

ESTABLISHED 1854.

LEON, IOWA, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1917.

VOLUME LXIII, NO. 34

WAR WITH GERMANY

Was Probably Declared Last Night. President Wilson Urged Declaration in Masterful Message.

In all human probability when The Reporter is read this morning an actual state of war with Germany will exist. President Wilson read his stirring message to congress when it convened in special session Monday, insisting that congress take action to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Court Adjourned Monday.

Judge T. L. Maxwell returned to Leon Monday for a couple of hours, and wound up the business of the March term of court. Before adjourning he made an order that forty trial jurors be summoned for the August term of court instead of the regular panel of twenty-four, with the expectation that the case of State vs. W. H. Carlan would be tried at the August term.

An error appeared in our report last week of the case of Eliza A. Frye vs. Thomas Frye, in which it was stated a decree of divorce was granted to plaintiff, when in fact the case was dismissed without prejudice by the plaintiff.

CRIMINAL. Defendant released upon his own bond, upon giving bond to furnish his wife \$3 per week for support, and cause is continued until further orders of the court.

State vs. Elmer Franklin. Defendant having given bond for support of his wife and children, this cause is held in abeyance until further orders of the court.

The following cases were disposed of the past week:

L. AND EQUITY. S. W. Robbins Horse Co. vs. W. H. Colter. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

John S. Tapscott vs. Harrison H. Thomas et al. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

M. Woodard vs. City of Leon. The assessment appealed from approved and confirmed, and appeal of plaintiff dismissed at his cost.

George Evans vs. M. P. Tilton et al. Settled and dismissed.

Bertha West vs. John West. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Lizzie Thomas vs. Charles T. Buck et al. Cross petition of Chas. T. Buck dismissed on merits and decree granted.

Cynthia A. Shaffner vs. Amelia Faber et al. Decree of partition.

Charles Bechtel vs. L. E. Francis. Judgment and decree for defendant.

P. A. Yeast vs. S. P. Kramer et al. Decree cancelling notes. Motion of defendant for reimbursement for taxes paid overruled on ground that court is without jurisdiction in this case to make the order as prayed.

R. L. Fear vs. F. A. Fear et al. Report of distribution approved, referee discharged.

The Boerner Fry Co. vs. P. B. Walker. Cost bond of \$50 ordered.

C. W. Hoffman vs. Sherman Dale et al. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

John L. Quig vs. H. D. DeKalb. Dismissed.

Joseph Dalby vs. F. A. Greenland. Defendant's demurrer to plaintiff's petition overruled.

Gooch Milling and Elevator Co. vs. Biddison Coal and Grain Co. Defendants' demurrer overruled.

Joseph Tharp vs. T. F. Kerrins et al. Dismissed.

PROBATE.

Guardianship of Ralph Brown. Final report approved, guardian discharged.

Estate of Mary Fear. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of George Bason. Objections to final report withdrawn. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of Charles West. Widow allowed \$750 for support pending administration. Administrator authorized to sell personal property at public sale.

Estate of Sally E. Alexander. Final report approved, executor discharged.

Guardianship of Mabel Dorothy Anderson. Report of sale and deed to Melvina J. Badham approved.

Guardianship of minor heirs of Mayme B. Merwin. Della Merwin Alexander appointed guardian of Clifford C. Maurice B. and J. Truman Merwin, with bond of \$5,000.

Estate of David C. Negley. C. M. Corrington appointed administrator with bond of \$5,000.

Guardianship of Fern and Velma Thompson. Bond of guardian for sale of real estate fixed at \$1,000. C. K. Keller, S. A. Gates and S. Varga appointed appraisers. Report of sale and deed to F. R. Fuller approved.

Guardianship of Martha Loraine and James Ralph Smith. Order for sale of real estate. Report of sale and deed to H. T. Yost approved.

Estate of C. P. Shaffner. Widow allowed \$500 for support pending administration.

Estate of W. M. Ray. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of S. M. Kier. Final report approved, executor discharged.

Estate of John C. Tallman. Will probated, T. C. Tallman appointed administrator with will attached.

Estate of Alcinda Smallwood. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of Minnie Tharp. Chas. W. Norman appointed special administrator with bond of \$4,000.

Estate of Emira Tittle. Final report approved, executrix discharged.

Estate of Rebecca Bailey. A. L. Ackerly appointed administrator with bond of \$4,000.

NEW MANAGER AT HURST STORE

James S. Mansfield Assume Management of Big Store of J. W. Hurst & Co.

