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BRYAN DREW BIG CROWD

To the Garden Grove Corn Picnic on Tuesday. High Wind Interfered with the Speaking.

It is a fortunate thing indeed that the changing of Mr. Bryan's itinerary for Iowa, changed the date of the Garden Grove Corn Picnic from Wednesday of last week until Tuesday of this week, for last week the rain would have interfered, but Tuesday was an ideal day aside from the strong wind which blew all day, and one of the largest crowds ever assembled in southern Iowa, gathered at the Corn Picnic in the Davis woods, four miles northwest of Garden Grove, the big attraction of the course being the speech by Wm. J. Bryan. There was a tremendous big crowd present, autos being on the grounds from all parts of Decatur county and many of the adjoining counties, the grounds being filled with autos, and many were parked outside.

The exhibits at the corn picnic were good, the display of fancy work especially being large and many beautiful pieces of work were shown. There was a fine display of corn and other farm products, the noticeable thing being the absence of the usual large display of apples, for the apple crop in Decatur county this year is mighty slim, although there were some fine apples shown.

It was unfortunate that the strong wind which was blowing through the big trees in the park made so much noise that but a very small percentage of the big crowd were able to hear Mr. Bryan's address, and in addition Mr. Bryan's voice was in very poor shape. He has been speaking several times every day in the open, and he was very hoarse. He made a splendid speech, however, devoted mainly to the national issues. He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Meredith, the democratic candidate for governor, and cautioned his hearers to beware of any attacks which the liquor interests may make against Mr. Meredith, that they would leave nothing undone to defeat him, and that the liquor question in Iowa was a vital one. He also urged that the democratic candidate for congress, Mr. H. B. Bracewell, be given every support, as it was of the utmost importance that President Wilson have a democratic congress back of him, for in case Wilson should be re-elected and a republican congress elected, the hands of the president would be tied in many matters which he desired to carry through in the interest of the people.

Mr. Bryan's discussion of the issues was as follows: Two propositions discussed—First should the government be turned back to the reactionaries whose conduct was so odious that it caused more than half the republicans to repudiate their party in 1912? If not, Wilson should be re-elected with a democratic senate and house to support him.

Second—Should the president be rebuked for keeping this country out of war with Mexico and Europe, or should he be commended by a vote that will re-elect him and give him a democratic senate and house to support him.

In support of the record of the present administration, Mr. Bryan took up one by one, and at length dwelt upon the following, which we can here only summarize: Supports Present Administration. "The world has seven wonders; in the United States the political world has eleven wonders. The record made by the present administration in the matter of domestic reform is without parallel in the history of our government. A democratic president, supported by a democratic senate and a democratic house, has given the country eleven splendid remedial measures.

"First: The tariff law now upon the statute books is the best enacted within a half century. It is written upon the theory that a tariff law should be so framed as to raise revenue, and not upon the theory of giving protection for protection's sake. It has lessened the power of the tariff baron to exact tribute from the public.

Income Tax Provision. "Second: The income tax provision, while a part of the general revenue law, deserves to be considered upon its own merits. It was made possible by the adoption of the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution, secured after a fight of more than fifteen years made under democratic leadership. The income tax in the law of 1913 transferred nearly one hundred millions from consumption to incomes, thus relieving the masses from the injustice that republican tariff laws had put upon them, an injustice which would still continue if the republicans had remained in power.

"Third: The currency law is the greatest piece of constructive legislation the generation has seen. It brings to the commercial world a relief sorely needed. It breaks Wall Street's despotic hold upon the business of the nation and the political tyranny exercised by the masters of high finance.

"Fourth: The rural credits law is a fitting companion of the currency law. It gives to the agricultural world the same sort of relief that the currency law brings to the commercial world. It gives conclusive proof of the breadth and comprehensiveness of democratic plans—justice to all in every walk of life.

"Fifth: The anti-trust law, written upon the theory that a private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable, is the first step towards the release

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CARS WERE SMASHED.

