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AUTO THIEF CAPTURED

Fay Macy's New Ford Stolen Sunday Night. "Cotton" Albee Caught with Car at Bethany.

Another Ford car was stolen from in front of the Brethren church in Leon Sunday evening, but in less than four hours the car was recovered and the thief was in jail at Bethany, Mo., thanks to prompt work on the part of sheriff John A. Fulton.

Sunday evening Fay Macy, of north of Leon, attended church, driving down in new Ford roadster which he purchased from Estes & Co. last Thursday.

Another new Ford touring car was found on the street at Bethany Monday morning, and taken charge of by the sheriff.

Won a Big Law Case.

A. P. Olsen returned Friday evening from Des Moines where he appeared as one of the attorneys for Danielson & Hammer of Lamoni, in a big damage case in the U. S. Federal Court, in which the Walker Mfg. Co., of Racine, Wis., brought suit for \$50,000 damages against the Lamoni firm, claiming they had infringed on a patent on a Ford radius rod which Danielson & Hammer have manufactured in large quantities at Lamoni for several years.

Changes at the Post Office.

Horry VanNostrand, who has been deputy postmaster since the appointment of Mr. Caroline Young Smith as postmaster, continuing under civil service rules after postmaster Beck took charge of the office, retired last Saturday, having resigned a month ago, and will take up other work.

Lee Marvin Injured.

Ibe Marvin, formerly of Leon, but who has been living on a farm near Thayer for a couple of years, met with an accident last Thursday which will cripple him for life.

Ford Stolen at Davis City.

Lyman McLean's 1918 Ford touring car was stolen at Davis City Friday morning about 3 o'clock, and no trace of car or thief has been discovered.

Missing Soldier.

Mrs. C. O. Smith, of Leon, is anxious to hear from any returned soldier who knows anything about her son, Charles W. Henderson, who was a member of Co. I, 11th Infantry, A. E. F., who was reported missing in action on Nov. 7th.

FLOUR WON'T BE CHEAP.

Grain Corporation Will Not Sell Below Standard Price.

New York, Jan. 29.—Julius Barnes, president of the food administration grain corporation, assured flour dealers and millers in a statement here today that there would be no impairment during the present year of government fixed buying prices of flour.

Chamber of Commerce Getting Busy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Monday evening at the Civic Club rooms and after the usual 6 o'clock dinner had been served to about fifty members, they got down to business.

Idle Hour, Friday, Saturday, Dorothy Phillips in "A Soul for Sale."

The story in this big, dramatic picture will grip the heart strings of every woman and every man you know. It is a vivid mirroring of the pitfalls of society—the tragedy of spending more than your income—the temptation of forcing those who love you to sacrifice themselves in order to secure the luxuries which you think you cannot do without.

Schumann-Heink Concert.

Madam Schumann-Heink will appear in a special concert at the Coliseum, Des Moines, Monday evening, February 17th at 8:15 p. m. Frank La Forge the noted composer and pianist appears with Madam Schumann-Heink.

Additional Jurors Summoned.

The February term of the district court with Judge Evans presiding will convene at Leon on Monday, Judge Evans issued an order that sixteen additional trial jurors be summoned to appear on Monday of the second week, Feb. 17th, and the following have been drawn:

- Morris Brown, Long Creek. A. L. Craig, Hamilton. E. W. Pest, Bloomington. Frank Foust, Garden Grove. C. R. Githens, Decatur. A. H. Greenwald, Fayette. L. A. Kentner, Morgan. Earl Kraft, High Point. W. D. Lionberger, Center. Albert LaFollette, Morgan. C. McCroskey, Decatur. B. F. Redman, Long Creek. Jack Sullivan, Garden Grove. Bert Scott, Leon. W. A. Williams, Garden Grove. C. E. Wilson, Long Creek.

Chariton Man Appointed State Highway Commissioner.

Governor Harding last week appointed William Collinson, an attorney of Chariton, as a member of the State Highway Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. C. Beard, of Mt. Vernon, who has been appointed assistant U. S. attorney for the southern district of Iowa. This is the position for which W. H. Colter, of Decatur, was an applicant, and he had received a conditional endorsement, but the governor decided it was better to have an attorney as a member of the commission.

