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COUNTY NOMINATIONS

Neither Democrats or Republicans Will Have a Full County Ticket at the Primary Election.

Last Saturday was the last day for candidates for county offices to file their nomination papers in order to have their names printed on the official ballots used at the primary election, Monday, June 3rd.

The following is the official list of nominations as filed with county auditor Walter Osborn:

- Treasurer—J. Wesley Chew, of Eden township.
Clerk of the District Court—Ira B. Officer, of Leon.
Sheriff—Geo. F. Wolever, of Franklin township.

The Leon public schools complete their year's work this week, the eighth grade commencement being held at the High School building Tuesday evening, and the commencement exercises of the High School were held last evening at the Presbyterian church, when the class of '18, thirty-eight in number, the largest in the history of the Leon High School, received their diplomas.

The class officers are: President—Forrest P. Hagan. Vice President—Harold E. Marsoff.

- Secretary—Dorothy Hoffman. Treasurer—Marjorie Hoffman.
The class flower was American Beauty Rose, the colors blue and gold, and the motto "Over the Top."
The following is the commencement program:

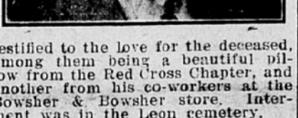
As the writer was out of town, little Albert Winji, son of the widow of Lola Winja, was killed by the Rock Island switching crew at the depot Thursday evening.

PRIVATE JOHN H. HOLLIDAY.

Died at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.—First Leon Soldier to Give His Life.

The first death among the Leon soldier boys who have gone into service occurred on Wednesday of last week, when John H. Holliday, Co. 8, 55th Engineers, passed away at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, after a three weeks illness with pneumonia.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, and an immense concourse of people assembled to pay their respects to the soldier boy who sacrificed his life in the defense of his country.



John H. Holliday, son of C. H. and Maria Holliday, was born in Decatur county, Iowa, July 3rd, 1887.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal church at High Point some years ago, never having moved his membership from there. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. of the Brotherhood of American Yeoman, and of the Homesteaders.

Mr. Holliday was stricken with pneumonia early in April, while training for service over seas and after an illness of twenty days, passed peacefully away.

His father and mother and one brother, R. H. Holliday, of Newton, survive him, a sister having preceded him to the spirit world some years ago.

He was an energetic, industrious young man in civil life, kind and thoughtful to his parents and friends, and together with his relatives leaves a host of friends to mourn his untimely death.

A Card—We desire to thank the many friends for their expressions of sympathy and floral tributes on this sad occasion, the death of our beloved son and brother, and assure them that every one is duly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holliday. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holliday.

Fatal Auto Accident. John W. Townsley, father of Homer Townsley, of Eden township, was fatally injured when his car backed down a steep hill near his home in Ringgold county last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Townsley was 71 years, 4 months and 28 days old and was a very prominent farmer of Ringgold county, residing on his farm about eleven miles from Kellerton.

TOOK CASE FROM JURY

Judge Maxwell Instructs Jury to Return Verdict of "Not Guilty" in B. R. Frick Arson Case.

The case of State vs. B. R. Frick, the Osceola druggist charged with setting fire to his drug store at Osceola last November, came to a sudden ending last Thursday morning. At the conclusion of the State's evidence the attorneys for the defendant filed a motion to take the case away from the jury on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

The court adjourned Friday until Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning, the last three men who were captured in Leon with an auto loaded with booze, Sam Klatsas, Vacl Stoncroft and James Simon entered pleas of guilty to the charge of having in their possession liquor in their possession with intent to dispose of same, and Judge Maxwell imposed a fine of \$100 and costs against each of them.

The following cases have been disposed of since our report last week:

Law and Equity. Marion Woodard adm. vs. Herald Publishing Co. Defendant's motion to relax costs as to witness Ostercamp sustained and he is allowed \$21.00 for mileage and per diem instead of \$45.00 as taxed by clerk.

City of Leon vs. Geo. W. Baker. Settled and dismissed.

American State Bank vs. Charles B. Gregory et al. Judgment and decree for plaintiff. Defendants' cross petition dismissed.

