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BAD FIRE AT OSCEOLA

Harding Block Burned on Thursday Morning and Two Men Killed When Walls Fell Out.

One of the most terrible incidents in the history of Osceola occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock last Thursday morning, when a most destructive fire destroyed the big Harding block at the southeast corner of the square, and nightwatch R. L. Eggleston and George Griffin were caught and crushed to death when a falling wall was wrecked by an explosion, and fireman Frank Paschal received a broken limb and other serious injuries.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. A. A. Nowers, who was awakened by the light of the blaze and she turned in the alarm. When first seen the flames were coming from the rear of the Frick drug store, the basement and rear part of the store being wrapped in flame and smoke. It was at this place that the two unfortunate men lost their lives and Frank Paschal and others were injured, the accident being the direct result of an explosion in the drug store so terrific that without warning it literally lifted and tossed the rear end of the brick store room upon the men who had gathered to fight the fire. It was all done so quickly and the light in the alley was so limited that it is not known just how it occurred, and in the confusion it was impossible to tell how many men were caught under the falling wall. A number of the spectators noted that one man was covered by the falling brick, but they could not tell who it was and fireman Frank Paschal, the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Paschal, was seen partly covered with brick and mortar. He was rescued at once and taken to Dr. Dean's office where he was found he had sustained a broken limb, a wrenched back and bruises on the head, but his injuries while serious will not result fatally. Attention was then turned to the relief of the other man and his lifeless body was soon recovered and identified as George Griffin. As yet it was not known that nightwatch Dick Eggleston was numbered among the victims, and the flames, driven by a strong northwest wind spread so rapidly and the heat became so intense that it was almost impossible to make further investigation, and it was some time after 2 o'clock that the lifeless body of Mr. Eggleston was taken from beneath the fallen wall. Fireman Geo. Carlton had a very narrow escape. At the time of the explosion he was taking a hose nozzle down the back stairs to the basement of the drug store and was blown bodily to the alley. He was hurt about the head and badly bruised, but was able to be around town the following day. Marshal Dick Eggleston was one of the best known and highly respected men in Clarke county, and had served two terms as sheriff.

George Griffin was also a highly respected citizen and was a family of seven children ranging from 2 to 15 years of age. The Harding block was owned by Mr. Saxe, an Ottumwa clothing merchant, the lower floors being occupied by Ettinger's dry goods store, the Frick drug store, and M. Clevenger's harness and shoe store. On the upper floors were the law offices of attorneys O. S. Slaymaker and W. D. Hedrick, the dental parlors of Dr. Paul and Dr. Porterfield, W. S. Barnard's insurance office, and Dr. Sells' hospital, in which there were a number of patients, but all were removed safely.

Owing to the very high wind and rapid spread of the fire, together with the excitement over the loss of life, but very little of the contents of any of the stores were saved, and the total loss will amount to approximately \$170,000, with insurance of only \$88,000. The Harding block owned by Mr. Saxe was valued at \$50,000, and was insured for \$25,000. The Ettinger dry goods stock was valued at \$60,000, and was insured for \$38,300. Frick's drug store valued at \$12,000, was insured for \$10,000. J. M. Clevenger's harness and shoe store was valued at \$5,000, with insurance of \$3,800. McAllister's paper and paint store adjoining the burned block on the west, did not burn, but the stock was damaged \$1,500, with insurance of \$1,200. O. M. Slaymaker's law office, library and fixtures, valued at \$15,000 was partially covered by insurance. W. D. Hedrick's law office and library was valued at \$1,200, with insurance of \$500. Dr. Porterfield's dental office was valued at \$2,000, with insurance of \$400. Dr. Paul's dental office was valued at \$2,500, with insurance of \$600. Dr. Sells' hospital, appliances, fixtures, etc., was valued at \$19,000, with insurance of \$7,000. W. S. Barnard's insurance office was valued at \$1,500, partially covered by insurance. Folkner & Booth's barber shop in the basement under Ettinger's store estimated loss \$1,000, partially covered by insurance. We are indebted to editor Abbott, of the Osceola Sentinel, for the facts in regard to the terrible calamity.

Charlie Chaplin at the Idle Hour Saturday in New Comedy. Charlie Chaplin, the great fun maker, will be at the Idle Hour next Saturday, Dec. 1st, in his new comedy, "By the Sea." This picture has never been shown in Leon before and it is one of his best. This comedy will be shown in addition to the regular program both afternoon and night and the price will be 5 and 10 cents, plus one cent war tax. Matinee at 3 o'clock and first night show at 7:30.

