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COMING CITY ELECTION

Next Monday Promises a Hot Contest Over Election of Mayor and Other City Officials.

Next Monday is the city election, and with a contest on for mayor and ward councilmen in wards one and two, and also for assessor, it promises to be a pretty hotly contested election, and there will doubtless be a full vote out.

The voters will probably be surprised when they see the arrangement of the names of the candidates on the official ballots, for it is different from the tickets supplied heretofore, there having been a change in the law in regard to municipal elections which provides that where no primary election is held, and political tickets are not nominated by parties who had places on the official ballot at the last election, the names of all the candidates who are placed in nomination by petition, shall be placed on the ticket in a single column, the names appearing in alphabetical order. Another change in form is that the words (Vote for One), (Vote for Two) etc. appears after the blank lines, instead of just before the name of the first candidate, and this is very liable to cause considerable confusion and many spoiled ballots, but it is according to the form prescribed in the Code.

An official copy of the ballot is printed on page three of this paper, and we advise every voter to examine it carefully before going to the polls so he can vote intelligently and not spoil his ballot. At the recent school election more than fifty votes were thrown out and not counted on account of the ballot being marked wrong, most of the voters spoiling their ticket having placed a cross in the square in front of every name on the ballot. Don't do this next Monday.

Goes to District Declamatory Contest at Tabor Friday.

Miss Fern Estes, who won first place in the dramatic class in the sub-district declamatory contest recently held at Osceola, goes to Tabor Friday to compete in the district contest, the winner at the disrict contest going to the state contest in April. Miss Estes will be somewhat handicapped at Tabor by being first on the program, which is considered the poorest place on the program as the speaker is always interrupted by late comers entering, but her friends in this city are hoping she will again be successful. There are six contestants in the dramatic class, and some of them are strong competitors.

The following is a list of the contestants and schools and the order in which they will speak:

Leon—Fern Estes, "The Music Master."

Dexter—Elizabeth AlgenFritz "The Mallet's Masterpiece."

Shenandoah—Edith Replogle, "The Lost Word."

Slater—Mildred Ryan, "Strong Heart."

Pisgah—Leona Seabury, "In the Palace of the King."

Creston—Alice Sherwood, "The Song and the Man."

P. T. A. Meeting Last Friday A Big Success.

The March meeting of the P. T. A. which was held last Friday night was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Mrs. Max Mayer, who is the vice president of of the state association was the speaker of the evening and she spoke at length on the work that a P. T. A. can accomplish. Everyone who heard her received inspiration from her message.

Election of officers for the coming year was held and Mrs. J. Harvey, and Mrs. G. Stark were reelected to the positions of president and vice president respectively, positions which they have so ably filled durin the year just passed. Miss Dorothy Hull was elected secretary.

The interest in the work of the P. T. A. is growing and it will soon make itself felt as a power in the community for the interests of the child in school.

New Manager for Idle Hour.

Harold H. Stanley is the new manager of the popular Idle Hour theatre in this city, arriving in Leon Monday to relieve Miss Nettie Hutchinson, who has been manager for some time, but on account of her parents having removed to Humeston, Miss Hutchinson decided not to remain away from home. Mr. Stanley comes from the Willard Theatre at Creston, one of the big houses in the Adams Theatre Co.'s circuit, and is an experienced man in the business. He is a genial young fellow, and will doubtless make many friends in this city. He will try and have the theatre redecorated and fixed up, and the standard of showing only high class pictures will be continued. We extend a cordial welcome to Manager Stanley.

Food Sale.

The pupils and patrons of the South school will hold a food sale Saturday, March 27th, starting at 10 o'clock at the Allbaugh store.

Proceeds to be used for play ground apparatus and anyone interested in the school and wishing to donate towards this sale will be greatly appreciated by teachers and pupils.

Had Ford Stolen in Des Moines

C. H. Hodges, of Weldon, had an almost new Ford touring car stolen at Des Moines Sunday night. His son Morris had the car there, and left it standing in front of the Princess theatre, and when he went after it the car was gone. Charley went to Des Moines Monday afternoon to try and assist the police in locating the car.

Selling Blackbirds.

Dr. Geo. McCulloch will sell at auction at his barn in Humeston, Iowa, Saturday, March 27, 6 registered Angus heifers and 6 registered bulls; also one registered Percheron stallion, coming 3.

YOUNG LADY WAKENS FROM 33 DAY SLEEP.

