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THREE DIE IN FIVE DAYS

Wife and Two Children of A. J. Fulton Die from Flu Within Five Days. Entire Family Sick.

The family of A. J. Fulton, living five miles southwest of Leon in Eden township, are having a terrible experience with the flu which has been raging for several weeks in Eden township. Mrs. Fulton and two children having died within a week, and Mr. Fulton and the other six children are all down with the disease. Mrs. Fulton died Tuesday of last week, and Herald one of their twin boys seven months old, passed away just before midnight Friday night. Monday afternoon the eldest daughter, Fern, aged fifteen years, died, her funeral being held yesterday afternoon. The other twin baby, Gerald, is critically ill and at the time this paper went to press but faint hopes were entertained for his recovery. Mr. Fulton and the other children, while still very sick are all getting along as well as could be hoped for. The neighbors are doing everything in their power to assist the family, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to this sorely bereft family. Three deaths in one family within five days is something which rarely occurs.

Taken to Creston on Charge of Stealing Mail.

A young woman named Mrs. Myrtle Woodard, was taken to Creston Saturday morning and turned over to the Federal authorities, being bound over to the Federal grand jury to answer to a charge of stealing merchandise from the mail. She had been working at the home of Roy Hines near Leon, and some time ago called at the Leon postoffice and asked for their mail, getting two merchandise packages, one containing a coat valued at \$35.00 addressed to Mrs. Hines, and the other some silk waists and other articles addressed to Mrs. Wm. Akes. As they knew she had been working at Hines and Akes, the clerk at the Leon postoffice delivered their mail to her. Securing the packages she left Leon with them, going to Nebraska and Missouri, and after a short time at the home of her father, she returned to Leon last week, he had her placed under arrest and a deputy sheriff from Mt. Airy brought her to Leon Thursday evening. An information was filed against her charging her with larceny, but this was dismissed and she was turned over to the federal authorities.

Had Experience With Minnesota Forest Fires.

In remitting for his Reporter another river A. M. Brady, of Deer River, Minn., writes that he had a terrible time with the great Minnesota forest fires last October, and although they managed to save the town of Deer River, it made them think their own in their hard fight against the flames. He writes he had been in bad forest fires in northern California, Oregon and Washington, but never saw anything like this one. On the 12th of October the sun came up bright that morning, warm, and the air was still, but by noon the wind was blowing 65 miles an hour and it kept it up until almost sun up of the following morning, driving the flames like mad and sweeping everything before them. Mr. Brady also mailed us a copy of "Fury of the Flames," which is a pictorial review of the great catastrophe which burned over an area of 1,500 square miles, with a loss of life between 300 and 350 and property destruction amounted to between twenty and twenty-five million dollars, from ten to twenty thousand people being made homeless.

Some Good Roads.

For several months the roads in Decatur county have been a fright, but down in southeast Eden and Woodland township, there are some progressive public spirited men who in spite of the unusual weather conditions have kept the roads adjoining their farms in splendid condition. A party who travels these roads considerably testified that the roads in Eden, Hazel, Willie Walton, the Barry Brothers and John Flynn have kept their roads in fine condition all winter, and are now like boulevards, while others have not had late winter treatment are almost impassable even with an army buckboard. This emphasizes the fact that winter dragging accounts for good roads and is just as important as dragging in the summer.

Farmers Union Buys Gilliam's Grocery.

The Farmers Union Exchange incorporated, closed a deal Monday in which they purchased the grocery store of Lew Gilliam, the invoicing being completed Tuesday afternoon and the store has opened for business. It will be operated under the name of The Farmers Store, and Mr. Ralph Petty has been engaged as manager, and will be assisted by Harmon McKinley and Dick Gilliam. The Farmers Union have been contemplating a store of this kind for some months, and it is now a reality, and they will make a strong bid for a share of the patronage of the buying public.

Walter Osborn Will Continue as County Agent.

At a meeting of the directors of the Farm Bureau held at Leon last Friday, county agent Walter Osborn was employed until Jan. 1, 1920. Mr. Osborn since taking charge of the county agent's office last fall, has been a tireless and efficient worker, and the general public will be glad he is to continue as county agent.

MANURE SPREADERS.

Three different kinds. All at one standard makes. The season for quick action is here. Special price for quick action.

THE CHURCHES.