The Youngest Depositor.

The Exchange National Bank of Leon, recently opened an account with probably the youngest depositor in the United States. For a long time W. D. Pleuss, little son Henry was the bank's youngest depositor, but his new brother, Ernest Edwin Pleuss has wrested the honor from him as he open an account of \$15.00 when he was just seventeen hours old. Those Pleuss boys will have nice bank accounts by the time they become of age.

At Auction.

We will sell a second-hand Ford car in front of our garage at 3 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 8th, and a car each Saturday until further notice.

Marriage Licenses.

Clarence E. Cargill, Decatur 22 Muriel E. Wiley, Lamoni 21 W. O. Evans, Nile 21 Bessie Stanley, Lineville 18

L. A. Blackman's big sale is on Tuesday, Feb. 18th.

TWO PIONEERS CALLED

Uncle Billy Cash of Decatur Died Sunday Night and Uncle Joe Hamilton, of Leon Tuesday.

Two of Decatur county's oldest pioneers and most respected citizens have been called to their reward this week. William Cash, of Decatur, and Joseph Hamilton, of Leon, and both were 88 years of age, and had resided in Decatur county since an early day, Mr. Cash being probably the oldest resident of the county.

Mr. Cash suffered from a stroke of paralysis a number of weeks ago, and has been in a precarious condition for several weeks. He passed away Sunday night shortly before 11 o'clock, but the funeral will be held at Decatur yesterday afternoon.

Uncle Joe Hamilton had been in his usual good health but was taken with a severe cold Monday, which developed into pneumonia and he died early Tuesday morning. He had been a resident of Leon for many years, and was one of the early farmers to settle in this county, still owning a big farm near Bethany. His funeral will be held at the Christian church on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Fitting obituaries of these good old pioneers will be published next week.

Farm Bureau Notes.

Held a very interesting meeting of Farm Bureau members in the court house Saturday.

Among other things taken up for consideration was the Boys' and Girls' Pig Clubs, Corn Clubs, and Poultry Clubs for next year. It was the opinion of those present that the work should be handled through the County Agent's office and we will soon make our drive for membership in the various clubs.

It was also deemed advisable to circulate the petitions in the county for having a soil survey made and this work will be begun at once. The soil survey will be made by specialists in soil survey work and the entire expense will be borne by the U. S. government. These men will take a representative sample of every acre of soil in the county, test and analyze it, and then make a map of the entire county showing just what kind of soil every locality has. This is a very vital interest and value to every land owner, every rural teacher in the system. These men will take a representative sample of every acre of soil in the county, test and analyze it, and then make a map of the entire county showing just what kind of soil every locality has.

County Superintendent's Notes.

It has been decided by the Food Administration for Iowa to send a copy of the book entitled "Food Saving and Sharing" to each grade and visible to hold another meeting on Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Leon, to discuss the road proposition more fully.

The members present also took up the question of holding a county judges' breakfast for boys from 15 to 20 years of age, the winner to be awarded a prize free trip to the Iowa State Fair with expenses all paid for the entire two weeks. Say boys! brush up on your judicious work! here is a plum for somebody.

The donations of acre plots for experimental fields in this county has met with instant success so far, and a list of the names of the donors is being prepared for application of new soils. Everybody boost, let us put this county on the map for one that does things.

Ashes of Former Resident Sent Here for Burial.

The ashes of Mrs. Emma Shaffer Garrison, were received Sunday by express consigned to sexton Wm. Owens of the Leon cemetery to be interred in the Shaffer lot in the cemetery. Mrs. Garrison will be remembered by many of the older residents of Leon as Miss Emma Shaffer. She died at Oakland, California, Dec. 24th, and her remains were cremated at Oakland on Dec. 27th. They were enclosed in mahogany box, and a copper outside box, and instructions were to encase the copper clad box in solid cement which was done by Mr. Owens. These are the first ashes of a cremated person to be buried in the Leon cemetery.

Birthday Dinner.

