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LEON WON TWO FIRSTS

At the Quadrangular Declamatory Contest Held at Leon Friday, Leon Also Won the Banner.

The fourth annual Quadrangular declamatory contest was held at the Leon opera house on last Friday evening, when representatives from the High Schools of Corning, Creston, Osceola and Leon participated, and Leon won a decided victory, getting two firsts out of three. Forest Hagan being awarded first place in the oratorical class, and Miss Ardes Woodard first in the humorous class, and one of the judges gave first place in the dramatic class to Miss Merle Stephens, Leon's representative. A very much requested banner was made awarding the banner to the school securing the greatest number of points in the contest, the decision of the judges awarding the banner to Corning by three points, giving them a total of 800 points. Leon had 775 and Creston 69 out of a possible 900. These figures were secured by adding the total markings of each contestant for the different schools, but after the contest was over and the banner had been turned over to Corning by Leon an error was discovered which was made by one of the judges in totaling his markings for Leon, and instead of Leon having 797 points, she had 807, defeating Corning for first place by 7 points. The attention of the judges has been called to this error, and the judge who made the error in addition, has acknowledged it, and the banner will probably be returned to Leon. As Leon had won the banner twice before in succession, it would become Leon's permanent property by virtue of winning it the third time in succession.

The very stormy weather prevented many from attending the contest, but good delegations came from each of the towns having contestants, the ladies of the Civic League providing entertainment in their homes for all the visitors. Following the program at the opera house, the Leon High School entertained the visitors at a reception at the High School assembly room.

The program opened with music by the Glee Club and Orchestra of the Leon schools, who surprised the audience with their excellent music under the direction of Miss Mida Bradley.

The first speaker in the oratorical class was Melvin Goeldner of Creston, his selection being "The Battle of Gettysburg." He was followed by Forest Hagan, of Leon, with "A Plea for Cuba," and Forest justly earned the first place awarded him by the judges. He is one of the best High School orators in the state. He was followed by Floyd Jones of Osceola, with "The Mexican War," and the final speaker was Carl Piper of Corning, with "Tolstoi." Mr. Piper is a highly polished speaker, and was a close contestant for first place, the judges placing him second.

Miss Marjorie Albinx, of Leon, pleased the big audience with a fine vocal solo, "Sing, Sing, Birds on the Wing," and master John Woodman-see surprised and delighted the audience with his whistling bird imitations, and a whistling solo, "John, a little fellow, a little fellow, a little fellow, and if he continues will make a great whistler. His imitation of various birds was excellent.

In the dramatic class the first speaker was Miss Birdie Bollbaugh, of Osceola, with "The Honorable Woods." Miss Marjorie Albinx, of Leon, was the second speaker, her selection being "The Music Master," and she displayed marked dramatic talent, and the decision of the judges in awarding her first place agreed with the big majority of the audience. Miss Marjorie Albinx, of Creston, followed with "The Story of Patsy," and Miss Merle Stephens, of Leon, was the last speaker, her selection being, "Pro Patria." Miss Stephens appeared under great difficulties, as she had been ill for a week, and was hardly able to appear. Her understanding of this fact she ranked well, one of the judges marking her for first place. The final decision gave Miss Bollbaugh, of Osceola, second place.

The Girls' Glee Club of the High School, sang "Wild Roses," and had to respond to a well earned encore. In the humorous class the first speaker was Miss Lois Drennen, of Osceola, with "The Coming Out of Miss Cummings," being followed with "Aunt Abby's Escort," by Miss Lois Gilette, of Corning. "Lord Dunderbary's Proposal," by Miss Helen Redick of Creston, and the last speaker was Leon's contestant, Miss Ardes Woodard, with "An Inspired Dishwasher," in which she scored a big hit, and it was a foregone conclusion before the judges reported that she would get first place, and the judges confirmed this, giving second place to Miss Gilette of Corning.

