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LET PAVING CONTRACT

Akins & Flutters, of Corning, Get Contract for $201,000 Worth of Additional Leon Paving.

After being in session continuously for several days, the city council last Saturday passed a resolution ordering in all of the paving provided for in the two resolutions of necessity, and a resolution was passed authorizing the mayor to sign the contract with Akin & Flutters, of Corning, Iowa, who were the lowest bidders. The contract amounts to about $201,000, and Akins & Flutters were about three thousand dollars under the next lowest bidder, there being six bidder who filed bids. The bid of Akin & Flutters was $4.75 per yard for brick with asphalt covering, and $4.25 for re-enforced concrete, the council deciding to pave all of the streets with brick, except Sand street, from the top of the hill this side of the railroad track to the cemetery gate and the alleys to be paved, re-enforced concrete to be used on this one street, and the alleys. The bid of Akin & Flutters for the grading and excavating was $1.15 per yard.

On Friday the council decided to reject all bids, on account of the seeming high price, but a motion was made to reconsider and when the final vote was taken all of the council voted for the resolution ordering the contract to be signed by the mayor except councilman Benefiel of the Third ward, and personally he was in favor of it, but the biggest part of the opposition was from his ward, and he voted as they requested.

As passed the resolution provides for the signing of the contract for all of the paving, but any part of it can be cut off, but nothing added after the contract is signed, and it may be that north Main street from Dr. Bowman's to First street will be elimated, but this is yet to be decided. When it is realized that this contract will in all probality be the last paving which will be put in for the next ten years, it looks as if the job should be completed, and if any of it is cut out now, the probabilities are that there will not be another opportunity to get this street paved and with the fairgrounds located north of Leon and the constantly increasing traffic, it looks as if all of Main street should be paved with this contract. Many of those who protested against letting this contract say they are in favor of paving, but think the contract can be let lower at some future time, but the chances are that it will not be lower at any time for many years for a small contract.

The members of the council should be commended for voting for the paving, for it means that Leon is going to continue to go ahead and be one of the best little cities in southern Iowa, and it does not do to consider only the present, but the future must be considered as well.

Train Service Cut.

On account of the shortage of coal, the railroads all over the country made a big reduction in train service which went into effect last Sunday. On the Chariton and St. Joe Branch there is no change in the trains running through Leon but the polly-wog train which started from Davis City each morning and ran to Albany, Mo., returning to Davis City in the evening, is taken off. On the Des Moines branch, there is a big change. There is no train from Des Moines at noon, or one going to Des Moines in the afternoon. The early morning train which started at Mt. Ayr and went to Des Moines, passing through Leon at 6:35 in the morning, is taken off. Instead a passenger train starts from Cainsville at 6:30 in the morning, leaves Leon at 7:30 and arrives in Des Moines at 11:20. Returning it leaves Des Moines at 3:30 in the afternoon, and runs to Cainsville, reaching Leon at 7:22 in the evening. One train a day each way now from Leon to Des Moines, and these trains make no connection at Leon. The 4:15 evening train from Des Moines which brought the evening papers being taken off makes it pretty late when Leon people get their daily papers now.

Storm Demoralized Train Service.

The blizzard on Monday tied up things pretty badly in the way of train service. Monday evening the passenger train from Des Moines due here at 7:22 did not get to Leon at all, finally getting down as far as Van Wert, and then they went back to Osceola and started back to Des Moines from there Tuesday morning, so there was no morning train to Des Moines. The Tuesday evening train from Des Moines did not reach Leon until after midnight and went on to Cainsville. The noon train from Chariton Tuesday did not reach Leon until after six o'clock Tuesday evening, and the morning train yesterday morning was several hours late.

Hard Work Getting Out a Newspaper.

With the early closing of stores and offices, all the trains delayed many hours on account of the snow, and rural mail carriers unable to get around over their routes, it is some proposition to get out a newspaper on time and have very much news in it. Many of the letters from our correspondents had not reached the office at the time the paper went to press. These conditions make long working hours for a newspaper office, so bear with us. We are doing the best we can with limited working force.

Received a Car of Hard Coal.

The only coal received in Leon since more than a week ago is one car of hard coal received by the Biddison Coal & Grain Co., and it is being delivered to people who can use it, and some are mixing it with soft coal with fairly god results.

Come Everybody.

Come to Grand River and attend Arthur Baker's must-be-sold sale, which is now in full swing. Entire stock on sale at big money saving prices.

Fair Association Officers Elected.

