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THE DEMOCRATS MET

In County Convention Saturday Selected Delegates to State Convention and Named Coroner.

The democratic county convention required by law to be held following the primary election, was held at the opera house in Leon last Saturday, convening at 11 o'clock.

A motion was made that the chair appoint a committee of three each on permanent organization, resolutions and to name delegates to the state convention at Des Moines July 12th.

- Bloomington—C. R. Piercy. Terre Haute—M. J. Powers. Davis City—Center—C. W. Hoffman. Eden—Wayne Gammon. Fayette—G. W. Blair. Franklin—John McLain. Garden Grove—G. E. Jennings. Leroy—A. E. Silvers. Grand River—W. H. Phillips. Hamilton—E. C. Hollister. High Point—C. P. Beavers. Leon 1st Ward—Floyd Cozad. Leon 2nd Ward—C. E. Hurst. Leon 3rd Ward—Marion Woodard. Long Creek—Grove Hamilton. Morgan—A. E. Phelps. New Buda—A. T. Weldon. Richland—George Lloyd. Woodland—Ed Griffin.

There being no objection the chair appointed as the committee on resolutions, Heman C. Smith, Oscar Judd and C. W. Hoffman. On permanent organization Wayne Gammon, S. E. Benefield and J. S. Coontz.

The committee on resolutions reported the following, in which the practice of appointing non-resident or republicans to offices of public trust (referring to such appointments as the postmaster at Leon) was denounced in strong language, and the delegates to the state convention instructed to oppose by all honorable means the selection to any position of trust any man guilty of such practice.

The democratic delegates of Decatur county in convention assembled, unqualifiedly indorse the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and the democratic members of congress for the patriotism, wisdom and devotion to the public welfare shown by them.

We reaffirm the Jeffersonian theory, equal and exact justice to all men, and special privileges to none. We believe that the party in power has the right and it is its duty to fill the appointive offices with men who are faithful to their party, and we condemn the practice of appointing non-residents or republicans to offices of public trust as an outrage, that should be relegated to political obscurity, all parties responsible for such appointments.

We are especially proud of the democratic party for things accomplished. The revision of the tariff in placing on the free list, many articles that were sheltered by the trusts, reducing the tariff on many other articles of the common people of this country. The Federal Reserve Act that made it next to impossible for the tariff barons to bring on a money panic at any time they so desired.

In the election of United States senators by direct vote, in the establishment of a Federal Trade Commission, and a non-partisan tariff commission, in building up a merchant marine, in preparing for national defense, in the passing, and enlarging of parcel post system that prevents the enormous profits and extortion heretofore made by express companies and also in the efforts to establish a rural credit system whereby the farmers can obtain long time loans at a low rate of interest, and in the repeal of the coast-wise shipping bill.

party in the last three years has enacted more laws for the benefit of the common people of this country than were enacted by the republican party in the last thirty years of its existence.

We especially commend the president in his efforts to maintain peace with honor. We hereby ratify and affirm the principles of the democratic party as enunciated, in its national platform of 1912, and in the national platform of 1916.

We hereby, unqualifiedly indorse the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and especially for the extraordinary wisdom shown by him in every matter arising in our foreign relations with nations now at war, and being absolutely certain that the welfare and prosperity and honor of our country will be promoted and maintained by a continuance in power of a democratic president and congress.

And also to the election of our congressional, state and county ticket. The committee to select delegates to the state convention reported the following as delegates, and their selection was ratified by the unanimous vote of the convention.

- M. C. Freestone, Decatur; J. L. Still, Garden Grove; W. H. Young, Richland; F. W. Newcomb, Fayette; V. R. McGinnis, Leon; M. F. Thompson, Long Creek; Charles R. Piercy, Bloomington; A. M. Pryor, Leon; Frank Cox, Eden. There was only one vacancy on the county ticket to be filled, there being no candidate before the voters at the primary for the office of coroner, and on motion the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the delegates for Dr. J. B. Horner, of Lamoni, as the democratic candidate for coroner to sit upon the remains of the republican party in November.

Democratic County Central Committee Organized.

Immediately after the close of the county convention the precinct committeemen met for the purpose of organizing the new committee. M. F. Springer, of Center township, was selected as chairman and J. L. Still of Garden Grove, re-elected as secretary.

No Opposition (?)

