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FIRE AT SCHOOL HOUSE

South School Building Had Narrow Escape Yesterday. Pupils All Marched Out in Good Order.

A fire which started in a pile of waste paper in the basement of the south school building, with a lot of sweeping compound close by, caused a pretty good scare about 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and many parents rushed to the scene when it became known there was a fire at the school house, with visions of the little ones being trampled and injured, but happily this was averted by the cool headedness of one of the pupils, Delbert Scull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scull, who is a pupil in Miss Grogan's room. The lad had been sent to the basement on an errand and seeing the smoke calmly went to the fire drill bell and rang it, instead of crying "fire" as most boys would have done. When the fire drill bell rang, even the teachers did not panic, but what it was on their regular fire drills, so the pupils were quickly and quietly marched out and all were outside before any of them knew there was a fire in the building. After ringing the fire drill bell, Delbert went to the phone and called up central and told them there was a fire, and then went to his room and was rolling out the Victrola. That lad deserves a medal. Had he not exercised presence of mind there might have been a panic among the children and as is frequently the case many injured in a mad rush to get out of the building. The school was in a panic, and many of the timbers being charred and some damage by smoke, but had it secured a little more start the building would no doubt have been destroyed.

Singing Boy Scouts Made Good.

The trio of Leon Boy Scouts, known as the Singing Boy Scouts, composed of William and Jack Fern and Donald McGinnis, returned yesterday evening from a two weeks engagement with a YMCA bureau, during which they appeared in towns in Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota, and everywhere they made a great hit, being pronounced the best thing on the lecture program in every town they visited. The scouts were accompanied by their trainer, Rev. T. F. Campbell and Miss Freda Fern pianist, who also had charge of the boys a part of the time, as while away Rev. Campbell was called to Ohio by the death of his brother, rejoining them at Cherokee, Iowa, last Saturday. The boys were delighted with their trip, as they were shown many favors in every town they visited and it was a splendid outing for them.

Uncle Sammy Band Give Concert Sunday.

One of the Uncle Sammy Minstrel Bands who are touring the country after being mustered out of service, spent Sunday in Leon, being en route from California to New Hampton, Mo., and as there were no trains running Sunday on account of washouts, they were compelled to remain in Leon until Monday morning. They gave an open air concert in the band stand Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, which was enjoyed by a large crowd, and a very liberal collection was taken up for the band. Sunday evening the band members entertained at a luncheon at the Civic Club rooms and they gave a couple of hours program of excellent music. Arrangements will probably be made for their appearance in this city at a later date.

A Big March Rain.

One of the heaviest rain storms ever seen in Iowa during the month of March was that of last Saturday, and Sunday all the rivers and creeks were out of banks, and many bridges and culverts were washed out. There were no trains Sunday on the Charleston branch, the water on the bottoms this side of Charleston being three feet over the tracks, and down at Albany, Mo., the rivers were so high that for several days trains could not pass, the passengers being transferred. The rain simply fell in sheets, but it did a good job of packing the roads down hard, and now with dragging and grading we will soon have some passable roads again.

C. M. Akes Closing Out Sale Next Tuesday.

C. M. Akes recently sold his entire herd of pure bred Hereford cattle to his son and Earl, and released them his fine home farm, and will have a big closing out sale at the farm a half mile southwest of the Leon depot next Tuesday, at which he will sell 135 head of Hereford, Aberdeen Angus and Short Horn cattle, 32 head of horses and mules, 20 brood sows and other property, as he is going to clean up everything on the farm. See his big sale ad in this paper and don't fail to attend his sale.

Fred Teale Chairman of Coming Victory Loan.

Fred Teale has received his appointment as county chairman for the Victory Loan campaign in April, and expects to go to Chicago Friday to meet with the big officials who will make plans for carrying on the campaign, which it is expected will be along the same lines as the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign, so commence right now to get ready to dig up and buy Victory Bonds.

Overseas Boys Home.

Six Decatur county overseas soldier boys arrived yesterday, Bob Scott, Mark Smith, Ivan Evans, Don Bumgarner and Howard McCleary, arriving at noon from Camp Dodge and Harold Carey came in from Camp Dodge on the 4 o'clock train. The High School marched to the depot at noon to welcome the boys home and they were given a hearty reception by their many friends.

WALKING FLOWS.

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

SEEK MISSING HEIRS.

Heirs of Larkin McDaniel Lost Since 1876. Will be Declared Legally Dead.

