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SPILLED THE BEANS

Republican Pettifoggers Filibuster Closing Hours of Congress. A Crisis Confronts the Nation.

The republican party or at least a few members of that party who successfully carried out a filibuster will have to answer for blocking the business of the government in the closing hours of the Sixty-fifth congress which closed Tuesday.

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The president's statement follows: "A group of men in the senate have deliberately chosen to embarrass the administration of the government, to imperil the financial interests of the railway systems of the country."

"It is plainly my present duty to attend the peace conference in Paris. It is also my duty to be in close contact with the public business during the session of the congress. I make my choice between these two duties, and I confidently hope that the people of the country will think that I am making the right choice."

"It is not in the interest of the right conduct of public affairs that I should call the congress in special session while it is impossible for me to be in Washington because of a more pressing duty elsewhere, to co-operate with the public."

Decatur County Boys Win Honors at Iowa City. Decatur county won a signal honor last week in the preliminary contest of the University of Iowa oratorical contest, when two Decatur county boys were selected to compete in the final contest held Tuesday evening.

Bob Scott Has Landed. Corporal Bob Scott, who has been with a Trench Mortar Battery over in France for the past year, landed at Newport News, Virginia, Monday, his parents receiving a message from him Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. J. Fulton Died Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Fulton, of southwest of Leon, died Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. Her death is a very sad one, as she is survived by her husband, and eight children and all of the children are sick with the flu, some of them quite serious.

Relax-Alpress. Mr. Clyde Reiss, of near Garden Grove, and Miss Evelyn Alpress, of southeast of Leon, were married at the Presbyterian manse in this city last Thursday evening.

Harry Lemley Enroute Home. Mrs. J. V. Lemley received a message yesterday from her son Harry, who was severely wounded in France just before peace was declared, in which he says he is on his way home, but does not know when he will be home.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Eighty members attended the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held at the Civic Club rooms on Monday evening, and most enthusiastic meeting was held which did not adjourn until midnight.

A number of important business projects were taken up which will bear fruit in the immediate future. The proprietors of the Lamoni Steam Laundry which have been operating plants at Leon and Lamoni were present and announced that after a full trial of the excellent water here, which was better than any in any town near they had decided to greatly enlarge their Leon laundry plant, and would install at least a large amount of expensive machinery which would give Leon a laundry and dry cleaning establishment second to none.

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Secretary Ralph McGinnis was selected to attend a meeting at Ames on Saturday, March 8th, when the question of a county park under a state law which has already been passed, will be looked into.

Various other matters were discussed, reports of which are not yet ready for publication.

Judge H. K. Evans, of Corydon, who is holding court in Leon, was called upon for a few remarks, during which he made the statement that during the fifteen years he has served on the bench he has attended no meetings of every commercial organization in this judicial district, and never had he seen such a splendid spirit of co-operation and community spirit manifested as that shown at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and he considered it the best meeting of the kind he had ever attended.

Next Monday is School Election.

Next Monday is the annual school election of the Leon Independent School District, and more interest than usual is being manifested this year. The election is under the Australian ballot system, and Monday was the last day for filing nominations with secretary Rowell. There are two directors to be elected to succeed Capt. J. D. Brown and Fred Teale, and neither of them are again a candidate.

Arrested for Rifling Letters.

Edward Clymer, the fourteen year old son of Wib Clymer, of Leon, was arrested the first of last week by deputy U. S. marshal Leo Healey, and taken to Creston, being charged with rifling letters, taking money and destroying the letters. We understand the letters were stolen at Van Wert. The boy was taken before Commissioner John C. Hunt at Creston, who bound him over under bonds of \$100 to appear at the March term of the Federal Court at Creston. He gave bonds and was released from custody.

Leon Won at Sub-District Contest.

You just can't beat Leon in declamatory contests. Donald McGinnis representing Leon High School at the Sub-District contest at Creston last Friday evening, walked away with first honors in the humorous class, and first over all with his selection, "Johnny's Good Deeds for Company." This entitles him to participate in the district contest to be held at Missouri Valley, and we look for him to win there too.

New Court Cases.

Alpha Woodard vs. Estella Phipps et al. The parties are the heirs of Mrs. America Stanley Day, and plaintiff asks that the shares of the heirs be confirmed, the property sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. Marion Woodard attorney for plaintiff.

WALKING PLOWS.

