

ESTABLISHED 1854.

LEON, IOWA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1916.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Court Convened Monday Evening. No Jury Cases Tried This Week. The Cases Disposed Of.

The January term of the district court was convened Monday evening upon the arrival of Judge H. K. Evans from his home in Corydon. The grand jury was drawn for this term and empaneled the same evening, the following being the members: F. A. Townsend, foreman; W. D. Robinson, H. A. Tapscott, Geo. M. Stephens, C. H. Fisher, J. B. Redman and P. C. Morgan. The court appointed J. S. Parrish clerk of the grand jury, and S. E. Benefiel is bailiff. L. A. Pickering is court bailiff.

The members of the trial jury had been previously notified not to appear until the second week of court, as there are no jury cases to be tried this week.

On Tuesday Alexander Gilmore, of Garden Grove, was granted naturalization papers and took the oath of allegiance as a citizen of the United States.

An order was made on Tuesday granting a dependent pension of \$1 per week for each of the four minor children of Mrs. Eliza Jump, and the same amount for the two minor children of Mrs. Nellie Moore.

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

State vs. M. E. Parsons. Challenge to grand jury waived by defendant's attorney.

LAW AND EQUITY

Insanity of Eugene Griffin. Dropped from docket.

Nancy J. Rohr vs. Cynthia G. Sipes. Final report of referee showing distribution approved.

Fred Teale vs. Wm. Harrow et al. Report of sale and deed to Geo. W. Baker approved.

Nancy Boyer vs. Edward Gunter. C. W. Hoffman appointed guardian ad litem for Belle Gunter, insane. Decree signed.

Wm. I. Harrow et al vs. Joseph S. Harrow et al. Report of sale and deed to Fred Teale approved.

A. J. Fulton vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Settled and dismissed.

R. A. Haynes vs. Archie Haynes. Order signed.

Ella G. Warner vs. W. W. Warner et al. Decree of partition.

Alpha Woodard vs. John Woodard. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Leta Albaugh vs. Theodore Albaugh et al. Geo. W. Baker appointed guardian ad litem. Decree of partition.

Emma Hurley vs. Thomas Hurley. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Allyn Bros. vs. S. E. Steele et al. Settled.

Zora O. Cash et al vs. W. H. Cash et al. Decree of partition.

Wm. P. Richards et al vs. William Hunter et al. Decree quieting title.

Alexander McLees vs. Henry Campbell. Settled.

L. E. Frances vs. N. P. West et al. Settled.

W. A. Alexander vs. Lee Caldwell. Judgment on note.

Decatur State Savings Bank vs. Claude M. Kier et al. Judgment on note.

J. C. Cozad vs. Claude M. Kier et al. Judgment on note.

Farmers Loan & Trust Co. vs. E. W. Townsend. Plaintiff ordered to give cost bond of \$200 by March 1st.

B. W. Damon vs. Wm. G. Morrison. Settled.

PROBATE

Guardianship of Edwin Knowles et al. Final report approved.

Estate of Vern E. McGrew. Final report of guardian approved.

Estate of Thomas Kelso. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of Walter McCully. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of Philip E. Kelso. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of J. C. Bullard. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of James Gallhager. Final report of administrator approved.

Guardianship of Fern and Verma Thompson. Francis Varga appointed guardian ad litem. Order for sale of real estate.

Estate of A. J. Evans. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of James T. Tharp. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of Reuben Claypool. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of James Speed. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of M. V. B. Fowler. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of James B. Preston. Order for sale of real estate.

Estate of John W. Long. Final report of administrator approved.

Estate of Benjamin Chapman. Order for sale of real estate.

Estate of Grant T. Dorsey. Widow's allowance of \$600 granted.

Estate of John Wiley. Administrator authorized to expend not to exceed \$200 for monument.

Estate of Robert White. Order for sale of real estate.

Estate of W. A. Machlan. Widow's allowance of \$1000 granted.

Estate of Sarah A. Smith. Administrator authorized to expend not to exceed \$200 for monument.

Estate of Alexander Ramsey. Will probated, W. H. Young appointed executor, bond of \$3,000.

Estate of Mary B. Rains. Will probated, L. A. Brown appointed executor, bond of \$2,000.

Guardianship of Joseph and Alice Hacker. Order for sale of real estate.

5% FARM LOANS.