Jury Acquits Kelley of Villisca Axe Murders. The jury in the second trial of Rev. Lyn G. J. Kelley, charged with the celebrated axe murders at Villisca several years ago, returned a verdict of "not guilty" Saturday evening at Red Oak, the verdict being reached on the first ballot. At the first trial the jury disagreed, eleven being for acquittal and one for conviction, and the murder mystery is as far from being solved as ever.

Army Y. M. C. A. Fund in Decatur County Above Quota.

Decatur county did not slack when it came to raising its quota for the Army Y. M. C. A. Fund, the total amount subscribed in the county being \$6,346.55. Leon subscribed a total of \$1,195.60, and those in charge of the work are feeling pretty good over the result. The following is a list of subscriptions by towns and townships: Leon High School \$50.00, Leon teachers 30.00, Leon grade schools 30.00, Fourteen \$10.00 subscriptions by High School boys 140.00, Leon 945.00, Van Wert 400.00, Weldon 493.00, Pleasanton 430.00, LeRoy 300.00, Woodland 85.00, Garden Grove 1,082.00, Lamoni 1,107.70, Grand River 219.00, High Point 180.50, Decatur 362.50, Davis City 247.00, Eden 20.00, Bloomington 68.00, (On hand) 153.50, Total \$6,346.55.

Aged Hermit Found Dead in Hut.

Adam Shuerger, an old man about 75 years of age, who had resided alone for many years in a little hut about five miles northwest of Decatur, was found dead in his bed last Saturday morning, and had evidently been dead for three or four days. Mrs. A. N. Finkbone, a neighbor, noticed Saturday morning that the horses at the Shuerger place were running around as if they were in distress, and the Finkbone home being released that morning from being quarantined, she went over to the hut and looking in the window saw the old man lying on his bed dead. She gave the alarm and after the arrival of neighbors undertaker F. S. Stewart went out and brought the body to his undertaking parlors in Leon and prepared it for burial, and stated that from appearances he probably died some time Wednesday. But very little is known about the old man or his relatives, although he had resided in this county for many years, being born in Illinois. He had been suffering from heart disease for several years and had consulted Leon physicians, and this disease was what caused his death. A niece and her brother-in-law, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Monday afternoon, and he was buried Tuesday in the Leon cemetery.

Trying to Work Up More Interest in Dairying in Decatur County.

J. P. Eves, representing the educational department of the Iowa State Dairy Association, spent a couple of days in Decatur county last week in the hope of interesting the farmers of Decatur county in the dairy business, and while here made arrangements to ask the Chamber of Commerce to take the matter up at their next meeting and try and arrange for a representation of farmers to attend a meeting some time in January, at which time a special dairy representative would come and explain the proposition in detail. Decatur county is admirably fitted to make one of the best dairy counties in the state, as we have an abundance of the finest pasture in the world, and there is no part of farm business which will give greater returns than that of dairying.

Exemption Board Completes Work on Last Call.

The local board last week made their final disposition of the exemption claims of the called men at the recent call for forty additional men. They had only three cases left to dispose of after our report last week, and they exempted George W. Cover, of Grand River, and Henry Earl Petty of Woodland, and called Earl W. Riley of Decatur for service. No orders have been received to send any more men to Camp Dodge, but it was reported last week that the center would be called December 1st, and would require two men to go from Decatur county, and it is rumored that the balance of the first call would not be called before February on account of a shortage of overcoats, and the government does not want the men sent until they have plenty of warm clothing for them.

Bad Auto Accident near Pleasanton.

Ott Roland had a bad auto accident on the Ocean Wave Trail east of Pleasanton last Sunday. While coasting down a steep hill he collided with a calf which ran into the road and the car went into a ditch, overturning and injuring all of the occupants. Ott Roland had his leg broken in three places, Mrs. Roland was badly bruised and it is feared injured internally, and their little son, Lennie, escaped with some severe bruises. Frank McClain who was riding with them had his shoulder injured and otherwise bruised. The car was considerably damaged.

Football Game Today.

The annual Thanksgiving football game between the Leon and Lamoni High Schools will be played at Leon today at 3 p. m. The Lamoni team did not loom up very strong early in the season, but lately they have been going fine. They have developed a strong back field. Last Friday they defeated the strong Princeton team 33 to 0. The Leon-Princeton score was 14 to 12.