The Des Moines papers and some others have been persistently publishing that there was no opposition to Dr. J. W. Reynolds for the position of chairman of the democratic state central committee, which reports are doubtless emanating from the Reed-Reynolds gang which have been in control of the state committee.

There is opposition, and decided opposition to Reynolds has been known for months. At the county convention held in Leon last Saturday, an anti-Reynolds delegation was selected and instructed to use all honorable means to prevent the election of any party who had been guilty of appointing non-resident republicans to office which rightfully belonged to democrats under a democratic administration.

At Osceola the Clarke county democrats instructed their delegates to vote against Reynolds for his perfidy to them. All over the eighth district there is opposition to Reynolds and democrats all over the state realize that Reynolds is simply the tool of Nick Reed, and not the proper man to head the state committee. He has been recognized as a "wet" man, and his election will greatly hamper the election of E. T. Meredith, the democratic candidate for governor, who is an avowed temperance advocate.

Had a Little Private Cyclone.

E. Housh had a little private celebration at his farm just south of Leon on the Fourth, and enjoyed the experience of a real twister. Just as the rain came up, the twister struck his place, the rain being carried round and round by the cyclone, several haystacks were blown over and a small building standing in the orchard was turned over.

RUSSELL THE NOMINEE

For Representative at the Republican County Convention, all the Others Withdrawing.

The republican county convention held at the court house in Leon last Saturday was well attended, as the delegates had the important business of nominating a candidate for representative, but they had nothing to do, as the matter was quickly settled by all of the candidates except B. M. Russell, of Lamoni, who received the highest vote at the primary, but not enough to nominate, withdrawing.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock, A. P. Olsen, of Leon, being named as temporary chairman and J. S. Parrish and Jas. F. Harvey temporary secretaries, and the temporary organization was later made permanent.

When the matter of nominating a candidate for representative came up C. W. Reeder, one of the candidates announced he had withdrawn in favor of the high man, Mr. Russell, and the other candidates, Mr. Malory, Mr. Dye and Mr. Poush followed suit, and on motion the secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote of the convention for B. M. Russell, and he was declared the nominee.

A Request.

We, the undersigned citizens of Decatur City, Iowa, living on 4th street, running from the public square north to S. W. Robbins' corner would ask the auto drivers to slow down their autos to 10 or 15 miles per hour.

- E. W. Townsend, E. E. Blades, J. C. Reuss, G. F. Havens, Loren V. Tullis, Mary Tullis, J. G. Tullis, John Woodard, Mrs. C. K. Cherrington, Mrs. S. J. Clearwater, Mrs. Scott Jones.

Mayor Gardner Has Been Doing Some Business.

Since our last report Mayor Gardner has had several parties up before him, the docket showing the following arrests and the disposition made in the cases:

- Sam Downey, intoxication, fined \$27.85, and paid. R. E. Parsons, intoxication, fined \$27.85, sent to jail and put to work on the streets, but after working half a day made his escape and has not been seen since. Ralph Biggs was fined \$10 for breaking the globe on one of the street lights and also paid for a new globe. H. C. Eimers, fined \$12.85 for operating an auto at excessive speed with cut-out open. W. M. Baker, intoxication, fined \$22.85, and paid.

A Quiet Fourth in Leon.

It was just like Sunday in Leon on the Fourth, all of the business houses being closed, and no one on the streets, everybody going to some other place to celebrate. The celebration at Grand River was a big success, as they only had rain for a few minutes in the forenoon which made it all the more pleasant, but south of Leon there was a very heavy rain, the celebration at Pleasanton having to be abandoned, and the commencement exercises of the eighth grade which was to be held in the park at Davis City had to be abandoned as it rained hard at Davis City for two hours and a half, and all autos were held up until late in the evening before the roads could be traveled.

Autoed Here From Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons, accompanied by their children Miss Genevieve and Cecil, and a friend, Mr. Charles A. Stein, all of Chicago, arrived Saturday evening in the Simmons Haynes touring car for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Simmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hofflines. Mrs. Simmons did all the driving on the trip, and drove over 240 miles one day. She has been driving the car but a little over a year, but has driven a total of more than 20,000 miles in that time.

Death of Mrs. Robert Bowsher.

Mrs. Robert Bowsher, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks at the home of her son, J. R. Bowsher, passed peacefully away Monday morning about 10 o'clock, at the age of 79 years. The funeral was held from the home of her son yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A fitting obituary will be published next week.

