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ROY EMERSON SUICIDES

Escaped from Deputy Sheriff and Hung Himself Under a Bridge Two Miles North of Kellerton.

Roy Emerson, convicted of the murder of his mother, escaped from the custody of deputy sheriff Ed Hayner, of Creston, a short distance east of Kellerton late Tuesday night, and going north on the Kellerton and Decatur road, hung himself under a small bridge near the farm of Frank Allen.

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The party passed through Leon and when a short distance east of Kellerton one of the castings on the auto blew out. While repairs were being made Emerson got out of the car saying he wanted to stretch his legs, and walked around the car finally strolling towards a house where they had stopped, and before he was missed had stepped around the house and disappeared.

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ney took steps to have Emerson returned to the custody of Ringgold county authorities.

A \$200,000 Land Sale.

Probably the biggest real estate transaction ever made in Decatur county, which involved the sale of 1160 acres of Decatur county land, was completed last Wednesday, when C. M. Keller sold 1160 acres of land for their purchase to L. W. Reynolds, of Cumberland, Iowa, and A. Z. Scott, of Massena, Iowa, at a total consideration of around \$200,000.

The third game this season between Leon and Osceola was played at Osceola last Sunday before a big crowd, the gate receipts being over \$200, and Leon returned home with Osceola's scalp, winning the game by a score of 11 to 1.

Next Sunday the last, Humston team comes to Leon to play, and they are after blood, so the fans can expect to see a good game.

Father Maher's Mother Dead When He Arrived Home.

The many friends of Rev. J. C. Maher, pastor of St. Brendan's Catholic church of Leon, will be pained to learn of the great sorrow which he experienced on his arrival at his old home in Ireland, Father Maher left Leon a few weeks ago on a visit to his aged mother at his old home in Ireland.

Scouts Had Good Time on Fishing Trip.

Scoutmaster Rev. T. F. Campbell accompanied by six Leon boys returned from a fishing trip on Sunday, August 1st, which they spent on the Des Moines river, near Douds Leando, in Van Buren county, making the trip by auto, and the scouts had a great time, and caught some good fish, although the river was not just right for fishing.

Leon Ice in Great Demand.

The new ice plant is working seven days a week, and twenty-four hours a day, turning out ice to full capacity, about ten tons per day, and takes five to six tons a day to supply the needs of Leon, the balance going each day to surrounding towns.

May Wear Uniforms on Special Civic Occasions.

The war department has issued a circular advising honorably discharged soldiers that they are entitled to wear their uniforms on special occasions, such as parades, patriotic celebrations, etc. The circular was issued because of numerous requests for discharged soldiers for such information.

Decatur, the Banner County.

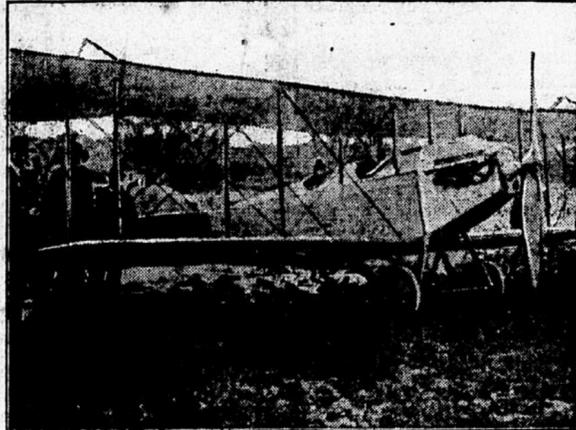
The Des Moines Capital is blowing about a big egg that weighs six ounces and measures nine and three-sixteenths inches in circumference. Late Young had better keep his young men from starting anything like this before Decatur county has been heard from.

Soldiers and Sailors Day at Lincolnville, Iowa, Thursday, August 7, 1919.

Lincolnville Red Cross extends an invitation to all Decatur county soldiers and sailors, also show in the evening.

Cleaning and Pressing.

Under post office building. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a trial. Lane & Samples. 11-11



LIEUT. "ANDY" NIELSEN

BIG EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION AT OUR CHAUTAUQUA.

Management Announces Arrangements Completed, Assuring Presence of Former Army "Stunt-Flying" Instructor—"The Flying Parson."

With the exception of picking out a good landing place for the "flying parson" to light the arrangements are complete for the coming of the preacher who turned birdman for the love of his country when the need came.

C. B. Talbott Becomes Head of Big Elevator Co.

Many Leon people will be interested in learning that C. B. Talbott, of Laclede, Mo., a former resident of Leon, has become the head of the O. A. Talbott Co., and goes to Keokuk at once to take charge of the business, his eldest brother, O. A. Talbott, after being the head of the concern for many years, having decided to retire and will go east to make his home.

Buying Lots of Wheat.

The Biddison Coal & Grain Co.'s elevator at Leon is a pretty busy place these days, as the farmers have commenced bringing in their new wheat. They are paying \$2.05 for standard grade wheat, but there is a dock if the wheat runs light, as much as \$1.00.

Miss Ardis Woodard Married.

