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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Judge Maxwell Convened Court on Monday. Arson Case from Osceola Commences Monday.

The April term of the district court convened Monday evening upon the arrival of Judge Thos. L. Maxwell and court reporter W. J. Hyland from their session in Cresion and Osceola, and the term will last for several weeks.

The grand jury for the term was empaneled Tuesday morning, four members, John B. Anderson, W. L. Riley, J. R. Hockett and W. E. Jones being excused for cause, and this left only one member over the seven required, C. C. Jennings being the man who was not drawn.

The grand jury is composed of John F. Garber, foreman, R. E. Jones, W. J. Shields, Harry Williams, Frank Bryant, George Hamilton and T. A. Jackson. The court appointed Charles Morrison clerk of the grand jury, and George Jennings is bailiff.

T. H. Schenck was appointed court bailiff. In instructing the grand jury on Tuesday morning, Judge Thos. L. Maxwell in addition to the usual instructions gave the following special instruction to the grand jury, and it will be well for every person in Decatur county to carefully read it, and may thereby keep themselves out of serious trouble:

There is one matter, gentlemen, that I deem it my duty to specially call your attention to in connection with the other instructions given you. The uppermost thought in the mind of every loyal American citizen at this time is as to the condition of the great war that has been raging for almost four years.

The principles for which the American people have striven through generation after generation are now on trial before the world in that great war. Our own nation has become involved in that war, and our splendid manhood is now on the fields of battle fighting for the cause of liberty and justice, as against autocracy and oppression. In that condition of affairs, it is necessary, as I believe, to call your attention to a law enacted by the last legislature.

While our people as a whole are united and are loyally supporting the government and our cause, yet, because of the cosmopolitan make-up of our citizenship, it has been found that in some parts of our country we have men whose sympathies are not with us, and who are not giving their efforts to advance the cause of liberty and justice. To meet that condition of affairs, our last legislature made a law which I will read to you, not because I have any knowledge that any person in your community has been guilty of any such act—but, if there be such persons among us, who are backbiting, who are setting out fires in the rear of our boys on the battle field, I feel that it should be dealt with according to law. We should not harbor any set of people who are enjoying the protection of our laws and our citizenship, who are at the same time using their energies against us.

Chapter 2, as enacted in Section 2, provides: "Any person who shall, in public or private, by speech, writing, printing, or by other mode, or means, advocate the subversion and destruction by force of the government of the State of Iowa, or of the United States, or attempt, by speech, writing, printing, or in any other way whatsoever, to incite, abet, promote, or encourage hostility or opposition to the government of the State of Iowa, or of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than six months, nor more than one year, and shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars."

Now, gentlemen, if you have caught the spirit and intent of that section, you will notice that it is very plainly provided that if any person incite, promote or encourage hostility or opposition to the government of the State of Iowa, or of the United States, he is guilty of this offense, and should be indicted accordingly.

If you have persons in your community who are engaged in inciting, abetting, promoting, or encouraging hostility or opposition to the government of the State of Iowa, or of the United States, either by words, writing, printing, or any other mode or means, advocating the subversion and destruction by force of the government of the State of Iowa, or of the United States, they would be guilty of a violation of this act and should be promptly indicted and brought to trial. If you have such people in your community, they should be made to feel the force of that law for which they seem to have no respect, and if any such case comes before you, I ask you to give the matter such investigation and report as will justify this act by indictment into this court.

The trial jury was not summoned until Monday of next week when the case of State vs. B. R. Frick, the Osceola druggist charged with arson, will be commenced, an additional venire of twenty-five jurors being summoned in addition to the regular venire. Frick was indicted on the charge of setting fire to his drug store in Osceola on Nov. 22, 1917, which destroyed several brick buildings, and resulted in the death of two men who were killed when an explosion in the drug store caused a brick wall to fall on them. The case is being prosecuted by the insurance companies, the amount being \$23,000. At Des Moines it was increased to 22 1/2 cents. If it keeps on it will soon be cheaper to ride on the train or walk.

Eden Center School Report. Those neither absent or tardy during the first month: Katherine and William Latta. Those neither absent or tardy during the second month: Katherine Latta and Helen Minor. Capitola M. Robison, Teacher.

Alumni Attention! There will be a meeting of the Leon Alumni at the Civic League rooms, Thursday evening, April 25, 7:30 to discuss the annual banquet. Mrs. Fred Teale, President.

Grace Wise vs. Jake Wiley. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Fred W. Newcomb vs. E. M. Hatcher. Continued on account of

25 SOLDIERS GO FRIDAY

Another Quota of Decatur County Soldier Boys Leave Friday Afternoon for Camp Dodge.