I can now furnish farm loans at 5 per cent for March 1st and after that date. Commission 2% Jan. 15, 1916. 23-4t E. J. SANKEY.

WILSON TO SPEAK TWICE IN IOWA.

President's National Defense Itinerary Includes Des Moines and Davenport.

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson plans to speak in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joe, Des Moines and Davenport on the first trip he will take to lay his national defense program before the country. He expects to leave Washington January 28 and remain away one week.

An itinerary for the tour was practically completed tonight. It was drafted with the view of including as many cities as possible in six days. Many points had to be stricken off the list, one of these being Cincinnati. Preliminary plans for the second trip, to be made about the middle of next month, already are being considered. This journey will take the president as far west as Denver and if possible will swing through the south.

Pittsburgh will hear the first preparedness speech Saturday, Jan. 29. In New York Jan. 27 he will speak before the Railroad Business association and the Motion Picture Board of Trade. He will return to Washington to attend a dinner given by the secretary of the treasury and Mrs. McAdoo Jan. 28, and that night will leave for Pittsburgh.

Special importance is attached by the president to his address before the Railroad Business association, and he is expected to speak particularly on the need for business preparedness and the necessity of the railroads and manufacturing plants getting ready to assist the government in time of danger.

Messages from the cities chosen as stopping places indicate that elaborate plans will be made for the president's reception. In St. Louis a parade is in contemplation.

In addition to the cities selected for formal addresses, the president probably will deliver a number of short speeches from the train.

Mrs. Wilson is expected to accompany her husband on the trip. While the president is away he will be kept in close touch with the European and Mexican questions by Secretary Lansing.

Do A Little Thinking.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Reporter a well written article by a Decatur county farmer, A. M. Chrisman, who owns a farm on Weldon creek east of Leon, on the subject of taking steps to prevent the excellent bottom farm land along Weldon from overflowing, and we commend the article to our farmer readers, especially to those who own land along Weldon creek. There is a tremendous loss every year or two on account of Weldon and other creeks in Decatur county overflowing, and the farmers should be up and doing in the way of taking steps to prevent a recurrence of this loss year after year. Drainage has been tried out in other counties and it has proven a most profitable investment to the land owners. Why should not Decatur county farmers be taking advantage of the opportunity to improve their farms. Right down below us in Mercer and Harrison counties, Missouri, there was recently presented a big petition to establish a drainage ditch, straighten our Grand River, and stop the loss by overflow on the rich farm lands of the Grand River bottom. When the hearing was held on the petition there was not a single land owner made any objections to the establishment of the big drainage ditch. They have been convinced that it means thousands of dollars to them every year, and insures them a crop. Read Mr. Chrisman's article, and do a little thinking and figuring.

Information Wanted.

Allerton, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1916. Editor Reporter: A short time ago there was an account of the death of a William Jump, of near Garden Grove. I was in hopes someone would send in his obituary, but it seems they have not done so. I had a cousin of the same name that we have not heard from in over 30 years. It is the first time I ever saw the name in print. He might not be any relation to the one I speak of but any one that can give the desired information will confer a great favor to me either by letter or through The Reporter.

Hoping this will be read by someone interested, I remain Yours truly, George Sapp.

"Henpecked Henry."

So many attractions are offered the theatre-goers nowadays that it is a problem to pick out the worthy ones. "Henpecked Henry" is one that any discriminating person can safely attend and feel sure of receiving good value in laughter, music, girls and song. The great musical comedy has made a deep impression upon press and public, being original in plot, exceedingly funny in idea and honestly produced. The Milwaukee Sentinel called it the "funniest show in the world." It will be presented at the Leon opera house next Wednesday, February 2nd.

Statzell's New Location.

Jap Statzell, the veteran poultry and produce dealer of Leon, is now located in a portion of the Hamilton implement building on west Commercial street. It is a convenient location, and Mr. Statzell will be pleased to have all his old customers call on him. He always pays the best prices for poultry and eggs which the market will justify and gives his patrons fair and square treatment at all times.

ISSUE IMMUNITY CARDS

To Auto Owners Who Have Paid for License but Have Not Yet Been Supplied Number Plates.

Failing to get enough automobile number plates to meet the demand for 1916 registration, W. S. Allen, secretary of state, Saturday began issuing "immunity" cards to persons who have sent in the registration fees but have received no new plates. The cards are intended to protect automobile owners from arrest after he has complied with the law, but is unable to display a 1916 number through the inability of the state to supply the plates. The secretary of state has been struggling to get sufficient plates, but the two manufacturing plants having the state contract are several months behind in deliveries.