While the judges were counting up their score cards, the High School chorus of boys and girls sang "The Anvil Chorus" and the school orchestra played several selections. The judges of the contest were Supt. H. E. Blackmar, of the Ottumwa schools, Supt. H. M. Taylor, of the Centerville schools, and Prof. D. L. Hadley of the State Superintendent's office at Des Moines.

When the Judges read their decision, giving Leon first in oratory, and Corning second, in dramatics Corning first and Osceola second, and in humorous Leon first and Corning second, everyone took it for granted Leon had won the banner for the third time, but the judges announced that Corning won by the narrow margin of 3 points.

The error which apparently deprived Leon of first place was made by one of the judges, no one going over their figures until the following evening, when the mistake in addition was discovered. There is no controversy over the marking, the error being simply one of addition, and precedent has been established correcting errors of this kind, so we think there is no question but what the banner will be returned to Leon. It was given to Corning the same night of the contest and taken to Corning by the contestants Saturday morning.

The winners of first and second places in each of the three classes were presented with gold medals.

PROVOKING PROFANITY.

Trespassing Chickens a Fruitful Source of Temper.

Several irate ladies have called up The Reporter office the past week, requesting us to publish a request for all people to keep their chickens penned up, and not allow them to destroy the gardens and flowers of their neighbors, while others have inquired whether Leon has a city ordinance prohibiting chickens from running at large. And we don't blame the ladies for losing their temper. One old hen can do more damage to a nice little garden than a pile driver, not to mention the disagreeable and Augean task of keeping walks clean. Hercules never had a dirtier job. Nice Christian people sometimes get awfully shocked at profanity, and hold up their hands in holy terror, but they let their chickens run out and cause people to "cuss" vigorously who might otherwise prefer not to. Profanity is decidedly wrong, but we are coming to believe that a certain amount of it is permissible when a neighbor's flock of chickens is roosting on your front porch, or scratching out the garden which you have carefully planted to reduce the high cost of living, and in response to the nation's call to produce every pound of food products possible this year. It is certainly bordering on treason for a person to allow their chickens to destroy gardens this year. And then, if you are a violator of the law, if you allow your chickens to run out. There is a city ordinance against chickens running at large, and if you are bothered with chickens you can have them taken up by the city marshal, just the same as a cow or hog running at large. We advise those who are troubled with the chicken nuisance to call up city marshal Osborn and notify him to take charge of the chickens. And the owner of the chickens is liable for the damage they do your garden, and the chickens can be sold by the marshal to pay for the damage done. No citizen of Leon is compelled to put up with his neighbor's chickens running over his premises.

Eaton-Skidmore.

Mr. Olin Fay Eaton and Miss Inez Elizabeth Skidmore, two of the best known and most popular young people of Decatur county, were officially married at Van Wert, Ohio, on Tuesday. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. L. Gardner, of Leon, and has made her home much of the time in this city. She graduated from the Leon High School, and then continued her studies at Northwestern University at Chicago. She is a beautiful and accomplished young lady.

The groom has also been a resident of Leon for many years, but is now the owner of the Van Wert Electric Co. He is an energetic young business man, who has a very nice business all over the country. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton will be at home at Van Wert after May 15th, and their many friends extend heartiest congratulations, and best wishes for their future.

Are Organizing a Home Company.

Charles Horn has been instrumental in organizing a home institution company, and the boys are drilling each week on the base ball grounds, under the direction of Jack Gelatt, a veteran of the Spanish war. About 50 young men have reported for drilling, and it is hoped to have a company of 100 within a short time. Application has been made to the Adjutant General's office to secure regulation guns for this company. There are probably a number of young men living in the country near Leon who would like to drill with this company, and all they have to do is to report at the ball grounds on any Tuesday or Thursday evening. It is the intention to have this company drilled and in shape to respond should an emergency requiring their service arise.

Conscription Bill Passed.