Stubble & Scotch Clipper. We are headquarters for the above. More plows and better prices than anybody. See us. We mean what we say. Bowser & Bowser.

COURT STILL GRINDING

Another Special Verdict of Twenty Trial Jurors Called. First Jury Case Commenced Yesterday.

Judge Evans adjourned court last Wednesday afternoon until Monday of this week the trial jury being called on Tuesday of this week. Forty jurors had been summoned for this term, but so many had been excused on account of sickness and other causes, that when a court was made Tuesday there were only seven names left on the list, so the court ordered a second special venire of twenty jurors summoned to appear yesterday morning, the following being the names:

- H. Williams, Richard. O. C. Clamptt, Hamilton. Fred Ramsey, Long Creek. E. M. Patton, Woodland. Joe Boord, Grand River. Tuel A. Sun, for com. Grant Klyner, Garden Grove. E. G. Nichols, Garden Grove. W. W. Stiles, Leon. C. B. Simpson, Leon. J. P. Daughton, Richard. The E. Sener, Garden Grove. Wm. Feight, High Point. E. P. Morton, Garden Grove. C. S. Taylor, Richard. E. A. Roberts, Fayette. David Owens, Franklin. Dan Bumgarner, High Point. S. M. Grayson, Decatur. Quincy Combs, Grand River.

The grand jury made their final report Tuesday and were discharged for the term, only one indictment being returned, that being the case of Jesse Albee, who plead guilty and was sentenced last week.

The first jury case taken up yesterday morning was that of Capps Tuel A. Sun, for com. in a real estate transaction, and it was in progress at the time this paper went to press. Court will continue this week and next, several jury cases being set for trial next week.

LAW AND EQUITY

Lizzie McDowell vs. Lottie and Leo Reid. Trial to court. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$48.10. Charles Teller vs. Frank Cox. Settled and dismissed. Luella Woodard guardian vs. J. F. Hamilton et al. Judgment on proffers. K. S. Snowden et. al. vs. N. L. Chase et. al. Demurrer to plaintiffs' petition overruled. Gerdes, Hintz & McKee vs. St. Brendan's church of Leon. Motion for more specific statement sustained.

PROBATE

Estate of J. A. Scott. Final report approved, administrator discharged. Estate of Barber vs. E. Musser. Order signed as prayed for.

Don't Wait for Income Tax Collector.

The special income tax collector assigned for work this year in Decatur county, will not be in Decatur county until March 25th, being at Van Wert four days, March 25th to 28th, then comes to Leon March 29th and remains until April 18th, then spends a week at Lamoni. It is the policy of the collector to make that all returns must be filed with the department not later than March 15th, to avoid the penalty. The Reporter editor wrote to collect Louis Murphy, and asked how late he would be filed if the deputy collector did not come here until March 25th. Replied collector Murphy advises us there are only 57 deputies available for field work in the 99 counties of Iowa, and it has been impossible to arrange for them to cover all territory before March 15th. The collector who comes here after that date will assist those who are not able to make out their returns without his help, and many are habitually late in making returns, but this will not release them from paying a penalty for not having their returns filed before that date. The penalty for failing to make return on time is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and in addition 25 per cent of the amount of tax due, so it behooves everyone who has to make an income tax return to have it filled out and filed before March 15th.

Change Clocks March 30.

Daylight saving plans will be instituted throughout the United States Sunday, March 30, unless congress makes a change in the law passed during 1918.

Hands of the clock will be moved forward one hour at 2 a. m. the last Sunday in March and will remain one hour fast until the last Sunday in October.

Farmers are protesting the resumption of enforcement of this law.

Although it is the common belief that the law is to come in effect during the war only, C. D. Reed, Des Moines weather man, says that it is effective until repealed by congress.

Here is the act passed by congress.

At 2 o'clock antimeridian of the last Sunday in March of each year the standard time of each zone shall be advanced one hour, and at 2 o'clock antimeridian of the last Sunday in October of each year the standard time of each zone shall be retarded one hour, to be returned to the mean astronomical time.

Keller & Pryor's Millinery Opening.