Board of Directors of Decatur County Agricultural Society met last Saturday per adjournment of December 1st, 1919, at Leon, Iowa, in the office of the secretary for the purpose of electing officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Meeting was called to order by President M. F. Springer and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Directors present, M. F. Springer, President, F. E. Teale, C. M. Akes, T. A. Sutherlin, W. H. Bronson, Boyd E. Metier, Irvin Bathe, A. H. Smith, M. Griffin, and Walter Osborn Secretary.

Motion by A. H. Smith and seconded by T. A. Sutherlin that all officers be elected by separate ballot and that the one receiving the most votes be declared elected. Motion carried. Result of vote: for President, C. M. Akes seven votes, Irvin Bathe one vote. For Vice President A. H. Smith five votes, M. F. Springer two votes, M. Griffin one vote, Irvin Bathe one vote. For Secretary, Boyd Metier seven votes, M. F. Springer one vote, F. E. Teale one vote. For Treasurer, F. E. Teale eight votes. Motion was then made by M. F. Springer and seconded by M. Griffin that the Directors of the Fair Association keep the whole 160 acres of land. Motion carried. Motion then made by M. F. Springer and seconded by A. H. Smith that the chairman appoint an executive committee, of three, he to be chairman of said committee composed of members of the board to act for the whole board of directors in cases of emergencies or times when immediate action should be taken on business pertaining to fair when it would not be advisable to call the board of directors together. Motion carried. Motion made by M. F. Springer and seconded by T. A. Sutherlin that executive committee consist of five members instead of three motion carried Committee appointed, F. E. Tetle, M. Griffin, T. A. Sutherlin, Irvin Bathe, C. M. Akes chairman.

It now appearing that if the Fair Association would obtain a standing and a dating with the State Fair Race Circuit, it would be necessary to appoint a delegate to the State meeting of the race circuit which meets the first or second Monday in January either at Bedford or Shenandoah, Iowa, it was moved and seconded that C. M. Akes be appointed to attend said meeting as a delegate of the Decatur County Agricultural Society.

There appearing no further business to come before the board for the day, they adjourned to meet at 10:30 a. m. January 5, 1920, at the office of the secretary. C. M. Akes President, Boyd Metier Secretary.

American Legion Meeting And Banquet.

The John Cowl Post No. 80, of the American Legion will meet on Friday evening December 12th, 1919, at 6:30 p. m. in the basement of the City Library building. This is the second regular meeting and dinner of Post No. 80. Tickets will be sold at 75 cents each, and can be secured from Leland Hebener of Leon. Plates must be reserved not later than Wednesday, December 10. As this is the night of our benefit dance, all American Legion members are requested to wear their uniforms. 17-2t.

An Old Time Blizzard.

A regluar old time Iowa blizzard developed Monday with a good snow fall, but not so much as north of here, it being reported they had fourteen inches of snow on the level at Des Moines at noon Monday, and still snowing, but we had it bad enough, many of the country roads being blocked. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock the therometer was down to 18 degrees below zero, and the weather bureau says the cold snap will continue for several days. This kind of weather sure eats into the limited coal piles.

Lights Burn All Night.

The Iowa Southern Utilities Co., who supply electric current for Leon from their central plant at Leon, are not cutting off the night service as announced last week. After trying it one night and having a lot of pipes freeze up, they decided it would take more coal to get up steam in the boilers in the morning after shutting down at 11 o'clock, than to keep the fires going, so we have full time electric service.

Wood on a Par With Eggs.

The despised load of stove wood which used to be a drug on the Leon market at a dollar and a quarter a load, has come into its own, as these same loads of wood are now being gobbled up as quick as they reach Leon at from eight to ten dollars a load. Wood at ten dollars load and eggs at 75 cents a dozen, some prices.

American Legion Benefit Dance.

In order to raise funds to secure permanent rooms, the John Cowl Post No. 80 of the American Legion, will give a benefit dance at the K. of P. Hall in Leon, Iowa, on Friday evening December 12th, 1919. Tickets can be secured from members of the local Post, who will guarantee good music and a general good time. 17-2t

City Library Closed.

At a meeting of the library board on Tuesday, it was decided to close the public library on account of fuel conditions and it will remain closed until these conditions improve. Persons wishing to return or exchange books call Mrs. Stout, the librarian, at the home of Arthur Forbes on Thursday and Friday at 2 to 3 o'clock.

Order Daily Papers at The Reporter Office.