Both the senate and the house have passed the army conscription bills, but it will take several days yet to smooth out the difference in the bill as passed by the two bodies. The principal difference is at the ages of those who will be drafted, the senate bill specifying those between 21 and 27 years, and the house bill specifying those between the ages of 21 and 40 years. It is expected that a compromise will be made, and the age limit fixed at 21 to 35 years. The question of raising the many billions of money required for war purposes is a serious one, and the committees are at work trying to figure out what to place the tax on, among them being an increase in letter postage to three cents, and of postal cards to two cents.

Child Swallowed a Nail.

Opal Moore, the little four year old daughter of Mrs. Will Owens, Leon, while playing at their home, had a nail about two inches in length in her mouth last Saturday, and choked and swallowed the nail. Believing in old fashioned remedies, Mrs. Owens fed the little girl quite a quantity of boiled potatoes, and the child was relieved of the nail Monday evening, without suffering any inconvenience or painful consequences.

Two More Leon Boys to the Navy.

Two more Leon boys left Tuesday afternoon for Des Moines to enlist in the navy, Roy Phillips and Tom Horn, and both will probably have no trouble in being accepted as recruits and sent to the training station near Chicago. Leon has sent her quota to the navy in the last few weeks, and we doubt if there is a town in the state of this size which has furnished more navy recruits.

Shipped a Car of Alfalfa From This County.

A. H. Metter, of the Weldon Meadows farm near Weldon, shipped this week a fifteen ton car of baled alfalfa hay to St. Louis, Mo., which we think is the first car of alfalfa ever shipped from Decatur county. Mr. Metter was one of the first farmers in Decatur county to plant alfalfa, and it has proven a very profitable crop.

WHAT ONE MARE DID

One Good Percheron Mare Owned by C. E. Hall Has Produced Horses Worth Over \$13,000.00.

It pays to raise good horses and cattle on your farm. A good local illustration of this fact can be shown by C. E. Hall, who resides just west of Weldon. In 1901 Mr. Hall bought the yearling Percheron mare, Rebecca, from Singmaster, of Keota, Iowa, paying \$135 for her. He has kept a careful record of what this splendid mare, a granddaughter of Old Brilliant, her weight being 2100 pounds, has done for him in the way of producing good horses. In fourteen years Mr. Hall has raised 29 head of horses as descendants of this mare, selling 10 head for a total of \$5,625, and has now on his farm 19 head, worth at least \$7,000 to \$8,000. Her first three colts were mares foaled when she was 3, 4 and 5 years old, the next three were head of horses which sold for \$350, \$850 and \$350 respectively. Next a mare, then a horse, then a mare and last a horse. Now the daughters and granddaughters of Rebecca have been regular breeders, until there have been 25 head produced, and eight horses and two mares have been sold for \$5,625, and a conservative value of the 19 head on his farm today would be \$7,000 to \$8,000. These Percheron mares have done most all the work on his big farm several years past and have raised colts which developed into 1800 to 2100 pound mares and horses. The stallions owned by Mr. Hall have been Bertrude, Marquart and Hourra, and the one in use at the present time, LaPon, weighs 2200 to 2100 pounds each. These stallions, all bought of Singmaster, proved good ones, as are also all the tribe of mares and fillies and colts of the Hall farm tracing to Rebecca. This is a brief but convincing story of what not only can be done but what has actually been done, in the Percheron breeding business on a good, well regulated blue grass farm in southern Iowa. Mr. Hall also has a fine herd of registered Short Horn cattle, and breeds registered Poland China hogs, and Van Wert and Creston bred chickens. He believes in breeding pure bred stock in every line, and he has made it pay.

Up in the same neighborhood is A. H. Metter, another farmer who has been breeding pure bred Short Horn cattle for many years, and has produced 29 years, and has produced from his original stock of two cows, full sisters, 89 head of cattle from this his favorite family of Short Horns, bred on his Weldon Meadows farm, in addition to hundreds of head of other families, and it will be remembered that he is showing his cattle made at his big dispersion sale in 1913, when his cattle brought unheard of prices in this part of the country. Mr. Metter has demonstrated that it pays to raise good horses.

Railroad Engineer Injured.