Names Baby After First Soldier Boy to Fall in France.

A bouncing son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith, of east of Leon, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gibson, near Garden Grove, and the young star has been honored by being named Merle Hay Gibson, in honor of the first Iowa soldier boy to fall over in France.

Corydon Defeats Leon.

Last Friday the Leon High School football team met its first defeat of the season on the Corydon grounds, by the score of 6 to 0. The game was very close, our boys missing a touchdown by a very close margin on several occasions.

FARM BUREAU WORK

Work Commenced for Organization of War Emergency Farm Bureau in Decatur County.

A canvass of Decatur county is being made by Fred Wooley, assisted by a special agent from the extension department of the State College at Ames, for the purpose of securing the required 200 signers among the farmers of Decatur county, in which case the government will pay for the expense of a county agent up to \$1,800 a year. The government is very anxious to have a bureau established in every county in the United States as a war measure. Wayne county has already been organized. In making the canvass in Decatur county Mr. Wooley and others interested find that the real purpose of the work is not understood by a good many farmers, and farmers have expressed the sentiment that they did not want a young college graduate to come here to tell them how to farm. That is not the idea at all. The county agent does not attempt to tell you how to farm, but he acts as the business agent of the farmers, and wherever the plan has been tried out it has proven successful. In some of the townships it has been easy to secure members, while it is hard work in others. But those at the head of the enterprise are not going to give up until they have secured the required number and organized a farm bureau in Decatur county. The following letter will explain the purpose and source of the organization. Read it carefully, and when you are asked to become a member do not hesitate to sign your name:

Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Agricultural Extension Dept., Ames, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1917. To Members of the Extension Department:

According to one of our organizers there appears to be a question mark in the minds of some of the good people of Iowa as to whether the Farm Bureaus now being organized are a part of the government war program or whether the Agricultural Extension Department is just taking advantage of a good opportunity to get the work done.

In order that you may be in a position to dispel any doubts on this point I desire to call your attention to the fact that 7 per cent of the money spent for extension work in Iowa (not counting money raised locally) is coming from the federal treasury, or in other words, seventy-five cents out of every dollar.

The National Government has designated the Agricultural Extension Department as its official representative in the Food Production Campaign in this state. The appropriations of the law appropriating funds for Emergency Extension work and which governs the majority of our funds reads as follows:

"An Act to provide further for the national security and defense by stimulating agriculture and facilitating the distribution of agricultural products.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

"That for the purpose of more effectually providing for the national security and defense and carrying on the war with Germany by gathering authoritative information concerning the food supply, by increasing production, by reducing waste of the food supply, by regulating the distribution thereof, and by such other means and methods as are hereinafter provided, the powers, authorities, duties, obligations, and prohibitions herinafter set forth are conferred and prescribed:

"Our entire Extension Department is now engaged, in carrying out the government food production and food conservation program which is a national defense program and so considered by the National Government.

I believe the time has come when we should place increasing emphasis on the fact, that the work we are doing is being done in order to win our war with Germany. The people that we are working for will be glad to know this and I believe it will further our work to let them know it. It will also help to offset antagonism and prejudices to our work prompted by disloyal people.

Yours very truly, R. K. BLISS, Director.

Auto Turned Over With Young Lady.

Friday morning as Miss Lou Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sears, was driving to their home north of Leon, a radius rod broke on her car when near the home of C. W. Hoffman, and the car turned turtle, throwing her out of the car on the hard road. The accident was witnessed by Leo Hoffman who ran to her assistance, and found her lying on the ground in a dazed condition, having been very badly bruised and shocked by the fall. She was taken to her home nearby and given medical attention, being confined to her bed for several days, but is now able to be around the house.

Revival Meetings at Brethren Church.

A series of revival meetings which will extend for several weeks, opened at the Leon Brethren church last evening, under Evangelist N. W. Jennings, the celebrated Virginia evangelist, who will be assisted by the local pastor, Rev. G. T. Ronk. Evangelist Jennings has a reputation as one of the most successful evangelists in the country, a powerful speaker, and the series of meetings at Leon will no doubt result in great good. A cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

Chicken Brought Over \$600.