Miss Ethel Baker, Sleeping Sickness Victim, Somewhat Better

Following a sleep of 33 days duration, Miss Ethel Baker, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of near Liberty, finally was aroused and today is believed to be on the road to recovery. Miss Baker, the only victim of the mysterious "sleeping sickness" disease in this part of the state relapsed into a coma over a month ago following an attack of influenza. The young lady is a popular member of the local high school and is well known in Osceola. For many days and nights the girl lay as if dead and was constantly attended by doctors, nurses and her parents. Only her breathing gave evidence that she still lived. The crisis approached and every effort was bended to insure her survival. Food was given her in liquid form through a glass tube. Today the young lady is able to move about in bed, can converse slightly but is in constant pain. Her entire body is cramped and numb. The many friends of the young lady and of the Baker family hope her improvement will rapidly continue and be permanent. Sleeping sickness is a new disease, one which has baffled the best of physicians and scientists.—Osceola Tribune.

Electric Power Plant at Mt. Ayr Burned.

The power plant at Mt. Ayr owned by the Iowa Southern Utilities Co., which operates the light plant in Leon and other towns in southern Iowa, was destroyed by fire which was discovered about midnight Wednesday of last week, the fire starting from spontaneous combustion in the coal bins, and the entire plant was destroyed, the loss being estimated at $90,000. The pump station of Mt. Ayr's water system was out of commission and there was no water in the standpipe, so the firemen could do nothing but let the plant burn and devoted their energies to protect adjoining property. The plant at Mt. Ayr was used as an emergency plant for the west end of the system when there was a break in the line which runs from Centerville. Mt. Ayr was without light or power all day Thursday, but by Friday, connections had been made with the substation, so that current could be received from the transmission line.

Mrs. Max Mayer Spoke to Federated Clubs.

Mrs. Max Mayer, of the Extension Department of the State University at Iowa City, spoke before the Federated Clubs of Leon last Friday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, a large audience of club women and others being present to hear her address on "Citizenship and Public Welfare." Mrs. Mayer was on the program for the Federated Club convention held in this city some months ago, but was unable to appear at that time. She is a most talented woman, a splendid speaker, and it was a rare treat to the ladies who heard her. Mrs. Mayer also spoke before the Parents-Teachers Association at the assembly room of the High School that evening. During her stay in Leon Mrs. Mayer was the guest of Mrs. Stephen Varga.

E. W. Gaunt Dead.

E. W. Gaunt, a prominent citizen of Garden Grove, passed away at his home in that town on Monday of last week. He had been in poor health for some weeks, and grave fears were entertained for him, but it was not generally known he was in such a serious condition. Mr. Gaunt was born at Eureka, Illinois, May 3rd, 1855, being 64 years, 10 months and 12 days old. With his parents he came to a farm near LeRoy in 1873, where he resided until a few years ago when he retired on account of failing health and moved to Garden Grove. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Fair Officers Visited at Fairfield.

President C. M. Akes and directors A. H. Smith, of Lamoni, W. H. Bronson, of Decatur, and Mr. Nichols, of Weldon, of the Decatur County Fair Association, went to Fairfield last Wednesday evening and spent Thursday inspecting the fair grounds and buildings at Fairfield, getting ideas, and figures for use in letting the contracts for improving the grounds, building the race track, and necessary buildings for the new fair to be held at Leon in September. They returned home Friday morning and report being shown every courtesy by the fair officials at Fairfield.

Contest Over School Consolidation.

The county board of education was in session at the court house in Leon Monday, hearing contests over the proposed boundaries of the Leroy and Garden Grove consolidatied districts which will shortly be submitted to the voters of these districts. A large number of witnesses appeared before the board, and they have their final decision in these two cases under consideration, and will decide them in a few days.

Sale of Household Goods.

I will sell at auction in front of the Speeder Machinery Co's building on Commercial street, at 1 o'clock prompt on Saturday, March 27th, 3 beds, mattresses and springs; good as new chiffonier, dresser, fumed oak dining table and chairs good as new, Duafold, heating stove, Majestic range, 5 rugs and other articles.

Mrs. Turpen.

McKern & Manchester, Auctioneers.

To The Democrats of Decatur County.

There will be a mass convention of all democrat workers of Decatur county on Saturday, March 27th, at one-thirty p. m. at the court house.

There will be business of importance brought before the convention. We are asking every one that is interested in the principles of democracy to attend this meeting.