William Richter, of Albany, Mo., one of the well known freight engineers of the Hamilton branch of the Burlington and a very busy one at Davis City Monday evening, something went wrong with his engine and he was standing at the side of the engine fixing a piston rod, when in some manner steam entered the steam chest and the piston rod struck him on the shoulder, breaking his arm just below the shoulder, and bruising his shoulder badly. Mr. Richter is a large man, weighing over two hundred pounds, and so great was the force of the blow that it knocked him over on his hands and feet. Had it struck him lower on the body it would have undoubtedly have killed him. Mr. Richter was brought to the Leon hospital Monday evening on a special train, and is getting along as well as could be expected. His wife came from Albany Tuesday evening to be with him.

Chester Jenkins Married.

Chester Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenkins, of near Weldon, was married at Saginaw, Michigan, on April 19th, at Saginaw, Michigan, to Miss Lillian Gall, of Breckenridge, Michigan. Miss Gall is the violinist and vocalist with the Republic Truck Company's big band. She is a most charming and accomplished young woman, and everybody respects her. He is a fine lad and a fine musician. He has been with the Republic Truck Company band now for some time. The band's headquarters are at Alma, Michigan, where the big truck factory is located. The band will start an extensive advertising tour for the factory this month, and Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will accompany the organization in their professional capacities.

New Signs For Jefferson Highway.

The officers of the Decatur County Jefferson Highway Association have received notice to the effect that the allotment of enamel signs have been shipped to them from Cincinnati, Ohio. Full instructions are given for putting up the signs which are to be erected on poles ten feet high in designated positions at each cross-road. The big metal signs will be a great advertisement for the Jefferson as well as being convenient for tourists over the international route.

Leon 19-Osceola 1.

The Leon High School base ball team defeated the visiting team from the Osceola High School on the Leon grounds last Friday afternoon by a score of 19 to 1. Leon has one of the fastest base ball teams of any High School in southern Iowa, and are prepared to defend their claim as champions of southern Iowa.

Marriage Licenses.

Olin F. Eaton, Van Wert 33
Inez E. Skidmore, Van Wert 23
Ben G. Crouch, Bethany, Mo. 25
Paul Traxler, Lamoni 20
P. W. Herrick, Grimes 22
Mattie B. Evans, Leon 26

NEW THEATRE ATTRACTIONS.

A Big Feature Bill for Every Night of the Coming Week at his Popular Theatre.

