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LEON, IOWA, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

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WILL HONOR DEPARTED

Memorial Day Exercises will be held on Tuesday and Graves of Veterans Strwn with Flowers.

The regular Memorial service will be held on Monday afternoon at the opera house at 1:30 o'clock by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. The Post and W. R. C. will meet at the corner of Main and Commercial streets.

PROGRAM

- Invocation by Rev. Henry Esch. Music by High School. Reading of orders by adjutant. Ritualistic service by Post. Music, song. Address by Rev. Duling of Garden Grove. Music. March to cemetery. Decoration of graves. By order of Committee. The following is a list of the soldiers buried in the Leon cemetery: Capt. A. J. Allen, Co. B, 19th Iowa Inf.

- Asahel Allen, Co. I, 91st N. Y. Inf. Isaac Blunt, Co. B, 18th Iowa Inf. W. A. Brown, Co. I, 3rd Iowa Cav. Samuel Burnison, Co. B, 43rd Ohio Inf. John Bennett, Co. G, 33rd Mo. Inf. Joseph C. Boyer, Co. B, 16th Iowa Inf. L. M. Bright, Co. K, Mo. S. M. Creed Bobbitt, Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav. J. P. Bobbitt, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. H. B. Burns, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. D. T. Black, Illinois Inf. Samuel Benefiel, Mexican war. F. F. Bedier, Co. G, 1st Mo. Inf. C. W. Beck, Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav. J. C. Bullard, Co. H, 102nd Ill. Inf. Abel E. Chase, serg., Co. D, 39th Iowa Inf. E. W. Curry, Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cav. Joshua Carmean, Co. K, 14th Iowa Inf. Samuel Coover, Co. C, 11th Ohio Inf. J. M. Combs, 26th Iowa Inf. I. N. Clark, 7th Mo. S. M. Charles Carroll, Mo. Vols. Allen Dunn, Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf. A. J. Detrick, Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cav. Tip Dilsaver, Co. G, 46th Iowa Inf. James Earley, Co. L, 9th Iowa Cav. Elbert Ernest, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. J. P. Finley, surgeon. James Finley, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. John P. Finley, Jr., Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. George Foreman, Co. C, 33rd Iowa Inf. Jesse B. Garrett, lieut., Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf. David Garrett, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. Garrett Gibson, Capt., Co. C, 5th Kan. Cav. William Graham, Illinois Inf. John Gunter, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. C. A. Gilham, Co. D, 4th Iowa Cav. William Gray, Sr., private Iowa Inf. William Gray, Jr., private Iowa Inf. Caleb Gray, Co. C, 33rd Indiana Inf. James Goin, Mexican war. Robert Good, Co. A, 18th U. S. colored Inf. S. Gardner, Co. I, 34th Iowa Inf. Capt. John W. Harvey, Co. G, 18th Iowa Inf. Wm. W. Holden, Co. I, 51st Iowa Inf. Wm. Hawkins, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. John C. Harrah, 84th Illinois. W. C. Hebener, lieut., West Virginia Inf. Francis M. Huston, Co. K, 9th Mo. S. M. Geo. R. Hall, lieut., Co. I, 5th Vermont Inf. Jas. G. Harris, Co. B, 5th Kansas. John Holden, Co. B, 5th Kansas. Robt. H. Johnson, corp., Co. C, 17th Ohio Inf. Ed John, 76th Ohio Inf. G. W. Jenre, Co. A, 1st Iowa Cav. J. W. Keeler, Co. G, 115th Ill. Inf. Henry C. Knapp, Co. D, 4th Iowa Inf. Madison Low, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. A. C. Lockwood, Co. A, 34th Iowa Inf. Norris Lorey, serg., Co. B, 7th Kan. Cav. L. S. Lunbeck, 5th California Cav. Reuben Lawhorn, Co. F, 17th Illinois Cav. H. J. Landis, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. J. W. Laney, Co. L, 7th Ill. Cav. W. H. Mills, Co. H, 5th Kan. Cav. I. P. Martin, lieut., Co. C, 23rd Mo. Inf. George Mills, Co. C, 35th Mo. Inf. Samuel Miller, 100 day service. Corwin Martin, Co. C, 9th Iowa Cav. Amos Martin, Co. H, 5th Kansas. Uriah Mitten, Co. F, 142nd Ind. Vol. Bryant O'Neal, Illinois Inf. Marion Oney, Co. K, 7th Mo. S. M. Wm. Pace, Co. I, 3rd Iowa Cav. Ed K. Pitman, Co. K, 7st Mo. S. M. John Piper, 140th Ohio Inf. Leander Powell, Co. G, 14th Iowa Inf. W. W. Potts, Co. K, 86th Ill. Inf. J. A. Ray, Capt., Co. D, 18th Iowa Inf. Ira B. Ryan, Co. H, 6th Mo. Henry Rex, Mexican war. Green Stanton, Co. C, 82nd Ohio Inf. Orr Sang, lieut., Co. G, 4th Iowa Cav. John Shaffer, Co. M, 3rd Iowa Cav. Robert Shaffer, 9th Iowa Cav. H. C. Sanford, surgeon, 18th Iowa Inf. L. H. Sales, lieut., Co. A, 17th Iowa Inf.