M. F. Springer,
County Chairman.

The new Light Overland 4's are here. Sales room east side Alexander's Garage. H. A. Wright.

NEWBURY IS CONVICTED

Michigan Senator Who Defeated Henry Ford Convicted of Conspiracy in Election Trial.

The jury in the trial of Senator T. H. Newbury, who defeated Henry Ford for the senatorship from Michigan, brought in a verdict last Saturday, convicting Newbury and fifteen of his campaign managers and workers of conspiracy in regard to matters concerning the election, and Senator Newbury was sentenced to a term of two years in the federal penitentiary and to pay a fine of $10,000. Two of his managers, Frederick Cody and Charles A. Floyd who were convicted received the same sentence as Newbury, nine others were sentenced to penitentiary terms ranging from one to two years, with fines, and four of the defendants escaped wih only fines ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Senator Newbury announces he will not give up his seat in the senate, but will appeal the case to the final court. The men were convicted of using excessive sums of money in securing the election of the republican senator.

New Court Cases.

J. A. Daniels vs. Nellie and James Kirkwood. Plaintiff asks that a mechanic's lien be established against a farm owned by defendants in the sum of $300. C. W. Hoffman and Varga & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

Muriel Cargill vs. Clarence Cargill. These parties were married at Leon on February 1, 1919, and lived together until July 3, 1919. Plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce on the grounds of non-support and that she be restored to her maiden name, Muriel Wiley. B. M. Russell attorney for plaintiff.

Fanny Leahy vs. John F. Leahy et al. The parties are the heirs of D. P. Leahy deceased and ask that the shares of the heirs be confirmed, the real estate sold and the proceeds divided among the legal heirs. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Tax Payers—Notice.

Tax Payers:—Please examine your ASSESSMENT ROLLS carefully, and see that your property is correctly described and assessed, and in the right School District—being assessed in the wrong school district might double your taxes, or make you trouble. Also see that all claims for EXEMPTIONS for roads, rail roads, school sites, or for any other cause are properly entered.

If your assessment roll is not correct, you should go before your Township Trustees, or Town Council, at their meeting on Monday, April 5th and have corrections made. April 5th is the last chance to have some of these matters corrected, or adjusted.

Very respectfully,
G. A. Meek,
County Auditor.

Frank B. Robinson Dies at Home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Word has been received by L. S. Robinson of the death of his brother, Frank B. Robinson, which occurred at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., Tuesday, March 9th, following an operation of a very serious nature.

Mr. Robinson was associated with his father, W. T. Robinson, in the business of publishing the Opinion during the years from '86 to '97 and was well known in this city by the older residents. Funeral services were held from the home in Los Angeles, Saturday, March 14th, and interment was made in a cemetery in that city.—Glenwood Opinion.

Thrilling Drama Staged by Boy Scouts.

The play, "Out in The Streets," which was presented at the High School auditorium last Wednesday evening, by the Boy Scouts and their friends was a success from start to finish. The large audience laughed till the tears came again and again at the funny situations. Every character played his part well; to mention those who deserve special commedation would mean the naming of all. The Thompson orchestra furnished the incidental music in their usual delightful manner. The boys have had many requests to repeat the play.

Gabel—Copeland.

Mr. Roy C. Gabel, of Leon, and Miss Venice Copeland, of Batavia, Iowa, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage in this city on Saturday, March 20th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. E. Jervis. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peters, the bride being a sister of Mrs. Peters. The happy young couple will make their home in this city and friends extend congratulations and the wish for a life of happiness and prosperity.

Beavers— Beavers.

Mr. Ira Beavers and Mrs. Essie Beavers, both of Garden Grove, were quietly married at the Presbyterian manse in this city on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. F. Campbell. They will make their home on a farm near Garden Grove and their many friends extend hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Tax List Completed.

We this week publish the final installment of the list of taxpayers in Decatur county who will pay $5.00 or more in taxes this year, the publication being a little later than usual on account of the delay in turning over the tax books to the county treasurer this year, the books not being ready to be used until in February, instead of the first of January.

Marriage Licenses.

Ira Beavers, Garden Grove.....34
Essie Beavers, Garden Grove ...33
Irl Beavers, Garden Grove 28
Rosa Moore, Mercer, Mo. 23
Roy C. Gabel, Leon 21
Venice Copeland, Batavia 19
Claude E. Kinner, Wichita, Kas...31
Nellie M. Sinclair, Lineville 21

THE CHURCHES.