Mrs. E. A. Little spent the past two weeks with her daughters and families. And on Sunday, Feb. 2nd being her 74th birthday, her daughter, Mrs. George Evans, gave a splendid dinner in her home. All her children and grandchildren were present to help her celebrate the event. Those present were: Mrs. E. A. Little and sons, Elmer, Ernest and Clarence Little and families. J. Evans and family, George Evans and wife, W. Z. Daniel and wife and Roscoe McDaniel.

All returned home wishing her many more happy returns of the day.

THE CHURCHES.

Gospel Team Meeting.

The Gospel Team meets at the M. E. church Sunday at 8 p. m. and all members are asked to come and help further the cause. A great meeting was had last Sunday and we missed you. Mr. Ketcham will be the leader Sunday. Come and hear what he has to say.

Revival Meetings.

Revival meeting commencing Sunday, Feb. 9th, at Pleasant Valley church conducted by Rev. E. C. Vanderpool assisted by Rev. Kauffman of Princeton, Mo. We extend an invitation to all to attend these services and help for the salvation of all mankind.

Tuskegee.

Evangelist Armstrong and wife began gospel meetings in the Baptist church, Feb. 1st. Three great meetings next Lord's day with basket dinner at our service. Father's meeting 2:30 p. m. conducted by Mrs. Armstrong. Songs, prayers and address to the memory of our father. Preaching each evening during the week at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Brethren Church.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 9, there will be a simple memorial service at the Brethren church on the occasion of the first display of the two rolled up in our service. A Father's meeting 2:30 p. m. conducted by Mrs. Armstrong. Songs, prayers and address to the memory of our father. Preaching each evening during the week at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Christian Church.

Splendid interest in Sunday school and good attendance each Sunday. Be on time at 9:45 a. m. Following this the devotional and communion service at 11. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. each Sunday evening. A splendid program was rendered last Sunday evening and a fine collection was raised for the Damoh, India, orphanage work. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. All juniors are urged to be present at these meetings.

Presbyterian Church.

Practically every seat was filled at the musical service last Sunday evening. Every one enjoyed the splendid program. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Ralph Petty, expects to give more of these musical services at frequent intervals. They will be greatly enjoyed.

The morning preaching service is at eleven o'clock on Wednesday. An interesting sermon and fine special music. In the evening there will be a special service for the Boy Scouts, in honor of the anniversary of the founding of the Scout movement.

Methodist Church.

Hours of services—Sunday, Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30 and evening service at 7:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7, and choir practice at 8.

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A House Warming.

A host of young people enjoyed a house warming given Friday evening by Miss Mae Scott in the new farm house recently completed. About 38 were present and the evening passed off in an enjoyable manner and was spent in games and social chat. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening and all departed at a late hour after having spent a delightful evening.

Those present were: Misses Mariel Clausen, Helen and Lenore Miller, Lucile Sargeant, Freda Hill, Hazel and Myrtle Petticoat, Adda Kentner, Gladys Muck, Helena Finkbone, Irene Scott, Eva Scott, Leone and Iva Myers, Edna Sears, Myrtle Gambley, Dena McCleary, and Messrs. Henry, Ramy and Clint Hill, Sterling Bemis, Paul Gable, Dewey McCollough, Oscar and Albert Watson, Maurice Sears, Bert Scott, Herman Harmon, Bert Kentner, Eddie Smith, Harry Muck, Harry Myers, Glen Snyder, Guy Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scott and Jim Smith.

Notice.

The Parent-Teacher's organization will serve a cafeteria luncheon at the domestic science room Friday noon. Everyone invited. Price 50c per plate.

Coming soon "The Cook" Fatty Arbuckle.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

The residence of Lewis Garber, in Center township, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning about 10 o'clock, the fire starting in the garret from a defective flue. Luckily neighbors were working near so that all of the contents were removed. The loss on the house is \$600, with \$300 insurance.

C. B. Frase has sold his extensive store at Garden Grove to Geo. M. and Ira Miller who will take possession some time this month. Mr. Frase gets Ira Miller's farm of 260 acres as part of the consideration.

There have been several rumors in regard to changes in the Leon banks and starting of new ones floating around on our streets the past week, but the only one that has materialized is the purchase of the building now occupied by the Farmers & Traders bank by a new syndicate with J. E. Teale at the head as president and Fred Teale as cashier. Possession will be given about March 1st.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: Samuel S. Sparks 28 to Blanche Topfiff 22. Robert Warnock 54 to Minnie E. Anderson 34. Charles H. Keim 37 to Edith Sears 32.