When J. W. Hurst & Co. decided some time ago to appoint a new manager for their big store in Leon, applications for the position poured in from many sources, several well known traveling men, representing big wholesale dry goods houses of Chicago and St. Louis, who visit Leon and knew of the store's big business, being among the applicants, but after a careful consideration of the matter by the directors of the company, it was decided to award the place to Mr. James S. Mansfield, of Leon, who has had charge of the shoe department of the store since he came to Leon three years ago, and was also assistant manager of the store. Previous to coming to Leon Mr. Mansfield was prominently identified with one of the biggest department stores in Arizona.

Since his connection with the Hurst store, Mansfield has made a very large circle of friends by his courteous treatment of every customer, large or small, and now that he is in full charge of the store he says he will not be satisfied until he has made the Hurst store the "Marshall Field" institution of Decatur county.



JAMES S. MANSFIELD

He has already started things moving, and we will predict that he will make an unqualified success with the store.

There will be no change in the name of the store, and Mr. Jas. W. Hurst, who retires as manager, retains his interest in the store, but will engage in other business, having several good propositions under consideration in other lines of business. We will miss James Hurst, for he has always been one of the progressive, hustling business men of Leon, and a factor in upbuilding the business interests of the city. Everybody is hoping that his new business arrangements will not necessitate his removing from Leon.

The Hurst store is a pioneer institution of Leon, having been founded by the late S. W. Hurst away back in civil war times, and for more than half a century has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the big mercantile firms of southern Iowa. The business passed from him to his sons, and with each successive change there have been many improvements in the service which the store extended to their customers. Both Jas. W. and John F. Hurst retain their financial interests in the store and will be actively concerned in the buying department of the store.

The Reporter extends congratulations to Manager Mansfield, and we are satisfied he will make good in keeping up the splendid reputation of the Hurst store.

Honored Well Known Leon Druggist.

At the annual convention of the Iowa Rexall Druggists held at Des Moines, Mr. E. E. Bell, the well known Rexall druggist of Leon, was signally honored by being chosen president of the association for the coming year. The honor came entirely unsolicited, and is notable from the fact that Mr. Bell operates a Rexall drug store in one of the smaller cities of the state, and heretofore the office of president has always gone to one of the larger cities. But while located in a small city of only a little over two thousand population, Mr. Bell's drug store stands right up at the top of the list of the nearly hundred Rexall stores existing in the total amount of yearly sales of Rexall goods. Mr. Bell appeared on the program at Des Moines on the subject of "Fountain Helps," and his address was widely commented upon, for his fountain is one of the finest and does one of the largest businesses of any fountain in the state of Iowa. We don't know whether it was Ed's good looks, his bald head, or the fact that he never wears a vest which landed him in the president's office, but all the Rexall druggists recognize the fact that he is a live wire in the drug business.

Sale of Household Goods.

I will sell at public sale at my residence in Decatur, on Saturday, April 7th, at 2 o'clock, all my household goods, dining table, 2 dressers, refrigerator, library table, parlor set, rug, 6 chairs, bedsteads, kitchen cabinet, sewing machine, steel bath tub, incubator and numerous other articles. Terms, 9 months on usual terms. Mrs. L. E. Laney, Tullis Bros., Auctioneers. E. W. Townsend, Clerk.

Manual Training at Van Wert.

A special manual training meeting for rural teachers will be held in the shop at Van Wert on Saturday, April 7th. Especially interesting projects will be made which can be used in the schools. The meeting is open to all teachers and students planning to teach. The training is such as to help qualify teachers to give instructions in manual training as the state law requires. A full attendance is desired.

Bring Them Back.

We want the parties who have borrowed tools from our shop to return them, as we need them, especially the pipe wrenches, hammers and a rubber force cup to clean stoppered drains, which is branded "Wolverine." If you have any of these tools bring them to our store. Farquhar & Sons.

CAPTURED A FUGITIVE

C. J. "Shine" Gaines, Wanted at Mt. Pleasant for Larceny, Arrested in Chase by Sheriff Fulton.

Last Thursday morning Sheriff John A. Fulton received a letter from Mt. Pleasant asking him to locate and arrest C. J. "Shine" Gaines, who was wanted at that place for larceny, by selling mortgaged goods. John did some quick and effective investigating and found that "Shine" had left Leon that morning about 5 o'clock, with his step-father, who was moving to Jamesport, Mo., by team, and he had several hours start of him, but John cranked up his little old J. Henry and started on the trail and found Gaines a short distance from the Missouri and Iowa line, near Davy City, and placed him under arrest, much to his surprise, as he asked Sheriff Fulton if he was not in Missouri. John told him he was not quite, but pretty near it, and brought him to Leon. Previous to coming to Leon Mr. Pleasant was prominently identified with one of the biggest department stores in Arizona.

