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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Court Convened Monday Evening, and will Adjourn the Last of the Week Until November 8th.

The October term of the district court convened Monday evening upon the arrival of Judge T. L. Maxwell from his home at Creston. There will be no criminal cases tried at this term of court, but considerable other business will be disposed of, several jury cases being set for trial this week. The trial jury panel summoned for this term consists of thirty-six members instead of the regular twenty-four, but quite a number had left the state and others were excused for good reasons.

Court will remain in session the balance of this week and will then adjourn until Wednesday, Nov. 8th, the next day after the election. The grand jury was empaneled on Tuesday with the following members: F. A. Townsend, foreman, W. D. Robinson, H. A. Tapscott, C. E. Roe, C. H. Fisher, J. B. Redman and T. E. Cummings. The court appointed J. S. Parrish, clerk of the grand jury, and John Chastain, bailiff for the grand jury. Earl McDowell is acting as court bailiff.

Willie Gaines, a thirteen year old boy residing in Leon, was brought before Judge Maxwell yesterday morning, it being charged that he was incorrigible, and after hearing the evidence of officials and others as to his conduct the court ordered him taken to the state industrial school at Eldora.

The following cases have been disposed of: CRIMINAL State vs. E. Albersson. Grand jury returns indictment on charge of giving intoxicants to an inebriate. Defendant who is in jail is without means to employ an attorney and the court appointed V. R. McGinnis to defend him.

LAW AND EQUITY J. E. Sutherland vs. P. E. Shirley, J. C. Cozad, as administrator, is substituted as plaintiff. R. G. Sutton vs. R. W. Braden and Pete Huddleston. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Chas. West vs. Leo Fullerton. Settled and dismissed. Leo Fullerton vs. Chas. West. Settled and dismissed.

John Corbett vs. O. F. and T. M. Craft. Settled and dismissed. Syndicate Clothing Co. vs. Wm. McKern. Settled and dismissed. L. E. Enyart vs. S. A. and A. R. Kirkpatrick. Settled and dismissed. E. P. Brown vs. E. L. Bell. Settled and dismissed at plaintiff's cost. J. M. Matteson vs. Geo. M. King Co. Settled.

Letts-Parker Grocery Co. vs. A. J. Johnson. Dismissed. Etta Maynard vs. Myrtle Higdon et al. Decree of partition.

Decatur State Savings Bank vs. Claude M. Kier et al. Dismissed. J. C. Cozad vs. Claude M. Kier et al. Dismissed.

F. M. Cummins vs. City of Leon. Dismissed. J. O. Woodmansee vs. J. W. and Lillian Delk. Judgment for amount of promissory note.

W. H. Bronson vs. Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Settled and dismissed. Frank Foland vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Settled and dismissed.

A. J. Fulton vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Settled and dismissed. Challenge Co. vs. Flora & Shirley. Default and judgment on account for \$72.33.

Mark E. Crane vs. Elizabeth Crane. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Wm. A. Curry vs. R. C. and O. H. Reynolds. Dismissed.

Albert Heisher vs. Unknown Claimant et al. Decree quieting title to real estate. L. R. West vs. N. P. West, T. M. Stuart Jr. and R. P. Coontz given leave to intervene.

Lillian Deirling vs. Andrew Deirling. Decree annulling marriage. Helen Frase vs. Geo. Kishler et al. Decree quieting title to real estate.

Viola Williams vs. Geo. B. Williams. Dismissed. Nora Sprinkle vs. L. S. Sutherland. Judgment for amount of one promissory note.

Clyde Lesan vs. Wiebie Vanderflute. Dismissed. Byers State Bank of Byers, Colorado, vs. N. P. West. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost, attachments and garnishments released.

Porter Reeves et al. vs. Warren J. Butler et al. Decree of foreclosure. Susan Ladd vs. J. B. Ladd. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Farmers & Traders State Bank vs. W. L. and Emma Z. Barry. Decree of foreclosure. A. L. Ackerley vs. Cora Mullinnix et al. Dismissed.