Miss Ardis Woodard, of Leon, was married at Excelsior Springs, Mo., last Thursday to Mr. Carl Bates, son of a prominent merchant of Excelsior Springs, Mo., and was but recently discharged from army service, where Miss Woodard and her mother went several weeks ago to spend the summer.

Death of Mrs. S. J. Burnison.

Mrs. S. J. Burnison, a former well known resident of Leon and Davis City, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Stuck, at Mt. Ayr last Saturday, her remains being brought to Davis City for burial, the funeral being held Monday afternoon, conducted by the pastor of the Mt. Ayr M. E. church, interment being in the Old Fellows cemetery at Davis City.

Cut His Hand Badly.

A. L. Sears, of east of Leon, met with painful accident last Friday which will keep him from work for some time. He had just sharpened a big meat knife, and went to the smoke house to cut some meat, and in reaching up after it, overturned a box which in falling struck the knife and cut a long gash in the palm of his right hand clear to the bone, requiring the services of a physician to dress it.

Farms Wanted.

I will buy several farms in Decatur county. See me if you want to sell. Write to me. C. M. Aker.

was in charge of reserve ship on "stunt flying" on the Pacific coast. He is now in the reserve corps subject to call at any time; member of the Aero Club of America.

He will fly from the town preceding ours on the circuit to this place on the day he is to appear here, and will probably give an exhibition flight before his lecture, weather permitting.

His lecture will not be of a technical nature, but he will tell plainly of all the newest things there are to know about "The Problems of the Air," and his whole lecture will be illustrated by funny incidents out of his own experience.

Evangelist Makes Trip to White-wright in Airplane.

Evangelist E. O. Hamilton, who began a revival meeting at the Central Christian church last Sunday morning, is the first passenger to be brought to this city in a commercial airplane. He made the trip from Mineral Wells to White-wright Saturday afternoon, arriving here about 6 o'clock.

White-wright is proud of the distinction of being the first town in the state to have an evangelist to come to it in an airplane to fill an engagement.

Another Pioneer.

I came to this county with my parents, Thomas and Nancy Smith, in the fall of 1852. We settled on a farm of 160 acres, three miles north of Leon, what is now known as the Will Filical farm.

Judges Arrange New Court Schedule.

The three judges of the third judicial district, Judge H. K. Evans, of Corydon, Judge P. C. Winters, of Creston, and Judge Homer A. Fuller, of Mt. Ayr, met in this city last Wednesday and completed the work of arranging the schedule for holding court in the seven counties which comprise the district for next year.

Death of R. A. Davis.

R. A. (Hay) Davis, a former resident of Leon some years ago, passed away at his home in Des Moines last Wednesday. Mr. Davis was a brother-in-law of Mrs. S. E. Benefield, Mrs. J. S. Bright and Miss Min-Mey Hans of Leon.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the proposition for the erection of a school house in the township of Eden, county of Decatur, will be received by the undersigned at his office at Leon, Route No. 2, until one o'clock p. m., Aug. 23, 1919, at which time the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Only one marriage license was issued the past week, that being R. M. Blunt 37 to Elizabeth M. Jones, 33.

H. D. Harrell who has had charge of the south Q section, has been transferred to King City, Mo., his place here being taken by William Hemelrich.

Aunt Betty Loving died at her home in this city Saturday night at 11 o'clock after a long illness. The funeral was held Monday morning at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Hughes, of the M. E. church, and her remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Leon cemetery.

Who might have been a much more serious accident happened at the home of Gould Wallace at noon last Saturday. Mrs. Wallace told Corda, her little girl nine years old, to look after something on the gas-stove to see if it was burning.

The dwelling on the Mullinix farm one mile northeast of Leon, was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. When it was first discovered a few things were saved from the house, Mrs. Kennett being in Leon and Bob and Foster were digging a well some distance from the house.

B. A. McKern died on July 24th at the age of 50 years, 6 months and 8 days. She is survived by her husband and three sons. Funeral services were held at Palestine church on Wednesday, conducted by Elder Major, assisted by Rev. Thos. Waller.

Will Ledgerwood and daughter Florence returned from Ottumwa Friday where they had been visiting friends.

Sylvester Johnson came in from Atlantic last Saturday and visited friends in this city until Monday when he departed for Centerville.

Dr. J. W. Rowell and wife returned from Lake Okoboji Friday afternoon. For the present they are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Curry, but will soon go to house-keeping in the cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards.

A Long Time Between Arguments.

V. R. McGinnis was over to Mt. Ayr Monday and made the final argument before Judge Winters in the telephone case which is now on trial when Mr. McGinnis was taken seriously ill on June 5th, and was confined to his room for six weeks. The case had been on trial for two weeks, and was closed with the exception of the final argument by Mr. McGinnis, and it was not until this week that he was able to appear in court and make his argument.

Another County Votes Hard Roads.