Luella West vs. Willard West et al. Report of sales and deeds to J. J. Smith, Louella West, Virgil S. West and John West approved.

A. M. Engle vs. Abner Davis et al. Judgment and decree as prayed for. Belle Richardson vs. L. E. Lasky. Judgment for plaintiff.

Roy Luper vs. Minnie Luper. Decree of divorce. Melinda Treasure vs. Geo. H. Wallace. Settled and dismissed.

Etta and James B. King vs. S. H. and Mollie Little. Judgment and decree as prayed for.

Estate of T. L. Beck. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of Jacob Rhodes. Claim of Dalby Lumber Co. disallowed. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Estate of Vincent J. Strickland. Final report approved, administrator discharged.

Guardianship of Rosa Rhodes. Final report approved, guardian discharged.

Guardianship of Anna S. Briggman. Final report approved, guardian discharged.

UNCLE BOB BOWSHER.

Passing of One of the Old Pioneers, A Unique Character, and Very Widely Known.

Robert Bowsher was born in Bowsherville, Wyandotte county, Ohio, September 11th, 1834, being 83 years, seven months and nineteen days old.

He was reared on a farm near Upper Sandusky, Ohio. From the farm he went to Carey, Ohio, to live with his uncle, Anthony Bowsher, who was in the hotel business, leaving Carey at about 18 years of age he went to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where he engaged in the grocery business for a number of years and while there was married to Mary Jane Drake, February 14, 1860.

In March, 1868, he moved to Princeton, Mo., and engaged in the hotel and livery business which he followed for fifteen years, during which time he proved himself to be one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the city, being the first man to put up ice and open up a livery barn in Princeton. During this time he was one of the appraisers for right-of-way for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway from Princeton, Mo., to Lineville, Iowa, while living at Princeton he was county coroner for years. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Princeton and was the last surviving charter member of the lodge to pass away.

He was also a member of Hesperia Lodge No. 23, I. O. P. of Leon.

During his hotel life he purchased a farm north of Princeton which he farmed while living a private life in Princeton. While in possession of this farm, he erected a hotel, known as the Bowsher Mineral Spring Summer Resort and conducted the same until 1896, when he sold the farm with all improvements to Mercer county, Mo., to be used as a county hospital.

He moved to Leon, Iowa, January 16th, 1896, and occupied the Cruikshank property in east Leon, where he resided one year while building his new home in west Leon, where he lived until about two years ago, then taking rooms at the hotel Leon for a short time after which he made his home with his son, J. R. Bowsher, in east Leon, Iowa. In 1905, he became a partner in the firm of Bowsher & Bowsher.

Two children survive, being J. R. Bowsher, of Leon, Iowa, and Mrs. Kate Kohler, of Butte, Montana. Several grandchildren, other relatives including brothers and sister, and hosts of friends remain to mourn his departure.

Uncle Bob Bowsher as he was so familiarly known by his associates, friends, and all with whom he had come in contact, possessed a unique character, being blunt and out-spoken, yet kind and sympathetic, always pitying the poor and unfortunate, ever on the lookout to encourage and assist in every progressive movement for the community and his friends. A "diamond in the rough" has left us but his memory for all who knew him will live with us to the end. His life was a struggle for him but his death was peaceful and without a struggle.

Funeral services were held at the home of his son, J. R. Bowsher, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. M. Brooks, pastor of the Princeton Odd Fellows lodge attended in a body, and many of Mr. Bowsher's old Princeton friends also were in attendance as well as friends from all parts of Decatur county, the funeral cortege being one of the largest ever seen in this city.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment was by the side of his wife in the Leon cemetery.

Fall From Wagon Kills Wm. Briner. William Briner, a well known resident of Richland township, was killed by a fall from a wagon last Sunday. He was visiting at the home of his son-in-law Earl Deo, near Grand River, and wanted to go out and see a piece of wheat, so they hitched up a team to a wagon to drive out as he had been sick a long time and was quite feeble.