Will Shields Had Serious Auto Accident near Eddyville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shields returned on Tuesday of last week from Eddyville, with their new Overland auto considerably disfigured, the result of a collision near Eddyville the previous Saturday. The following account of the accident is taken from the Eddyville Tribune and tells the story:

An auto collision occurred out at Pleasant Corners at about 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, and although it proved quite serious for the occupants of one of the cars, it might have been even worse.

Mrs. Ed Shields and daughters, Misses Jennie and Dorothy, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shields of Leon were driving to Frederic in Will's new Overland Six. Approaching the corners from the west was the Ford of C. A. Williams south of town, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Williams and little daughter, and two guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaffer of Oskaloosa, they having been out for a pleasure drive.

Neither party saw the other in time to prevent a collision, so the Ford car bumped into the Overland at the point where the east and west, and north and south roads cross each other at the Corners. It is said that the cars were about twenty feet apart when Mr. Williams noticed the danger and attempted to avoid the other car, but struck it, caving in the back door of the Overland. The axle and fender of the Overland were also bent and the Ford was badly jammed up.

The Ford being the lightest car of the two was upset. Mr. Williams was pinned under the car and sustained a fracture of the shoulder blade, but he managed to climb out from under the wreck. Mrs. Williams came out of the collision with a fractured skull which is of such a nature that it is not likely to result in any permanent injury. Their little daughter escaped with but a few bruises. Mrs. Shaffer, who is about 65 years of age, was considerably jammed up, and it is feared that she may have a fractured hip, but her husband was more fortunate and escaped with only a few bruises. The occupants of the larger car sustained no worse injuries than a severe shaking up.

Those in the Williams party were taken into the Joe Himelick home on the corner and after receiving immediate attention they were taken to the Williams home in cars driven by Mr. Himelick and Mr. C. V. Shaffer. At last reports they were all doing as well as could be expected.

The accident is said to have simply been one of those unfortunate occurrences in which no one was to blame. Both parties were accompanied by guests and they were all probably having a good time and all were off their guard for just an instant as they approached the cross roads.

Benefit Concert for the Associated Charities of Leon.

The Associated Charities of Leon have secured Gretchen Myers Coen to put on her original "Stunt Fest," at the opera house on Thursday, Oct. 12. The play will consist of twelve different little acts, acted duets, sketches, wooden shoe stunts, sextette, reading, Indian sketches, etc., plenty of variety. Forty of Leon's most popular people will take part in it. There will be plenty of laughs, good music, unique costumes, in fact everything that will make you enjoy yourself.

Rehearsals are being held daily for this entertainment. The tickets will be sold by the ladies for several days before the entertainment, but the seats will not be reserved until Tuesday morning at Cherrington's drug store. No extra charge for reservations. Buy your ticket early and help this good cause.

Mrs. Rolla Alexander Has Serious Operation Performed.

Mrs. Rolla Alexander, who has been suffering from ailments for some time, was operated upon Sunday morning by Leon physicians. They found her condition to be much more serious than was anticipated, and although she was very low following the operation the crisis has been passed and she is improving, which will be good news to her many friends, who trust she will soon be restored to health again.

Another College Student.

In the last of college students from Leon which we published last week, the name of Howard Sage was inadvertently omitted. Howard graduated from the Leon High School, and is taking a banking course at the C. C. College, rooming at 1119 Thirtieth street. He has the promise of a fine job starting at \$100 a month in a bank at Washington, Iowa, as soon as he completes his course.

F. S. Stewart Operated Upon.

F. S. Stewart, the popular furniture dealer of Leon, who had been suffering from an attack of appendicitis, was operated upon at his home Sunday afternoon, and at this writing is getting along in fine shape, with every prospect that he will make a rapid recovery.

Leon 14—Lamoni 0.

The Leon High School foot ball team defeated Lamoni High School eleven in a good game on the Leon grounds last Friday by a score of 14 to 0. The Leon boys have a lot of new material on their team, but they are practicing hard, and expect to be able to go against any of the High School elevens of southern Iowa.

BIG TIME AT VAN WERT

At Their Home-Coming Celebration Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7. Good Program Both Days.