Gospel Team Meeting: The Gospel Team will meet at the Christian church at 3 p. m. Sunday. Rev. William Kimpert will lead the meeting and you are asked to help him make a good meeting.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Covenant meeting at 11 a. m. Saturday morning. Preaching Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7:30. We invite any and all to attend each service. Rev. E. C. Vanderpool.

Brethren Church. Sunday school meets at 9:45, C. E. at 6:30, both branches. Public worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:30 on Thursday night. All are invited to attend. Splendidly for the season. Everyone welcome to public services.

Tuskego Meetings. Gospel meetings at Tuskego Baptist church Saturday evening, March 15. Sermon by Evangelist Armstrong, subject "Grace." Lord's day, March 16th, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m., subject, "Fear Not." Evening services of song at 7:30, at 8:30 Mrs. Armstrong will deliver a great gospel message. Everybody welcome. Evangelist Armstrong and Wife.

Christian Church. Sunday school at usual hour, 9:45 a. m. The young girls' class will render a special musical number next Sunday morning; also there is to be a little surprise for the boys. Rev. J. H. G. Guy will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 in the evening. Rev. Esch of Decatur, preached last Sunday morning and evening to an appreciative audience.

Methodist Church. Hours of service—Sunday morning, Sunday school at 9:45, and morning worship at 11. Evening, Epworth League at 8:30, and evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00 followed by choir practice at 8:00. The Standard Bearers met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Louise McClain.

Presbyterian Church. On next Sunday morning our pulpit will be filled by Mr. W. A. Price, of Des Moines. Mr. Price is a chautauqua lecturer of note, and has given all over the United States, and his message Sunday morning will be well worth hearing. Don't miss it for any cause. In the evening the choir will give their second musical program, assisted by Master Francis Cherrington, violinist, and Mrs. Robbins, soprano. Mr. Price will give several readings and a short address.

Davis City M. E. Church. Monday, March 17th, there will be a great centenary meeting at Davis City M. E. church, commencing at 1:30 and lasting until 4 o'clock. Revs. Bean, Ellis and Critchett will speak, and in the evening Rev. Critchett who has been a missionary to Korea, will deliver his lecture with stereopticon views. Everybody come.

Be sure and come to Sunday school then stay for worship and go home with God's blessing on you. In the evening special singing, special subject, "Echoes of Des Moines Convention." Come one and all and hear the children sing.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shumaker entertained the men of the Methodist church at the parlors of the church, Feb. 26th. The program consisted of instrumental solos by Miss Singleton and vocal solos by John Shumaker and short talk by Prof. Edmond on "The Boy Problem," after which the whole company repaired to the boys' room down stairs where they were served with steaming hot oysters and other delicacies. The men were all very happy and one of the most enjoyable evenings were spent together for the first time since the basement was cemented. A committee was appointed to see that the room be completely fixed up for the boys. They all promised to come again.

Farming Up-to-Date. An interesting moving picture of farming brought up-to-date is being shown at the New Theatre this week. The picture shows the old way of cradling grain by hand, and then the modern way using both horses and tractors pulling improved self binders, and with the new machine, the self shocker, which has been perfected, and is a great labor saver, this machine taking the sheaves as they come from the self binder, piling them even, and then setting them off with the butts on the ground in a perfect shock, better than they can be shocked by hand. It is a great invention, and every farmer should see this picture showing how the machine works. Bowsher's implement stores handle these and all other up-to-date farm machinery, and they will be pleased to give you full information.

Allenbrand—Houston. Married at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday morning by the pastor Rev. Hiller, Mr. Isaac Allenbrand of Patterson, Mo., and Miss Lella Houston of Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Allenbrand is a young farmer of Patterson, Mo., and Miss Houston was a teacher in the school at Boulder, Mo. The ceremony was held at 2:30 p. m. at the parsonage of the Methodist church at Leon, Iowa.