The "immunity" card reads: "This is to certify that the person named on the reverse side of this certificate has registered a motor vehicle described in an application on file in this department and has paid the fee required by law, for the period ending December 31, 1916. Registration number appears on reverse side. On account of delay by the factory, in supplying us with number plates, we are unable to forward same to you now. We will do so as soon as the factory can furnish them."

The registration of automobiles is now approaching the 75,000 mark. The department is 30,000 behind in sending out plates.

The supreme court has ruled that an automobile owner who has sent in his fee to the state and has tried to comply with the law, is not liable to prosecution if he fails to display a number plate on his car through failure of the state to supply the plate. The state has experienced this same difficulty in years gone by.

The secretary of state thought he had the 1916 supply well provided for, but the firms submitting bids began scrapping last fall over which was the lowest bidder, and the result is that the department is suffering through inability of the contractors to fulfill the terms of their agreement, the officials say.

"I was opposed to letting the contract to the firm now having it, but the other members of the executive council overruled me," said Mr. Allen, in an interview at Des Moines recently.

Democratic Conference at Creston

Chairman J. W. Reynolds, of the democratic state committee, has called a conference of the democrats of the eighth congressional district to meet at Creston on Friday at 2:00 o'clock for the purpose of considering matters of importance to the party and its welfare. If they want to consider matters of importance they should certainly consider the action of the state organization in ignoring the democratic organization of Decatur county and appointing a republican non-resident as postmaster of Leon. With the bunch of democrats at the head of the state organization at present there is very little to be expected by the democrats of Decatur county at their hands. If they want to promote peace and harmony in the party they should make democratic appointments and not expect the real democrats, the workers in the party, to lick the hands which have smitten them, ignored them, and refused to appoint a democrat to an office which by every right and precedent belongs to a democrat. The state organization is going to have a mighty hard time of it in explaining their action in the Leon post office appointment.

Wall Paper.

The largest and best stock in the county, ranging in price from 5 cents to \$2.00 per bolt. 1000 patterns to select from. We have sample racks on which we can show the entire lot in ten minutes. This year am prepared to put the paper on the wall for you, all work guaranteed satisfactory as I employ only first-class workmen. Come in and let me figure your work, as it will be money in your pocket to do so. I want your painting too, no job too large or too small to figure.

The Leon Decorating Co. C. W. Stiles, Prop. Located in the Rexall Store.

Death of Last Mexican Veteran in Decatur County.

J. C. Crider, the last surviving Mexican war veteran in Decatur county, and one of the very few in the state, died at the home of his son, F. J. Crider, in Garden Grove township, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral services will be held today. Mr. Crider was 88 years of age on last Wednesday. It has only been a few years since Decatur county boasted of having more Mexican war veterans than any other county in Iowa, and now all of them have passed to the great beyond.

Another \$140 an Acre Farm Sold.

S. W. Sears last week sold his 85 acre farm 2 1/2 miles northeast of Leon to J. A. Harris, but Mr. Harris did not own it but a few days when he sold it to R. H. Garner, of near Weldon at \$140 an acre cash. Mr. Harris bought the farm at \$125 per acre. \$15 an acre advance in less than a week is not a bad profit, but the farm is worth every cent. Mr. Garner paid for it, for it is exceptionally well improved.

Pat a cake, pat a cake, what is the time? Your watch is busted and so is mine. Let's go to Butler, fast as we can. He is the expert watch repair man.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

As Taken from the Office of the Leon Loan and Abstract Co.—From January 1st to 21st, 1916. As Reported by W. A. Poush.