In crossing a small ditch the wagon lurched and the seat came loose and the occupants were thrown out of the wagon. Mr. Briner had three ribs broken, and owing to his weakened condition due to his long illness, did not recover from the shock and died that morning at 11 o'clock.

Attention. Our nation is calling for more food. Our army and that of the allies must be fed, to win this war. Any one having ground they will not cultivate and those wanting more ground to cultivate report to me immediately.

Morris Gardner, Mayor.

Masonic Service Flag. The Masonic lodge of Leon will unfurl a service flag at the Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock, with appropriate services. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

But one marriage license was issued the past week, that being James Jennings 25 to Mrs. Carrie Owen Keller 18.

A. A. Harris has sold a part of his property on the north side of the square to Dr. C. A. Ray, and they contemplate the erection of a fine two story brick business block on it this season.

Leon was flooded with counterfeit quarters last Friday and Saturday by some enterprising shaver of the queer. They are dated 1891, and although a very fair counterfeit, it is easy to detect them by feeling them, as they have a greasy or slippery feeling. Several of our merchants found more than one of them among their cash.

The aged father of Mr. John Keeler died at the home of his son last Saturday, and was buried Sunday afternoon in the Leon cemetery.

G. B. Daugherty will ship eight head of trotters and pacers now at the fair grounds, to the Minneapolis track at Minneapolis next week. The string comprises some very fast steppers, headed by Blue Sign 2:08 1/4. Durand, the two-year-old, promises great things as a trotter, and Mike, a green pacer, shows speed which it is thought will put him in the 2:10 list before the season closes. Hazel, a three year old pacer by West Egbert is also a promising stepper. The balance of the string are high grade roadsters. The first race in which Blue Sign is booked is the free-for-all pace, purse \$1,000 at Minneapolis July 4th, and he will then make the rounds of the northwest circuit.

Mrs. A. B. Long died at her home in Leon on May 7th at the age of 60 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Postal clerk Frank Lorey, of Des Moines, was visiting with his parents in this city last week.

Mrs. Nettie Motherway of Pueblo, Colorado, arrived Saturday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. M. Eaton.

Sam Bowman returned from Chicago Saturday having decided to go on the road and has resumed his position at Hurst Bros.' store.

Mrs. M. J. Gardner returned yesterday from Ellensburg, Washington, where she has been visiting the past year with her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Warner.

Miss Lulu Craig went to Des Moines Friday for a short visit, and from there will go to Indianola where she will make her home with the family of Senator Barnett.

S. W. Wallace departed Tuesday for Pittsburg, Kansas, to take charge of the steam swing he recently purchased of Henry Akes. Charles Coffin will accompany him this summer as engineer.

The firm of Jeffries & Mitchell at Davis City have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by the firm of Jeffries & Wood.

Mrs. Wm. Offield, of Woodland township, died May 2nd and was buried in the Lentz cemetery.

Four Girls Escaped Death in Auto Accident. Four young ladies of Leon had a miraculous escape from death when an auto turned over with them at the bad turn just over the top of the Coffin hill in south Leon last Thursday evening. Miss Irene Stone was driving her father's Oakland Six, returning from a little drive out in the country, her companions being Misses Luelie Kemp, Loretta Sires and Ruth Elwell. They came down the steep hill just east of the farm of Jap Cester and when they reached the turn at the bottom saw a car coming down the other hill, and in turning out to avoid this car, the car turned too wide and the car went over the dump to the east, just scraping the post at the corner which carries the Jefferson Highway sign. The car was going fast enough that it made a jump of about thirty feet and turned over on almost level ground, just before striking a big telephone pole. The young ladies were all caught under the overturned car, but the top protected them and saved them from being crushed to death.