Twenty-five more Decatur county boys will respond to their country's call to arms tomorrow, and will leave for Camp Dodge on the 2:30 train Friday afternoon. The boys have been notified by the local board to report at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The ladies of the Red Cross will serve the departing boys with a dinner at noon at the rooms of the Civic Club. Arrangements have been made so that relatives and friends of the boys who wish to take dinner with them will be accommodated, providing reservations are made any time on Thursday by notifying Mrs. G. B. Price, of the committee, so that arrangements can be made to seat all who desire to attend. The price of the dinner tickets will be 60 cents.

The following is the list of the twenty-five young men selected by the local board to go to Camp Dodge. Another contingent of fourteen men have been called to go to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in the five days commencing on May 10th, but the names have not yet been selected by the local board:

- Emory Neal McCleary. Forest G. Davenport. Lawrence Minks. True Walter Myers. Clifford Ray Dorsey. Guy Melvin Evans. Bury Russell. Rollie E. Ewing. Lewis Albert Huston. James Brainard Hamilton. Floyd Jones Webb. Lloyd Bryan Bright. Leonard Sanders. Alvin Otis Nelson. Adolph Lawrence Johnson. Roy Phillips. John Wesley Wiley. Harry L. Snider. Raymond Fielden Dunn. Roy William Moore. James Edgar Freeman. Rufus Ellsworth Lillie. Harry Spicer. George Thomas Barlean. John Ray Welsh.

Better Order Your Coal.

The following is a copy of a letter received by the Biddison Coal & Grain Company from the United States Fuel Administration under date of April 15, 1918, and is self explanatory:

Biddison Coal & Grain Co., Leon, Iowa. Gentlemen: The Federal Fuel Administration has placed your town and trading territory into a zone where nothing but Iowa coal can be sold this year. Iowa mines are being organized to handle the enormous load which government regulations has put on them. To get your coal for the year, to insure your usual tonnage, and to prevent if possible a coal famine next winter.

Summer Deliveries are Imperative. Last year Iowa produced 9,443,806 tons, the largest coal production known. With the government commandeering for war purposes all eastern coals formerly shipped you, Iowa this year must produce 12,000,000 tons. Year around production of coal is necessary or you will experience a COAL FAMINE THIS WINTER.

Under government regulation the fuel trade is organized to meet your demands but YOU MUST CO-OPERATE. Get only one-half of your tonnage must be shipped during the summer months. Your customers must co-operate with you by ordering now. They must commence storing now for the winter. There will be no reduction in the price of coal delivered by waiting and delay means famine.

Don't you urge your newspapers to place the matter squarely before their readers? Information will be sent them from time to time. Ask them to use it. Co-operate with them. Unless something is done and done soon, THERE WILL BE NO COAL. Mines must be going, or miners will leave the field. I must look to you for your part in the distribution of available coal on the floor. Your patriotic business duty to aid, I stand ready to help you in any way. Very truly yours, D. F. Cushing, Assistant District Representative for Iowa U. S. Fuel Administration.

Decatur County Girls Are Always There.

In Sunday's Register there are the pictures of the All Star Basket Ball team at Drake University, picked by the Drake Delphic from the co-eds who played in the recent Drake inter-class basketball tournament, an out of the six there are two Decatur county young ladies, both of whom were former students in the Leon High School. Miss Flossie Easter, of Van Wert, guard, is a senior, playing her fourth year, and is one of the strongest players on the floor. Miss Gretchen Dale of Davis City, is a freshman, playing in her first Drake contests, but her heady playing and teamwork was a feature of the tournament.

Installed New Print Dryer. Cherrington's of course, installed the past week in their photo developing department a new Majestic print dryer, the latest dryer on the market, which will greatly increase their facilities for turning out pictures, as the machine is capable of drying 600 photo prints an hour, so they can deliver pictures in printed shorter time after they are printed than heretofore. Mr. Cherrington has worked up an extensive business in developing and printing, receiving many large mail orders from all over the country, and his work ranks with the best.

Snow Was Worth a Million. The big snow which fell all over Decatur county last Friday and Saturday was worth a million dollars to the farmers of Decatur county, for it was the greatest thing ever for wheat, oats and meadows. The snow fell most of the day on Saturday and it is estimated that from business to twenty inches fell, but it all melted and went into the ground and did not run off. Every farmer has been wearing a big smile since the snow came.

"THE HOLY CITY."

Leon Choral Club of Fifty Voices Thursday and Friday, May 2nd and 3rd.