The town of Van Wert is making big preparations to entertain everybody at their Home-Coming on Friday and Saturday of this week. They have secured a number of good free attractions, including auto polo games for both days, and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend the Home-Coming, and the committee in charge assures you that you will be well entertained. Some of the best live stock, agricultural and domestic science instructors in the state will deliver lectures, and speakers of note will speak on both days.

Liberal premiums are offered for live stock, farm products, needlecraft, etc.

The following is the program:

- FRIDAY, OCT. 6th.
- 10:00a. m.—Band.
- 10:30—Free attractions.
- 11:00—Judging chickens and hogs.
- Lecture by R. K. Bliss of the Iowa State College, Ames.
- 12:00—Dinner.
- 1:00—Band.
- 1:30—Free attractions.
- 2:00—Judging horses and cattle.
- Lecture by R. K. Bliss, of Iowa State College, Ames.
- 2:30—Address by H. M. Havener, Republican candidate for Attorney General.
- 3:30—Band, parade to ball park.
- 4:00—Auto polo.
- 6:00—Supper.
- 7:00—Band concert.
- 7:30—Free attractions.
- 8:00—Lecture by R. K. Bliss.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7th.

- 9:30—Band.
- 10:00—Baby Health contest.
- 10:30—Free attractions.
- 11:00—Judging farm products and domestic science.
- Lecture by Miss Jessie Campbell, of Iowa State College, Ames.
- 12:00—Dinner.
- 1:00—Band.
- 1:30—Free attractions.
- 2:00—Lecture by Miss Jessie Campbell, of Iowa State College, Ames.
- 2:30—Address by Major W. L. Brown, of Kansas.
- 3:30—Band, parade to ball park.
- 4:00—Auto polo.
- 6:00—Supper.
- 7:00—Band concert.
- 7:30—Free attractions.

Bradford Bought Another Farm.

S. C. Bradford added another good Decatur county farm to his holding last week, when he purchased the 205 1/2 acre farm in Woodland and Morgan townships, owned by Mike Griffin and known as the Boston Smallwood farm, paying \$75 per acre for the place. Mr. Griffin bought this farm at \$65 an acre only two months ago. This makes over 4100 acres of Decatur county land which Mr. Bradford has purchased in the past year at a cost of over a half a million dollars. The sale was made by C. M. Keller and A. M. Pryor.

World's Series Opens at Boston Saturday.

The series of base ball games to determine the world championship, will open at Boston on Saturday afternoon, between the Boston team of the American league and the Brooklyn team of the National league. The series is to be four games out of seven. The second game will be at Boston on Monday, and the third and fourth games at Brooklyn. They will play alternately at Boston and Brooklyn until the championship is decided.

Democratic Speaking.

F. A. Garber, democratic candidate for representative, will speak at Morgan Center on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th. Every voter in that part of the county should come out and hear Mr. Garber's speech. He will interest you, and you can make up your mind whether he should be supported in his race for representative.

Lost at Bethany Ball Tournament.

The Leon base ball team did not fare very well at the base ball tournament at Bethany, the first of the week, losing all the games except one, that being when they defeated Davis City by a score of 5 to 3. The Missourians from Albany and Bethany were spiked to the limit with league players, too swift for the Leon bunch.

Some Sun Flower.

Mrs. M. A. Baker brought to The Reporter office last Saturday a mammoth sun flower which she raised on her lot in Smith's addition. The stalk was 8 feet and 9 inches tall, being 7 1/2 inches in circumference at the base, and the flower is 34 inches in circumference.

Wild Cat Money.

Alva Woodmansee, of northwest of Leon, showed us a specimen of the old wild cat money the past week. It was a \$5.00 bill issued by the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, being dated July 20, 1816. This old bill has been handed down through his family for many years, and is highly prized by him.

Fur Coats.

We have a fine line of Russian calf fur coats and in the finest dark brown colors. Come in and see. At very low prices for the quality. J. A. McIntosh.

A GOOD MOTTO FOR YOU.

To Lie, Steal, Drink and Swear.

To "lie" in peaceful slumber. To "steal" away from bad companions. To "drink" good cold water. To "swear" that you will buy your next suit or overcoat of G. B. Price.

Jurors for October Court.