An extra strong all feature bill is booked for the coming week at the New Theatre, and all at popular prices, 5 and 10 cents. Thursday, May 3rd, the five part Fox feature, "Blue Blood and Red," featuring George Walsh and Doris Fawn. The scenes are laid at Red Gulch, Montana, and it is a thrilling western drama; with many exciting scenes, and of course a beautiful girl and a love story interwoven. Friday, May 4th, Jackie Saunders in the five part Mutual Star production, "The Blue Cat." Here's a real one and one fourth sealer. Saturday is the big program for matinee at 3 o'clock and regular evening shows. "Shorty Turns Wildman," the big Mutual Weekly current event, "Jenny's Winning Ways," one part comedy. All this for one big program at 5 and 10 cents. Monday, May 7th, the World Brady-Made feature, "The Gilded Cage," featuring the strong actress, Alice Brady, in a gilded cage, and some one is sure to start crying that never-to-be-forgotten song, "She's only a bird in a gilded cage." But this picture has nothing to do with the old song. This is a most beautiful play, one that you will want your whole family to be entertained by. Alice Brady has an exceptionally strong part in this production, and the story interests and entertains. It grips the spectators from the start and holds them enthralled through all the reels. Tuesday, May 8th, the William Fox feature, "The Marble Heart," with Violet Horner in the leading role. A story of intrigue and love. Wednesday, May 9th, the five part Turner feature, "Redeemed," featuring Florence Turner, a beautiful heart-breaking drama. Miss Turner is one of the most popular emotional actresses of the day.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the new Chamber of Commerce was held at the M. E. church dining room on Monday evening, fifty members enjoying a splendid dinner, served by a committee of ladies from the Women's Civic League. The dinner being followed by a three hour business session, at which a number of matters of public interest were discussed, which will be taken care of at once. The road committee made a report on the work to date of constructing the cut-off on the Leon and Pleasanton road which uses the old Narrow Gauge right of way. They also reported that a price had been secured from Mr. Darner, the owner of the Housh farm southwest of Leon, whereby the Davis City road could be changed to run west and south from the C. M. Akers corner, which would eliminate the very dangerous corner known as the Housh corner, and the committee was authorized to go to work to see if the money necessary to purchase the right of way could be secured. This would be one of the best improvements ever made on a road coming into Leon, and one which would be appreciated by everyone who travels this road. The matter of securing a flour mill to be located in Leon was taken up, it being reported that John Weldon, who owns the Cainesville, Mo., mill, wanted to erect a mill in this city, and a committee consisting of C. W. Hoffman, L. Van Wert and J. A. Harris was appointed to make a definite proposition from Mr. Weldon or others to erect a mill at Leon. A committee consisting of E. G. Monroe, Wm. Crichton and F. S. Stewart was appointed to take up the matter of some sanitary drinking water mains and wiring taps for teams with the board of supervisors and city council. A transportation committee consisting of H. Farquhar, P. E. Brady and J. A. Caster, was appointed to take charge of delays in receiving mail by the mail cars, with the railroad company. It was decided that Leon would celebrate the Fourth of July this year with a big patriotic celebration, and a general committee consisting of Geo. T. Ogilvie, Jas. S. Mansfield, C. W. Hoffman, J. A. Caster and W. H. Shields, was appointed to advise and to appoint the necessary sub-committees for the celebration. The Chautauqua which will be held in Leon, commencing about August 17th, was endorsed by a vote of the members of the Chamber of the Chautauqua having a separate organization which held a meeting after the Chamber of Commerce adjourned. One of the good things put in operation by the Chamber of Commerce is taking charge of the matter of all subscriptions, donations, advertising and other schemes which are presented to the business men of Leon. All members are pledged not to sign subscription papers for any object, patronize fly-by-night advertising and other schemes, unless the same has been endorsed by the vigilance committee, which is a secret committee, who will pass on the merits of the case, without fear or favor. It will be a safeguard for the business men from the many schemes and subscriptions which are presented to them. Any worthy object will have no trouble in securing an endorsement from the committee, but the others will receive a cold shoulder. The new Chamber of Commerce is starting out mighty well, and the work being done by the members is going to bring results. C. W. Hoffman was selected as a delegate to attend the conference of Commercial Club officers to be held at Iowa City on May 2-3.

Manual Training at Davis City.

The last of the series of 28 meetings for the instruction of rural teachers in manual training, under direction of the State College at Ames, will be held in Davis City at 5 p. m. on Saturday, May 5th, as most of the teachers in this vicinity have not attended many of the series, special work on the bench will be offered suited to their needs. A full attendance is desired of teachers and those who are planning to teach. There is no charge other than for material used.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