A TAX PAYERS LEAGUE

Was Organized for Decatur County Last Saturday, and will Meet Again on Next Saturday.

The court house was filled last Saturday with representative farmers from all parts of Decatur county at the meeting held to organize a Decatur County Tax Payers League.

Some Excitement at Decatur.

Decatur City was considerably worked up last Friday over another reported attempted burglary, as there have been several burglaries in that town recently. A few weeks ago C. R. Meeker's general store was entered, and more recently R. R. Little's drug store was entered and robbed of about \$165.00 in money and checks, the burglar entering through a rear window which had been opened during the day, and it was a window which was never opened, being fastened with a catch, and the tracks in the dust showed that was the manner in which the burglar entered the store.

Democratic Caucus.

At the joint caucus of the democrats of the three wards in Leon held at the court house last Thursday evening John Woodmansee and C. H. Holliday were nominated for justices of the peace and Louis Ewell and Cliff Wood for constables. The delegates to the county convention which were selected were: 1st Ward—L. T. Evans, Jap Statzell, Floyd Cozad, Frank A. Gardner, L. Stubbs, Thomas Wallace and J. M. Caster. 2nd Ward—C. E. Hurst, Orr Stout, J. A. Caster, Geo. M. Hamilton and J. R. Conroy. 3rd Ward—E. J. Sankey, F. A. Bowman, O. E. Hull, S. E. Benefiel, M. Woodard, A. M. Pryor, W. C. Stempel, Bert Woodard, Charles Horn and Ward Blackburn.

Leon Gun Club Organized.

A number of the sportsmen of Leon have recently organized an association known as the Leon Gun Club, and have leased grounds on C. W. Hoffman's farm just north of Leon, where they can enjoy trap shooting. The officers of the organization are Carl Monroe president, Walter Osborn vice president, C. E. Stuber secretary, Dr. J. O. Woodmansee treasurer and Jas. W. Hurst field captain. They have made arrangements to hold a big trap shoot on their grounds on the afternoon of Decoration day, and are trying to arrange to have Fred Gilbert, the champion crack shot, give an exhibition of trap shooting on this date.

Bought Another \$85,000 Farm.

S. C. Bradford, of Des Moines, who has been investing so heavily in good Decatur county farms, closed up the deal for the purchase of the 892 acre farm south of Weldon, owned by ex-governor Frank D. Jackson, and better known as the old Sam Hingston farm, the first of the week, the consideration being \$85,000. The sale was made by A. M. Pryor of Leon. Mr. Bradford is now one of the largest, if not the largest owner of farm lands in Decatur county.

Has Taken a Claim in Wyoming.

We are in receipt of a letter from F. E. Osborn, son of John W. Osborn, of this city, who went to Wyoming a few months ago, in which he says he has taken a claim out there and expects to remain, as he has a fine claim, lying on a small creek, one-fourth of a mile from the Belrose river, where there is an abundance of water and coal. He says it rained and snowed three days last week.