C. R. Rauch to Howard Tedford, lots in Lamoni . . . \$3500. James Storey to A. J. Surbaugh, 40 acres in High Point twp \$1540. C. and J. Miller to J. H. Smith, ne sw and se except that part east of railroad of section 18, Eden twp \$1. Cora Smith et al to E. J. Holmes, 40 acres in Decatur twp. . . \$1200. Alpha Woodard to Maggie Hale, out lot 4, e 1/2, out lot 5, Decatur \$1500. Heirs of Geo. E. Hurst to C. H. Moore and F. H. Pitman, lot 5, block 5, Lefflers addition to Leon. \$1300. Frank Dalby to I. J. Dalby Lumber Co., lots in Lamoni . . . \$5000. L. J. Midgorden to W. C. Jones, lot 6, block 14, Lamoni . . . \$150. C. M. Friedberg to G. C. Davis, 1/2 sw 1/4 sw 1/4 27, Burrell twp \$900. Andrew Sell to L. P. Hastings, suburban lot to Van Wert . . . \$4100. L. P. Hastings to G. S. Barr, suburban lot to Van Wert . . . \$4100. D. E. Kindig to H. M. and Katherine Hills, w 1/2 lots 7, 8, 9 Lamoni \$5. M. A. Peters to J. W. and Kitty Moore, lots and suburban lot to Pleasanton \$1250. S. S. Melchert to D. D. Snakenberry, 225 acres more or less, Woodland twp \$30000. F. E. Teale to J. and Sarah Pearson, 159 acres in Decatur twp \$16000. J. S. Allen to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S., lots in Lamoni \$500. W. C. Jones to Sherman Reynolds, lots in Lamoni \$5775. F. W. Newcomb to G. M. Sprague and T. J. Bell, 159 acres in New Buda twp \$6000. Wm. Scott et al to W. C. Ward, lots in Garden Grove . . . \$1100. O. L. Eaton to L. V. J. G. and M. E. Tullis, e 1/2 nw 1/4 se 1/4 29, Decatur twp \$700. J. H. Burrows to First Baptist church of Cainesville, Mo., lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, block 19, Leffler's addition to City of Leon \$500. Frederick Ford to Isaac A. Monroe, e 1/4 se 1/4 se 1/4 27, Bloomington twp \$2750. Fred Weseman to A. N. Smith, sw 1/4 and w 1/2 se 1/4 section 4, Hamilton twp \$16800.

Butler—Barnes.

Mr. Clyde E. Butler, of this city, and Miss Clara Margaret Barnes, of Omaha, Neb., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. Barnes, in Omaha, Neb., Monday evening.

The bride was well known in Leon, having for two years been domestic science teacher in the Leon High School, and she is a charming young lady, a prime favorite among a large circle of friends in this city. The groom is one of our popular young business men, having been engaged in the jewelry business in this city for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler will arrive in Leon this week and will go to housekeeping at once in the cozy cottage in east Leon owned by S. E. Benefiel, which they have all furnished. Miss Mabel Horner, of this city, attended the wedding.

Bridge Damaged at Davis City.

The ice went out of Grand River following the rains of last week, and considerable damage was done to the railroad bridge over the river at Davis City. A force of bridgemen have been at work rebuilding this bridge for some weeks and there had been a great amount of false work built up while the work was in progress. The great mass of ice carried the false work away and the bridge was twisted out of line so that it was not safe for the heavy engines used on the freight trains to cross the bridge and for several days the trains were pushed across the bridge with an engine behind the train.

Wall paper bargains this week at the Rexall store.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Will Brown has been having a hard time of it this week in the vain attempt to look after the guests of the hotel and the bouncing ten pound boy which came in and registered as a permanent guest Monday morning. Will says the youngster will wear a diamond and preside over the hotel register before he is three years old.

Cora Smith, the woman who was taken to Anamosa Monday was the first woman ever sent to the penitentiary from Decatur county.

Roe Caster has received a pair of magnificent elk horns from his aunt, Mrs. Anna Duncan, of Blackfoot, Idaho. The animal who wore them on his head must have been a handsome one if his looks were in proportion to the beauty of his horns. Roe will have them mounted for an ornament in the Honnold & Caster meat market.

Dr. J. W. Rowell and E. B. McClelland attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Ethel Cherry, at Afton last Saturday.

Lew VanWerden was at Iowa City the past week, but returned to Leon Tuesday. He will finish his course in dentistry next fall.

S. W. Hurst returned Saturday from an extended visit to various places in the far west, north and south, embracing all the points of interest from British Columbia to Texas, and from Iowa to California, but as usual he returns well pleased with his Iowa home, and especially with the fine weather we are having this winter.

The celebrated hog case was again tried in the district court and the defendant, John W. Stanley was found guilty and fined \$25 and all the costs in the case. It is hoped this will end this case which has been tried four times, and that no more costs will be incurred.