W. H. Marble vs. Marshall H. Young et al. Decree quieting title to real estate. Mariah Sowers vs. John Sowers. Decree of divorce granted.

PROBATE Guardianship of Iola Hornung. Final report approved, guardian discharged. Guardianship of John E. Carpenter et al. Guardian authorized to pay his share of funds now in guardian's hands to John E. Carpenter.

Estate of Matilda Butcher. County treasurer ordered to pay to Grace Alger \$17.10, her share of estate. Estate of Wm. Day. Final report approved, executor discharged.

Guardianship of Thomas and Rhoda Hendrickson. Final report approved, guardian discharged. Estate of E. M. Curry. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Guardianship of Zula Middleton. Guardian authorized to expend \$75 of ward's funds to send her to school.

Guardianship of Lloyd Snyder. Final report approved, guardian discharged. Estate of Sarah A. Strickland. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Guardianship of Truman and Francis Wallace. Final report approved, guardian discharged. Estate of Lavina Osborn. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of Christina Adair. Final report approved, administrator discharged. Estate of Jacob Switzer. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of J. R. Bashaw. Final report approved, administrator discharged. Estate of Winter Hastings. Administrator authorized to spend not to exceed \$50 for monument for deceased and to pay widow \$150.

Estate of Geo. W. Wadsworth. Executor directed to pay all taxes on real estate and personal property until further notice. Estate of Wm. E. Gammon. Will probated. R. H. Gammon appointed executor without bond.

Guardianship of John R. Stockton. Order for sale of real estate. Estate of L. K. Cozad. Widow allowed \$700 for support of herself and minor children.

Guardianship of Rosa Rhodes. W. C. Rhodes appointed temporary guardian with bond of \$1000. Guardianship of David Wood. J. P. Martin appointed temporary guardian with bond of \$100.

Guardianship of Ralph Mills. Incompetent. Clifton Mills appointed temporary guardian with bond of \$3,000. Estate of John P. Kline. Final report approved, administratrix discharged.

Estate of Wm. D. Buck. Administrator authorized to expend \$100 for monument for deceased. Guardianship of Byron Gore. Report of sale and deed to John Norton approved.

Estate of Silas Worden. Final report approved, administrator discharged. Guardianship of Mary McDaniel. Final report approved, guardian discharged.

Printing the Election Ballots. The Reporter force has been doing a lot of extra work this week, printing the big election ballots for the election a week from next Tuesday, it being necessary to print the ballots earlier than usual in order to have them ready to supply those who make application for ballots as absent voters, the law providing that application may be filed on and after Oct. 25th, and the ballot must be sent to the voter and returned to the county auditor before election day.

There are seven tickets appearing on the official ballot in Decatur county this year, republican, democratic, progressive, socialist, prohibition, socialist labor and the non-partisan judiciary ticket, and in some counties there will be an extra independent ticket, making the ballot even still larger. In addition to the regular ballot there is also another constitutional amendment to be voted upon, which must be printed on a separate ballot, yellow in color. The amendment submitted is in regard to giving the general assembly authority to change the time of holding the general election in Iowa, the amendment reading as follows:

"The general election for state, district, county and township officers in the year 1916 shall be held in the same month and on the same day as that fixed by the laws of the United States for the election of presidential electors, or of president and vice-president of the United States; and thereafter such election shall be held at such time as the general assembly may by law provide."

Lone Scouts Will Celebrate Anniversary. On next Monday evening, Oct. 30, is the anniversary of the organization of the Lone Scouts of America; on January 1, 1915, the organization was incorporated at Washington, D. C., and on Oct. 30, 1915, the official paper of the Lone Scouts of America, "The Lone Scout," was first published and the work of the Lone Scouts began. Today there are 133,310 Lone Scouts in the United States and Canada.