Mrs. Harry Stutzell, Mrs. C. M. Akes, Mrs. Aaron Goodman, Mrs. Fred Marvin and Mrs. Matt Pullen entertained a "consignment" of lady friends at a Kensington at the library last Thursday afternoon, and all enjoyed a fine time. During the afternoon a chicken which was prepared but not used, was sold and resold at auction, and the total amount realized from it was something over \$600 which was donated to the Red Cross chapter.

THE INCOME TAX.

Every Person With Yearly Income Over \$1,000 to Make Report.

Every Decatur county individual whose annual income is in excess of \$1,000 must make a written return to the United States between January 1 and March 31, 1918, for the year 1917, and thereafter a report for each year must be made so long as the present law is in effect. The new law is applicable to incomes in 1917 and the first report must be made next January and not later than March 31 of the year 1917. Failure to make a report subjects the offender to the imposition of a maximum fine of \$1,000 or a smaller amount as the discretion of the federal court may direct.

All married persons are entitled to an exemption of \$2,000 and will pay taxes on income funds in excess of that amount, while single men are taxed on sums in excess of \$1,000 but everyone with an income of more than \$1,000 must make a report. A single man must pay a normal tax of 2 per cent on income above \$1,000. If the income, however, runs to high figures he must pay a larger per cent, regulated by the amount of the income. A married man pays a normal tax of 2 per cent on income above \$2,000, but if said income runs to high figures the tax grows.

The one particular thing to remember as you must make out statement between January 1 and March 1 of next year, showing your income for the year 1917 and tax, if you owe any must be paid. This applies to every one, farmers as well as merchants, doctors as well as lawyers, etc.

Business College to Give Course Here.

V. H. Bishop of the United Business Institutes, head office, Des Moines, Iowa, is in Leon this week interviewing young men and women who are interested in obtaining stenographic or commercial positions. Thousands of young men are enlisting, leaving their positions in banks, offices, etc., which leaves nearly every firm short of help. The U. S. government has been advertising for stenographers and clerks for months, and is looking for competent and bright young women and men, under 21 and over 31, to fill these positions. Beginners as well as those of experience can apply. If beginners are ambitious and are willing to work hard, the association will send them to school and lessons to their homes and supervise work until each one is ready for a position. A small charge will be made for this instruction. The employment and placing positions is FREE to all. The association has a list of many positions, starting as high as \$75.00 to \$90.00 a month with fine opportunities for promotion. Civil service positions pay \$900.00 to \$1500.00 per annum to start.

Young women, this is a patriotic service as well as an opportunity of a life time, recommended by bankers, ministers, colleges and business men. If you cannot go to the front, enlist as a business worker. There must be no slackers now. Circulars and full information about the position will be mailed to all who will send name to United Business Institute, Des Moines, Iowa, or address V. H. Bishop, Leon, Iowa.

Center Township Declamatory Contest.

The annual declamatory, singing and spelling contest, of Center township, was held Friday, November 23. Albert Starnes gave the prizes well. Following are the awards: Declamatory—First—"Misty Carley" by Elizabeth Muck—Crown school. Second—"Aunt Elzora's Hero," by Irene Snyder—Crown school. Third—"Our Baby," by Florence Elvins—South White Oak. Singing—First—"Grandfather's Clock," by South White Oak school. Second—"America First," by Crown school. Third—"The Choo Choo Car," by Sunny Side school. Spelling—First—Pearl Gittinger, of Sunny Side. Second—Eva Baker, of South White Oak. Third—Lowell Goodman, of South White Oak.

J. A. McIntosh Decides to go to a Strictly Cash Business.

Beginning with January 1, 1918, we have decided to discontinue running accounts in this store and sell for cash only. We feel that the times and conditions require this change and that it will be mutually good for you and me. We can give you so much better advantages in this change over the old system and if we decide to return to the old system we shall tell you so in the columns of this paper. Accordingly we are asking that all who owe us come in by January 1, 1918, and pay up the old accounts and get square so you will feel like continuing business at this place during the new year.

J. A. McIntosh, "The Square Dealer," Leon, Iowa.

Wells Poisoned at Humeston.

The wells of M. A. Scovel and Mrs. A. N. Rickett were poisoned Monday night with Paris green. The cause of the rash act is not known. The poison was discovered at the Scovel home about 9 o'clock Monday evening when Mrs. Scovel went to the well to get a bucket of water. Russell and Howard Windsor, sons of W. H. Windsor, found the Paris green on the Rickett pump yesterday morning when they took their cows to the well. Mr. Windsor has a pasture near the Rickett place and gets water for his stock from this well.—Humeston News Era.