COURT STILL GRINDING

T. A. Jackson vs. Decatur County Now Being Tried Before a Jury. Other Cases Disposed of.

Court is still in session, and when The Reporter went to press at noon Wednesday, the case of T. A. Jackson vs. Decatur county was on trial before a jury, having been commenced Tuesday morning, and it was probably not finished before this evening. Jackson appealed from the amount of damages allowed him for land used in making the Jackson cut-off east of Leon. He is represented by McGinnis, McGinnis and Hoffmann, and county attorney Will J. Springer appears for the county. The jury hearing the case is composed of A. L. Dunham, W. W. Stiles, P. H. Barry, W. A. Williams, Joe Hoard, C. S. Taylor, Van Bunniger, Charles Brenizer, C. B. Simpson, Grant Kyner, R. E. Moorman and A. L. Craig. The jury case commenced last Wednesday, C. E. Henson vs. Richard Tuel, ended by a directed verdict in favor of defendant after the plaintiff's evidence had been submitted. McGinnis & McGinnis appeared for the defendant and Lehman & Stewart appeared for the plaintiff. The following cases have been disposed of since our report last week: LAW AND EQUITY C. E. Henson vs. Frank B. Percy. Defendant's demurrer sustained. A. F. Radnisch vs. Dallas Radnisch et al. Referee's report of sale and deed to Henry Turpen approved. PROBATE Estate of W. Foster. Final report approved, administrator discharged. Guardianship of Gladys Fear et al. Final report as to Paul Fear approved, guardian discharged. Annual report as to other minors approved. Estate of Levett Cozad. Administrators demurrer to widow's petition asking payment of life insurance to widow submitted. Estate of Mary E. Peck. Will probated, S. H. Amos appointed executor with bond of \$3,000. Guardianship of Emma Quayle. Guardian appointed trustee for care of ward at Feeble Minded School. Estate of Wm. Guy Flora. Report of sale and deed to Frank and Stella approved, guardian discharged. Estate of Nellie Houson. Report of sale and deed to John and Maud Nelson approved. Guardianship of Floyd and Margaret Guire, Isabelle Guire Taylor appointed guardian with bond of \$300. Estate of Herman Waswo. Annual report approved.

Rumley—Hubbard. Charles W. Rumley and Miss Beulah M. Hubbard were united in the holy matrimony at 6 o'clock at the home of Rev. G. T. Ronk being accompanied by Miss Vera Potter-off, a cousin of the groom, acting as bride maid, and Clarence Overhult, brother of the bride, being best man. The wedding was in military form, the groom being dressed in uniform, having received his discharge from the army and returning after two years of his choice, having chosen one of Decatur county's most popular young ladies for a companion through life. The bride always said her single brother was all that could attend her wedding although it was impossible for all of them to be present as John and Willie Hubbard are in France. She carried a service flag with the words "An Service Overseas" and two blue stars and one silver, the silver one being for Herbert, he being wounded last October. The best man also wore his uniform. The bride was beautifully crowned with a crown with crystal white bead trimming. Mr. and Mrs. Rumley are at home on a farm southeast of Leon which the groom had in readiness for his bride. They are receiving congratulations from their many friends. The writer joins in wishing them prosperity and happiness as they journey through life together.

Entertained Faculty and High School at Davis City. Last Friday evening Wallace Teale entertained the Seniors, Juniors and faculty of the Davis City High School at his home. The house was tastefully decorated with the class colors, old gold and black, and the same color scheme was carried out in the two-course luncheon served late in the evening. Guessing games were enjoyed by the guests. Dancing to the tune of Ed's electric was a feature of the evening. The guests departed at an early hour voting Wallace a fine host.

Sold His Hereford Herd. C. M. Akes last week sold his entire herd of pure bred Hereford cattle to his sons Rob and Earl, and the boys have also leased their father's farm just south of Leon, C. M. retaining the residence and one barn for his personal use. Mr. Akes will hold a big closing out sale at the farm on Tuesday, March 25th, and says he is getting things in shape to take a western trip with his wife this summer, something he has been threatening to do for several years.

Mr. M. Mayer arrived in Leon last Thursday morning from New Orleans, Louisiana, where he spent the winter at the home of his son Harry A. Mayer, who goes to New Orleans each winter to take charge of Silberman Bros. wholesale hide and wool house in that city, spending the summer in buying wool from the big farms all over the United States. Mr. Mayer says they have had very disagreeable weather at New Orleans this winter, with much cold rain, and he was mighty glad to get back to good old Leon where he has resided for over forty years, and will continue to buy wool in this territory the coming season.

Dr. J. W. Robinson is an advocate of good roads. He had a professional ball near Rockley Friday, and went down on the train, but used the same road in getting back home, and that was the quickest way.

Farm Bureau Notes.