Lone Scouts of the "Mink Tribe No. 1," in Leon are requested to be at the anniversary meeting next Monday evening. We would also like to have all parents of the tribe members at the meeting.

Democratic County Run on Saturday, November 4. A big democratic county auto run is being arranged to be held on Saturday, November 4th. Hon. Maurice Connelly will be here to speak at every town in the county, and all the county candidates will accompany the run. The complete schedule will be published next week, and county chairman M. F. Springer invites all auto owners to participate in this run.

Purchased the Harvey Home. The fine residence property of the late Mrs. John W. Harvey on south Main street, the finest residence in Leon, was sold last week by Jas. F. Harvey to L. P. VanWarden, who gets possession at once, and will move into the home within a short time. Mr. VanWarden an dfamily are to be congratulated on securing this elegant home, and they will enjoy its comforts and conveniences.

FOUND A STOLEN AUTO

Leon's City Marshal Discovers Ford Car Which was Stolen at Collins, Iowa, Some Time Ago.

A Ford touring car, owned by O. H. Gearhart, of Collins, Iowa, was located in Leon last week by city marshal Marion Osborn, and Saturday Mr. Gearhart and John Halterman, of Collins, came to Leon, identified the car and it was turned over to them. Several weeks ago C. M. Akes purchased the car from a young man, who drove it here, the first heard of him being north of Pleasanton, where he made an effort to sell the car, as it was broken some. Mr. Akes heard that the car was for sale and drove down that way, and finally bought it, agreeing to pay \$160 for the car. He went on to attend a sale, and arranged for his sons to pay the young man the money here at Leon upon the delivery of the car, never dreaming that the car had been stolen as the young fellow put up a good talk as to the ownership, and it is not unusual for a car owner who has met with an accident to sell his car. The young man said he was on his way to Princeton, Mo., where he had relatives, and after receiving the money for the car, bought a ticket for Corydon where he said he would take the Rock Island for Princeton. He did not give his name to anyone who can remember it, and the chances of locating him are pretty slim. City marshal Osborn became suspicious about the car, and wrote to the secretary of state giving the license number and in this way, the car was located. Mr. Akes is out \$160 and some repairs made on the car, and will be mighty careful about buying a car from a stranger in the future.

New Serial Starts at Idle Hour Theatre Today. "The Shielding Shadow," the new wonder serial in fifteen episodes, starts at the popular Idle Hour theatre today. The serial features Grace Darmond, Ralph Kellard and Leon Bary. "The Shielding Shadow," is a mystic, shadowy form with dead white hands and burning eyes that hovers protectively near the beautiful Leontine whenever she is in danger. Her life is plunged into mystery and dangerous adventure from the day she marries a wealthy Spaniard, Sebastian Navarro, to save her father from financial ruin. She has agreed to be a wife in name only until her husband can win her love, as she is still faithful to the memory of her sweetheart who has disappeared at sea. Grace Darmond made her debut in the title role of "Editha the Burglar." Few actresses screen as well as Miss Darmond, and with her beautiful costumes she seems at times like a delicate bit of Dresden China come to life—and she has to step pretty lively to keep up with the thrills in "The Shielding Shadow." She is supported by two very clever romantic screen favorites, Ralph Kellard and Leon Bary, and a notable cast of the usual high Pathe quality.

Both the first and second episodes of "The Shielding Shadow," four reels, and a one reel comedy, making five reels, will be shown at the Idle Hour Thursday, October 26th, both afternoon and night. Usual admission prices, 5 and 10 cents.

New Express Service. Commencing next Sunday, Oct. 29, the Burlington route will put on a fast express train to run from Chicago to Lincoln, Neb., which will carry express exclusively. The train will start from Chicago at 10:45 p. m., with ten express cars. Two of the cars will be dropped off at Galesburg, Ill., one at Burlington, one at Ottumwa, and one at Chariton, the balance going through to Lincoln. The train will reach Chariton in time to connect with the early morning train for Leon, so that it will enable our merchants and others to receive Chicago and eastern express on the early morning train instead of the noon train. It was found necessary to put on this express train on account of the large amount of express which was being handled which interfered with the regular passenger trains on which it was formerly carried. A similar train will run from Lincoln to Chicago, picking up the cars where they were set out.