Since his connection with the Hurst store, Mansfield has made a very large circle of friends by his courteous treatment of every customer, large or small, and now that he is in full charge of the store he says he will not be satisfied until he has made the Hurst store the "Marshall Field" institution of Decatur county. He has already started things moving, and we will predict that he will make an unqualified success with the store.

There will be no change in the name of the store, and Mr. Jas. W. Hurst, who retires as manager, retains his interest in the store, but will engage in other business, having several good propositions under consideration in other lines of business. We will miss James Hurst, for he has always been one of the progressive, hustling business men of Leon, and a factor in upbuilding the business interests of the city. Everybody is hoping that his new business arrangements will not necessitate his removing from Leon.

The Hurst store is a pioneer institution of Leon, having been founded by the late S. W. Hurst away back in civil war times, and for more than half a century has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the big mercantile firms of southern Iowa. The business passed from him to his sons, and with each successive change there have been many improvements in the service which the store extended to their customers. Both Jas. W. and John F. Hurst retain their financial interests in the store and will be actively concerned in the buying department of the store.

The Reporter extends congratulations to Manager Mansfield, and we are satisfied he will make good in keeping up the splendid reputation of the Hurst store.

Secured Verdict for \$5,200 in Damage Suit.

W. C. Starr, for a number of years foreman of The Reporter, was awarded a verdict of \$5,200 by a jury in Judge Utterback's court at Des Moines last week. About a year ago Starr was injured by having a heavy steam radiator fall on him, crushing his left foot, and leaving him a cripple for life. While going to work in a printing office at Second and Walnut streets, the radiator which had been standing in the hall of the building, toppled over and caught him. He brought suit against the owner of the building, Emma G. Sperry, for \$15,000 damages. Starr was in a hospital for some time, but recently has been operating an elevator in a building at Des Moines.

Retall One Cent Sale Opens Today.

The semi-annual One Cent Sale at E. E. Bell's Rexall drug store opens this morning and continues for three days. This one cent sale is a big feature each time it is held and draws many customers to Leon from long distances. It is a unique sale some of the finest and does one of the largest businesses of any fountain in the state of Iowa. We don't know whether it was Ed's good looks, his bald head, or the fact that he never wears a vest which landed him in the president's office, but all the Rexall druggists recognize the fact that he is a live wire in the drug business.

Fine Farm House Burned.

The dwelling on the old Edmund Barrett farm, 7 miles south of Leon, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 3 o'clock. The house was occupied by Dwight Freeman, who lost everything, the fire having secured such a start that he was barely able to escape with his children from the burning building, and his loss will be considerable. The house was owned by Fred and Will Barrett and their sister, Mrs. Joe Dale, and was one of the best in that part of the county, being 32x32, and would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 to replace it. They had some insurance, but their loss will be considerable.

John Clay Died in Texas.

In a letter from W. H. Clay, of Alvin, Texas, we learn that his father, John Clay, died on March 1st, from apoplexy, and was buried at El Campo, Texas. Mr. Clay was for many years a prominent farmer residing near Decatur City, but had lived in Texas for a number of years.

"THE POPULAR PLACE."

The New Theatre is Proving True to Name—Is Pleasing Its Patrons.

The New Theatre is making good with their slogan, "The Popular Place," and in order to do so they have been improving their program until they are showing regular programs as good as any theatre shows in Iowa, and judging from the increased attendance the patrons are showing their appreciation.

For Thursday, April 5th, the feature is "The Rise of Susan," The Torch Bearer, a live reel Mutual production and a good one. Prices 5 and 10 cents.

Friday of this week is the last of the popular serial "Gloria's Romance" featuring Billie Burke. It has proven a strong attraction, and no one will want to miss seeing the closing chapter. Also a one part comedy, "Misty Suffer." Matinee at 3 o'clock, 5 and 10 cents. Regular night shows at 5 and 15 cents.

Saturday, a big varied program with Shorty Hamilton in "Shorty Breaks the Yellow Ring," the Mutual Weekly, and Cub comedy presents George Ovey in "Jerry's Double Header." A big program which will please everybody. Matinee at 3 o'clock, continuous evening shows, 5 and 10 cents.