Many of our subscribers have to renew their subscriptions to their Des Moines and Chicago dailies at this time of the year. We can save you all the bother of writing, and you can call at The Reporter office and pay your subscription for your daily, and we will attend to it promptly.

Farms Wanted.

I will buy several farms in Decatur county. See me if you want to sell worth the money.
35tf C. M. Akes.

STRIKE NOT SETTLED

A Hitch in the Proceedings Tuesday at Indianapolis, but Miners Expect to be Working Soon.

The coal strike is still high up in the air. High hopes were entertained the first of the week that the matter would be settled and the miners would return to work at once, as the officials had been in Washington in conference, and went from there to Indianapolis, and it was given out unauthoritatively that the question of wages would be settled at the meeting on Tuesday, but there seems to be some delay, and after being in session until 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening without reaching an agreement, they adjourned until 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, but no news had been received as to what had been done up to the time The Reporter went to press at noon. In the meantime the United States fuel director has made the fuel regulations even more drastic than before, and even if the the miners do go to work this week, it will take a month or more before enough coal can be mined to put things back on the old basis. The proposal which it was thought had been accepted by both sides provided the miners should go to work at an increase in wages of 14 per cent, pending final settlement of the wage controversy by a commission to be appointed by president Wilson.

Stephen Hurst Died Saturday.

It was a great shock to everyone in Leon when it became known Saturday evening that Stephen Hurst had passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hurst in this city, although it was known he had been failing and that his condition was critical having been suffering from diabetis for several years.

Stephen Hurst was one of the most popular young men of Leon, his entire life having been spent in this city, and his death at the early age of eighteen years, five months and sixteen days, is deeply regretted. He graduated from the Leon High school, and after that was the successful manager of the Idle Hour theater in this city, which position he resigned in August in order to enter the State University at Iowa City to complete his education. He had been working very hard with his studies, but his condition had improved since he went to Iowa City. About three weeks ago he went to Chicago to attend a big foot ball game, and was taken suddenly ill at the home of his uncle, John F. Hurst, where he was visiting. His father went immediately to Chicago, and as he showed improvement it was thought best to have him remain there for a few days for treatment. He returned to Leon the day before Thanksgiving, still quite sick, and gradually failed until he passed away at eight o'clock Saturday evening.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hurst, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their great affliction.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. P. H. Green, pastor of the Leon Christian church, interment being in the Leon cemetery.

Many floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which this young man was held in this city, and many others did not arrive until after the funeral on account of the trains being blockaded.

P. T. A. Will Meet Friday Evening.

All parents and patrons of Leon will note with interest the second meeting of the Parent Teachers Association which is to be held Friday evening, Dec. 12, at 7:30 in the Assembly room of the High School. Those who attended the last meeting held a month ago will remember the enthusiasm and the plans which promise so much for the welfare of our town.

The next meeting next Friday night bids fair to surpass the preceding one. An out of town speaker, Prof. F. M. McDowell has been secured and he will have something to offer you that will be worth your while.

Following is the program:

March, Under the Double Eagle, Thompson Family and Assistants.

Duet, Piano and Saxophone, "All for Love," Edgar and Jennie Lester Bell.

Clarinet Duet, "Let the Rest of the World Go By," Gerald Swisher and Amzy Hull.

Violin Solo, Selected, Francis Cherrington.

Address, Prof. F. M. McDowell.

Every individual is urged to be present. Your cooperation and support is needed to make this the complete success that it should be.

A Bad Accident.

Tuesday afternon Ed Fest met with a serious accident that cost him the ends of his fingers on his left hand. He was using a power wood saw, sawing wood for Chas. Piercy in east Lamoni, and in pushing the sawed wood away from the saw in some unaccountable manner got his left hand against the machine with the result that it made a clean sweep of his hand taking off all the fingers below the first joint. This is a very serious accident for Mr. Fest as he has quite a little corn out to be gathered yet and it will cripple him up for the rest of the winter, when he can not afford to miss a day's work.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Brown—Mee.

Mr. Harry Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown, of Medford, Oregon, former well known residents this vicinity, was married at Medford on December 1st to Miss Helen Mee, also of Medford. It does not seem very long since Harry left Leon, a little boy, with his parents to make his home in Oregon, and it is hard to realize that he is 24 years old. His many friends in this vicinity extend their heartiest congratulations and wish him and his charming bride every happiness.

Your neighbor has been at Arthur Baker's big sale at Grand River. Have you? It continues until Christmas.

Russell Griffin Received $1640 for Five Calves.

