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GEO. CHICK SUICIDES

Shot Himself with a Rifle at His Home South of Grand River Friday Afternoon.

George Chick, a young farmer 34 years old, committed suicide at his home three miles south of Grand River some time Friday afternoon, by shooting himself through the temple with a 25-20 Winchester rifle.

Mr. Chick had sold his place and was moving to Wyoming, having loaded his car and started it on Thursday, and was expecting to leave Saturday on the passenger train and overtake his car.

Mr. Chick had his rifle and shot himself. He had been at Grand River visiting his mother, who recently moved to this city, having borrowed his father-in-law's car to make the trip.

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ETHEL BAKER STILL IN COMA

Hopes For Recovery Brighter.

The condition of Miss Ethel Baker, high school student, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, non-coma shows some improvement despite the fact that this is the 21st day that the young lady has been "sleeping."

Court Has Adjourned. Judge Evans completed the business of the February term of court Thursday and returned to his home at Corydon that afternoon.

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STRUCK BY A TRAIN

Jay Swegle Badly Injured when His Team was Struck by Passenger Train Near Grand River.

Jay Swegle, a young man about 20 years of age, was struck by the 2 o'clock passenger train at a crossing west of Grand River last Saturday afternoon and received injuries which may prove fatal.

The Vanishing School Teacher. The venerable and honorable profession of the pedagogue is in grave danger. Only the other day the newspapers of New York reported that there was not enough teachers to fill the desks provided for them in the school houses of the state.

A Lively School Election. There was more interest taken in the Leon school election Monday than for a number of years, there being a contest for the three directors to be elected, and 308 votes were cast.

Auto Turned Over. Wednesday evening W. T. Putnam started in his car to get his daughter, Miss Helen, who is teaching school in the Hutchinson district, and this was the last time he saw the car.

Good Farms. Every man who makes his living from farming will be interested in this opportunity to secure the most reliable information about good low priced land.

Parole Board in Tribute to Miss Bertha Boydston. The state board of parole, of which Dr. J. O. Woodmansee of Leon is a member, presented Miss Bertha Boydston, chief clerk of the board with a topaz clasp pin last Saturday as a token of their regard for her ten years work with the board.

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.

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BANK ROBBER PLEADS GUILTY

Vernon Richards, Alias "Slim" Jones, Sentenced to Ten Years in Penitentiary at Ft. Madison.

Vernon Richards, alias "Slim" Jones, who was arrested two weeks ago in New York City as the principal in the robbery of the Tingley State Bank on the night of December 25, was brought by Deputy L. Brinkerhoff and Will M. Dowling to Leon Friday afternoon.

Information leading to the arrest of Richards was furnished by the negro, Harry Taylor, who was arrested in Ottumwa a few weeks ago when he attempted to cash some bonds, and who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary and is now serving time.

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TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE CHURCHES

Palestine Church Notes. Covenant meetings Saturday, March 14th. All members are urged to be present.

Brethren Church. Our Sunday service will be held as usual next Sunday. Preaching in the morning at 11, immediately after Sunday School at 10.

Presbyterian Church Notes. We had a good day last Sunday; practically all our people who have been detained by sickness in their homes were back in their accustomed places.

Christian Church Notes. Greeting—Revival meetings now in progress with an excellent interest. The singing is one of the most attractive features of the meetings.

Wool Holdings in U. S. Less Than Last Autumn. Washington, D. C.—Even distribution of the commercial supply of wool on hand December 31 last, is indicated in a report issued by the Department of Agriculture covering stocks in the country on that day.

Manufacturers reported holdings of 244,000,000, and dealers 242,000,000 pounds, grease equivalent.

The Government's holdings of wool have decreased materially since last year. They were 383,746,500 pounds on December 25, 1918, but had fallen to 318,352,000 pounds on December 31, 1919.

The Government has released its wool holdings as rapidly as possible in such quantities as the market would readily absorb.