The Leon Choral Club will present "The Holy City" an oratorio by G. M. Gaul, under the supervision of Miss Faye Rhodes, of Lamoni, at the Presbyterian church on Thursday and Friday evening of next week, May 2nd and 3rd. The fifty voices in the production have been in training for several months and it is assured this will be the finest musical event ever presented in Leon. Miss Beatrice Ervin, of Des Moines, is the soprano soloist, Miss Faye Rhodes, of Lamoni, contralto soloist, Mr. Lester Hutchinson, of Leon tenor soloist and Mr. Joe G. Rolf, of Leon basso soloist. The accompanist is Mrs. Jas. F. Harvey, of Leon.

No lover of good music should miss this great musical event. People go many miles to hear music which will not compare with what is promised in "The Holy City." Reserved seats on sale at Cherrington's. Admission 35 cents.

The New Pastor of the Christian Church.

The Christian church, of Leon, has secured the Rev. Grover Flannery as pastor for the coming year and he has already taken up the duties of his new charge. Mr. and Mrs. Flannery are "at home" in the Merwin cottage in north Leon.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Mr. and Mrs. James McCutchan are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing twelve pound boy at their home Saturday night. Last Friday's daily papers contained what has been anxiously looked for by many persons for several weeks, the appointment of a postmaster to succeed J. L. Harvey, and J. R. Conroy was the lucky man. Jonathan has forwarded his bond to Washington and will take charge of the office in a few days. For the present at least he will be assisted by Ed K. Pitman, who was postmaster during Cleveland's first term, while Mrs. Conroy will be the regular deputy.

This week's Reporter goes to our readers printed on the first steam press ever operated in Leon. We have our new gasoline burning steam engine running in good shape, and it grinds the papers out lively. Wednesday night of last week burglars entered the postoffice at Grand River. Whoever it was unlocked the door of the building with a key, entered and stole two registered letters containing \$124.09, and then locked the door again when they departed. Suspicion fastened on several parties and Saturday constables Wells and Drame, arrested Frank Wilson and George Riggs, of Grand River. Their hearing was before Squire Brammer Monday. County attorney J. H. McVey and deputy sheriff Sanger were sent for to look after the state's side. At the hearing it developed that there was no evidence tending to fasten the crime on the accused, and they were discharged. The loss falls on postmaster H. C. Jennings, as the office had not been turned over to H. C. Grees, the newly appointed postmaster.

The following marriage licenses have been issued the past two weeks: D. Griffin 35 to Kate Flynn 26. Thomas Umphress 21 to Amanda Akes 18. D. D. Campbell 22 to Bertha Walker 17. Guy Randall 18 to Jennie Barr 17. John Joseph Luff 19 to Burnice B. Brand 16. J. W. Caster 22 to Libbie Clark 18. Alfred B. Ward 22 to Minnie L. Marshall 20. Presiding Elder T. M. K. Stuart was in Leon Sunday and Monday. Miss Helen Wood went to Mt. Ayr Saturday where she will spend several months with relatives.

Alma Jackson, the live stock commission man of South Omaha, rolled into Leon Monday for a few days visit with friends in this vicinity and to look after his real estate interests. Okie Clark, G. A. Wood and Cliff Clark arrived home from their trip through the south yesterday, tired and hungry, and we believe the entire party was dead broke, but returning with glowing reports of the fine time they had while gone.

LEON WINS AGAIN. Ruby Huston Wins First Over All in County High School Declamatory Contest at Decatur.

Miss Ruby Huston, representing the Leon High School, won first in the dramatic class, and was awarded first place over all contestants in the Decatur County High School declamatory contest held at Decatur last Friday evening. Forrest Hagan had been selected as Leon's representative in the oratorical class, but some complications arose over his entry so he withdrew, and Miss Huston was selected to represent Leon, having only a couple of days notice to prepare for the contest. Every High School in the county was represented at the contest, second place in the dramatic class going to Ida Mae Case, of Lamoni. In the oratorical class Rex Winslow, of Garden Grove, won first place and Arthur Elmore, of Pleasanton, second. In the numerous class Phillip Blair, of Van Wert, was first, and Ora Johnston, of Davis City, second. The judges were Supt. Louise Askren, of Mt. Ayr, Miss Florence Ingram, of Osceola, and Supt. J. G. Parish, of Elston.

In addition to winning the gold medal in the dramatic class, Miss Huston also won for the Leon High School, the silver cup put up this year for the first time by the association. The cup will remain in Leon's possession for a year when it will be transferred to the winner of next year's contest. Should the cup be won three years in succession by any school it will become their permanent property.