Bob Akes, who was passing in a car hurried to their assistance and brought them to Leon where they were taken to physicians to have their injuries attended to, and it was found that none of them were seriously injured. Miss Stone having her shoulder bruised, Miss Kemp had quite a cut on her knee, Miss Elwell escaped with a skinned finger and Miss Sires came out of it without injury aside from being shaken up considerably, and they all consider themselves mighty fortunate. The car owned by J. O. Stone suffered a broken front wheel, demolished wind shield and broken top, but when pulled out on the road the engine was found to be in perfect running order, and the fenders of the car were not even bent. Had the car turned over just a few feet farther south it would have gone down to the bottom of a fifty foot ditch. This turn is one of the worst in Decatur county, and a substantial guard rail should be erected along the east side of the road at this place, as several accidents have occurred at this point.

A Lucky Auto Accident. G. G. Grimes, of Davis City, and James McIntosh, of Leon, are congratulating themselves over the outcome of an auto spill Sunday evening. Mr. Grimes was driving Mr. McIntosh to Leon and just as they reached the top of the Parker hill a mile and a half this side of Davis City, a front wheel on the car broke and quick as a flash the car turned over and went down a thirty or forty foot embankment, turning over two or three times, clearing the fence at the bottom, and stopping right side up, but so sudden that both men were thrown out of the car. McIntosh having a small bone in his left hand broken and Grimes' being severely cut about the face by broken glass. The windshield and top were broken, but aside from this and the broken wheel the car was not damaged. They sent to Davis City for another wheel and the little 'old car' rolled off with them as if nothing had happened.

Millet seed for sale. Bowsher & Bowsher.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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.

E. 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 Metier, 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 Recorder. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for county recorder, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary.

Vern E. Kier, Richland 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, for term beginning Jan. 1, 1919, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary.

L. P. Hastings, Long Creek 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 for the term beginning Jan. 1, 1920, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary.

W. H. Colter, Decatur Township.

Republican Ticket for the June Primaries. The following is the complete list of candidates whose names will appear on the Republican Primary Ticket for nomination at the June primaries:

Representative, H. B. Murray, Bloomington township; W. S. McCaul, Garden Grove. Auditor, No candidate.

Treasurer, J. Wesley Chew, Eden township. Clerk of the Courts, Ira B. Officer, Leon.

Recorder, Mattie Burchett Greeley, Grand River; Mrs. Jeannette Aten Bruce, Garden Grove. County Attorney, Wm. J. Springer, Leon.

Sheriff, Geo. F. Wolever, Weldon. Board of Supervisors term beginning Jan. 1, 1919, E. J. Blair, Long Creek township. Board of Supervisors, term beginning Jan. 1, 1920, Y. B. Wasson, Morgan township.

Coroner, No candidate. This is the complete list as filed with the County Auditor. J. A. McIntosh, County Chairman.

Attractions at the Idle Hour Theatre. Today will be Bluebird day at the Idle Hour and one of those famous Bluebird western pictures will be the attraction, 5 and 10 cents and war tax.

Tomorrow, Friday, May 10th, the privatization of that famous comedy, "The Traveling Salesman," produced by Paramount will be the attraction. If you want a good laugh be there. 5 and 10 cents and war tax.

Saturday, May 11th, Charlie Chaplin comes to the Idle Hour in one of his Mutual Chaplin comedies. It is a real comedy and is full of laughs from start to finish. Saturday will be fun day at the Idle Hour. Chaplin will be only a part of a splendid program.

Monday, May 13, beautiful Pauline Frederick comes in "The Slave Market," one of the biggest pictures in which this noted star has appeared. It is a great picture in every sense of the word.

Tuesday and Wednesday are Vitegraph Blue Ribbon days. Bookings for those two days had not been received at the time the Leon papers went to press. Watch for further announcements.

Coming, the great big smashing picture, "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin."

Old Folks Attended Service. On last Sunday the services at the Christian church was conducted especially for the old people of the city. Automobiles were furnished, and all the old people who were able to attend were brought to the church and returned to their homes after the services.

The attendance of old people was quite large. The church was filled to overflowing, and all certainly enjoyed the splendid sermon delivered by Rev. Flannery.

She's the Whole Class. Miss Mildred Blades carries off all the honors of the graduating class of the Decatur High School this year, for the simple reason that she is the only graduate, comprising the entire class. The commencement exercises will be held at the M. E. church in Decatur on Wednesday evening, May 22nd.