The following trial jurors have been drawn for the October term of the District Court, which convenes at Leon on Monday, Oct. 23rd, with Judge Thos. L. Maxwell, presiding, the jurors being summoned for Tuesday, Oct. 24th:

- J. C. Traupel, High Point.
- Ellis Peck, High Point.
- J. H. Lighthill, Decatur.
- H. W. Bartlett, Garden Grove.
- W. L. Severe, Davis City.
- David Owen, Franklin.
- Emory Thompson, New Buda.
- W. B. Massey, Woodland.
- George Giehrst, Decatur.
- W. H. Vanderpool, Bloomington.
- A. L. Lawhorn, Fayette.
- J. E. Albaugh, Center.
- Asa Bethards, Center.
- Geo. O. Johnson, Woodland.
- T. W. Waller, Leon.
- E. Kyle, Decatur.
- Mort Ordway, Burrell.
- Lloyd Moore, Hamilton.
- Earl Wagner, High Point.
- Wm. Ramshaw, Fayette.
- C. E. Henderson, Leon.
- J. H. Stark, Richland.
- W. A. Cummings, New Buda.
- Aldie Roe, Leroy.
- Lafe Thomas, Decatur.
- C. E. Little, Hamilton.
- O. F. Estes, Leon.
- H. C. Sherron, Franklin.
- D. M. Nash, Leon.
- A. B. Miller, Garden Grove.
- H. T. Johnston, Richland.
- Clyde Gould, Long Creek.
- A. H. Smith, Fayette.
- George McDowell, Grand River.
- J. T. Stewart, Center.
- J. C. Snyder, Fayette.

Bought 1454 Acres of Good Decatur County Land.

C. M. Keller, of Leon, who is recognized as one of the best posted men on real estate values in Iowa, closed a deal the past week whereby he becomes the owner of the big farm known as the old John Manning ranch, in Grand River and Bloomington townships, consisting of 1454 acres, buying it from J. E. Cramer, a banker of Wellington, Kansas, at \$75 per acre, and he secured one of the biggest bargains in Decatur county land ever picked up. Mr. Keller is now the largest resident land owner in Decatur county, owning a total of more than 2300 acres in Decatur county. Just a short time ago he bought the old Wasson homestead in Morgan township, and he has been doing a vast amount of improving on the place. Mr. Keller has bought and sold many thousand acres of Decatur county land and he knows what they are worth. He does not hesitate to invest his money in Decatur county land, for he, better than anyone else, knows what land in this county is going to be worth within the next few years. That he has faith in these values is manifested by the heavy investment he has made in them himself, and we are confident that he will clean up a good profit when he disposes of his holdings.

Auto Turned Over.

Friday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vail of Garden Grove, were enroute to the home of Mrs. Vail's father, W. D. Lionberger, they met with an accident on the hill at Jonathan Creek, but fortunately were saved from injury. In passing a team on the hill Mr. Vail pulled out to the side of the road, and as it was just getting dark could not see very well. At this point the road drops off over a high bank, and the weeds having been recently cut left the appearance of the road very deceptive, and the auto dropped over the edge of the bank, turning completely over, but fortunately landed against the trunk of a dead tree, and the occupants were dropped out to the ground four or five feet below escaping without injury. Had the car not struck the tree it would have gone to the bottom of the deep ditch and the occupants probably killed.

Very Important.

Indeed are our eyes, so delicate in their structure and so indispensable, yet entirely automatic in their action. Long strain of the eyes especially of children, results in an unnatural condition of the eyes. The trial cases do not always reveal the nature of the defect. In recent years other methods of determining these defects have been discovered and when used in connection with the trial case insure the best possible results. Butler, the jeweler and optometrist, has his fitting room fully equipped with the most up-to-date of these instruments, and uses them in every case that he examines.

Leon Running Horse Won Many Races.

G. W. Spicer, the well known horseman of Leon, arrived home with his running mare, Bessie Davis, last Friday, having had a most successful season. Bessie Davis started in 23 races this season, was never out of the money, and in only one race was she third, being either first or second in 22 races. This is certainly a fine record, and Mr. Spicer cleaned up a nice sum from the purses. Mr. Spicer has been breeding and training running horses for many years and has been one of the successful ones.