Chet Dilsaver Died Monday.

Chet Dilsaver, a well known resident of Garden Grove, who has been ill for a number of months, passed away at his home in Garden Grove Monday afternoon. His funeral was held at Garden Grove Wednesday afternoon.

Marriage Licenses.

- L. G. Adair, Lineville . . . . . 38 Pearl V. VanPelt, Norwalk . . . . . 28 Wilbur LeRoy Kirk, Davis City . . . 19 Lelah E. Johnson, Davis City . . . . 20

J. W. HURST & CO.'S FORCE HAVE BIG TIME AT WOODARD'S DAM JULY 4th.

Catfish Breakfast—Fried Chicken Dinner, With All the Trimmings—All Report Most Enjoyable Time.

By exceeding all previous June sales records by at least 10 per cent the Hurst store force earned a full day's outing on Grand River at the firm's expense.

Monday evening, at 7 o'clock Mr. James Mansfield, Robert Crouse, J. W. and White Hurst accompanied one of the big auto trucks loaded to the guards with good things to eat, camping equipment and fishing tackle to the camping ground at the Woodard dam.

Early the next morning the rest of the party autoed to the scene of the big frolic and all sat down to a real catfish breakfast prepared by chief cook Mansfield.

At high noon a fried chicken dinner was indulged in by the jolly crowd but according to all reports the chief cook had resigned his job and refused to let up on fishing until dinner was announced.

At the last minute Mr. John Hurst of Chicago telegraphed that he would be unable to join the party in person but would be with them in every thought. Each spent the day as best suited their individual taste.

The store force say they can do it again and John and Jim are ready to give them the chance so a year hence the same contest will be waged.

The \$5 check for the largest individual sales for the month of June was won by Mr. Mansfield but only by a narrow margin over Miss Pullia and Miss Sell.

Auto Drivers are More Careful.

City marshal Marion Osborn tells us that the autoists are doing fine this year, and he desires to express his appreciation to them for their observance of the traffic rules and regulations. Fully 95 per cent of the cars driven on the streets of Leon are handled in a very careful manner, the drivers endeavoring to obey the laws.

One driver was arrested for speeding with the cut-out open, and an effort will be made to enforce the law in regard to running cars in the city with the cut-out open. There is a state law which makes it a crime to operate any motor driven vehicle with a cut-out open within the incorporated limits of any city or town. It has never been enforced in Leon, but is going to be in the future, so you had better see that your car is muffled while driving in Leon. The cut-out is an abomination, and there is no earthly use for any driver to use it open while driving in town.

Two Good Idle Hour Specials.

The Idle Hour theatre has two extra good feature plays for the coming week. On Friday Charley Chaplin, the highest priced movie actor in the world will appear in the famous production, "Shanghaied," and you'll laugh till your sides are sore at this ludicrous play.

On Monday the feature play is "The Gods of Fate," featuring Richard Buhler and Rosella Brice, in which there is a train wrecked and the story involves a deep laid plot where the villain steals the plans for an air brake patent. A big factory is destroyed by fire in this thrilling production.

Special matinees both days at 3 o'clock, and the first evening shows will start at 7:15. Prices are 10 and 15 cents.

An Auto Collision.

Commodore C. M. Akes and editor Grant Mallory captain of the Davis City News, had an auto collision at the Akes farm just south of Leon last Saturday evening. Mr. Akes was just turning in at his gate, which put him on the wrong side of the road, when Captain Mallory rounded the corner, also on the wrong side of the road, and they met just at the gate. Commodore Akes' big Buick escaped with a few scratches, but Captain Mallory's Ford was considerably banged up by the impact.

Bradford Buys Another 400 Acre Farm in Decatur County.

S. C. Bradford, the Des Moines capitalist, who has invested several hundred thousand dollars in Decatur county farm lands during the past few months, this week bought another 400 acre farm in Garden Grove township, owned by Thomas and Bert Teale, for which he paid \$36,000. The deal was negotiated by A. M. Fryor, the Leon real estate dealer, who has sold so much land in this county to Mr. Bradford. Mr. Teale and his Bert have only owned this farm a few years, and cleared several thousand dollars from their investment.

New Court Cases.