Study Center at Leon, Oct. 28. The second study center under the combined auspices of Iowa State College and Iowa State Teachers' College will be held at the High School building at Leon, Saturday, October 28th at 9:30 o'clock. The instructors will be Miss Clark, Miss Carlile, Mr. Hart and Mr. Woodstock.

Those interested in the weaving to be presented by Miss Carlile are requested to bring rulers, a knife and some stiff cardboard. MABEL HORNER, County Superintendent.

Foot Ball Game Friday Afternoon. A benefit game of foot ball for the Leon K. of P. band will be played at Warner's park in this city on Friday afternoon between the town team and Graceland College eleven. Game will be called at 3:30. Admission 25 cents.

Stop! Look! Listen! Box supper at Stone school, seven miles northwest of Leon, Friday night, Nov. 3, 1916. All come.

Marriage Licenses. Arthur Clure Curry, Garden Grove 21 Della Loree Cox, Leroy . . . . .17

CLEAN ROAD SIDE DITCHES.

One Item in Preparedness Program for Good Spring Roads.

Winter weathering may be great for the farmers' fields, but it's hard on the roads, warns the highway commission at Ames. The best way to prevent extreme weathering of the road is to clean out the side ditches before freezing weather sets in and to keep the road surface in condition so that it will freeze up in a well drained condition. Cleaning the side ditches will allow the water to run off and avoid the possibility of the road freezing in a saturated condition. Dragging the road to a smooth surface will eliminate possible water pockets and allow the water to escape in the side ditches.

Simultaneous Meetings. The pastors of the various churches are giving very encouraging reports of the meetings now in progress and interest is not only deepening among the church members and the attendance increasing from night to night, but people who have not been active in church work are beginning to manifest interest in a spiritual way and we and the pastors of Leon feel that the harvest is now ripe and that there was never a greater demand for active, aggressive service than now. Business men's prayer meetings are being held each morning at nine o'clock in some of the business houses, also a union prayer meeting is being conducted each afternoon at 3 o'clock in some one of the churches. We hereby issue a cordial invitation to all to help in these services.

Pastors of Leon. Won Case in Supreme Court. The Supreme Court last week affirmed the decision of the Appanoose county district court, in the case of Mrs. Mary E. Calhoun, of Leroy, vs. L. L. Taylor, administrator of her father's estate. The case was an action brought by Mrs. Calhoun to secure her share of her father's estate, and the district court awarded her almost \$3,000 to be paid out of the estate in order to equalize her share on account of advancements which had been made by her father to other heirs prior to his death. C. W. Hoffman, of Leon, was the attorney for Mrs. Calhoun in this case, and he is feeling pretty good over winning out. Mrs. Calhoun is the wife of J. B. Calhoun.

Come Out and Hear F. A. Garber. F. A. Garber, democratic candidate for representative will speak at the following places. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come out and hear Mr. Garber discuss the issues from a farmer's viewpoint: Woodland, Friday evening, Oct. 27. Decatur City, Saturday evening, Oct. 28th. Baker school house in Bloomington township, Tuesday evening, Oct. 31st. Grand River, Thursday evening, Nov. 2nd.

Some Winter Weather. This section of Iowa has had a touch of real winter the past week. The big snow storm which swept over Nebraska last Wednesday reached Decatur county on Thursday and the ground was white with snow. There was also a decided drop in the mercury, nightwatch Frank Smith reporting that the big thermometer at the Reporter office showed only 12 degrees above zero at 2 o'clock Friday morning, but it moderated rapidly and was 24 above at 7 o'clock that morning.