Monday, April 9th, the big feature of the week, a World Picture, Brady Made, presenting Carlyle Blackwell and Muriel District in "Sally in our Alley." It is an appealing motion picture production replete with high strung situations which make the heart jump, the nerve quiver, the hand tremble—a fascinating dramatic production. A big program which will please everybody. Matinee at 3 o'clock, continuous evening shows, 5 and 10 cents.

Tuesday, April 10th, Kolb and Dill the comedians in a five part Mutual Comedy, "A Touch of High Life."

Wednesday, April 11th, "Clara Kimball Young in 'The Rise of Susan,'" five parts, and the kind Clara Kimball Young has made famous. Matinee at 3 o'clock, and regular evening shows, 5 and 10 cents.

Chamber of Commerce Organized.

There was a fine attendance of business and professional men of Leon at the meeting held in the basement of the M. E. church on Friday evening of last week, and promptly on the same day a dinner was served by the committee of eight ladies from the new Women's Civic Club, organized to work in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, and both service and vands were all that could be asked for, and the recommendation was good humor and ready for business.

Geo. W. Baker, chairman of the committee on organization read the proposed constitution and by-laws, and they were adopted as a whole, after which the recommendation was taken the committee on officers for the new Chamber of Commerce was presented, and they were elected by a unanimous vote, to hold office for one year. The officers elected are: President—O. E. Hurl; Vice President—F. N. Hansell; Secretary—P. E. Brady; Treasurer—Ed Farquhar.

These officers with three additional members, J. R. Bowsher, W. H. Shields and J. P. Harvey, composed the board of control, which will have active charge of the affairs of the new organization. A good live business session followed, and much enthusiasm was manifested. The committee appointed to raise the funds for the coming year, reported they had secured subscriptions amounting to \$1140, and this amount would be increased, and the popular Saturday evening band concerts will be provided for this year. A. B. Tansley has been employed as director for ten months at a salary of \$100 per month.

It was decided that to protect the businessmen from being grafted on various schemes and subscription lists, that a secret committee of three members be appointed by the chair, to whom all such matters would be referred, and unless this committee gave their endorsement to the scheme no member of the Chamber of Commerce will subscribe to it. This plan has been tried out in various places with splendid success.

A special committee consisting of James F. Harvey, C. M. Akes and Geo. W. Baker, appointed to specially see that the roads leading to Leon, after the city limits are reached, are kept properly dragged and in good shape, the same as the roads of the county.

It was decided to have the ladies of the women's Civic Club, provide a banquet for the Chamber of Commerce at least once a month. The new Chamber of Commerce will get down to work at once, and in the near future they will take up the various matters which will be for the betterment of the City of Leon.

Run Over By Four Horse Team and Dis.

Harvey Akes, who lives on the L. E. Francis farm just north of Decatur City, had quite a serious accident on Tuesday last week, and while badly bruised and cut up, is getting along as well as could be expected. Mr. Akes was dising a field using four horses, and while working close to the rails, the team, which he had put in a bolt, thinking he would have plenty of time before the evening train came along. He is hard of hearing and failed to hear the train approaching and before he knew the train was near the horses became frightened and ran over him with the disc, and that he escaped being killed is a wonder. Harvey says he has heard of being run over by a steam roller, but if it is any worse than being run over by a four horse disc, he don't want any of it in his.

Memorial Services.

The Knights Templar will appear in full uniform on next Sunday morning at the Brethren church, the pastor of the Presbyterian church will deliver the address. Special music is being arranged by the choir. The service will be well worth your attention. You are cordially invited.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Only one marriage license issued this week, that being Isaac H. Riley 31 to Ethelene Kimbirlin 19.

Mrs. George Foreman died at her home in this city last Friday morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Elder Ebert of the Christian church.

The Leon Cigar Factory shipped over 10,000 cigars to towns outside of Leon last Monday, besides filling several orders for Leon merchants. The factory is crowded to its utmost capacity.

Little Harry Mayer met with a painful accident last Sunday, the marks of which he will carry through life. Harry and Charley Kline were at W. Kline's barn, and had a rope on his cow with the end thrashed over a joist. The Kline boy was preparing to ride the cow and Harry was drawing the slack rope up so the joist and she could not break. When she gave sudden lurch and pulled the rope and Harry's fingers over the rough timber, tearing all the muscles and flesh from the end of the first finger of his left hand, leaving the bone bare, so that it was necessary to amputate it at the first joint.