Greene county is the latest county to vote for good roads, the road issue and the proposition to issue a million dollars in road bonds carrying at the special election held on Monday by a vote of more than three to one. The vote outside of Jefferson the county seat, was more than two to one in favor of hard roads and bonds to build them, and this notwithstanding J. M. Pierce of the Des Moines Homestead flooded the entire county with circulars just before election, which he thought would defeat the proposition but the farmers of Greene county evidently placed but little reliance on Pierce and the Homestead.

Robert Amos Davis.

Robert Amos Davis was born in Marshall county, Indiana, Feb. 7, 1859, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 23, 1919, being 60 years, 6 months and 16 days old.

Elmore-Drury.

Mr. Oren Elmore and Miss Grace Drury, two well known young people of the Pleasanton neighborhood, were married at the Christian church parsonage at Chardon on Saturday, July 13th, having motored to that city accompanied by Mr. Harold Harris and Miss Page Drury. They returned home the same evening, and on last Wednesday evening they were tendered a reception at the home of the bride's father, J. E. Drury, northeast of Pleasanton, which was attended by a large number of their friends.

Marriage License.

When you want a real smoke at a moderate price, call for a Macosco or Havana pipe. All dealers have them.

AT THE THEATRES.

Program for Coming Week at Idle Hour and New Theatres.

At the Idle Hour, Thursday, July 31st, William Desmond in "White-washed Walls" and Screen Magazine.

At the Idle Hour, Friday, August 1st, The Rex Beach production, "The Brand" and Ford Weekly.

At the New Theatre, Saturday, August 2nd, Dorothy Gish in "The Get Him Yet."

At the Idle Hour Sunday, August 3rd, Elsie Foreman in "The Marriage Price."

At the Idle Hour, Monday, August 4th, Mabel Norman in "When Doctors Disagree."

At the Idle Hour, Tuesday, August 5th, Monroe Salisbury in "The Blinding Trail" and International News.

At the Idle Hour, Wednesday, August 6th, Constance Tardiff in "The Veiled Adventure" and Bray Pictograph.

James Ironside.

James Ironside was born near Fyvie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, March 14, 1847. He died at St. Joseph's Hospital at Centerville, Iowa, Sunday, July 27, 1919, being at the time of his death 72 years, 4 months and 13 days.

He emigrated to Canada in the year 1870, but returned to Scotland in 1875. There he was united in marriage to Mary Symon in 1877. To this union were born three daughters, Mrs. Mary Stanzell and Mrs. Maggie Harris, now of Leon, and Mrs. Grace McDowell, of Centerville.

He leaves to mourn his departure three daughters, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Cameron of Wilmet, South Dakota, and Mrs. Helen Cotterill, of Leon; five brothers, William, of Wilmet, South Dakota; Alex and David of Leon; Adam of Brown's Valley, Minn.; and Charles of Canada, also five grandchildren. Three brothers preceded him in death. He became a member of the Presbyterian church in Scotland at the age of the fifteen, and remained a faithful member of the church until his death. He was for many years a trustee of the local Presbyterian church. In his death the community lost a splendid christian gentleman.

Funeral services were held at the Leon Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. F. Campbell. Interment in Leon cemetery.

William G. Bruner.

William G. Bruner was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, December 13, 1866, and died at his home near Leon, Iowa, July 22, 1919, being at the time of his death, 52 years, 7 months and 9 days.

He came to Decatur county with his parents when a baby, where he spent his whole life. He was united in marriage to Carrie A. Martin, December 31, 1890. To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters who are left together with his wife to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are Mrs. Della Young and Mrs. Rosa Cox, both of Decatur county, Iowa; Reatus W. and Rolla, both at home. He also leaves two grandsons, five sisters and three brothers, Mrs. John Priest, of Arisipile, Iowa; Mrs. C. E. Tefay, of Bethany, Mo.; Mrs. Owen Bibby and C. B. Bruner, of Redlands, California; F. T. Bruner, of Wheatland, Wyoming; Mrs. Dan Myers, Mrs. W. J. Stout and P. E. Bruner, of Decatur, Iowa.

He united with the Methodist church at the age of twenty-five and lived an upright christian life to the end and bore his suffering to the last with a true christian spirit, always remembering the comfort of his wife who ministered so faithfully to all his wants through his long suffering.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Decatur City, conducted by Rev. C. W. Vandercamp, interment in Decatur City cemetery.

Robert Amos Davis.

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When only a boy he removed with his parents to Iowa, in which state he has since resided. He was married in March, 1869, to Eliza J. Hand, of Van Wert, Iowa. To this union was born four children, three sons and one daughter who survive him. They are Warren, Elijah and Grant, all of Des Moines, and Wilma Gladys Chasteen, of Lacyne, Kansas. He is also survived by his wife, five grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. In 1870, he was converted and joined the Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at Lilly's undertaking parlors in Des Moines, Iowa, July 25, at 2:30. Interment being at Glendale cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

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The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. E. Drury, and is a charming young lady, a favorite among a large circle of dear friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gold Elmore, of south of Pleasanton, and is an energetic young farmer who has many friends. The happy couple will go to housekeeping on the Gold Elmore farm near Pleasanton, and their many friends extend hearty congratulations for their happiness and prosperity.

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