Almost an entire page of The Reporter is occupied this week with original notices giving notice that an action has been commenced to have certain heirs of the late Larkin McDaniel declared fully heirs. Mr. McDaniel was a bachelor who died in Decatur county in February, 1915, leaving an estate of several thousand dollars. After his death his nephew, A. T. Weldon, was appointed administrator of his estate, and he has worked diligently trying to locate all the heirs who are entitled to a share in the estate. The family had become separated more than fifty years ago, when part of them went west traveling by team, as there were no railroads in those days. Mr. Weldon finally located several of the heirs in Texas, Montana, and other western states, but the family of one sister of Mr. McDaniel, Eliza, who married John Summers and left Decatur county about the year 1868, has been lost track of. Mrs. Summers died in LaBette county, Kansas, in 1876, leaving three children, and it is these children or their heirs who are now being sought in order to close up the estate. After the death of their mother the children separated, and no one knows who became of them, whether any of them are living or if dead whether they left any heirs. The share of the McDaniel estate to which they are entitled amounts to about \$3,000. On orders from the court Mr. Weldon as administrator of the estate has commenced an action to have them declared legally dead and unless they are found before the case is called for judgment the court will declare them legally dead and their share of the estate will be divided among the heirs who have been located. A. T. Weldon of Davis City, John Weldon, of Booneville, Frank Amy of Medford, Oregon, John McDaniel of Harlem, Montana, Larkin McDaniel of Bay City, Texas, Andrew McDaniel, of Tar River, Oklahoma, and Permelia Capps, of Byron, Oklahoma.

New Court Cases.

Porter Moore vs. Andrew Woods et al. Action is to quiet title to real estate. Varga & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

A. M. Anderson vs. Jennie B. Anderson. Action is for divorce. Parties were married at Lamoni, Sept. 22, 1914, and lived together until March 11, 1919. Plaintiff alleges his wife is exceptionally strong physically and that she has abused him striking and choking him and unjustly accused him of infidelity. Both parties had been married before, plaintiff having four children and defendant one child when they were married and one child a boy two years old has been born to them. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce and the custody of their child. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Van Weyer State Bank vs. J. A. Bohall and Mrs. Gussie Bohall. Suit is on a promissory note on which their is due a balance of \$250. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Dalbey vs. Lou and T. F. Williams. Suit is on an account for \$143.46, and plaintiff asks that a mechanic's lien on the property of defendants be established. Varga & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

Decatur County Captain Decorated by British Government for Bravery and Distinguished Service.

Official news has been received at Washington that sixty-six American army medical officers and men have been decorated by the British government for their gallant and distinguished service in the war with Germany, and among them is Captain Oscar H. Peterson, who was a practicing physician at Lamoni when war was declared. Captain Peterson's prompt and efficient service during the war in this county are pleased to see this official recognition of his services. We have it from private sources that Capt. Peterson has made a splendid record overseas, having been in several fire many times and was several times commended for bravery.

An Evening of Music.

The Presbyterian church was filled to capacity Sunday evening to enjoy an evening of music presented by the church choir. The choir sang several anthems, Francis Cherrington played the violin solo, showing much talent for one so young. Mrs. B. L. Robbins sang a solo and Mrs. Ralph McGinnis sang the solo part with choir accompaniment. Mr. Boage, a member of the Uncle Sammy Minstrel Band, gave several very fine selections. He has a beautiful tenor voice and was formerly tenor soloist with Arthur Pryor's Military band. Mr. W. A. Price, of Des Moines, who preached at the morning service, gave a reading and also a four minute talk. All in all it was a splendid program.

Deputy Income Tax Collector Comes Next Week.

A deputy income tax collector comes to Decatur county next week to help parties who have not yet been able to fill out their income tax returns. He will be at Van Wert March 26th, 27th and 28th, and comes to the court house at Leon on March 29th and will remain here until April 18th. He will be at Lamoni from April 19th to April 25th, and will be glad to assist any residents of Decatur county in making out their returns.

Third Fulton Child Died.

The death angel again visited the sorely stricken A. J. Fulton home in Eden township last Wednesday evening when Gerald, the second twin baby died. This made four deaths in the family within eight days, the mother and three children dying with the flu. Mr. Fulton and the remaining five children were all down with the disease, but are now convalescing, and are out of danger.

MANURE SPREADERS.

Three different kinds. All at and standard makes. The season for these is here. Special prices for cash sales. Bowsher & Bowsher.

HARRY LEMLEY HOME

Was Severely Wounded Oct. 22d in Argonne Forest, and Picked up for Dead, but is far from it.