Mrs. Wm. VanNostrand Died Tuesday Evening.

Mrs. Wm. VanNostrand, one of the oldest residents of Leon, passed away at her home in north Leon Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock, having been failing for several weeks. Arrangements for her funeral had not been made at the time The Reporter went to press, waiting for the arrival of her son, Henry VanNostrand, of Cheyenne, Wyoming and other relatives, but will probably be held on Friday.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mr. John Johnson, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Miss Fannie Stallworth, of Canesville, Mo., were married at the clerk's office in this city Saturday morning by Rev. W. G. Hohanshelt. The suit of Curran Gentry vs. Decatur County, tried at Mt. Airy last week resulted in a verdict against Gentry for the costs in the case, some \$200 or \$300. This was the suit brought to recover the value of a horse which was crowded off a bridge west of Leon and killed, while some parties were racing. The owner of the gold watch which was found with the highwayman recently shot and captured here, has been found. On the Friday night previous to the Sunday when Grant Wakefield was held up west of town, two men held up Walter A. Carpenter just north of Ottumwa, and took his gold watch and a small sum of money. The robbers also held up two other men a few miles farther on the same road a couple of hours later. Mr. Carpenter has fully identified the watch, the initials W. A. C. which were engraved on the inside of the case being his own, and is positive that the fellow in jail is one of the fellows who robbed him. The robber claimed here at the time of his arrest that his name was Francis Cross and that the initials on the watch were those of his father. Every statement made by him has been proven false, and if he does not get a term in the penitentiary he will be several other places for him.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gatchell on November 27th. Mr. C. W. Beck and Mrs. Ellen Edmiston were married on Thanksgiving night by Mayor Marion Woodard. Dr. H. R. Layton departed Friday for Indian Territory, where he will join a party of hunters and enjoy a two weeks hunt in the mountains. We will expect some tall old game stories when Dr. comes home. Frank Garrett came home from Kirwin, Kansas, Friday. He has been working out there for over a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baker returned to Des Moines Friday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Close in this city. Mr. Edward Chalmers Fithian and Miss Cora Anna Brooks were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Marion F. Stookey, in this city yesterday noon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. G. Hohanshelt. They will make their home in Omaha, Neb., where Mr. Fithian is engaged in business.

Blue Sign, the famous pacer owned by J. Hoffines, arrived home Saturday morning direct from Montgomery, Alabama, where he won the last race of the season. The boys got up a little reception at the depot made on a regulation track. Out of twelve races in which he started this year he won nine first money and one-third, the purses aggregated \$11,200.

No Stock Shipments Being Received On Rock Island. Station agents along the Rock Island railroad last week received orders to receive no live stock for shipment after midnight on Monday of this week, the government having ordered the Rock Island to stop shipment of live stock from all local points so that the stock cars could be used in transporting the cattle from the drought stricken districts in Texas to places where they could be fed. From 150 to 250 counties in Texas, it is estimated have over 2,000,000 head of cattle without feed, and it is necessary to move the cattle to other points with the least possible delay. How long this order will be effective is not known, but it is estimated that it will be at least two weeks.

Army Trucks Pass Through Leon.

Last Thursday evening three big army trucks with machine gun turrets, and a supply truck, with thirteen men in the party, passed through Leon. They stated they were enroute west from the Atlantic coast, their destination being unknown, and that they had been five weeks on the road, but had made good time, fording creeks and going over some bad roads. Another bunch of army trucks passed through Leon Monday, but the men in charge were under orders not to give out any information.

An Ode to Decatur County.

On the clay hills of old Decatur, Where the slacker seems to thrive, Where manure spreaders are more valued Than our soldier boys' lives, Where there are more exemptions In proportion to the call, Where they're short on nerve and money And long on gas and gall, Where a S. Bonds seem worthless, Where the money's in their sock, On the clay hills of Decatur Sets the slacker, with his knock. A. B. Owen.

Exempted as Government Employee.

In the list of exemptions published last week we stated that Forest Cole, of Grand River, was exempted on the grounds of dependents, but this was an error, as he was exempted on the ground that he was a government employe, a third class postmaster, being the postmaster at Grand River, and as such was exempted from the draft.

AT THE IDLE HOUR.

Clara Kimball Young is the Thanksgiving Day Attraction, and a Big Program for the Week.