Appreciated Our Good Roads.

Everybody knows that C. M. Akes keeps a dandy good road up from Leon to his farm just south of town. One day last week a tourist who was driving across the country in a big car, happened to be passing just as Bob Akes was doing a fine job of dragging, and as he passed he tossed Bob a dollar and remarked that this was the best road he had struck in several states.

Davis City Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Davis City High School will be held at the opera house in Davis City on Thursday evening, June 8th. There are three graduates, Maude Teale, Dorothy Brant and Dorcas Manchester.

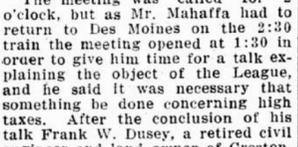
Marriage Licenses.

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General Secretary W. D. Stem of Des Moines

baners, auto floats, etc. Free entertainment on the Harvard plan has been arranged for all accredited delegates, and a big basket dinner will be held both days. There will be a splendid art exhibit by L. E. Gibson, of Des Moines, and Sunday school exhibits by various publishing houses.

The following are the officers and committees: State Officers—President, Rev. H. Beachler, Waterloo; General Secretary, W. D. Stem, Des Moines; State worker, Walter Hutton, Des Moines; State treasurer, Grant McPherrin, Des Moines.

County Officers—President, Rev. B. F. Jacobs; Vice President, Dr. C. H. Mitchell; Secretary, Mrs. G. T. Ronk; Treasurer, E. W. Townsend.

Entertainment Committee—Mrs. John Sell, Mrs. F. G. Hume, Mrs. Geo. W. Sanger, Mrs. V. R. McGinnis, Miss Minnie Hand.

Reception Committee—Misses Fay Benefiel, Maud Ogilvie, Cuba Hayes, and Mr. George Garber.

Parade Committee—Dr. C. H. Mitchell, Dr. F. G. Hume, C. M. Richardson, Sam Garber and T. W. Colby. Music Committee—Lloyd Smith and W. E. Kemp.

The complete program for the convention is published elsewhere in this issue.

Won Honors as High School Debators.

The Fonda High School debating team won the championship of Iowa at Iowa City recently when it defeated the strong debating team of the Independence High School. The Fonda team has what is believed to be the best record ever attained by debaters in Iowa. Out of twenty-one judges who heard the team during the season, twenty voted for Fonda. Joe B. Tye, son of J. B. Tye, of Pleasanton, who attended school at Fonda the past year is captain of the team, and his brother, Prof. Charles H. Tye, who teaches in the Fonda High School is the coach of the team. Decatur county boys make records wherever they go, and the Tye boys have many friends who will be pleased to hear of their success.

Will Speak Against Woman Suffrage.

There have been a number of speeches made here in favor of woman's suffrage, but none against it, but on Friday evening of this week, May 26th, Miss Lucy Price, a Vassar College woman and a noted Chautauqua lecturer, will speak against suffrage, and tell why Mrs. Simon Cassidy, wife of the well known Des Moines banker, and other Iowa women have organized to protest against suffrage for women. The meeting will be held at the court house at 8 o'clock Friday night, and a cordial invitation is extended to every man and woman in Leon to come out and hear the other side of this question which is to be decided at the polls on June 5th.

Butler's New Location.

C. E. Butler, the jeweler and optician, is now nicely located in his new store room, the building formerly occupied by the office of the Leon Electric Co. He has a cozy room which has been nicely painted, and has added considerably to his stock. He has also fitted up an up-to-date optical room and is prepared to fit any one with any kind of glasses, being a graduate optician.

Commencement.

The commencement exercises for the Leon High School will be held at the opera house on Thursday evening, June 1. The speaker for the occasion is to be Prof. C. M. Wassam of the State University. There are thirty-four to receive diplomas—fifteen boys and nineteen girls.

Gospel Team Meeting.

The Sunday afternoon services of the Gospel Team will be held at 3 p. m. at the Christian church. See announcement of special program later in the week.

Accepts Call to Oklahoma.