Harry Lemley, who was severely wounded in the Argonne forest in France on Oct. 22nd, arrived Tuesday morning from the hospital in Camp Sherman, Illinois, having been granted a five day leave of absence. When word was received last Saturday by his parents that Harry had been sent to Ford, Sheridan, his father leapt with joy, but when he found Harry in much better shape than he expected, and brought him home to visit his mother and other relatives for a few days, after which he will return to the hospital for further treatment.

Harry was probably the worst wounded Decatur county soldier who lives to tell the story of his encounter with the Huns, and he has had a German experience having gone over the top many times, and escaped injury until just a few days before the armistice was signed. He was in the first consignment of Decatur county boys who were sent to Camp Dodge, and after a stay of several months was sent overseas, going first to England, being eighteen days on the ocean, the transport going away up around Greenland to avoid German submarines. From England he went to France, and was soon up on the firing line, sleeping on No-Man's land the first night he reached the front. Being a member of the band, the members of which acted as stretcher bearers on the front, placed him under fire many times, and he witnessed some awful sights, but escaped injury until the morning of October 22nd, when the Hun shell exploded right among his company, and a piece of explosive shrapnel struck him on the helmet with such force that it was broken and his skull was fractured. He was picked up for dead, but life was discovered and after receiving attention at first aid field hospital he was finally sent to base hospital No. 42. He was in hospital for days after being injured, regaining consciousness while in an ambulance on the way to the base hospital. It was necessary to remove the fractured bones in his forehead, but he had excellent treatment by the best surgeons, and his arm and leg are rapidly getting in shape again. He will return to the hospital at Fort Snider, and the surgeons will grow new bone to fill the cavity in his forehead.

His recovery is little short of a miracle, but his general health is such that he will be finally released in as good condition as when he entered the service, barring the scars on his head. Harry's many friends in Leon are mighty glad to see him back again.

An Interesting Meeting.

A very interesting meeting was held in the library assembly room in Leon on the afternoon of the 11th. The meeting was in the nature of a general conference where the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, The Farmers Union and The Farmers Union met according to previous arrangements to discuss the feasibility of forming a county organization. The meeting was called to order and McGinnis was chosen chairman and H. L. McClaran, of Davis City, secretary. Mr. J. R. Hammond of Wapello, a member of the state board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and opened the discussion and notwithstanding the fact that he was somewhat handicapped by not knowing fully the steps that had been taken at a former meeting on the subject, he responded to the call setting forth the purpose and power of the Farmers Union, its accomplishments and ideals in such a manner that every member was put at his ease and by his candid manner and convincing arguments won the confidence and respect of all and the way was opened for other speakers who followed and several very interesting addresses were given. Mr. McClaran speaking for the Commercial Club and Mr. McGinnis for the Chamber of Commerce with several spirited talks notable among which was one by John Garber of Weldon, and Mr. Wilson of Morgan township. The meeting failed to effect a permanent organization but the establishment of a clearing house received more careful consideration and after some discussion a committee of four from each body was appointed to formulate a constitution and by-laws for the establishment and control of same. Their work to be submitted to the respective bodies for their acceptance or rejection. The writer feels that if nothing should come from this meeting that could be called permanent, still the move was a great success, for the men behind the counter and the man from the furrow have rubbed shoulders, each have taken the others measure and sensed his power and we earnestly hope and believe a better understanding and a more friendly spirit will prevail because of this general conference meeting. Contributed.

A Surprise and Reunion.

Thursday being Sam Duffield's sixty-fourth birthday, his children planned a surprise and family reunion for him. John Duffield came Wednesday from Des Moines, and Thursday morning he and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. David, of Lineville, and the family group pictures were taken. They then went home where they enjoyed a delicious dinner. Mr. Duffield found a pocket knife and a dollar under his plate at dinner. A happy afternoon was spent, this being the first time the family had been all together for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duffield, John Duffield, of Des Moines; Dave Duffield, of Lineville; Leo Duffield and wife and son, of Granite Canyon, Wyoming; Mrs. Glenn Duffield, Mrs. Anna Duffield, Mrs. Edna Duffield, Mrs. D. Keaton, Louise Keaton, of Pleasanton, and Viola Keaton.

THE CHURCHES.

Pentecostal Mission.

Revival meetings are in progress every evening at the Pentecostal Mission south side of square, conducted by J. A. Derry, of Mercer, Mo. Good singing and everybody welcome.