Brethren Church Notes.

Sunday School meets at 9:45, followed by preaching services at 11. C. E. at 6:30 followed by preaching service at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Thursday nights at 7:30; this week at the home of the pastor. On the same evening at 4:30 the Sisterhood meets with Mrs. Ronk.

On the first Sunday in April Sunday School begins in the Country churches. Meeting time is announced for 2:30 on the first Sunday in April for both Crown and Union Chapels. Preaching at Union on the first Sunday in April at 3:30.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Everybody seemed to have entered into the spirit of our services last Sunday. We had a good Sunday School, with the boys' class leading in attendance. The morning congregation was an inspiring one. The music of the orchestra and the singing of the Scout Trio added to the interest of the evening service.

Next Sunday will be a full day. Sunday school at ten o'clock promptly. Preaching at eleven. The congregation will enjoy a basket dinner together at noon and the annual congregational meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 and evening service at 7:30. Our Endeavor Society sent six delegates to the district convention at Chariton. Miss Florence Gates was honored by being elected as district vice president. The next convention will be held at Leon.

Don't forget the Glee Club concert. The boys will sing just the kind of music everybody likes to hear. They will be here the first week of April.

Christian Church Notes.

Greeting—You are cordially invited to attend our regular services Lord's day March 28, 1920. Order of services: 10 a. m. Bible school. Attendance last Sunday 160, offering $10.55; We want you to help increase the Bible school attendance. Be present Sunday. 11:00 a. m. remembering the Lord in the Lord's Supper. 11:30 Preaching. 6:30 Christian Endeavor, Leader, Winifred Hamilton. 7:30 Preaching. Good singing at each service. Strangers made welcome, Come. Thursday evening at 7:30 Prayer and Praise Service. Come to the Prayer and Praise service. It is our purpose to organize a class in "Training for Service." We want you to be present and to become a member of this class. The revival meetings closed Sunday evening with a large audience present. During the meetings a number accepted Christ as their Savior, and a number reconsecrated their lives to Christ service and several who were active members of the church of Christ elsewhere were received into the fellowship of the Leon Church of Christ. The Evangelist and his good wife were untiring workers, and accomplished great things. The sermons were of a high order and appealed to the intelligence and affections of the large numbers that attended nightly this series of meetings. Brother and Sister Crewdson have a warm place in the hearts of the Leon people who join in wishing them God speed in their labors of love.

M. E. Church Easter Program.

The following passion week services beginning Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920.

We cordially invite you to attend all these services, and trust that this Easter-tide will bring its blessings in your life.

Morning Service, 11. Subject: "The Arrival of a King."

Evening Service, 7:30. Subject: "Picture of Jesus."

The choir will present appropriate solos and anthems.

Monday evening, 7:30. Sermon —"Historic Treaty of Easter."

Tuesday evening, 7:30. Sermon—"Easter Relationships."

Wednesday evening, 7:30. Sermon—"Meeting the Crisis."

Thursday evening, 7:30. Sermon —"Treading the Wine Press."

Friday evening, 7:30. Special "Good Friday" theme—"The Cross."

Easter Sunday Services.

Sunrise Prayer Meeting, 6:00. Under auspices of the League. All welcome.

Sunday School will present special lesson and short program.

Morning Service, 11:00. Sermon Theme—"Joyful Vision of a Risen Saviour."

Solos, duetts and anthems by the choir.

Evening Service. 7:30—Sunday School program.

Special appropriate singing by choir.

We earnestly urge that our membership will be 100 per cent in attendance at all these devotional services, and by cordial invitation and friendly solicitation invite and bring many with you.

Remember the "Bazaar" given by the Ladies' Guild, which will be held on Tuesday, March 30th. The Bazaar will open for sales at 2 p. m. An evening cafeteria dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:00. The ladies are working earnestly, and have planned extensively to make this a unique ocassion.

$850 For a Mule Team.

In a shipment of two carloads of mules and horses to Gus Coggins in Georgia last week B. E. Rushing included a team of big sorrel mules weighing about 3,000 pounds for which he paid Perry Scott of Kellerton $850. He says Mr. Coggins will use this team as a sort of advertisement in his work, having several hundred acres of cotton land on which he uses over 300 mules along with his timber operations. etc.—Humeston New Era.

Second Hand Cars.

If you have a second car to sell or want to buy one—SEE US—We handle more second hand cars than any other firm between Des Moines and Kansas City.

Estes & Company,
Leon, Iowa.