Rev. Ralph Gardner has accepted a call from the Church of Christ of Hydro, Okla. Rev. Gardner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Gardner and an able young minister.—Hume-ton New Era.

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

F. J. Close and Frank Bedier have purchased Capt. Gammill's farm of 514 acres in Hamilton township, the consideration being \$5,500.

Mr. Wesley H. Hand and Miss Prudence E. Strong were married at the home of J. S. Bright in Leon on Saturday, May 23rd, Rev. W. C. Hohansheld officiating.

Mrs. Samuel Burnison, living about 3 1/2 miles southwest of Leon, fell and broke her hip last Thursday.

Among the four graduates from the Hume-ton Normal College this year are two Decatur county young ladies, Misses Helen and Lillie DeKalb, of DeKalb.

The Knights of Pythias of Leon will go to Bethany, Mo., next Monday to institute a lodge in that city. A large attendance is expected, and lodges from St. Joe, King City, McFall, Albany, Mr. Ayr and Grant City will be present.

At the close of the evening services last Sunday, Rev. M. Noerr read his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Leon. He feels compelled to take this step on account of his health again failing rapidly.

John Leeper, of Burlington, was an over Sunday visitor in Leon.

Miss May Robinson, of Charlton, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Mary Ray. Miss Carrie Young, of Denver, Colorado, is visiting with friends in Leon.

Mrs. Maggie Goodrow is lying dangerously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. C. VanVerden.

Miss Hattie Drake is home from Broken Bow, Nebraska, where she has been teaching in the public schools the past year.

Mrs. Eva Silvers and two children, of Butler, Mo., are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. F. Thompson, in this city.

John C. Newton, owner of the Narrow Gauge railroad, was indicted last Thursday by the United States grand jury at Des Moines on the charge of conspiring to defraud the government by shipping a large amount of fictitious mail over his road in order to pad the weight of the mails so he would receive a larger sum of money for carrying the mails.

Billy Coffin, of Wymore, Neb., is here for a few days visit with his parents.

Suffrage Tour.

A. L. Weatherly of Lincoln, Nebraska, an Iowan by birth, who was a member of the Ford Peace Party, accompanied by Mrs. Craighead and Miss Grace Ballard, two earnest helpers in the Equal Suffrage cause, are to make an auto tour of Decatur county, next Saturday, May 27th, in the interest of Woman Suffrage, speaking on streets from cars as follows:

Grand River at 11:00 a. m. Van Wert at 2:00 p. m. Garden Grove at 4:30 p. m. Leon at 8:00 p. m.

Everyone is requested to join this party at Grand River, with their cars decorated with white and yellow and continue with the run as far as possible.

Real Road Boosters.

Wednesday was road dragging day for a bunch of the live wire road workers living along the Jefferson Highway. These men started at the McWhinney corner ten miles southwest of Lamoni and dragged the road clear to town, not satisfied with this after they reached Lamoni they went over the main streets of the town. The following farmers made up the party: D. P. Steckel, Wm. Hart, Robt. Hart, Lee Martin, S. P. Young, Harry Garland, Loren Truman, Roy Stolberg, C. Daley, Harrison Jamison, Harry Hart, Charles Hart and Claud Rew.—Lamoni Chronicle.

More "War Prosperity."

A Leon automobile company has sold 100 automobiles this year, and the season has hardly started. Decatur county has a population of 17,148 and this auto company's territory covers just one-third of the county. In other words they have sold 100 cars in this period of democratic hard times in a territory inhabited by less than 6,000 people. Doubtless other brands of automobiles have been sold in the same territory, which makes us suspect that these Decatur county people must also be getting rich off the European war.—Bloomfield Democrat.

A White Black Bird.

C. W. Hoffman tells us he has a curiosity at his farm just north of Leon. Each year a number of blackbirds make their home in his trees and among them this year is a white blackbird, which is quite a rare thing. The bird has a coal black bird for its mate, and has been seen by a number of persons.

Electric Lights for LeRoy.