Russell Griffin, son of Mike Griffin, of southeast of Leon received a message Saturday from Chicago, saying his five calves which he shipped to the Fat Stock Show at Chicago, had been sold for $1,640, an average of $328 per head. Russell had given these five calves his personal attention, and the sum for which they sold shows what can be done with improved care and feeding. The calves were a mixed lot, one black, two White Faces and two Short Horns. At the time they were shipped to Chicago the heaviest one weighed 1280 pounds and the lightest one 1025 pounds, the five weighing 5,995 pounds, averaging 1199 pounds. These calves were not pure breds, just good grades, picked up at various places in this county, and Russell has had the entire care of them while they were being fed out. He saw that they were well bedded every night, and had regular rations of oats and corn, which with the grass was all they were fed, no patent feeds being used. An ordinary calf of the same weight would have brought on the market $215 while his calves sold for $328 per head, a difference of $113.00 a head or $560 on the five head, which he says is pretty good money for the time he spent in caring for them, and then too they weighed a lot more than an average calf of the same age, which also makes a difference of several dollars.

Our farmer boys should be educated along the line of caring for and feeding calves, and what Russell Griffin has done, any other Decatur county boy can do. Now that a Decatur county fair has been organized, it will be a great impetus to the boys on the farm to take an interest in live stock and other farm products, so as to make an exhibit at the county fair and carry off some of the premiums. With the present high price of farm lands, the farms must be made to produce more to bring returns on the money invested.

A Husking Bee.

Up in Guthrie county they have the real neighborly spirit as will be seen from the following item taken from the Casey Vindicator, telling how his neighbors husked Ernest Johnson's corn crop, local interest being attached from the fact that Mr. Johnson is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Pitman, of Leon.

Ernest Johnson, having been seriously ill for a considerable time, and still out of commission as the result of an operation, had fallen behind in his fall work, particularly his corn picking, which under the circumstances, was a formidable problem. His neighbors decided to solve this problem, and thereby take it off his mind. Suiting action to its purpose, they organized a husking bee. Thirty-six men with twenty wagons, reported to his field Tuesday of the current week, and gathered his corn—900 bushels—in about three hours. It is scarcely necessary for us to state that Mr. Johnson is deeply grateful for this neighborly lift. Those who participated are the following: Mart Allen, Arthur Knauer, Harry Clark, Earl Downing, Ray Jeffries, Henry Tomlinson, Homer Hess, Lee Clayton, John Knauer, Louis McDowell, Fred Ruppert, Wayne Overmyer, Royce McDowell, Frank Cline, Clarence Floyd, Sam Kirkpatrick, James Osborne, Ray Call, Gene Kirkpatrick, Rex Stewart, Harry Larson, Warren Stewart, Elmer Boss, Bryan Land, Elmert Stewart, Walter Farnsworth, Deloss Farnsworth, George Farnsworth, Dick Hunt, Edmond Danley, Chas. Grant, Harve Pitman, C. E. Knox, David Murphy, Theron Herriot, Earl Kirkpatrick.

Navy Victory Buttons Ready for Issue.

A limited supply of Victory Buttons are on hand at the Navy Recruiting Station, Old Post Office Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa. Men who have been discharged from the regular Navy or Reserve Force and who were on active duty between the dates of April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, may obtain one by presenting or sending their Discharge to that Station.

Men of the Reserve Force who are on inactive duty may abtain same by making application to the Commandant of the Naval District in which they are residing.

Men on active duty will receive instructions concerning Victory Buttons from their immediate Commanding Offiers.

Winners in Grand River Township Contest.

At the Grand River township declamatory contest held last week to select contestants to the county contest, Miss Frances Alexander of Centennial school, won first place with "A Naughy Little Girl's Life in a Hotel," Paul Crees, of Diamond was second with "Waking the Young Uns," and Miss Margurite Frost of Centennial was third with "Paul Revere's Ride." In the music contest the pupils of Centennial were awarded first place, and the Diamond pupils second.

Feed the Quails.

The present is a very hard time for the quails, the ground being covered with snow and sleet, making it very hard for them to secure food. Every quail is worth considerable to the farmer, for they destroy many injurious insects which damage the crops. A farmer residing near Leon says he is regularly feeding a flock of quail on his farm, and says every farmer should thrown out some feed for the quail. Unless food is supplied many of the quail in this county will starve to death.

Bargains! Bargains!

That's what you get and many of them if you attend the must-be-sold sale at Arthur Baker's store at Grand River. Many good bargains to be sold at give away prices.