Brethren Church.

Sunday services—Sunday school at 9:45, B. E. both Senior and Intermediate at 6:30, followed by preaching service at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Thursday evening, prayer meeting and Bible study at 7:30.

Gospel Team Meeting.

The Gospel Team will meet at the Christian church, Sunday at 3 p. m. The lesson for review will be found in Luke 13:44-30, and Samuel Garber will have charge of the meeting. Come out and assist Brother Sam with the meeting as your presence will be appreciated.

Seventh Day Adventist Meeting at Davis City.

G. E. Lefler, of Des Moines, is conducting a series of Seventh Day Adventist meetings at Davis City, with services every evening at 7:30 o'clock. Interesting subjects for each evening, and written questions will be answered each evening. Everybody is welcome at these meetings.

Presbyterian Church.

The pastor will be at home for next Sabbath and will preach at both services. The morning subject will be "Stewardship and the Kingdom," and in the evening the subject will be "The Angelic Nature." We'll be looking for all of you at both of these services. And don't forget to be present at Sunday school, you'll enjoy the hour.

Christian Church.

Splendid attendance at Sunday school last Sunday and a fine collection. Don't forget the hour, 9:45. A large and interesting subject, H. C. Guy both morning and evening last Sunday and enjoyed his splendid themes. Preaching again next Sunday at 11 and 7:30.

Tutor C. E. at the usual hour, 2:30 p. m. Aubrey Kimpfort is the leader.

A six o'clock lunch, followed by a business meeting and social hour will be held by the officers and teachers of the Sunday school at the church this (Thursday) evening.

Methodist Church.

Hours of service—Sunday school at 9:45 and morning worship at 11. Epworth League at 6:30 and evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 8. Mr. W. F. Howell is leader of the prayer meeting this week.

At the home of Mrs. Hoffman on Wednesday the young women of the Standard Bearers had some real fun quilting in the church basement Monday night.

The women of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be present and sing at the Sunday school at the Standard Bearers and King's Heralds. The society is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding and the close of the five year jubilee campaign. Special music by the choir and a quartet. Also singing of the society's hymn by the ladies. Address in behalf of the society by the pastor. And on Thursday evening of next week the society will give a special music. Ladies trio, Misses Abigail Alexander and Fern Estes and Mrs. Hiller. The social meeting of the Guild in the church next Tuesday afternoon. An excellent attendance and a pleasant program at the last meeting. All ladies are most cordially invited. Hostesses, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Shields.

County Superintendent's Notes.

Preparations are being made for the Divisional Association meetings. There having been no General Association this year, the number of teachers will attend. The places and dates of the conventions are as follows: Northwest Iowa Meeting, Wapello, April 2, 3, 4, 5. Northeast Iowa Meeting, Waterloo, April 2, 3, 4, 5. Central Iowa Meeting, Des Moines, April 3, 4, 5. Southwest Iowa Meeting, Red Oak, March 27, 28, 29. Although Decatur county belongs in the southwest division any section which is most convenient may be attended.

One of the splendid features of these meetings will be a parent-teacher round table; these discussions should prove mutually helpful. It is very much desired that at least two representatives may be present from this county. Any parents who contemplate attending should confer with either their city or county superintendent.

\$60 Bonus for Discharged Soldiers.

A Congressman Towner sends word in answer to inquiries that the bonus of \$60 voted by congress to all discharged officers, soldiers, field clerks and nurses is now available and can be received on application. The bonus is also available for all members of the Student Army Training Corps. Applications should be made directly to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemen Building, Washington, D. C. and should state the term of service. The entire discharge certificate should be sent with the application and will be returned with the check for the bonus. All discharged soldiers are also entitled to two sets of uniforms, and in case the uniforms have been targeted in the same or similar uniforms will be returned to such soldiers.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Easter Sunday is March 25th, which is a full one day being the earliest date it is possible for Easter to come on.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pickering on March 16th. A new bank has been organized at Garden Grove, to be known as the Farmers Bank, a private bank, the stockholders being D. & A. B. Stearns, S. Metter, John Wolverton, J. P. Jordan and W. M. Wood. The son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Curry, of Franklin township on March 15th.

Our readers will remember that Gus Pryor attempted to blow off the top of the big hill west of town with dynamite last summer, but he placed the explosive too deep in the ground, but now a great cavity has appeared where the explosion was, and the ground for a number of feet has seemingly sunk in about eight feet, showing plainly the dynamite blew something to pieces down in the ground. The road is getting dangerous about this hole, and it should be fixed up.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: Melvin Haskins 23 to Mary Harp 23. Clinton Ghese 32 to Minnie Freeman 27. Charles C. Whitecar 30 to Dora A. Payton 20.