Getting a String of Electric Light Plants. The David G. Fisher & Co., of Davport, who purchased the Leon Electric light plant last spring, are securing quite a string of electric light plants in southern Iowa, having taken over the plants at Mt. Airy, Clearfield and Leon, and were recently granted a franchise at Diagonal. They also furnish lights from the Leon plant for Decatur City, Van Wert, Weldon, Leroy, Garden Grove, Humeston and Derby.

Bought Meek Farm. Jas. F. Harvey and S. G. Mitchell last week purchased the G. G. Meek farm of 203 acres in Eden township, at \$125 per acre. This is one of the best farms in that part of the county. Messrs. Harvey and Mitchell bought the farm as an investment, and some of these days they will make a nice piece of money on their buy.

Another Farm Sold at \$130 an Acre. C. M. Keller last week sold his 200 acre farm seven miles north of Leon, on the Jefferson Highway Trail, to Jas. F. Harvey of Leon, at \$130 per acre, and it is well worth it. Mr. Keller has owned this farm for a few years, and since he bought it, it has more than doubled in value.

Yearlings Brought \$11.25. A. H. Smith shipped a car load of choice yearlings on last Monday that sold on Wednesday's market for \$11.25 per hundred and averaged 1,072 pounds. The excellent quality of these cattle speak well of Mr. Smith's ability as a feeder.—Lamoni Chronicle.

W. H. Snyder's Postponed Sale Today. The big closing out sale of W. H. Snyder at his farm 7 miles northeast of Leon, which was postponed last Friday on account of the storm, will be held today (Thursday). 300 head of live stock, farm implements, etc., will be sold.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

The engine at the new Clark mill was fired for the first time last Saturday. They expect to be ready to grind by the last of this week. W. H. Robb and Gen. J. B. Weaver addressed a good sized audience at the court house Monday afternoon. Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Mr. John W. Rush of Kansas City, to Miss Jennie Penniwell at the home of the bride's parents on the evening of Oct. 29th. Gus Pryor is running a milk wagon and will deliver milk right at your door.

Mr. John McClain and Miss Minnie Massey were married in the parlor of the Ward hotel Wednesday morning by Squire W. A. Albaugh. Both the contracting parties are residents of Woodland township and have a host of friends who wish them happiness and prosperity through life.

Capt. Ward has returned from an extended visit with relatives at Murray and is once again at home on his farm near Decatur City.

Miss Nannie Lutz commenced work at The Reporter office last week, and seems to be well pleased with the trade.

Miss Winnie Robinson, of Glenwood, arrived yesterday to attend the Rush-Penniwell wedding.

James Perdew, of Des Moines, visited over Sunday with his parents in Leon.

Miss Allie Fry visited over Sunday with friends at Blythedale, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Darr returned yesterday from a visit with their son in South Dakota.

Mr. George Franklin and Miss Allie Doss were married at Davis City on Sunday, Oct. 25th.

Allen Dunn, of Mt. Tabor, had quite a misfortune the other day. A colt which he was working became unruly and in trying to get away ran over Mr. Dunn, breaking his leg.

J. W. Cummings, of Davis City, sold a half interest in his general store to J. W. McMannam.

Mrs. Ted Allen, of Lamoni, was instantly killed, and her baby and Mr. Allen both injured in a railroad accident a mile west of Monmouth, Illinois, when a fast passenger train ran through an open switch. Seven persons were killed and thirty injured in the wreck, which was one of the worst in the history of the C. B. & Q.

A Birthday Surprise. On Sunday, Oct. 15, a number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of A. W. Ventling and surprised Mrs. Ventling. They brought well filled baskets and a bounteous dinner was served to all.

Those who were present: Grandma Sly, Mrs. C. R. Goble, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Frakes, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doolittle and daughter Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ventling and son Lester, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goble and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Bozarth and son Francis, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doolittle and daughters Ella and Lottie. Late in the evening everybody returned to their homes, wishing Mrs. Ventling many more such happy events, and telling her what a nice time they had.