Marriage Licenses

J. L. LaFollette, Cainsville, Mo...55
Mrs. Eva Harper, Cainsville Mo...42
James A. Smith, Garden Grove...22
Gladys L. Myers, Leon.....15

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:

Wm. F. Spray 26 to Sarah E. Cross 19.

Geo. H. Derry 24 to Lottie Anderson 22.

Michael Sullivan 24 to Elsie Richmond 22.

Arthur E. Dorn 20 to Nellie Varga 18.

Michael Sullivan, of Leroy, and Miss Elsie Richmond, of Humeston, were married in this city Monday by Mayor Albaugh.

The workmen engaged at the court house found the building in much worse shape than it was thought it was, and it was necessary to tear down the entire cupola, which makes the building look rather squatty. In addition to putting in big iron rods through the building two huge posts were placed in the court room to hold up the roof. The building is still settling and cracking, and there is considerable talk of having it condemned. It will last but a short time anyway.

David G. Spragg, a farmer living four miles from Ridgeway, Mo., killed his wife and two children and then committed suicide Tuesday afternoon. The killing was done with a butcher knife. Spragg was insane. He complained during the afternoon with a pain in his head. John Myers, a neighbor, was with him, and was sent to Ridgeway for a physician. As soon as Mr. Myers left the house, Spragg went into the kitchen and seized a butcher knife, cut his wife's throat, and then killed his two sons, Caley and Albert, in the same manner. Dora Onstott, his eleven year old stepdaughter escaped and ran to the house of a neighbor, but before help reached the place Spragg had completed the butchery and killed himself. The youngest child, but 11 months old, was found with his head resting on a slate with which he had been playing when his father sprang upon him and killed him.

Mr. Arthur E. Dorn, of Davis City, and Miss Nellie Varga, of Leon, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Varga in this city Tuesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. D. Gurley, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Levi Metier, of Labette county, Kansas, was visiting his brother, John L. Metier, in this city the past week.

Miss Zilpha Davenport returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Coon Rapids.

Jud Keeler returned from Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday where he accompanied his grandmother, Mrs. Ewing, who will spend the winter with her son Tom Ewing, in Lincoln.

James Harrison, the "Q" detective, shot and kiled a man at Avery Monday morning who with two pals had blown open the safe of the Smoky Hollow Coal Co., and then stolen a hand car and were coming west. Harison had been notified and met the men and ordered them to stop. They did not stop, but opened fire on him and he returned the shots shooting one man through the heart, killing him instantly. Harrison was struck on the toe and shin by bullets from the bandit's revolvers. The other two men escaped. These fellows had also robbed the depot at Krum that morning.

County Declamatory Contest.

The Decatur County rural declamatory and music contest will be held at the M. E. church in Leon, Saturday, December, 13th, at 2 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

The following program will be given:

Invocation, Rev. Jervis.
"The Little Brown Baby".
"Watchin' the Courtin' ".
"Who's Afraid".
"Kentucky Philosophy."
Song, "The Babes in the Wood".
Song, "The Mill".
Song, "Flag of he Free".
"The Heart of a Rose".
"Settin a Hen".
Song, "The Wise Old Owl".
Song, "Our Flag".
"A Naughty Little Girl in a Hotel".
"When Pa Begins to Shave."
"Johnny Gets Ready for Company."
Song, "Boys May Whistle but Girls Must Sing".
"Little Orphant Annie".
"Judge Brown's Watermelon Story."
Song, "Long Live Our Nation."

All townships are represented except Bloomington, Fayette, Morgan, Richland and Woodland.

By request we are asking that children who have whooping cough do not attend.

Kate L. Hull,
County Superintendent.

Approval of Schools.

Notice is hereby given that on November, 18, 1919, Inspector F. A. Welch was in the county inspecting schools. On that date the Weldon school was approved for four years of high school work. After that date the Weldon school board will not be obliged to pay tuition for high school stduents from the Weldon Independent District who are attending school elsewhere.

When the county directory was published in September there was a mistake in the list of approved schools. Davis City school is approved for four years instead of three.

Kate L. Hull,
County Superintendent.

Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale.

The 7th and 8th grades of the Davis City school have made a splendid record in selling Christmas Seals. Monday evening they reported the sale of 550 Seals. The 5th and 6th grades have also been working and report over 400 sold. It seems as if Davis City will be one of the first schools to go "over the top."

Kate L. Hull,
Christmas Seal Agent for Decatur County.