It is now Dr. Fred A. Bowman, as he graduated and received his diploma as a full fledged physician at the Medical University at Louisville, Kentucky, on March 13th. There were 216 students in the graduating class and Dr. Bowman stood ninth. Levi Chastain died, March 18th, at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 24 days. He was buried in the family burial grounds near his home.

J. R. Bowsher, the gentleman from Princeton, Mo., who purchased Red's implement store, will remain here. Mr. Bowsher is a pleasant gentleman and a great hustler.

R. L. Clark went to Troy, Kansas, last Thursday to examine a new view of a mill at that place with a view of purchasing one like it for the Clark mill at this place.

Bert Eiker, of Decatur, was in Leon Friday on his way home from Iowa City where he has been attending the State University.

A merry party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keeler, Saturday evening for the young folks, the evening being spent in dancing. Music was furnished by the violin by John Ogden and D. J. Keeler, and on the organ by Misses Kate Ogden, Minnie Keeler and Dolly Stanley.

Farm Bureau.

Held a very interesting meeting at the farm of W. M. Ashbach just north of Davis City on Wednesday of last week. The purpose of the meeting was on the care and handling of bees and honey with Prof. W. Atkins in charge from the State Agricultural office. Many good things were brought out and demonstrated at this meeting, but owing to the bad roads not many were present.

Satterley from the field agent in marketing will be with us next Saturday, March 22nd, for the purpose of formulating some plan for the co-operative marketing of the wool clip this spring. Every sheep owner in the county should be present. Meeting called to order at 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Special attention is being called to the fact that your fruit tree pruning should be delayed no longer. Get busy now. Do not put it off.

Do not forget the tractor school to be held on the 27th and 28th. At this school we will endeavor to demonstrate to you the several adjustments of tractor carburetors and all other parts that get out of commission in the ordinary course of usage. This meeting will be under the direct supervision of Prof. John S. Glass, from the engineering department and a specialist in his line. If you want to learn all about your tractor do not fail to attend this school it will be free to you.

Would like to have more men to try out some experimental plots on soy beans, potatoes, barley, alfalfa, corn, oats, etc. It will cost you nothing only the seed. Write or telephone for the bulletin giving full instructions and price of seed required. Prices for seed range from 15 cents for corn to \$3.00 for 1 1/2 bushels of potatoes. Nothing exorbitant, and as all seed will be pure it will be well worth your while. Let us know your wishes.

Sample of every variety of soy beans usually grown in Iowa can be seen at the county agent's office. If you are interested in Iowa 103 seed oats or barley let us know and we can secure you a good seed at from 75 cents to \$1.00 oats and 10 cents to \$1 for barley.

Don't forget the sheep meeting on Saturday, March 22nd, at 1 o'clock in the court room.

Mrs. Olive Esther Pritchard Died Tuesday.

Mrs. Olive Esther Pritchard who has been sick for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Millisap, five miles southwest of Leon, died Tuesday morning at the age of 84 years. Her remains were taken to her former home at Shenandoah yesterday for interment.

Goes to Siberia as Red Cross Nurse.

Mrs. Lillian Craig Clark, of Chicago, daughter of W. W. Craig, of Leon, will sail from San Francisco the latter part of this month with the Czecho-Slovak unit of forty nurses under the Red Cross supervision for service in Siberia, where there is a great call for Red Cross nurses.

Alley—Bright.

Mr. Clifford Alley and Miss Grace Bright, both of Shenandoah, were married by Justice of the Peace John Woodmansee at the clerk's office in the court house last Saturday.

Marriage Licenses.

Cliff Alley, Shenandoah, 27, to Miss Grace Bright, Shenandoah, 23.

AT THE THEATRES.

Program for the Week Commencing Today.

At the New Theatre today, Thursday, March 20th, Pauline Frederick in "Her Final Reckoning," the funny Sennett Comedy "The Steuths," and the interesting "Current Events."

At the New Theatre Friday and Saturday, March 21st and 22nd, the popular favorite, Wm. S. Hart in "Kiddle Gawne."

At the Little Hour Friday, March 21st, featuring Arthur Luckie in "The Sheriff" and Monroe Salsbury in "That Devil Bateese."

At the Idle Hour Theatre Saturday, March 22nd, Monroe Salsbury like "That Devil Bateese" and Bray Pictograph.