A traveling man named Cushing started to drive from High Point to Leon Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. About 10 o'clock that night he arrived in Leon on horseback, having left wagon and trunks two miles east of Leon, stuck in clay hills. The traveling man is very much in favor of something being done to improve our roads. T. R. Early, J. P. Wharton and Misses Mayme Pennell and Mary Ray drove to Lineville Saturday evening to spend Sunday with friends. The big rain Saturday night made the roads almost impassable, washing out bridges and culverts, and they had a hard time getting home, starting from Lineville at 8 o'clock Monday morning, and arriving in Leon after 9 o'clock that night. They changed horses on the way home, and the boys frequently had to get out and lift the buggy out of a ditch where the culvert had been washed away, and from the amount of mud the boys had on their clothes, we think they carried a good portion of the road home with them. Sherman Dale and Miss Lizzie Ogden, of the Spring Valley neighborhood, were married at Mt. Ayr last week. Prof. R. McGinnis is certainly in luck. Besides being elected as principal of our school Monday night, he is rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing boy at their home on Tuesday. He says it is very nice to set up the cigars and celebrate two great events at once. Mrs. Fletcher Layton went to Colfax Monday to visit a few days with her mother. Miss Lillian Howard, of Osceola, visited over Sunday at the home of Dr. A. Brown. Miss Bertha Gammon returned to her duties as bookkeeper for a large firm in Des Moines last Monday. She had been enjoying a month's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gammon, of southeast of Leon. Mr. Jas. W. Allen and family, and Clay Harris, of Brown, Virginia, brother-in-law and brother of our townsman, J. A. Harris, arrived in Leon last Thursday, and will make this city their future home. Grandma Matheny, of Weldon, died last Wednesday evening and was buried Thursday. Akers & Smith closed their steam riding gallery Saturday night, and have shipped it to Mt. Ayr, where they will commence business Friday. As there has never been a steam riding gallery in that town it will no doubt take the people by storm, and the boys will do a good business. They will work their way west during the summer and expect to spend the winter in California.

A BIG SCHOOL DAY.

Rural Exhibit, 8th Grade Commencement, Spelling Match and Grade Schools Declamatory Contest.

The rural school exhibit which has heretofore been held early in December will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 at Leon. Coming at the close of the school year, the exhibit will no doubt surpass those of past years both in the quantity and quality of the work. An unusual interest has been manifested throughout the year, in the preparation and preservation of school work with the view to exhibiting it on exhibition this spring. High Point and Bloomington townships, each held township exhibits which reflect much credit on the teachers and pupils and have proven a valuable means of securing the co-operation of school and community. Saturday morning, May 26, at 11 o'clock, the 8th grade commencement will be held. In the afternoon at 1:15 the county spelling match will be held in connection with the graded schools declamatory contest, which was postponed March 16th on account of the inclement weather. An admission fee of 10 cents for grade and rural pupils and 25 cents for others will be charged for the purpose of providing premiums and meeting other expenses in connection with the exhibit and contest. Eva Rhea, Secretary, County Superintendent.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

To All Members of the Leon Cemetery Association: You and each of you are hereby notified that May 13th at the library assembly room at 7:30 o'clock p. m. will be held at the annual meeting of the Leon Cemetery Association for the purpose of electing four directors and reorganizing the board. At this meeting it is earnestly desired that as many of the 160 members as is possible will come and show an interest in this organization and take an active part. Let us know what you can do or want done at the cemetery this spring. Eva Rhea, Secretary.

Land for Sale.

Wild land and improved farms for those who want homes in the state which holds the crop record. This land is hard to compete with as it is backed with the decayed vegetation of forests for hundreds of years. Our prices are right, and will quote you a few to convince you. 80 acres, house, barn, well, 8 acres cleared, \$2,000. 200 acres, house, barn, well, 20 acres cleared, \$5,000. 80 acres, modern improvements, 80 acres cleared, \$6,000. DALE BROS., call on R. F. Dale, Leon, Iowa, or write H. L. Dale, Stone Lake, Wis. 38 2t

New Court Cases.

John W. Butcher vs. Leo Bird et al. The parties are the heirs of William and Julia Butcher, deceased, and plaintiff asks that the shares of the heirs be confirmed, that a referee be appointed to sell the real estate and divide the proceeds among the heirs. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff. Dogs. Dog tax now due. Get your tax from marshal or city clerk. 37-2t

THE NEXT FEW DAYS AT THE IDLE HOUR.

Many Great Stars to Appear at That Popular Theatre in Great Productions.