Last Friday U. S. secret service officers arrested Seth Dearthley, a farmer living in Mercer county, Mo., a short distance southeast of Pleasanton. Dearthley is a number of these dollars, lately a number of these coins have appeared at all the towns south of here on the Narrow Gauge, quite a number being passed at Leansville. The dollars were dated 1891, and look all right, but have no right to them, and have a peculiar slimy or slippery feeling. It is thought there is a band of counterfeiters making their headquarters in the rough country along Little River, but they have not been located. This man Dearthley is in good circumstances, owning a farm of 240 acres, though a few years ago he had nothing, and his arrest may show how he has been accumulating his money.

The accused man was taken to St. Joe, Mo., and a number of witnesses from Leansville were taken to St. Joe here Monday to testify in the case. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffines celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their spacious home last Friday. They were the recipients of many costly gifts of silver to commemorate the happy event.

During the hardest part of the terrific wind storm last Friday evening, the roof of the court house was discovered to be on fire. John Penniwell at the risk of being blown from the roof, went up through the attic and crawled down on the roof and extinguished the fire. It was a courageous act, for the wind was strong enough to blow a man off the roof and the electric wires were blowing down in the tin roof, and the wind caused the insulation to wear off the wires and coming in contact with the tin roof, caused a short circuit and started the fire.

The trial of the old man Timothy Moore in the district court resulted in a verdict convicting him of attempt to commit manslaughter. His wife testified they had been quarreling and when she threatened to leave him he attacked her with an axe. She did not attack his wife, but the jury thought different.

Laid Corner Stone.

Corner Stone of New Masonic Temple Laid With Appropriate Ceremonies Tuesday.

The corner stone of the fine new Masonic Temple, in course of construction in this city, was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies on Tuesday afternoon, by Deputy Grand Master Forest Treat, of Des Moines. Grand Master Arthur W. Logan, Iowa, being unable to be present, the competent box which was enclosed in the corner stone was placed a roster of the charter members of Grand River Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., which was organized under dispensation on Nov. 30, 1855, the members being Samuel C. Thompson, W. M.; Geo. T. Young, S. W.; J. R. McClelland, J. W.; Harrison Weldon S. D.; Thomas Silvers, J. D.; H. D. Richardson, Treas.; Thomas J. Gaines, Secretary; D. O. Ball, Tyler. Other articles were a copy of the by-laws of the lodge, roster of officers and members, roster of Past Masters, names of building committee, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1816, Masonic Code and Grand Lodge badge, U. S. flag, U. S. coins of 1856 and 1917, and different issues of nickels, copies of The Leon Reporter and Decatur County Journal of March 29, 1917, copy of Des Moines Register of April 3, 1917, history of Chapter No. 78, R. M., and roster of officers and members, history of Tripolis Commandery No. 60, K. T. and roster of officers and members, history of Leon Chapter No. 352, O. E. S., and minutes of organization of Past Master's Association of Leon Chapter No. 352, O. E. S.

After the public ceremonies a meeting was held at the Masonic lodge rooms, where talks were made by Deputy Grand Master Forest Treat, Grand Secretary N. B. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, and others.

Margaret Madaline Lamphier.

Margaret Madaline, the seventeen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphier, of Leon, died Sunday morning, and was buried on Monday afternoon, funeral services being held at the M. E. church at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. R. Moser. Interment being in the Leon cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sore affliction.

Marriage Licenses.

Ray Edwards, Grand River 24
Amy Ramsey, Grand River 20
Nels Nelson, Daviess 20
Blanche Marie Dunbar, Lamoni 18

IDLE HOUR SPECIALS.

A Program of Unusual Interest for the Coming Week.

The Idle Hour theatre, always alert to provide the best there is for their patrons, have an especially good program for the coming week. Today the big serial, "The Lass of the Lumberlands," featuring the Holmes, together with a big regular program. Matinee and evening shows.

Friday, April 6th, Mary Pickford comes in a Paramount feature play, "The Eternal Grind." Mary Pickford appears in a totally different characterization in this drama of humanity, which has proved to be one of her greatest successes. Matinee at 3 o'clock, 5 and 10 cents, first evening show at 7:30, prices 10 and 15 cents.

Saturday, April 7th, the regular features will be shown and one of the latest Charlie Chaplin pictures, "In the Pawnshop." And the later the picture the better Charlie seems to be. Usual matinee and evening shows.

