the business which they did the past year. Aaron & Co. have invested a good many thousand dollars in their new poultry plant in this city. They have one of the finest plants in the state and give employment to a considerable number of people. The poultry plant is a mighty good business asset for the city of Leon.

Death of Charles Goble.

Charles Goble, a well known farmer of Davis City, died in a hospital in Chicago Sunday evening, his death following an operation. Mr. Goble had been in very poor health for some time and went to Chicago to be operated upon in the hope of securing relief. His funeral was held at Davis City yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Dan Barlean.

Mrs. Dan Barlean, who resided a few miles southeast of Leon, dropped dead at her home Sunday evening, her death being caused from heart trouble. A fitting obituary will be published next week.

AUTOMOBILE TURNS OVER.

Wild Ride Ends in Accident—Occupants Injured and Car Demolished.

Mr. Agle Carlan and Miss Florence Harless of Weldon were injured rather seriously last Saturday evening when the car they were driving turned turtle on the grade crossing by the farm of Tom Norton, three miles south of town. The car they were riding in belonged to Mt. Tiltonson, the station agent at Weldon. It is understood that the car was taken without the owner's permission.

Carlan, with Miss Harless at his side, was running the car, at a high rate of speed and evidently wanted to see how fast he could go over the grade crossing—and he saw. The car turned over about three times and was wrecked. Miss Harless had her ankle badly sprained and her side injured. She suffered a few cuts and bruises over her arms and face. Carlan received three broken ribs and was shaken and bruised badly. It is fortunate that they did not lose their lives.—Osceola Democrat.

Miss Ora Konklin Died Friday.

As the old year was drawing to a close the Death Angel came and called Miss Ora Konklin, the popular teacher of the sixth grade of the Leon public schools, who had been lying sick at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson in east Leon, for several weeks, suffering from typhoid fever. Miss Konklin was a prime favorite with her young pupils and with the teachers of the Leon schools, and her death came as a great shock. For weeks her life hung in the balance, but finally she began to improve and hopes were entertained for her recovery, but a relapse came and her death followed.

Ora Ethel Konklin was born near High Point on November 21, 1894, died at Leon, Dec. 31, 1915, aged 21 years, 1 month and 10 days. She graduated from the Garden Grove High School in the class of 1912. Since then she has been engaged in the teaching profession. She taught two years at the Brant school, one year at her home school and at the time she took sick was teaching the sixth grade in the Leon schools. She spent the summer of 1915 traveling through the west to the Pacific coast. She was an honored member of the Order of Eastern Stars at Garden Grove. She was converted and united with the M. E. church at High Point in 1909, and has ever since been a faithful worker in the religious and social life of the church. She was a very tender hearted girl, kind and sympathetic in her nature, and generous to the fault of others. She was careful and painstaking in her work as a teacher; obedient and devoted to her parents, affectionate as a sister and a true friend to all. She will be missed in her home, and among her friends. A bright young life has passed from us. We will cherish her memory.

A short service was held at the home of Mrs. Johnson in Leon where the deceased died, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The body was then taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Konklin near High Point. It remained there until Sunday. The funeral services were conducted by J. G. Dulins, her pastor, at the M. E. church at High Point Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was one of the largest attended funeral services ever held at High Point. The body was laid to rest in the High Point cemetery.

The grief stricken family have the sympathy of the whole community.

We wish to express our thanks to all the friends at Leon and High Point for their kindness and help during the sickness and death of our daughter, Ora. We also wish to express our appreciation of the many floral gifts and of the music furnished by Prof. Gass and his quartet of men's voices.

J. A. Konklin and family.

Paderewski at Des Moines, Monday, Jan. 10th.

The greatest pianist in the world, Ignace Jan Paderewski will play in Des Moines next Monday evening, January 10th, at the Coliseum, under the management of George Frederick Ogden. This is the only opportunity this year to hear the great virtuoso in Iowa, as it is the only date he has made in the state. Seats for the event may be had through the Lehman Music House at the following prices: main floor \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50; balcony \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. The program follows:

- 1. Fantasia, op. 15 Schubert Allegro con fuoco Adagio Presto Allegro 2. (a) LeBarandine F. Couperin (b) LeCanillon de Cythere F. Couperin (c) Le Coucou C. Daquin 3. Etudes Symphonique Schuman 4. (a) Nocturne in E major op. 62 (b) Etudes Nos. 10, 7 and 11 op. 25 (c) Mazurka in A minor, op. 17 (d) Scherzo in B flat minor Chopin 5. Rhapsodie Hongroise Liszt

After the concert, Madame Paderewski, wife of the pianist, will sell her Polish dolls and other interesting souvenirs for the benefit of the Polish Relief Fund. These character dolls are made in Paris by Polish refugees and sent to this country where they are sold to aid Mr. Paderewski's countrymen.

The Leon Savings Bank is prepared to make some good farm loans at reasonable rates.