The dates for Keller & Pryor's big spring millinery opening, an event looked forward to with interest by the ladies of Decatur county, have been settled on, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13th, 14th and 15th. Miss Jessica Pryor recently returned from a trip to Chicago, where she visited all the leading wholesale houses, and personally selected the finest line of spring millinery ever brought to Leon, which will be open for the inspection of the ladies on the above dates. Many new novelties and patterns will be shown at this opening, as well as hats of less expensive patterns. A most cordial invitation is extended to every lady in Decatur county to attend their big spring millinery opening. Don't miss it.

TO ORGANIZE NEW COMPANY.

Associated Packing Company with Headquarters at Des Moines, Being Formed by Farmers of State.

The Associated Packing Company, a \$2,000,000 organization with headquarters at Des Moines, is being formed. With this same organization will be a stock yards plant with capital of \$1,000,000.

The company, which will be composed of farmers, will have a plant at Des Moines covering an area of forty acres. At the beginning of operations the plant will have a capacity of 15,000 hogs a week, 2,100 cattle and 2,100 sheep.

It is pointed out that Des Moines is the logical place for such a plant. The local representative in Decatur county is H. W. Bentley of Des Moines, and he is meeting with much encouragement in this county.

Child Scalded to Death.

Mrs. Wilbur Howell of this city, was called to Junction City, Kansas, last Wednesday on account of an accident to her grandson, Charles Howell, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howell, of Salina, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Howell had been living for some months at Junction City, and had just returned to Salina on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Howell were both former residents of Decatur county, and they have many friends here who extend their deepest sympathy to them in their great bereavement.

Jim Alldredge is Still Some Wrestler.

Jim Alldredge of this city, has been in the wrestling game a good many years, and is getting along in years where most men would be classed as has been, but Mr. Alldredge has always taken good care of himself, and observed model habits, and while for a number of years he has been an honest to goodness farmer and settled down he is still occasionally returns to the mat for a weight. Last Saturday he went up against Ernest Maupus a French Canadian, claiming to be the champion of Canada at Fargo, N. D., but Jim had no trouble in pinning him to the mat in twenty eight falls, in the match, at 31 minutes. There was a big crowd present to witness the match which was one of the best ever held in Fargo, and it goes without saying that Jim's bank account was considerably larger when he returned to Leon than when he left home.

Four Men Weighed 1180 Pounds.

Last Friday morning, just by chance four pretty good sized men happened to be in C. M. Akes' real estate office on business at the same time, and W. A. Boone, the office manager took the pains to inquire their weight, and found the four weighed a total of 1180 pounds, an average of 295 pounds. Bert McClain, who buys horses for W. P. Hall, of Lancaster, Mo., was the big man, weighing 365 pounds, S. H. Livingston, of Decatur, followed with 325 pounds, C. M. Akes weighed 260 pounds and I. T. Evans weighed 230 pounds. The weight of these four men amounted to sixty pounds more than seven average sized men each weighing 160 pounds. It would be hard to get four heavier men together in any town in southern Iowa.

Will Suffer for Ice Next Summer.

The prospects are that Leon will suffer next summer for ice. Not a pound of natural ice has been put up this year, and the town will have to depend on shipping in artificial ice or do without. As practically all of the other towns in southern Iowa are without natural ice the demand for artificial ice will far exceed the capacity of what few artificial ice plants which are within shipping distance of Leon. There is enough ice consumed in Leon to make a good artificial ice plant pay, and right now is the time to take steps to get a plant located in Leon on which we can depend for a supply of ice next summer.

This is Moving Week.

The first week in March each year sees a number of changes in the occupants of farms in every part of Decatur county. Probably some of our readers will this week miss receiving their Reporter because they failed to notify us of having changed their postoffice address. If you are a subscriber to this Reporter, and are moving this spring, be sure and drop us a postal or call us on the phone and notify us of your new address which will insure your receiving your paper promptly.

Married in Osceola.

Glen G. Mitchell and Mildred A. Scott, both of Weldon, were married at the M. P. parsonage in Osceola, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, by Rev. J. C. Leonard. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cora M. Herz, who are young people of sterling character and have a host of friends who wish them only good. They will reside on a farm about one and one-half miles northeast of Weldon. Osceola Tribune.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Geo. W. Baker was elected mayor of Davis City by two votes, defeating John Kling. Capt. Thomas Ward was elected mayor at Decatur, Roy of Richardson at Pleasanton, W. W. Scott at Lamoni, S. H. Amos at Garden Grove and Pearl K. Hall at Van Wert.