Moved With Auto Trucks.

C. C. Cornman, the Rawleigh medicine man, is now a resident of Leon, nicely located in Mrs. Kate Brown's property in northwest Leon. Mr. Cornman has been residing at Garden Grove, and when he decided to move to Leon contracted with Orr Stout to move him with his auto trucks, and four truck loads did the work to his entire satisfaction. Everything was handled with care by Mr. Stout and his men, and the moving was done quickly and in fine shape, and with lots less trouble than loading a car at Garden Grove and shipping on the railroad. Mr. Cornman was more than pleased with the job of moving which Mr. Stout did for him.

Death of Mrs. Mary Turner.

Mrs. Mary Turner, mother of Mrs. Winfield Cash, of Leon, who went to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, a few weeks ago to make an extended visit with relatives, died at that place on Monday. Her remains were brought to Leon yesterday, the funeral being held at the Christian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A fitting obituary will be published next week.

Mackinaws.

Our line of Mackinaw coats for boys and men is worth your consideration and it will pay you to come in and see them. Prices very reasonable quality considered. J. A. McIntosh.

Played a Tie Game of Foot Ball.

The town foot ball team went to Ridgeway, Mo., last Thursday and played the Ridgeway team, but it was a tie game, neither team being able to score, the game ending 0 to 0.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mark Grimes will be found behind the counter of M. Mayer's clothing store after Saturday morning. Mr. Grimes has a splendid reputation as a clerk and his many friends will be pleased to meet him in a Leon store. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sullivan entertained about forty friends at their home on Oct. 6th, in honor of the twentieth anniversary of their wedding.

Eugene Vanderpool, a young man about eighteen years of age, employed as a helper at the depot, was instantly killed by being run over by a freight car. He was riding on top of a car which a freight crew had kicked down the track, and had started to climb down the ladder between the cars when in some manner he fell and the wheels of the car ran over him just as it hit the train and stopped. It was necessary to secure jack screws and raise the car before his body could be removed. His parents live near Guthrie, Okla. Charlie Gibson, station agent at LaPlatte, Neb., is here on a visit to his parents. He is fatter and healthier than ever, and the Nebraska climate seems to agree with him pretty well.

Mrs. R. D. Gardner and Mrs. Ann Gardner returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Kansas. Miss Grace Curry entertained a number of her young lady friends at a charming tea party Thursday evening.

The city council has let a contract for two new dynamos for the electric light plant with a capacity of 10 kilowatts or 270 sixteen candle power lamps. When the new dynamos are installed the capacity of the plant will be increased from 300 lights to 540 lights.

Mr. Charles B. Frase and Miss Helen Jensen were married last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Stearns, at Garden Grove, Rev. Allan Judd, of Des Moines, officiating.

J. P. Wharton, Willard Young and Wade Warner, Mrs. J. R. Bashaw, Mrs. Mary Warner and Miss Harriet Young attended the wedding of Mr. Floyd Patterson and Miss Daisy Moss at Cainesville Tuesday evening. The groom is a son of F. M. Patterson, a former resident of Leon, and is a prosperous miller at Cainesville. The bride is the daughter of J. M. Moss, the leading merchant of Cainesville.

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Oscar Beck Sells Wyoming Ranch for \$82,000.

From the Big Piney, Wyoming, Examiner, we learn that Oscar Beck, a former well known resident of Decatur county, who went to Wyoming a number of years ago, has sold his home ranch and cattle to Elmer Rathbun for \$82,000. No price was made for either the land or cattle, the price being made for Mr. Beck's entire property interests, with the exception of his personal effects. Mr. Beck will move to Big Piney and next summer will erect a commodious home on lots in that town. Oscar still owns one or two other ranches near Big Piney, but he has turned the management of them over to his son, Fred, and he and his wife will take life easy. Oscar has many good friends in Decatur county, who are pleased to hear of his prosperity.

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More Road Corners Cut.