Don't forget that this is your last week to file your income tax report. Secure your blanks at the county agent's office at your bank. We are just completing a survey of the sheep growers of the county and expect to complete arrangements for better marketing facilities of both sheep and wool in the near future. We will try and adopt a better plan than we had last year, and find the best market possible for both wool and sheep. Another week of bad roads, last week interfered with our sheep and wool project demonstrations but we expect to hold these yet in at least five different places in the county. In these meetings will be discussed the better methods of handling, breeding and care of sheep and wool, and especially the grading and sorting of wool. These meetings will be under the supervision of Tom C. Stone, Extension professor of sheep husbandry at Ames and they promise to be of inestimable benefit to sheep and wool growers. Better plan to attend.

Wish to say again that now is the time to prune your orchard and fruit trees. Do this before April 1st if possible. Secure your spray materials and machinery as soon as possible and be ready to combat the fruit disease before they get started in your orchard. The Decatur County Farm Bureau has a membership in the Iowa Fruit Growers Association that enables its members to obtain the best spray materials at cost and we will order for Farm Bureau members if you wish to obtain your stuff at cost.

County Superintendent's Notes. The third Study Center will be held at the High School in Leon, Saturday, March 15, 1919.

PROGRAM 9:00 a. m. Town teachers, "Sanitation"—Clara V. Bradley. Rural teachers, Music—C. A. Fullerton. 10:00 a. m. Town teachers, Music—C. A. Fullerton. Rural teachers, "Sanitation"—Clara V. Bradley. 11:00 a. m. All, "Constructive Americanism Through the Schools"—A. Fullerton. 11:30 a. m. Town teachers, "Teaching of Physiology and Hygiene"—Clara V. Bradley. Rural teachers, Music—C. A. Fullerton. 1:15 p. m. Town teachers, Music—C. A. Fullerton. Rural teachers, "Teaching of Physiology and Hygiene"—Clara V. Bradley. Kate L. Hull, County Supt.

Frederick Berman Ward. Frederick Berman Ward, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Ward, was born near Decatur, Iowa, June 1, 1913, departed his young life Feb. 27, 1919, at the age of five years, nine months and 27 days, after an illness of nine days. He was stricken with the flu followed by pneumonia. All was done that loving hands could do but it was the Lord's will that as a flower he should bloom only a short time. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, mother, one brother and five sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. All were with him at the time of his death, but his brother who resides in Buffalo, Okla. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 2:30, Saturday afternoon, March 1st, by Henry Esch. Interment in Decatur cemetery.

Millinery Opening Starts Today. The big spring millinery opening at Keller & Pryor's millinery store starts this morning, and continues until the store closes Saturday night. They are showing the finest line of pattern and novelty hats ever brought to Leon, the cream of the leading wholesale houses, and it will be a veritable feast for the ladies of Decatur county who enjoy looking at the latest styles. There are many radical changes in the styles this spring, and no lady should miss attending this opening, for it will enable them to see just how the correct styles will be made welcome whether you are ready to purchase a hat or just want to see the new styles before making a selection. Come in any of the three days and enjoy yourself.

New City Clerk. At the regular meeting of the city council last Thursday evening S. G. Mitchell, who has served as city clerk for nine years, filed his resignation with the city council, and take effect April 1st. William F. Stookey was elected as clerk. The council has also made a change in the running of the pumping station. For several years Late Mitchell has operated the pumping station, but hereafter the work will be divided between marshal Marion Osborn and nightwatch Frank Smith, and the experiment will be tried of starting the pump and let it operate itself. Keeping a man there all the time to watch it. If the new arrangement works it will result in a big saving to the city.

The School Election. There was no special fight at the city school election held on Monday. The four candidates, nominated seeming to be satisfactory to everybody, and it was merely a question of which two received the most votes. There were 146 votes cast, and Dr. J. O. Woodmansee and Geo. A. Hamilton were elected to succeed Capt. J. D. Brown and Fred Teale, who were not candidates for re-election.

The following is the result of the vote: Dr. J. O. Woodmansee ..... 89 George M. Hamilton ..... 87 E. S. Harris ..... 67 Charles Cherrington ..... 51

Death of an Infant. George, the ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, died at their home in east Leon Sunday, and was buried in the Leon cemetery Monday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sore trial.