The officers of the Leon Electric Co. were conferring with the citizens of LeRoy last week relative to furnishing them light and power. The company would have to build only a little over a mile of transmission line from the Downing Shaw corner north of Garden Grove, to connect up LeRoy, and more than likely, if the proposition is brought to a vote it will carry.—Garden Grove Express.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

Two big Paramount specials are on the bill at the Idle Hour theatre for Friday and Monday. Friday Jesse L. Lasky presents the inimitable comedian Victor Moore in a picturization of the world famous Irish-American comedy, "Chimmie Fadden," the most famous Irish-American character ever created. It's a rollicky comedy and you'll enjoy it from start to finish. On Monday Daniel Frohman presents the eminent star, John Mason, in the international dramatic triumph, "Jim the Penman," Mr. Mason portrays with great force and dramatic discretion the title character, the man whose clever pen works so much harm even to his most dearly beloved, and which finally wins, with his heart's blood, his own punishment. Matinees at 3 o'clock, first evening shows at 7:15. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

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Mallette—Freestone.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Freestone in Decatur township, there was a quiet home wedding last evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being their daughter, Miss Isabel, and Mr. Frank G. Mallette, of Leon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Allan Judd, of Des Moines.

Only the immediate relatives of the parties were present at the ceremony, after which a fine wedding repast was served.

The bride is one of Decatur county's most popular young ladies, loved and respected by a very large circle of dear friends. She has been engaged in teaching for several years and was very successful. The groom is the popular county engineer of Decatur county, and prior to coming to Leon resided at Garden Grove, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mallette being among the most esteemed citizens of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallette will go to housekeeping at once in the cottage just north of the Brethren church in this city, and a host of friends extend their congratulations and best wishes for their future. Among those from a distance who witnessed the ceremony were Mrs. Lena Appenstler, a sister of the bride, from Howard, S. D., the bride's brother, E. W. Freestone and wife of Perry, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mallett, of Garden Grove, parents of the groom.

Stolberg—Moore.

A very pleasant and quiet wedding took place last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough when Mr. Albert Stolberg and Miss Louise Moore were united in marriage. Only a few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony. They were made one by the ring ceremony, Rev. E. F. Partridge officiating, after which the hostess served a delicious luncheon.

The bride was formerly of Leon but for the past year has been teaching school at the Thompson school house west of Lamoni. The groom is well known to our readers, being the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stolberg of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Stolberg will begin their married life on the groom's farm near Mt. Zion.—Lamoni Chronicle.

The Catholic Mission.

The Catholic Mission with Fathers Byrne and Ostieck as missionaries opened at the opera house in Leon Sunday evening, and good audiences are in attendance at each meeting. It is announced that the mission will continue until June 4th. The following is a list of the subjects of the sermons this week: Sunday, "Who Is My Neighbor?" Monday, "Is a Soul Worth Saving?" Tuesday, "The One Only Evil." Wednesday, "Divine Faith." Thursday, "The Christian Family." Friday, "Who Can Forgive Sins?" Saturday, "The Blessed Virgin Mary." Sunday, "Infinite Religious Worship." The sermons are free to everybody, and begin each evening at 8 o'clock.

See Mary Page Today.

The tenth episode of the serial, "The Strange Case of Mary Page," will be shown at the popular Idle Hour theatre today, with the usual 5 cent matinee at 3 o'clock and three shows in the evening. As this interesting story draws near the close the climaxes are even more thrilling, and many are guessing at the solution. Don't miss the tenth episode, as it contains some new features.

Baccalaureate.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Christian church on Sunday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Moser will deliver the address.

Farm Loans.

I am prepared to make long time farm loans at low rate of interest. 35-4t A. M. Pryor.

Tuesday of this week Sammy Palmer, living in the Tennessee neighborhood, met with a very severe accident. While sawing wood his hand became caught between the stick he was sawing and the saw and the result is the loss of two fingers on the left hand. Drs. Mitchell and Carr were called and rendered the necessary medical and surgical aid and Sammy is resting as easy as a fellow could under the circumstances. This is certainly a hard streak of luck for Mr. Palmer as it will put him out of commission on the farm for several weeks—right when his assistance is most sorely needed.—Grand River Local.