The postoffice officials at Washington last Saturday named T. E. Owens as postmaster at Van Wert, but the appointment came too late for Uncle Tommy died the previous Tuesday.

Nate Craig captured a monster tarantula in a bunch of bananas which he opened at the restaurant Tuesday morning.

An addition to the family of Bluff Wilson appeared last Thursday night in the shape of a bouncing boy.

A novel lawsuit was tried in the district court at Des Moines last week, in which a former resident of Leon figured as plaintiff. It was a damage suit for \$10,000 against the officers of U. S. Grant Camp No. 108, Modern Woodmen, the plaintiff claiming that while he was being initiated into the mysteries of the order, he fell or was pushed from the top of a table, sustaining severe injuries. The jury was out only a few minutes when they returned with a verdict in favor of the lodge and assessed the costs against the plaintiff. Mr. Wickersham, the plaintiff is the gentleman who operated the creamery in Leon for about a year, when he left leaving a number of our citizens holding the sack as creditors.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman on Feb. 6th. Austin, the 12 year old son of Ed Daugherty, of Eden township, met with a painful accident Friday which came near costing him a hand. He had climbed to the top of a windmill on his father's farm to fix something, when the mitten on his right hand was caught in the machinery, drawing his index finger between the cogs and tearing almost all of the flesh from the bone. He was brought to Leon and Dr. Brown fed him up, and it is thought he will soon be alright again. Austin seems to meet with more than his share of accidents.

A few years ago a mule ran away with him and ran under a tree, a hanging branch of which was accidentally split through the cheek.

Miss Kate Fletcher, formerly of this county, but for several years a resident of Phillips county, Colorado, married on Jan. 28th to Mr. A. E. Edwards, the ceremony being performed at the home of M. F. Clark, at Haxton, Colorado.

Lester Dale's Experiences.

Briercrest, Sask., Jan. 27, 1919. Editor The Leon Reporter: I see in your issue of The Leon Reporter dated Jan. 23, 1919, you printed some of my own experiences of Lester Dale. He is my brother and I see you have some of the things a little twisted so I thought I would correct your mistake. He enlisted in the navy and trained at the Royal Naval College at Devonport, England. He was placed on the H. M. S. Drake and made several trips across the Atlantic. He was then transferred to a mine sweeper and shortly afterwards was scalped by result of a mine exploding when two mines exploded which were in their net. He was put in the naval hospital at Truro, England and returned from his hospital on a ship guarding transports. One transport which they were guarding struck a mine and sank. In endeavoring to save the men, a small boat in which he was in, was swamped and four out of the six occupants went down. He and another boy being saved. After that he was put back on another mine sweeper which was later disabled so that it was off duty for several weeks. He was then put on board the H. M. S. Canada which was doing patrol duty along the east coast of Scotland where he was stationed most of last summer. From this he was transferred to the H. M. S. Vivid and a few days later was taken off suffering from scarlet fever. He was in the hospital at Devonport, England, for over a month but recovered all right. He expected to get home as soon as peace was properly declared.

According to Prophecy.

When the armistice ended the great struggle in Europe on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a woman who sets great store by her Bible sought the eleventh verse of the eleventh chapter of the eleventh book of the scriptures. It brought her to the first book of Kings. The eleventh verse of the eleventh chapter reads: "Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant."

The woman who noted this coincidence says she believes, and she believes the recent Kaiser now believes that the verse was very prophetic.

AT THE THEATRES.

Program for Coming Week at the Leon Theatres.

Today, (Thursday) at the New Theatre, Dorothy Dalton in "Tyrant Fear," a Paramount picture. Also Universal Current Events and a Paramount Mack Sennett comedy, "Friday and Saturday," Feb. 7th and 8th, at New Theatre, Marguerite Clark in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," an Arctark production.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7th and 8th at Idle Hour, Dorothy Phillips in "Soul For Sale," at New Theatre, Monday, Feb. 11th, New Theatre, Nell Rogers in "Laughing Bill Hyde," a Goldwyn picture, from the story by Rex Beach.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th, New Theatre, Clara Kimball Young in "Shirley Kay," also Screen Telegram.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th, New Theatre, Norma Talmadge in "De Luxe Annie." Special feature Holmes Travolunte.