In the case of State vs. Cora Smith and Martha Smith, in which the defendants were accused of burglarizing the home of Wm. Webster in Eden township last June, the state elected to try Cora Smith and the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was sentenced by Judge Tedford to be confined in the penitentiary at Anamosa for the term of four months. The case of Martha Smith was continued.

Clerk Schenck issued only one marriage license the past week, that being to Chester Pullen 21 and Minnie Pullen 19.

I Halderman, who removed to Humeston about a year ago, died at his home in that town at the age of 79 years.

Charity Meeting.

The first meeting of the season of the charity association was held at the library parlors Monday afternoon. So far this winter the work of the organization has been done with funds left over from last season's contributions but these have now been nearly exhausted and as there are some urgent cases needing help, the ladies renewed their own offerings and will thankfully receive any others for the cause. The same may be left with the secretary, Mrs. Stout, at the library, or with Wm. Pleuss, at the meat market.

More Early Chickens.

We thought when we told last week of a brood of little chicks at the home of Mrs. D. F. Avery, of east of Leon, that she had the first brood to be hatched this year, but we learn that Mrs. Aurelius Millsap, of Decatur township, can go her one better, as she found a hen in their barn with eight little chicks the week before, the chicks being hatched January 14th.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Call at Bell & Painter's drug store.

Married Fifty Years or More.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Anderson, Lamoni, married July 5, 1857.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bicknell, Pleasanton, married July 2, 1858.

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. Wm. Frazier, Davis City, married December 31, 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gammon, Leon, married April 26, 1849.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hickman, Leon, married Feb. 23, 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton, Leon, married Sept. 23, 1853.

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. M. V. McCleary, High Point, married Dec. 31, 1863.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. E. Mitchell, Weldon, married April 7, 1864.

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. B. A. Norman, Davis City, married August 17, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Overholzer, Grand River, married Sept. 6, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pickering, Leon, married May 17, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Poush, Davis City, married May 28, 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Richardson, Pleasanton, married April 28, 1848.

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. Isaac Toney, Davis City, married May 18, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanNostrand, Leon, married April 9, 1864.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodmansee, Leon, married March 13, 1864.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wadley, Lamoni, married June 26, 1864.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Whittaker, Van Wert, married Feb. 14, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, Davis City, married over 50 years, but date of marriage not given.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Weld, Lamoni, married January 7, 1858.

Library Notes.

Mrs. Curry donated to the library, "Education in Religion and Morals" by George Albert Coe. We appreciate donations.

The book committee of the library board ordered the "New International Encyclopedia" and "Webster's Dictionary" last week.

No, the tax levy has not been raised. We rented our assembly hall out for a small amount to properly chaperoned young people and our club ladies, also a number of private affairs.

The library board and the librarian have spent much time, without pay, to make it possible for us to have these books.

Story hour Saturday, Jan. 29th, with the usual number of stories. Reading by Willetta Statzell, music by Sara McKern.

Marriage Licenses.

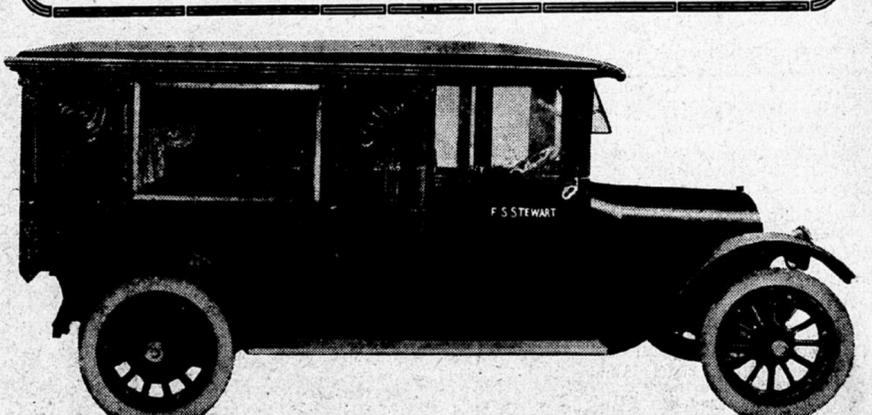
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Mary Scott, Davis City 17

The graded schools, teachers' meeting, exhibit and declamatory contest will be held at Lamoni on Friday evening, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th.

Mabel Horner, County Superintendent.

F. S. STEWART'S NEW AUTO HEARSE.



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