Unlawful for Grain Dealers to Accept Corn on Cob at 80lbs to Bushel Without Written Agreement. Des Moines, Oct. 18.—Assistant Attorney General Robbins, in a ruling today, warned grain dealers that it was unlawful to accept corn on the cob at 80 pounds to a bushel unless a written agreement was entered into between the purchaser and seller. The decision is the result of a question of dealers as to the acceptance of new corn at 80 pounds to allow for shrinkage. Mr. Robbins quoted the following rates as legal: Corn on cob in field, 70 pounds; corn in cars (unhusked), 75 pounds; shelled corn, 57 pounds.

IDLE HOUR SPECIALS.

Mary Pickford in "Rags," Friday and Hazel Dawn in "The Heart of Jennifer" Monday.

The Paramount feature plays at the Idle Hour theatre for Friday and Monday are two of the best that money will buy. Friday that popular little film actress, the idol of moving picture audiences, Mary Pickford, appears in one of her greatest characterizations, "Rags." Mary Pickford, the world's foremost motion picture star, repeats in "Rags" the transcendent triumph she attained in "Tess of the Storm Country," hitherto conceded to be her greatest portrayal! Always inimitable, always human, lovable and impulsive, she makes the character of "Rags," a living, breathing incarnation of all that is sweet and tender. The dramatic situations are numerous and powerful, and the sacrifices, renunciation and ultimate triumph of the abused and oppressed title character are thrilling in the extreme. "Rags" is a genuine Pickford classic. Matinee at 3 o'clock, first night show at 7:15. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

On Monday, Oct. 30th, Hazel Dawn, another favorite appears in the five part motion picture, "The Heart of Jennifer," supported by James Kirkwood, Irene Howley, Harry Brown and Russell Bassett, all stars.

Hazel Dawn, one of the screen's most beautiful and charming stars, also proves herself an actress of genuine dramatic power in the Famous Players Film Co.'s appealing photo-adaptation of "The Heart of Jennifer," by Edith Barnard Delano, author of another Famous Players screen triumph, "Rags."

"The Heart of Jennifer" is the story of a woman's strong love for her husband, which prompts her to place upon herself the guilt of the crime committed by his sister. In the role of Jennifer, Hazel Dawn suggests with infinite tenderness and pathos the heroic fortitude of the sacrificing wife. "The Heart of Jennifer" is a photo-play that conforms with the highest standard of the Famous Players Film Co.

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The Idle Hour is sure giving its patrons the worth of their money. On the nights when the regular program is shown they have added another reel, making four reels every night except on Friday and Monday when the special five and six part pictures are shown.

Swedish Art Exhibit of Interest to Teachers. To County Superintendents: The Swedish Art Exhibit which was on display at the San Francisco Exposition last year is now being shown in the Iowa Historical building in Des Moines. This is an exhibit of unusual merit, the like, probably, has never before been seen in the United States. This exhibit will be here until the evening of Nov. 2, and we suggest that you notify all school teachers who expect to attend the state convention that this exhibit is being held in order that the teachers of Iowa may have an opportunity to see it.

Sincerely yours, A. M. DeYOBE, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A Surprise. Monday being Bertie Rex's 18th birthday her friends planned a surprise on her. She was at her cousin's home visiting and on her return home was very much surprised to find the house filled with her friends. The evening was very enjoyably spent. Light refreshments were served. Bertie received many presents, among which were two lovely bouquets of cut flowers. Those present were: Harriet Stewart, Julia Mullen, Eva Akes, Audrey Cox, John Akes, Ralph Sage, Bryan Akes, Wm. Buckingham, Warren Akes, Frank Parker, Earl Cox, Clarence Daniels, Floyd Kirk, Thad Reynolds, Lon Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Negley, Mr. and Mrs. James Long.