Marriage License. Chas. W. Rumley, Leon, and Beulah M. Hubbard, Patterson, Mo., were married at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Rev. G. T. Ronk, 2511 Santa Fe Ave., Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Elizabeth Bohall. Elizabeth Bohall was born near Brownstown, Indiana, Aug. 4, 1847, and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 4, 1919, being at the time of her death 72 years and five months old. She was married to Joseph L. Smith, June 30, 1866. To this union was born four children, W. L. of Grand River, Iowa; J. M., of Merino, Colorado; B. Era of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Mrs. O. E. Clark, of Council Bluffs, three having preceded her in death. Mrs. Smith has made her home with her daughter since the death of her husband, Oct. 4, 1914, at Aurora, Neb. Mrs. Smith was a good christian woman and was loved by all who knew her. Besides her children she leaves two brothers and two sisters, a number of grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her departure. The remains were brought to Grand River Thursday, March 6th, and taken to the Baptist church where funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Vanderpool, after which she was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Young cemetery.

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TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: John W. Myers 31 to Minnie Boston 29. Dugal F. Anderson 31 to Fleeta B. Graves 21. Ecker J. Alexander 24 to Mary M. Eckle 23. John O. Davis 19 to Laura Webster 20. Charles E. Graham 22 to Rosey Grandstaff 16. W. P. Clark and W. A. Alexander were elected as school directors at the school election Monday, defeating V. R. McGinnis and C. W. Hoffman.

Geo. W. LaFollette was in Leon Monday enroute to Ft. Madison where he will rent a home for his family, who will move there the first of April when Mr. LaFollette commences his duties as turnkey at the state penitentiary.

Mrs. Pat Griffin and little daughter Helen came Saturday to visit a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards.

E. P. Gardner and wife departed last Thursday for California, where they expect to reside and will probably locate at Knapp City.

Miss Willa Hebenner went to Carroll, Iowa, Monday where she will trim in a millinery store.

Walter Crukshank returned from Iowa City last Saturday where he has been studying medicine at the State University.

Leon is the only town in the state of Iowa, of its size, where it is not necessary to have a town marshal. But our town council last Thursday evening decided it was a useless office and abolished it.

The total indebtedness of the town of Leon is \$11,783, of which amount \$9,500 is outstanding bonds and \$2,283 unpaid warrants.

Charles E. Graham and Miss Rosely Grandstaff, both of Davis City, were united in marriage at Miller's restaurant by Justice N. P. Bullock.

Capt. J. D. Brown and C. M. Akes went to Memphis, Mo., last week and purchased a couple of fine saddle horses which Capt. Brown will take to Pine Ridge, S. D., about the first of next month. He has been appointed by the government to purchase horses for the troops stationed there.

Monday J. A. Caster and J. F. Hamilton purchased the grocery store owned by W. J. Sullivan, and will engage in business under the firm name of Caster & Hamilton.

Miner J. Alexander of Chicago and Mary E. Eckle, of Grand River, were married at the clerk's office last Saturday by Mayor Albaugh.

Frank Goodsen, who was accidentally shot last week, is getting along nicely. The bullet, a 38 calibre, entered his left breast and struck a rib, passing around the heart, and was taken out under his shoulder blade.

Mrs. May Lantz. May Little, the eldest daughter of Henry M. and Phoebe J. Little, was born in Decatur county, Dec. 27, 1857, and died March 2, 1919, being at the time of her death 61 years and 5 months and 5 days of age at the time of her death.

In the year of 1881, she was married to J. M. Lantz. To this union was born two children, namely, Harry Claude Lantz and Mrs. Bernice Lillian Payton, both of Kellerton. She is also survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Etta King, of Decatur; Mrs. Emma Willis, of Leon, and Samuel H. Little, of Decatur, also two grandchildren, besides a host of friends who deeply mourn her death. Mrs. Lantz has been a great sufferer for many years, her death being caused by rheumatism. For nearly the past four years she has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Etta King. All that kind hearts and loving hands could do was done in kindly ministry for her, but like a weary traveler she closed her eyes in dreamless sleep. In the last weeks of life she prayed much and especially that her life might be spared until summer that she might be baptized and have here some hope that she may have a part in the resurrection of the just.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sny church by undertaker O. B. Cron, and words of comfort spoken from II Sam 14:14, by Pastor C. V. Starr, of Pleasanton, and we laid her to rest beside her father and mother to await the summons of Christ at the great executive judgment day.

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AT THE THEATRES.

Special Good Attractions are Booked for the Coming Week in This City.

At the New Theatre today, Thursday, March 13th, Dorothy Dalton in "The Mating of Marcella," the laugh provoking Sennett comedy "Love Loops the Loop," and Current Events.