Frank Osborn vs. A. C. Brown. Plaintiff brings suit to establish a mechanic's lien against the property of defendant, alleging in his petition that he contracted to work on a dwelling house and additions on a farm owned by the defendant by the hour, and asks judgment in the sum of \$138.15, and that a mechanic's lien be established against the property. Amos P. Olsen, attorney for plaintiff.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

G. B. Daugherty left yesterday for Elgin, Illinois, with his horses. Deacon is entered to start in the race next Tuesday.

Mr. George Hart, of Corydon, and Miss Nettie Keller, of Leon, were married at Humeston on July 2nd, by Rev. Matheny.

The contract for the erection of the new M. E. parsonage was let Monday to J. W. Sell for \$1,400.

Mr. F. L. Jenkins and Miss Fannie E. McCutcheon were married at Osceola last Friday evening by Rev. F. Edwards. Both young folks are residents of this county, where they are well known. They returned to Leon Saturday and will reside in the new house being erected in east Leon by W. H. Jenkins as soon as it is completed.

Mr. J. Wm. Bright and Miss Laura VanPelt were united in the bonds of matrimony on Sunday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. W. G. Hohansheldt.

Lodia Covington spent Sunday in Leon. He is working on the Leader at Des Moines, and returned there Monday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Kirkpatrick returned Monday from a week's visit with friends at Weldon.

Seth Richards, of Keosauqua, Iowa, arrived in Leon yesterday to look after his business interests here.

Sam Rogers, of Wymore, Neb., came in Tuesday to visit his many Leon friends for a few days.

A destructive hail storm swept through the central part of Morgan township on July 2nd. A strip two miles wide from north to south was stripped of vegetation of every kind. Some late corn may come out all right, but wheat and oats are totally destroyed. The apple crop is almost totally annihilated as well as all kinds of small fruit.

Marshal Henry Bright was the victim of another cruel joke Monday afternoon. Just after dinner Wm. Hebenner came up town, hunted Henry up and told him there was a strange fellow hanging around their residence and he wished he would go down and make him go away or arrest him. Henry asked a number of questions as to how long the fellow had been there, what he was doing, etc. Will told him he first noticed him about 10 o'clock Sunday night, and he had been lying around there ever since, making lots of noise and was a regular nuisance. Henry said alright, he would go down and tend to him. So arming himself to the teeth he started out to arrest the bold bad man. He kept his courage up until he reached the house and not seeing anyone outside, went up and knocked at the door, and inquired where that fellow was who was hanging around there. He wilted completely when they told him the stranger was comfortably located in the best bed in the house, and was the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Hebenner, who was born the night before. Henry did not appear up town again that day, but the boys were waiting for him when he did come and gave him a warm reception.

Has Preached 99 Funerals in 28 Months.

Rev. J. H. Burrows, the aged and well known Cainesville, Mo., pastor, who is frequently called upon to conduct funeral services in Decatur county, especially in the southern part, preached the funeral of Mr. France M. Hamilton last week, which made the 99th funeral he had preached since March 1, 1914, twenty-eight months, often going 25 to 50 miles in order to officiate. He informs us that fully 75 or 80 per cent of these funerals have been of aged persons, a few, not over 10 per cent being children. Stretching back over the 49 years he has been in the ministry, it was often largely children, but in recent years it has been mostly aged persons.

Boy Scouts Hiked to DeKalb for the Fourth.

About twenty of the Leon Boy Scouts hiked to the woods at DeKalb Monday evening, in charge of Scout Master, Rev. Henry Esch and his assistant, Charles Horn, and enjoyed a fine outing over the Fourth, the day being spent with games of various kinds and out of door scout work. The Boy Scout movement has recently been revived in this city and the boys are taking a great interest in the work.

Kicked by a Horse.

Lynn Gardner, son of county recorder Mrs. Orra Gardner, was painfully injured last Saturday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Eugene Curry, at her farm near Garden Grove. He stepped in the barn behind the horse, and just as he spoke to it the animal kicked at him, striking him in the mouth, knocking out one tooth and loosening several others, and cutting quite a gash in his chin, but no bones were broken.

Leon 1—Lineville 3.

The Lineville ball team again defeated the Leon team in a game on the Leon grounds last Sunday afternoon by a score of 3 to 1. It was a splendid game, and a large crowd was in attendance. This makes the second time Lineville has defeated Leon, having defeated Leon at Lineville the previous Sunday, but they are the only ones who have any license to beat Leon this year.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

NEW SERIAL AT IDLE HOUR.