In addition to the corners which are to be cut on the Jefferson Highway between Leon and Lamoni, two more bad corners on this trail have been cut back, one at the eight mile corner north of Leon, and the second a mile west of this one at the O. C. McClintock corner. This is a great help, and while we are at it, we want to state that it will only be a short time until there will not be a single square corner left on the Jefferson Highway through Decatur county. This year there has been a vast amount of splendid work done on the trail from Leon north to the Clarke county line, which is under the supervision of L. P. Hastings, member of the board of supervisors, and Mr. Hastings has looked after the work personally and it shows for itself. He is certainly making good in all his work as member of the board.

SPECIAL AT IDLE HOUR.

Edna Wallace Hopper and Frank Sheridan in "The Perils of Divorce" Monday Night.

One of the best feature plays ever booked for the Idle Hour theatre is coming on Monday, Oct. 9th, when "The Perils of Divorce," starring Edna Wallace Hopper and Frank Sheridan will be presented. This picture has had a great run in all the leading cities, and it presents one of the leading topics of the day.

Time was when kings dared think of divorce, but among the folks in the ordinary walks of life, it was thought to be part only of the evil men do. But now we live in an enlightened age—or do we? Fashions are ever changing, that which fascinates the eye today, tomorrow will be listed as passe or "out of date." Every nation faces the "Lorraine Question." That this great and growing evil is a dangerous proposition, if not regulated, has been conceded by the ablest authorities, and yet divorce is in many cases, justified. What society will do in order to protect the coming generations, remains to be seen. Those who grapple with the great problem, will find food for thought in the "Perils of Divorce," a cleverly presented story of the life of John Graham, who misjudged constance, his wife, and in that hour, when all must pay, realized his great error. Whether you are young or aged, married or single, engaged or as Sergeant Kelley remarked, "courting Sally," the story—"Perils of Divorce," will please you, because it is not only unusual, but it ends happily. Don't miss it.

Matinee at 3 o'clock, first night show at 7:15. Prices are 10 and 15 cents.

New Court Cases.

C. A. Boyd vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Suit is brought for \$163.07 as damages to a car load of steers shipped from Grand River to Chicago, by reason of being delayed in transit. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

Farmers & Traders State Bank vs. W. L. Barry et al. Suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage on the east half of lot 1, block 13, in the town of Leon, given to secure a note for \$600 dated May 25, 1914. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

Frank Boyd vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Suit is brought for \$164.65 as damages to a car load of steers shipped from Grand River to Chicago, which were delayed in transit. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

L. T. Greenland vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Suit is brought for \$152.60 as damages to a car load of steers shipped from Grand River to Chicago which were delayed in transit. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

L. Foland and J. F. Jones vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Suit is brought for \$25.45 as damages to a car load of hogs shipped from Grand River to Chicago which were delayed in transit. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

Lizzie Thomas vs. Chas. T. Buck et al. The parties are the heirs of William Buck, deceased, and ask that the real estate which he owned be appraised and sold and the proceeds divided among the legal heirs. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

Della Russell vs. Eugene Russell. These parties were married at Leon, Sept. 12, 1910, and lived together until August 14, 1916. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, adultery and failure to support. She asks for the custody of their two minor children, and \$100 temporary and \$1000 permanent alimony. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

From the Williamsburg Journal-Tribune we clip the following notice telling of the purchase of a fine Iowa county farm by Harley Ransom, who is the husband of a former very popular Leon girl, Miss Lola Brazelton.

G. H. Leasuer closed a land deal this week by which Harley Ransom becomes the owner of the old Jacob Spratt farm in Greene township. The farm was purchased from M. Dwyer, of Parnell, and the price was \$180 per acre for 161 acres. Possession of the farm passes Oct. 1st, but the present lease is operative until March 1st, 1917.

We congratulate Harley Ransom on his good purchase; the Spratt farm is as good land as is in Iowa and the price for which it sold is a sure gilt-edged bargain; and Harley will turn the bargain to a good and a telling account. He is a first class farmer and his heart fairly yearned for a slice of land which he might call his very own. The neighborhood to which Harley and his good wife will move cannot help but like the young couple and we commend them to the Amish, Irish, and Yankee residents of the old Spratt section.

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