AT THE THEATRE.

Program at the Idle Hour for the Coming Week.

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 11th, Marguerite Fisher in "The Tiger Lily," and Screen Magazine.

Friday, Dec. 12th, William Russell in "Six Feet Four" also Christie Comedy. The entire receipts of this show are given to John Cowl Post No. 80, American Legion of Honor.

Saturday, Dec. 13th, William Russell in "Six Feet Four," and the Ford Weekly.

Sunday, Dec. 14th, Dorothy Dalton, in "Other Men's Wives," and Scenic Weekly.

Monday, Dec. 15th, Blanche Sweet in The Unpardonable Sin" with special music, and Pathe News.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th, Blanche Sweet in "The Unpardonable Sin" with special music, and Lloyd Comedy.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th, Clara Kimball Young in "The House of Glass," and Strand Comedy.

Farm Bureau Notes.

The much talked of drive for new members to the farm bureau started off in earnest on Monday morning Dec. 8th. Mr. Grant Chapman Assistant State Leader of County Agents was present and made an excellent talk in the court room to a large and very interested crowd of farmers.

There is every indication that the membershiu drive will be a success judging from the enthusiasm shown under the adverse conditions of weather prevailing as it did on the day of meeting.

There is at the present time a canvasser from the state federation working in each township in the county and to say that they are meeting with excellent success is expressing it mildly.

With the conditions of drifting snow, and bad roads and poor train service we are experiencing some very severe set backs but we are coming out on top just the same.

The Farmer has reached the point where he has come to realize that without receiving a just remuneration for the labor of himself and his family he can no longer continue in business. He believes he should have the same remuneration for his labor as it would bring in a factory or any other business. He believes that the farmers hould have the same pay for the management of a farm as the same managerial ability would be worth in factory or a store. He believes that the farmer should have a more stable market for his farm products and that he, himself should have something to say about what those same products shall bring on the market. Heretofore he has been taking what the other fellow offers for his products and buying [illegible] says it must bring. This is not justice and it can no longer go on and it will cease when the farm bureau organization is made strong enough to combat the adverse conditions which now exist.

The opportunity is now being offered the farmers of the county to join the farm bureau and they should be ready to sign up and help this good thing along.

In this organization there will certainly be strength. We are now members of the Iowa farm bureau federation and will have a national standing. The opportunity is so great that no man can afford to pass the farm bureau up at this time.

Join now. Help support your great farmer organization, there is every chance that it will pull you through what you cannot do for yourself individually; lend your assistance to this, it certainly is the greatest opportunity ever offered to you.

"The Unpardonable Sin."

Rupert Hughes' tremendous tale of love and adventure, "The Unpardonable Sin," is announced for an early showing at the Idle Hour theatre.

This recent novel by one of America's most prolific writers is one of the most widely discussed and written about works of fiction of modern years. At the time of its completion a spirited controversy was in progress between the publishers of the book and New York library officials. The publishers accused library officials of hampering the circulation of the book because of its subject matter. Yet, after running serially in one of the leading magazines, the sale of the book exceeded three million copies.

The motion picture version brings back a well known star who has not been seen on the screen for more than two years—Blanche Sweet. Miss Sweet was formerly one of the most popular of the D. W. Griffith players appearing in some of his most successful productions. Other members of the cast include Wesley Barry, Mary Alden, Matt Moor and Wallace Beery.

From a standpoint of attendance, "The Unpardonable Sin" is the greatest motion picture ever produced. Everywhere it has been shown it has exceeded all previous attendance records. It is a gripping photoplay—one which keeps your interest at the point which is almost more than the human heart can endure, if newspaper critics are to be believed. Without battle scenes, without the spectacular, all of the great amount of money spent in its production has gone toward making it the most interesting picture ever thrown on any screen. Its artistry has received a great amount of special comment from newspapers throughout the entire country. In the larger cities it has had long, extensive runs and in many of the greater cities it is still running. The crowds which have flocked to the theatre doors in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee assure one that the large vocabulary of adjectives usually employed by the press agent is not exaggerated in this case.

"The Unpardonable Sin" will be at the Idle Hour theatre for 2 days, Monday and Tuesday, December 15th and 16th, with special music.

Kills Red Fox and Gets $20 for Skin.

One day recently Murice Brown was walking along an old fence row and ran across a red fox, curled up, fast asleep. He went back to the house and got a 22 calibre rifle and killed him. He sold the fur to a local dealer for $20.—Garden Grove Express.