Pauline Frederick, one of the greatest of screen stars, appears at the Idle Hour tomorrow, Friday, May 4th, in "Lydia Gilmore." This is a truly great Paramount production in which this charming star has a wonderful part in which she does some wonderful work. "Lydia Gilmore," as a fine feature production. Five and ten cent matinee at three o'clock. First night show at 7:30. A specially strong program is now being arranged for Saturday afternoon and night. The matinee performances at the Idle Hour theatre are very popular. Fannie Ward, one of the most beautiful stars in motion pictures, comes to the Idle Hour Monday, May 7th, in a return showing of "The Cheat." This was without doubt the greatest live reel picture ever shown in Leon and our people will be glad to have an opportunity to see it again. Five and ten cent matinee at 3 o'clock. First night show at 7:30. Douglass Fairbanks will return to the Idle Hour Wednesday, May 9th, in his habit of appearing in a Triangle production of high quality. Douglass Fairbanks is a wonder and the announcement of his coming will be most delightful news to Leon theatre goers. Five and ten cent matinee at 3 o'clock. First night show at 7:30. Today, Thursday, May 3rd, both the eleventh and twelfth episodes of "A Lass of the Lumberlands" will be shown and also a splendid program of other pictures. Admission 5 and 10 cents, both matinee and night. "Damaged Goods" is coming for a showing both matinee and night on Wednesday, May 16th.

The Bone Dry Law.

A good many questions are asked about the Iowa bone dry law that became effective last week, and we give them here in brief. Those interested may see just how the radical prohibition statute reads: "If any express, or railway company, or any common carrier, OR PERSON, or anyone as the agent or employe thereof shall transport or convey to any person within this state any intoxicating liquors, without first having been furnished with a certificate from the clerk of the court issuing the permit, showing that the consignee is a permit holder and authorized to sell liquors in the county to which the shipment is made, such company, person, agent, carrier, person, agent or employe thereof shall, upon conviction, be fined in the sum of \$100 for each offense and pay the costs of prosecution, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be taxed by the court." Section 2415, Iowa Code of 1917. There you have it. Under this statute it is said that no person may take or carry in any manner any booze for another in this state, and if he does so, the place where he delivers such booze is the place of sale. The sale being illegal in this state, therefore the party so carrying booze or delivering it is guilty of illegally selling liquor. The driver of an automobile might get into trouble if he carries the closest of booze with him in the car, for where the passengers and booze are delivered would be the place of sale.

Who Are The Easy Marks?

The old notion that the members of the various swindling fraternal societies, those of the rural field, because of the gullibility of the farmers, needs revising. We think the belt should be handed over to the small town merchant who bites at any and every graft that is labeled "investing." A proposition to make the business man's name on a "go to church" sign, a cook book, farmer's account book, or hotel register, never lacks for patrons. Many of the men who patronize these fakes, call the home newspaper solicitor that they do not believe in advertising, but for their opinion their patronage of these grafters not only proves that they do not believe in advertising, but it also proves that they are not familiar with the first principles of advertising, or else they wouldn't continue to waste the money that might be better used to tell the public of their store values, through the cheapest and most efficient channel of advertising in the world—the newspaper. Every town the size of Winterset wastes enough money each year on these so-called advertising stunts, to be able to enlarge the trade volume of the town if rightly expended.—Winterset Madsonian.

Methodists 8—Presbyterians 2.

In a good natured rivalry between the boys of the Methodist Sunday school class of Walter Osborn, and those of the Presbyterian Sunday school class of G. B. Price, terminated in a base ball game on the Leon grounds Tuesday evening, which resulted in a victory for the Methodists by a score of 8 to 2. G. B. says his boys are all right, but he forgot that Walter Osborn was a professional base ball player and manager, and he was outclassed, but still insists he can outclass Osborn in quoting scripture, and there may be another contest between the managers.

Notice.

We, the undersigned druggists of Leon, owing to the unsecluded condition of the drug market, and in order to give our customers the best possible service and prices, will, beginning June 1st, do business on a strictly cash basis. We request that all bills due us be paid before that date. P. F. Kopp, E. E. Bell, Chas. Cherrington.

School Report.

The following is the term report of the Brick school, district No. 1, Richardson township. Total number enrolled, 45. Total days taught, 160. Average daily attendance, 36. Salary per month, \$60. Average cost of tuition for each pupil per month, \$1.70. Pay A. Thompson, teacher.