A peculiar phenomena called "an electrical language" a ground current was discovered in Leon last Sunday afternoon by W. R. Ellingwood, who in company with several other parties own a private telegraph line extending to various parts of town. About 2 o'clock during the thunder storm, it was discovered the electricity in the air was so strong that the telegraph line could be successfully worked without the use of batteries. The batteries were cut out and for over an hour the boys talked over the line using no current but what was supplied to the wire by the electricity in the atmosphere. It is a condition of the atmosphere which only occurs at rare intervals.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week:

- Frank Poland 21 to Tursa A. Young 8. John W. Myers 31 to Minnie B. Boston 29. At the meeting of the Leon school board Tuesday evening Prof. W. R. McGinnis presented his resignation to the board to take effect at the close of the present school year, at which time he expects to take up the practice of law, having been a law student for several years. We are pleased to state Prof. McGinnis will continue to be a resident of Leon.

Teale & Wharton, composed of Orta Teale and J. P. Wharton, this week took over the clothing business owned by Thomas Teale. At the city election Monday W. A. Albaugh was elected mayor over Homer A. Dye by 21 majority. J. A. Harris and J. A. Caster defeated H. Landis and Frank and Ed. McGinnis. G. M. Lindsey defeated M. H. Wood for assessor by six votes, and Will J. Edwards was elected recorder without opposition. J. Herron, of Cheaney, Washington, has been visiting the past week with his sister, Mrs. Jacob Ockerman. Mr. Herron was a resident of Leon from 1853 to 1858, and had not seen his sister for thirty-three years.

Miss Bessie Strong died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Strong, on March 2nd, at the age of 22 years, 4 months and 10 days.

C. Sanford, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, came Tuesday for a few days visit with his mother and friends in this city.

Mrs. Ellsworth and son Douglas, of Colorado, are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Lunbeck, in this city. The sisters had not seen each other for twenty-four years and the meeting was a joyous one.

Yesterday Frank Goodson, of northeast of Leon, went out to look after his sheep, and as a strange dog had been worrying them he put a revolver in his overcoat pocket. He found the sheep were alright and returned to the barn to feed his horses. While stooping over in the corn crib the revolver fell from his pocket and was discharged, the ball striking him in the stomach and flooding a dangerous wound, the outcome of which is uncertain at this writing.

Choral Union to Give "The Crucifixion."

At a meeting held last Sunday afternoon, the Leon Choral Union decided to begin work on "The Crucifixion," to be given some time in April. Notices are being sent out for the first meeting and rehearsal, which will be held Friday night, March 7th, at the High School building. The annual election of officers will be held at that time. The Choral Union for this year will be under the direction of Mr. Ralph Petty and is very fortunate in being able to secure the services of a man of Mr. Petty's ability.

Decatur County Men Drawn for U. S. Jurors.

Several Decatur county citizens have been drawn as grand and trial jurors for the March term of the U. S. Federal Court which convenes at Creston on March 25th. Frank Bone of Grand River, W. H. Filical of Leon, T. C. Lane of Woodland, are called as grand jurors and H. E. Cozad of Morgan, Charles Hodges of Weldon, A. B. McClaran, of Hamilton and J. W. Walton of Eden as trial jurors.

Richard Carl Hutchinson.

Richard Carl, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hutchinson, of Leon, died Sunday morning, March 2, aged five weeks and one day. For two weeks he had been sick but had seemed better and unexpectedly passed away. His stay so short was filled with sunshine and love. The funeral service was held from the home in charge of Rev. C. H. Hiller, Monday afternoon.

Hatched a Brood of Chickens Outdoors.

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Marriage Licenses.

- Robert K. McBroom, Garden Grove. . . . . 18 Essie M. Baker, Leon. . . . . 20 Frank E. Young, Decatur. . . . . 22 Rennie B. Creal, Decatur. . . . . 22 Clyde Reiss, Garden Grove. . . . . 20 Evelyn Alpress, Leon. . . . . 20

MANURE SPREADERS.

Three different kinds. All A1 and standard make. The season for their use is here. Special price for quick sale. Bowser & Bowser.

AT THE THEATRES.

Program for the Coming Week at the Popular Leon Theatres.

Today, Thursday, March 6th, at the New Theatre, Charles Ray in "Playing the Game," Fatty Arbuckle in "Out West," and Current Events. Friday, March 7th, at New Theatre, Marguerite Clark in "Prunella" and Gray Photograph.