The attraction today, Thanksgiving day, is Clara Kimball Young in the greatest picture she has ever made, "The Price She Paid." This was released for exhibition only recently, and this is the first time it has been shown in this part of the state. Special matinee this afternoon at 3 o'clock and first night show at 7:30. The admission for both afternoon and night will be 5 cents for children and one cent war tax and 13 cents and two cents war tax for adults. The attraction tomorrow, Friday, November 30th, is Kathryn Williams in "The Cost of Hatred," a Paramount production of highest quality. Miss Williams is deservedly popular with Leon theatre goers and a large crowd is always out to see her. This picture is a splendid one and Miss Williams is popular therein. The admission will be 5 and 10 cents with one cent war tax additional.

House Peters and Myrtle Stedman come Monday to the Idle Hour in the Paramount picture, "As Men Love." This is a very strong production and is of the type that pleases everyone. This clever pair are always good, and the production "As Men Love" will please everyone. It is one of Paramount's best productions. The admission will be 5 and 10 cents with one cent war tax additional.

Wednesday, December 5th, Earle Williams, the handsome Vitaphone star, comes to the Idle Hour in "The Hawk," a Vitaphone Blue Ribbon feature that is taking the country by storm. Earle Williams is one of the screen's greatest actors and he always draws a large audience to the Idle Hour where his pictures are shown exclusively. "The Hawk" is one of the very best features in which Mr. Williams has appeared this year. The admission will be 5 and 10 cents with one cent war tax additional.

Letter From A. B. Owen.

Willow Springs, Mo., 11-28-17. Editor Reporter—I notice several letters in recent issues of your paper from different sources in regard to the slacker of Decatur county and I was quite surprised at some of the statements made. Yet I have noticed from reports you have published that Decatur county is away in the rear in furnishing soldiers and buying Liberty Bonds. There seems to be such a large percentage of those drawn exempted on account of dependents I did not know that so many were so poor in Decatur county. Of course we feel some what elated over the fact that our county, Howell, has the distinction of being one out of three in the state and one out of only twelve in the nation to furnish its entire quota of volunteers, having furnished two hundred more Liberty Bonds than any county of equal population in the state and over-subscribed the Y. M. C. A. allotment more than three times. I sincerely hope Decatur will wake up to the situation and yet

I enclose \$2.00; please credit my subscription. Respectfully yours, A. B. Owen.

McKibben—Watsabaugh.

The marriage of Miss Harriett McKibben and Elbert Harry Watsabaugh was solemnized in the study of the First M. E. church in Des Moines at 1:30 last Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. M. J. Mendenhall officiated at the ceremony. They were attended by his brother, Roy Watsabaugh and wife, of Center Point. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. McKibben, a graduate of the Humeston High school, and is a young lady who has been the best esteemed by all who know her. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Watsabaugh, a graduate of Ames, and a young man of splendid ability.

Following the wedding, they visited in Ames and Center Point, returning home Saturday. They will be at home after March first at Glenhurst farm, and they have the best wishes of many friends.—Humeston News Era.

Gospel Team Meeting.

The meeting Sunday will be held at the Brethren church at 3 p. m. Brother Frank Garber was chosen as leader of the meeting. Come out and see what Brother Garber has for you.

\$2.00 AFTER JANUARY 1, 1918

Owing to the excessive increase in every item connected with the publication of a newspaper, THE LEON REPORTER will be advanced to \$2.00 per year, on and after January 1, 1918. We have tried in every conceivable way to avoid increasing the subscription price of The Reporter, but we cannot make ends meet at the old price of \$1.50 per year. Practically all of the daily papers have doubled their subscription price, and while we are making an increase of 50 cents per year, this increase will not come anywhere near meeting the added expenses of the business, and we do not believe that our readers want or expect us to lose money in publishing The Reporter. We are going to give all subscribers the opportunity of renewing at the old rate of \$1.50 per year, at any time before the first of the new year, and you can renew for any period not exceeding two years from Jan. 1, 1918, at the \$1.50 rate. But please remember that the \$2.00 rate goes into effect on Jan. 1st, and on and after that date, the price will be \$2.00 to everyone. Renew your paper before Jan. 1st, and please don't ask us to accept the old rate of \$1.50 year after that date, for we will have to refuse it. The Reporter is worth every cent of \$2.00 a year, compared with the price of everything else, and you will save 50 cents a year by renewing now, but we are not going to urge anyone to renew at the old rate. It is up to you whether you want to save the 50 cents a year.