"Peg o' the Ring," an All-Star Circus Serial Starts Thursday, July 13th.

The next serial at the popular Idle Hour theatre is "Peg o' the Ring," the one and only circus serial ever filmed. There are 30 reels, and the serial will run for 15 weeks, two reels being shown every Thursday. Featured in this great circus production are Francis Ford and Grace Cunard, supported by a great cast. Included in the thrilling story are real circus acts from such big shows as Barnum & Bailey, Ringling Bros., Sells-Floto and Hagenback, Wallace Combined Shows. It tells of the adventures of Peg, known as Peg o' the ring, an aerial performer with a circus, and abounds in thrilling scenes incident with circus life, into which is woven a strong story of love. This will be a serial which will be especially interesting to the children and will please the grown-ups too.

The first episode will be shown on Thursday, July 13th, and each Thursday thereafter. The regular 3 o'clock matinee will be given and the usual evening shows the first commencing at 7:15.

Brakeman Stewart Knocked From Train by Water Tank Spout.

W. M. Stewart, a brakeman on the Des Moines and Cainesville branch, was seriously injured, at Cainesville last Thursday. Mr. Stewart was riding on top of a freight car and in passing the water tank was struck just back of the ear by the water spout and knocked to the ground, his head being badly bruised and he was stunned by the fall to the ground. He was brought to the Leon hospital for treatment and is getting along very nicely, and his recovery is expected within a short time as the skull was not fractured as was at first supposed. The injured man is 30 years old and resides at Ottumwa. He had only been on this run a few days. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stewart, of Agency City, came to this city as soon as they were notified of the accident, and will remain here until he is out of all danger.

Sixty Acres of Pop Corn.

Our enterprising and progressive farmer friend, Alex Nickell, has planted sixty acres of nice pop corn on his large farm east of town. The ground had been prepared in the spring, and planted to ordinary field corn, but failing to get a good stand, Alex conceived the idea of planting the ground to pop corn as a commercial venture. He obtained the seed through the Lineville Feed Store, eight bushels of shelled pop corn drilled being required to plant the sixty acres. This variety matures in little more than sixty days from time of planting and yields from 25 to 40 bushels per acre. It is always in demand and when grown in large quantities and marketable by the carload, is a very profitable and remunerative crop.—Lineville Tribune.

Made Auto Trip From Wyoming.

Rev. R. R. Hopton and family, of Greybull, Wyoming, arrived in Leon last week, having made the trip in their trusty Ford car. They were three weeks on the road, taking their time, and camping out when it struck their fancy. They visited with relatives and friends at various places along the route, and will visit here for several weeks, Rev. Hopton having been granted a three months leave of absence from his duties as pastor at Greybull. Some weeks ago he suffered from ptomaine poisoning, and was threatened with a general breakdown, and his physician ordered him to take a good rest. The trip here did him a lot of good, and he is feeling much better than when he left home.

Kirk—Johnson.

Mr. Wilbur LeRoy Kirk and Miss Lelah E. Johnson, two well known young people of Davis City, were married at the clerk's office in this city on Saturday evening by Justice John Woodmansee. They returned to Davis City the same evening, and their many friends in that vicinity extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Only Sold Eight Fords This Week.

Estes & Co., the local Ford dealers, had to exceed the speed limit this week, as they sold eight cars during the week instead of the average of week were P. E. Brady, Dennis Daughton, John Overholzer, Ira Officer, Roscoe Oney and Hill Williamson, of Leon, J. S. Ramsey, of Van Wert, and Virgil Duff, of Weldon.

Leon 11—Osceola 2.

For the second time this season the fast Leon ball team defeated Osceola in a game played at Woodburn on the Fourth by the decisive score of 11 to 2. Osceola was the first team to beat Leon this year, but Leon has had her revenge by twice defeating Osceola since that time. The Leon boys are playing mighty good ball this season.

Purchased Millinery Store.

Mrs. Gertrude Berryman, of Plattsburg, Mo. has purchased the M. Caffray millinery stock and has taken possession. Mrs. Berryman comes here with the intention of making this city her permanent home and will continue to carry a splendid stock of millinery goods.

You get quality every time when you smoke the Willis Graves 5 cent cigars, "Havana Spikes" and "Masonic Knights."