At the New Theatre Monday, March 24th, Madge Kennedy in "A Perfect Lady," and Pathe Comedy. At the New Theatre Tuesday, March 25th, Constance Talmadge in "The Shuttle" and the big Screen Telegram.

At the New Theatre Wednesday, March 26th, Alice Brady in "Her Great Chance" and the interesting Holmes Travelogue.

Court Adjourned Friday.

The February term of the district court was adjourned Friday and Judge Evans returned to his home at Corydon. More cases were disposed of during this term of court than for many terms.

The case of T. A. Jackson vs. Decatur county, which was tried to a jury was given to the jury Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and they returned a verdict Friday morning at 10 o'clock, awarding to the plaintiff the sum of \$445 as damages to his farm for the land taken for the Jackson cut-off on the Waubesa trail east of Leon. The appraisers had originally awarded him \$450 which had been tendered to him by the board of supervisors, and the verdict of the jury was for \$5 less than the award of the appraisers. In an ordinary case this would throw the costs in the case amounting to something like \$300 on the plaintiff, but a special statute provides that in such cases the court shall determine as to who shall pay the costs. A motion was filed by the plaintiff for a new trial, and Judge Evans granted it until April 1st for filing this motion, and will not determine as to who pays the costs until after he passes on this motion.

The following cases were disposed of since our report last week: H. F. McDonald et al. vs. Thomas Smith et al. Settled and dismissed. Defendant Smith to pay plaintiff \$25. Plaintiff and defendant each to pay one-half the costs.

Sada M. Pease et al. vs. Roscoe A. Scott. Final report of referees showing full distribution approved. F. J. Short vs. Luther Bason. Motion of defendants to cross petition to dismiss for want of jurisdiction is overruled.

N. L. Chase vs. Tullis Bros. Settled and dismissed. D. C. Thurlow vs. Joanna R. Coppock. On application A. C. Baker appointed as temporary guardian with bond of \$5,000, and bearing on appointment of permanent guardian set for hearing on April 21st.

Estate of B. D. DeKalt. Annual report approved. Estate of John C. Stockton. Final report approved, administratrix discharged. Estate of S. N. Lunderrreth. On hearing administrator ordered to inventory money and credits.

Estate of Nelson Swanson. On application of administrator, Geo. Burchett, Todd A. Summers, James McGraw appointed appraisers to appraise all property of estate. Guardianship of W. H. Frost. Final report of guardian approved. Guardianship of Esther Brown. Submitted final report as to Esther Brown approved. Continued as to other heirs.

Estate of Wm. R. Cash. On application Winfield Cash and Isabelle G. Taylor and administrators with bond of \$1,000.

Guardianship of J. C. Heaton. Temporary guardian authorized to pay money to J. L. Heaton. Estates of William Summers, John Summers, Julia A. Summers et al. On application and showing notice ordered published as to the administration of estates of absentees.

Former Decatur County Girl Makes Good.

Mrs. Chas. Oral Wheeler, of Clarinda, Iowa, formerly Miss Jessie Daniels, of Davis City, Iowa, has certainly won an honorable name for people here. Mrs. Wheeler has become a gifted author; also song writer, which it is needless to say brings much praise. Her work is first-class. Her last MS. entitled "Just a Newspaper Boy" has won in the hearts of lovers of good stories a place never to be forgotten and shows plainly that she has an abundance of interesting ideas and the ability to conceive pleasing incidents. Mrs. Wheeler has arranged to place upon the market four stories per month for which she receives \$25 per story in addition to this she also composes ten songs and poems each month which sell for \$10 each. Her song entitled "My Little Blue Eyed Son" needs no introduction. It is of the best. Every line is full of wit and pep, a sure cure for the blues in other words a cloudy day chaser. Mrs. Wheeler was born and raised in old Decatur county and still ranks as one of her fairest daughters. Her child-like manner and sunny smile has endeared her to all who know her many friends are pleased to learn of her success, as she certainly deserves the position she now holds.

Conferred Royal Arch Degrees.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon a team composed of Warren Sankey, Leon Leeper and Joe Hamilton at a special meeting of Leon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M. Tuesday evening. A large number of members being in attendance. A lecture by Theo. P. Bettes, of Bloomfield, illustrated with sixty stereopticon slides, was a special feature which was greatly enjoyed. Following the degree work refreshments were served in the dining room of the Masonic hall.

Every Thursday, Mack Sennett comedies at New Theatre.