If you haven't placed your order for a model 4 light Overland better look them over and get your name on our books as we deliver in rotation. First in first served.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

We are informed by assessor Q. M. Lindsey that there are 65 soldiers of the Civil war and three soldiers who participate in the Mexican war living in Leon.

The following marriage licenses have been issued the past week:

Willard H. Gates 18 to Mavilla Pickering 17.

John T. Lee 39 to Lottie Cotchell 20.

Mrs. E. A. Drake died at her home in this city on March 22, aged. 71 years, 8 months and 29 days. Her remains were taken to her old home at Unionville for interment.

Mrs. Mary Hubbard died at the home of her son, David Hubbard, in Eden township, on March 16th, at the age of 68 years. She came with her husband to Decatur county in 1865.

Joe Pence, who had been teaching Miss Drake's room in the public schools of Leon, returned to his home at Grand River yesterday.

Miss Harriet Young departed yesterday for Corning, where she will trim this season in a millinery store.

Creed Bobbitt took his phonograph to Blythedale, Mo., Tuesday where he exhibited it for a couple of days.

S. P. McNeil, of Garden Grove, was visiting with friends in Leon the first of the week.

The town council contracted with Adair Bros., of Woodland, to drill an 18 inch hole at the electric light plant, and work was commenced Tuesday. They got down 102 feet on Wednesday, and as they had contracted to drill 100 feet for $33 they stopped. They were in blue clay at 102 feet, and it is thought the gravel and water will be found about 30 feet deeper. A special meeting of the city council was held last night, and it is probable that the well will be put down another hundred feet unless water is reached sooner. As it now stands the hole is useless.

Talk about your southern weather, but remember that yesterday the thermometer registered 80 degrees above zero at 3 o'clock.

The case of T. B. Daniels vs. Decatur county, is set for trial at Chariton today, being taken there on a change of venue. C. W. Hoffman, R. L. Parrish and J. H. McVay, the attorneys in the case, went to Chariton yesterday.

Bought a Good Paper.

The Chariton Leader, one of the best newspapers in Iowa, was sold by H. W. Gittinger last week to Baldridge & Allender, of Bloomfield, Iowa. We are mighty sorry to see Mr. Gittinger leave the ranks of southern Iowa newspapermen. He is one of the best and most widely quoted editorial writers in Iowa, with an original style of his own. He has published the Leader for the past twenty years, and we have always felt an interest in him from the fact that almost forty years ago, we taught Hen Gittinger how to set his first line of type, in the office which he has just sold, we being at that time foreman of the office. Mr. Gittinger will take a well deserved rest. The new owners Baldridge & Allender, are bright newspaper men who have published the Bloomfield Democrat for a number of years, one of the leading papers of southern Iowa. Mr. Allender, the junior member of the firm will take charge of the Chariton Leader and Mr. Baldridge, who is also postmaster at Bloomfield, will assume the active management of the Bloomfield Democrat. They now own two of the best newspapers in the whole state.

Will Organize National Guard Co.

Major Lambert, of the state adjutant general's office in Des Moines, spent a couple of days in Leon this week, looking over the ground as to the organization of a company of National Guards in Leon, and the prospects are very good for securing a company here. It would be an infantry company, and one hundred men would have to enlist to secure it, but nearly that many of our returned soldiers have expressed a willingness to join. It would also necessitate the building of an armory building here. The matter will be pushed along and we hope the company can be secured.

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.

Notice.

Do not wait until the last minute to pay that electric light bill. February light bills will be delinquent after this week. Kindly call at office and settle.

Iowa Southern Utilities Co.

A New Nightwatch.

Frank Smith, who has served as nightwatch for several years, resigned his position last Wednesday, and Ward Potts is now on duty as nightwatch.

Miss Jessica Pryor took her little nephew, Layton Hurst, to Des Moines Monday, where he will be cared for at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Jas. W. Hurst, his mother, Mrs. Louie Hurst, being sick with the flu.

Mrs. F. G. Mallette and little son returned Saturday evening from Bouton, Iowa, where they had been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Freestone. Her sister, Miss Alice Freestone, accompanied her to Leon for a visit.

Mrs. Ray Marvin of this city and Mrs. N. L. Clarr, of Council Bluffs, who was visiting at the Marvin home, went to Lamoni Monday to visit a few days at the home of Mrs. Marvin's brother, Ernest Ricks, wire chief of the Lamoni Telephone Co.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff.