For Monday, April 9th, the Paramount feature play is "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," featuring Charlotte Walker, the beautiful American actress. "His Picture" has been shown by others, and you may have seen it, but if so you will want to see Charlotte Walker as June Tolliver, the mountain lass. Matinee at 3 o'clock, prices 5 and 10 cents. First evening show at 7:30, prices 10 and 15 cents.

On Wednesday, April 11th Douglas Fairbanks, one of the greatest screen stars, comes in the Triangle production, "The Half Breed." Idle Hour has a number of these dollars, lately a number of these coins have appeared at all the towns south of here on the Narrow Gauge, quite a number being passed at Leansville. The dollars were dated 1891, and look all right, but have no right to them, and have a peculiar slimy or slippery feeling. It is thought there is a band of counterfeiters making their headquarters in the rough country along Little River, but they have not been located. This man Dearthley is in good circumstances, owning a farm of 240 acres, though a few years ago he had nothing, and his arrest may show how he has been accumulating his money.

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION.

Chamber of Commerce Glee Club in Grand Opera.

The Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Glee Club will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Marches of the Boston National Grand Opera" at the Coliseum, Thursday, April 12th.

The great orchestra of fifty-five pieces will play the aria, and the glee club will appear on the stage to sing just before the curtain goes up for "Faust."

The songs will be rendered while the audience stands and the orchestra will play, standing. It is anticipated that the occasion will afford a great patriotic spectacle, and there will be two thousand seats at popular prices of \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, with others at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Further information and prospectus may be obtained of the station agent. Seats on sale at Olsen's Pharmacy, Des Moines, where mail orders are being filled.

Intensive Campaign at M. E. Church.

As previously announced, a very interesting campaign which was very national in its aim for better methods in financing the interests of the church, was held at the M. E. church Monday afternoon and evening. The attendance was the most interesting and attended are generous in their praise and appreciation.

The program was in the hands of a visiting team which consisted of five visitors, Rev. John Lowe Fort of New York, Rev. Ernest Daily Smith of Washington, D. C., Rev. Keuben E. Shaw of Indianapolis, and Rev. Joseph Goodsell of Charlton, and Rev. Walter Morgan of Corydon. The program was carried out as announced, and the addresses were all of a high order, timely and helpful. Special mention should be made of the masterly manner in which Dr. Fort addressed the congregation on the subject of the "every member canvass" plan, and the wit and wisdom with which he conducted the "Round Table Questionaire." The address of Dr. Smith on what our church temperance society is doing and the manner in which legislation was passed on the subject of temperance by our late congress, was most interesting and with which Revs. Shaw, Goodsell and Morgan brought addresses that will be remembered and that will help us in rendering better service to the Master and to humanity. They all have a standing invitation to return to Leon as often as possible.

The dinner served by the Ladies' Guild was, as usual, a feast for the inner man. Approximately 100 people sat down together. Each table had a host and hostess who served the meal. One of the most interesting features were a copy of the by-laws of the lodge, roster of officers and members, roster of Past Masters, names of building committee, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1816, Masonic Code and Grand Lodge badge, U. S. flag, U. S. coins of 1856 and 1917, and different issues of nickels, copies of The Leon Reporter and Decatur County Journal of March 29, 1917, copy of Des Moines Register of April 3, 1917, history of Chapter No. 78, R. M., and roster of officers and members, history of Tripolis Commandery No. 60, K. T. and roster of officers and members, history of Leon Chapter No. 352, O. E. S., and minutes of organization of Past Master's Association of Leon Chapter No. 352, O. E. S.

Notice.

To All Members of the Leon Cemetery Association: The April meeting of the Leon Cemetery Association, which is the first meeting of the year, will be held at the library assembly room at 7:30 p. m. Thursday (tonight) April 5th. All members take notice and be present to help start the work for the year. Eva Rhea, Sec.

Foot Crushed by Heavy Iron Rail.

Will George, employed on the section with his boss, Bob George, a foreman, met with a painful accident last Saturday which will keep him from work for several weeks. He was assisting in unloading a car of heavy rails when one fell on his right foot, crushing it quite badly and mashing the flesh from the toes, but no bones were broken.

For Sale.

Alsike clover and timothy seed mixed, medium red clover and timothy seed, also Reid's yellow dent seed corn. For samples and prices, please write E. P. Hamilton, Garden Grove, Iowa.

For Sale.

On the W. H. Wait farm, 15 bushels tested seed corn. R. D. Chrisop.