New Court Cases.

Elijah Gilbert vs. Geo. M. Turpin. Suit is on a promissory note for \$200. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

A. L. Ackerley vs. John Norton et al. Suit is to foreclose a real estate mortgage given to secure a note for \$2,000. W. Hoffman attorney for plaintiff.

Grover C. Flannery vs. Christian Church of Leon. Plaintiff sues to recover a balance of \$263.54 for services as pastor, alleging that in conformity to a verbal and written contract he tendered his resignation on Oct. 17th to take effect Dec. 17th. Baker & Parrish and C. W. Hoffman attorneys for plaintiff.

Effie Martindale vs. J. A. Martindale. The parties were married in Decatur county, Nov. 1893. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of misconduct, that she be awarded the custody of their three minor sons, \$200 temporary alimony and an account for \$43.20. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Gerdes, Hintz & McKee vs. St. Brendan's Church of Leon. Plaintiffs are the contractors who built the new Catholic church in Leon, and bring suit to recover a balance due on the contract of \$1,800. Coffin & Rippey attorneys for plaintiff.

John Farmer vs. C. B. & O. R. R. Co. Suit is for \$350 for delay in shipping a car of hogs from Weldon to St. Louis. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Portage Rubber Co. vs. S. Short. Suit is on an account for \$43.20. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Estes & Co. vs. Clifford Lloyd & Co. Suit is on an account for \$91.43. Varga & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

E. R. Beal vs. N. L. Chase. Suit is on an account for corn, horses, etc. on which plaintiff claims a balance of \$530.00. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Effie Martindale vs. Board of Insane Commissioners. Plaintiff has appealed from the decision of the insane commissioners which on Jan. 25th adjudged her insane and ordered her committed to the hospital at Clarinda. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Walter Lovett vs. C. B. & Q. R. Co. Suit is for \$800 damages for the killing of two horses on Dec. 4th. W. J. Springer attorney for plaintiff.

Wedding Bells.

February 1, 1919, at 2:30 Miss Muriel E. Wiley, daughter of Dell and Stella Wiley, and Clarence E. Cargill, son of L. D. and L. F. Cargill, stole a march on their friends and relatives in a quiet slipping over to Leon at which place, by the aid of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Brown, they easily secured a license and without any other proof of the exchange of vows were joined together in holy bonds of matrimony.

They were well known in and around this vicinity and were always full of life at every gathering. The bride wore a beautiful blue silk dress, made in the latest style, and the groom was also becomingly attired. They returned to Terre Haute and—although the groom's people were all torn up moving—they did justice to a wedding supper Tuesday the same, after which they returned to the bride's home and will make their home there until they move to Tabor where they expect to live.

They received many beautiful presents, although so suddenly sprung on their friends, and all join with The Reporter in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life together.

A Military Wedding.

From the Omaha Bee, of last Wednesday we take the following account of the wedding of a soldier and a woman who is a nephew of Mrs. D. F. Long, of Center township, and a grandson of the late Alma Jackson, for many years a resident of Decatur county.

A pretty military wedding took place Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hixenbaugh, when their attractive daughter, Marie, became the bride of 1st Lieut. Harold Landeryou. Rev. Titus Lowe read the marriage vows. Only the immediate families were present.

Following the ceremony the young couple left for Des Moines, where they will remain until Lieutenant Landeryou receives his discharge, as he is stationed at Camp Dodge. Following an eastern trip the lieutenant and his bride will return to Omaha to make their home.

The young officer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landeryou, had recently returned from six months service overseas with the 337th field artillery.

The Jefferson Bee admits that "It is a considerable jump from the championship of mud roads in 1917 to the advocacy of paved roads in 1919," but admiringly remarks that "the governor has negotiated this change of position in one agile leap. The governor, however, has properly sensed the change of sentiment which is sweeping Iowa on the road question. The state is shaking off the mud road shackles."

Every Thursday Mack Sennett comedies at New Theatre.