Friday, Saturday, March 7th and 8th at Idle Hour Theatre, Harry Carey in the big six reel special production, "Hell Bent."

Monday, March 10th, at New Theatre, Mabel Normand in "Perfect Thirty-Six," and Pathe Comedy.

Tuesday, March 11th, at New Theatre, Catherine Calvert in "Out of the Night," and the Big Screen Telegram.

Wednesday, March 12th, Marion Davies in "The Belle of New York" and popular Holmes Travelogue.

Mrs. Anna Short.

Anna Short was born in Abingdon, Illinois, on May 15, 1822, and died Feb. 28, 1919, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Meacham, at 116 N. Jefferson St., Ottumwa, Iowa. She united with the First Methodist church in Abingdon at the age of twelve and has lived in that faith ever since. She went to Ottumwa, and has made her home there until her death. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom preceded her in death, the only one surviving her being Mrs. J. E. Meacham, who has given her every possible attention during the years of her life. She lived to the very remarkable age of ninety-six. Her life covered a period of years which tell wonderful stories of progress. During the years of her activity friends tell of her often leaving her own work and interests to minister to those in need. At her request she was brought to the Methodist church in Leon and the well-tooled ninety-six times, one for each year of her long life. Services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Hiller, the pastor, Monday morning at 10 o'clock, interment in the Leon cemetery.

Meeting to Plan Decatur County Community Club.

On Wednesday, March 12th, at 1 p. m., in the Leon Civic Club rooms will be held the initial meeting of the representatives of all farmer and business organizations to plan a Decatur County Community Club. At the county boosting meeting and banquet held recently it was decided that the question of a Community Club should be submitted to each organization in the county, and that they should send a representative to the coming meeting. All organizations will be represented at this meeting and a plan will be worked out for a county-wide Community Club which will not interfere with existing organizations and will provide the means for united work and co-operation for the common good and development of Decatur county.

New Revenue Tax Slightly Increases Ford Prices.

The new war revenue act effective Feb. 25th, makes provision for increasing the manufacturing tax on wholesale price of automobiles from three to five per cent, and a new manufacturer's tax of five per cent on wholesale price of tires, tubes, parts and accessories. Realize that instructions in regard to this increase in our advertisement in this paper. We have six or eight new Ford cars on hand shipped prior to the date of effect of this new law on which the old rate of tax will apply and those having orders on file with us will have first chance at them. Estes & Co.

A Mammoth Sale.

One of the biggest public sales held in southern Iowa this season will be that of Tullis Bros., at their farm one mile west of Decatur on Tuesday, March 11th, at which they will sell 369 head of live stock, 93 head of horses and mules, 236 head of cattle and 40 head of hogs. That's some sale, and it will be worth your while to attend just to see how fast they can sell this stuff, and it is all good stuff too. See their big ad, describing the stock.

Fast Mail Went in Ditch.

Fast mail train No. 7 on the Burlington was wrecked early last Saturday morning at Aurora, Ill., when a truck under the engine broke and one mail car was turned upside down, but no one was injured. Nine tracks were demolished in the wreck however, and the train passed through Chariton about ten hours late, so no Chicago mail was received here until Sunday noon.

Board Met Monday.

The board of supervisors met in regular session Monday, and all three members, P. C. Morgan, W. H. Colter and E. J. Blair left Tuesday morning for Ames to attend the meeting of County Engineers and Boards of Supervisors, called to discuss road and other business matters which must be looked after the current year.

Holden School Report.

Following are the pupils neither absent or tardy during the month ending Feb. 21: Reietta Wheeler, Cecil Hawk, Clarice Craig, Mabel Hamilton, Clair Craig, Forest Graves, Clella Graves, Louise Craig. Number enrolled at present, 36; average daily attendance, 19 1/2. Mrs. Capitola R. Craig, Teacher.

Harve McClaran, of Decatur, returned home Tuesday, having been discharged from jury service in the district court as a grand juror. Harve after a residence of a year in Decatur, has moved back on his fine farm northwest of Decatur and is going to take life easy now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, who have resided for a number of years on a farm just north of Leon, departed Tuesday for Pocatello, Idaho, where they will visit relatives and may decide to locate in that state. Their many friends wish them a safe journey and a nice visit.