At the New Theatre Friday and Saturday, March 14th and 15th, Mary Pickford in her latest Arctcraft picture, "M'Iss." Matinee Saturday at 3 p. m.

At the Idle Hour theatre Friday and Saturday, March 14th and 15th, the Lois Weber Production de Luxe, "Borrowed Clothes," starring Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, formerly Mildred Harris, star of "The Price of a Good Time," "For Husbands Only" and other recent successes. Matinee Saturday at 3 p. m.

At the New Theatre Monday, March 17th, Lon Chaney in "Sandy Burke of the U-Bar" and Harold Lloyd comedy.

At the New Theatre Tuesday, March 18th, Priscilla Dean in "The Wildcat of Paris," and Screen Telegram.

At the New Theatre, Wednesday, March 19th, Mitchell Lewis in "Children of Banishment" and the Holmes Travogue.

Zora Piper McNeley. "Home is not home; mother's not here." Zora May, daughter of John and Elizabeth Piper, was born May 2, 1875, and departed this life March 6, 1919, being at the time of her death 44 years, 9 months and 4 days old.

She was united in marriage to Walter McNeley, Dec. 24, 1895. To this union was born five children: Cecil, now aged 22, married, age 13; Dorothy, age 12, and James, age 9, one child dying in infancy. Besides her children she leaves five brothers and two sisters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and sister. She being a widow at the time of her death. But blessed are they that die with hope. When Zora was 16 years of age she gave her heart to God and became a christian, uniting with the Christian church and she has ever since tried to do the will of her maker, always looking on the sunny side of this life and the bright and happy home to be lived at the turn of the wheel. She had been gradually failing for the past two years but bore her affliction without a complaint, always saying all is well. On Friday, the last day of February, she took a cold with influenza, which soon developed into pneumonia and caused her death. St. John 14:1-4, "Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, and I go now to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, whither I am there ye will be also."

Services were conducted by Rev. Henry Esch of the Decatur Christian church, March 8, 1919, at the home. She was laid to rest in the home cemetery by the side of her parents.

Amanda Katherine Fulton. Amanda Katherine Smith, daughter of John and Emilie Smith, was born in Decatur county, Iowa, March 9, 1880, and departed this life at her home south of town, March 4, 1919, at the age of 39 years, 11 months and 25 days.

She was united in marriage to Jefferson Fulton, Feb. 19, 1903. To this union were born five children, the eldest dying in infancy. The remaining children with the father are Fern, Paul, Opal, Dorothy, Lella, Clyde, Harold and Gerald; also two sisters, four brothers and an aged father are left to mourn her departure. She was stricken with the dread disease influenza about a week before her death. All that loving hands could do was done but the Heavenly Father called her to his sleep to awake no more in this world of sorrow. At this time the remaining children are all ill with the same disease that claimed this loving mother. She had a most loving disposition. The comfort of her family was her greatest ambition. At the time of her death she was not a member of any church but was a believer in right living and lived a pure life and set a good example for those around her. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends, but her life work on this earth is ended and she has answered the call that we all must answer sooner or later.

Short funeral services were held at the cemetery, conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Reeder. On account of the serious illness of the entire family of children, the father was unable to be present at the service. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Jerusha T. Marvin. Jerusha T. Grimes was born in Vinton county, Ohio, June 29, 1841. While still a small girl her parents moved to Louisa county, Iowa, where she lived until she reached womanhood. About 1860, she was married to Jas. W. Reeder. To this union was born two children, Dora, who died in infancy, and Charles Reeder of this place. Jas. W. Reeder died in the service of his country at Corinth, Miss., Aug. 2, 1862.

Mrs. Reeder later became the wife of Jas. M. Marvin, with whom she moved to Decatur county about 1871, where they both lived the remainder of their lives. Two children of this union died in infancy. There are still living, Jas. A. Harry, Fred, and Mrs. Mattie Pickering, of Leon; Edward, of St. Joe, Mo.; Leo, of Thayer, Iowa, and Mrs. Mary Jenkins, of Lineville, Iowa.

She died at the home of her oldest son, Charles Reeder, March 7, 1919, at 2:30, aged 77 years, 8 months and 8 days. She was a charter member of the Baptist church in Leon, and though unable to attend for several years, was always faithful to her religious obligations and always interested in the work of the Lord. At a ripe age she passed away to be at rest.

The funeral services were conducted from the home of Charles Reeder on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. Ronk of the Brethren church. Interment at the Leon cemetery.