I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in June.

L. J. Hill,
of Leon.

For Sheriff.

I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary.

Roy Wood,
of Leon.

For Sheriff.

I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary.

Leland S. Hebener,
of Leon.

The Chastains Are Enjoying Themselves in California.

Mrs. J. M. Chastain, of Leon, who with Mr. Chastain are making an extended visit in California, has written the following interesting letter to Mrs. W. A. Allbaugh, and we are permitted to publish it, so that all of their friends may know what the Leon colony are doing in California.

Los Anegeles, March 7, 1920.

Dear Ones at Leon—This lovely warm morning finds us well and enjoying ourselves, and all the good eats, and our Leon friends, and the many more we have here in California. We certainly have improved in health since you last met us. John has gained more than I have, but he eats more, see. We have been so worried over your children's sickness and so glad John is better. We had a nice visit out in Englewood with Charlie Gammon's and with Roxy Gammon. It was Roxy's birthday, so we stayed for the evening and Lee Gammon's step-son and family and others came in to meet us and surprise Mrs. Roxy. She never suspected until the cake with lighted candles was brought out, had forgot the day of the month as people out here do, so was greatly surprised. Charlie took us in his car all over Englewood and through some farm country and chicken ranches, and over near the mountains. We certainly had a most delightful trip and visit. The next day we went to call on Lyde Claver Logan, who lives in Sawtell. The Soldier's Home is here and it is a big thing. The grounds are beautiful, eleven large buildings and twenty-four smaller ones which hold the same number of soldiers as the large ones, then hospitals, mess halls, churches, offices, etc. We were too tired to talk when we reached home, so Friday we rested up. Had a phone call from Long Beach to come Saturday and see a big ship launched from the Long Beach harbor, so Mr. Biggs, the Davidsons and Mr. Chastain and I started about seven and met at P. E. station, went on the painful experience train down to Long Beach. Here the bunch from Leon was in waiting for us, and we all boarded a car for the shipyard. Ted Snyder, (Wilma Custer's husband) had procured passes for us five from Los Angeles, so we could go inside the shipyard and be near the launching, and after it was over he took us all through the works, which only a few get to see these times. The furnaces were ready to put in this big ship, three of them. They were quite a sight to see out of the ship, but small to those of the large war ships. This one was four hundred feet long, and more nearly completed than most of them are when they are launched, Mr. Snyder said. We also saw the "Vinita" which had been launched and finished, but not so large. It will be tried out today in the harbor. Of course, after seeing all this we felt like eating all the fish in the deep sea, so we walked up the shore line to the pier and ordered a fish dinner in the room by the sea, where we could watch the surf come and go. The tide was in and quite active for the noon day. We four people who were left of our crowd ordered three kinds of fish for the menu. After we felt able we went on the hunt for our Leon folks, finding them on the Pike near the bath house. We sat in the sand, had our pictures taken, saw the sights, the larger ones of the crowd rode the merry-go-round, some took in the "Crazy House," spelled "Krazy", some tried for the pig, while all enjoyed the fun. I think Ed Smith enjoys the climate, people, churches, etc., to the limit of three hundred and sixty-six days, if he stays the year out. We go to Magnolia Avenue church today. Will meet some of the Porter family there and other friends, so will ring off. Will send you a Leon picnic picture. This ought to stop the H. C. L. in Leon. You can show it to Ollie Hull if he has not found one before this. Will enclose a clipping of the launching which you can read. Where the X is marked is where we watched a sand artist make pictures in the sand. One was a woman washed ashore. Nearby was an apartment house with these words on the side of the house, all in sand: "'Twas ever thus since childhood hours
My fondest hopes decay,
I never loved a boarding house
But what I was told to move away."

With kind regards to all,

Sallie C.

Lawrence Elmer Clark.

Lawrence Elmer Clark was born June 14, 1883, and died March 19, 1920, at his home near Weldon, Iowa, aged 36 years, 9 months and 5 days.

He was united in marriage to Martha A. Reynolds May 4, 1904. His entire life was spent in Decatur county with the exception of a few months spent in North Dakota. He was of a genial disposition and had a host of friends. He made his peace with God, and asked his friends to meet him in the great beyond. He is survived by his wife, father, mother, three brothers and one sister.

Interment was in the Trullinger cemetery, a short service being held at the grave, conducted by F. A. Garber.

Trimble helps eyes. At Dr. Crain's Thursday, March 25h.