The following is a list of the contestants: Oratorical German Kultur vs. Americanism Arthur Elmore, Pleasanton A Soldier of 1914. Belle Hatcher, Graceland Why We are Fighting Germany George Mitchell, Weldon At His Brother's Grave Rex Winslow, Garden Grove Dramatic Four Measures in the Key of G. Flossie Caldwell, Decatur Pro Patria Ida Mae Case, Lamoni The Littlest Rebel Ruby Huston, Leon The Soul of the Violin Vivian Latta, Grand River Humorous. Sockery Joins the League Philip Blair, Van Wert Rehearsing for Private Theatricals Ora Johnston, Davis City Liberty Loan Payments.

All full payments for Third Liberty Loan Bonds should be made to your bank by May 1st. All bonds that are to be registered must be paid for in full. The second payment of 20% should be paid on all Coupon Bonds bought on the government plan by May 22nd. This will give your bank ample time to get their remittance to the Federal Reserve Bank by the date payments are due. All coupon bonds can be paid for in full on any date payments are due with interest to that date. A. L. Ackerley, County Chairman.

The price of bacon continues to surpass its quota, too.

Program for Teachers Conference Saturday Morning. Teaching of History in Relation to Patriotism, Supt. N. E. Hayer. Mrs. Jennie Dayton, Mrs. Lulu B. Swisher. General discussion. The Delinquent Child and the Home, Supt. O. M. Gass, Miss Julia C. Brady, Miss Frances Swope. General discussion. The Function of the School in the War Crisis, Supt. A. M. Carmichael, Miss Blanche Monroe, Mrs. Selma Smith. General discussion.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

For Representative. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative for a second term, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. F. A. Garber, Center Township.

For Clerk of the District Court. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for clerk of the district court, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. Charles Kelley, Richland Township.

For County Auditor. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county auditor, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. Ern Metter, Garden Grove Township.

For Sheriff. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination of sheriff for a second term, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. John A. Fulton, Leon.

For Recorder. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county recorder, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. George W. Sanger, Leon township.

For Member Board of Supervisors. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for member of the board of supervisors for a second term, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. Long Creek Township.

Republican Announcements. The Republican County Central Committee hereby announces the following list of candidates for nomination for the various county offices at the June primaries, 1918: Representative, H. B. Murray, Bloomington township; W. S. McCaul, Garden Grove. Auditor, no candidate yet. Treasurer, J. Wesley Chew, Eden township. Clerk of the Courts, Ira B. Officer, Leon.

Recorder, Mattie Burchett Greely, Grand River; Mrs. Jeannette Aten Bruce, Garden Grove. County Attorney, Wm. J. Springer, Leon. Sheriff, S. A. Edwards, Pleasanton. Board of Supervisors, term beginning Jan. 1, 1919, E. J. Blair, Long Creek township. Board of Supervisors, term beginning Jan. 1, 1920, no candidate announced yet. Coroner, no candidate announced yet.

This is the list of candidates up to the time of going to press this week. J. A. McIntosh, County Chairman.

Big Attraction at the Idle Hour Theatre Tomorrow. W. S. Hart comes to the Idle Hour Theatre, Leon, tomorrow and Saturday for a two days showing of the big production, "The Cold Deck." This is the greatest picture of Hart's career. It was too big a production to be placed as a program picture and consequently it was released for exhibition as a super feature production which it is in every sense of the word. Many thousands of dollars were expended in producing this marvelous picture in which the great Bill Hart starred. It is being shown in the country's greatest and finest theatres at greatly increased prices. It is in every way one of the biggest pictures ever shown in Leon and the Idle Hour management decided that owing to the great merit of this picture that it would be necessary to run it two days in order that all who wanted to see it could have the opportunity. A special matinee performance will be given Friday afternoon and the picture will start at 8 o'clock. The admission will be 6 and 15 cents. Matinee Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. First night show Saturday at the usual hour. Admission same on Saturday.

Graded School Declamatory and Spelling Contest. The fourth declamatory and spelling contest of the Decatur County Graded Schools will be held at Davis City, Friday evening, April 26, at the Brick church. The following morning a teacher's conference will be held at the school house. Following is the program: Music, piano Miss Singleton Vocal Duet Paul Radnich, Dorothy Frazier Violin Solo Lawrence Frazier 1. Van Wert (not reported). 2. The Swan Song. 3. The Photograph Album. Lucile Frazier, Davis City. 4. "Maria Goes Skating." Florence Keown, Pleasanton 5. Leroy (not reported). 6. Decatur (not reported). 7. "Bill Smith." 8. Edith Garris, Weldon. 9. "Ted Tries Matchmaking." John Woodmansee, Leon. 10. Grand River (not reported). 11. Garden Grove (not reported). Decision of Judges.

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