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## MEREDITH TO CABINET

Des Moines Publisher Selected by President Wilson as Secretary of Agriculture.

E. T. Meredith, of Des Moines, publisher of the Des Moines Register, was named on Tuesday by President Wilson as secretary of Agriculture to succeed David F. Houston, who was given the treasury portfolio to succeed secretary Glass who takes a seat in the senate to fill the unexpired term of Senator Martin, of Virginia.

In accepting the position Mr. Meredith, who is at Miami, Florida, said one of the first undertakings he would engage in after taking the office would be to work out some method of getting crops to market without too much lost motion and delay.

Another cabinet change is expected soon as secretary of the interior. Lane desires to retire to private life as soon as the president can select a successor. When secretary Lane passes out of the cabinet, only four of the president's original official family will remain. Besides Mr. Houston they are Secretary Daniels of the navy department, Secretary Wilson of the labor department and Postmaster General Burleson.

Mr. Wilson has had two secretaries of state—William J. Bryan and Robert Lansing, two secretaries of war—Lindley M. Garrison and Newton D. Baker, three attorney generals—James C. McReynolds, now an associate justice of the Supreme court; Thomas Watt Gregory, and A. Mitchell Palmer; two secretaries of commerce—William C. Redfield and Joshua W. Alexander, and three secretaries of the treasury—William G. McAdoo, Carter Glass and David F. Houston.

Only in comparatively recent years has there been an agricultural secretary in the president's cabinet. Prior to 1889 agricultural matters in the nation were allowed to drift, so far as the federal government was concerned.

Then the office of secretary was created, and President Cleveland appointed Norman J. Coleman of Missouri to fill it.

Jeremiah M. Rush of Wisconsin, J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska, James Wilson of Iowa, and David Houston have been the other agricultural secretaries.

"Tama Jim" Wilson was named by President McKinley, and was continued in office by Roosevelt and Taft.

The secretary of agriculture has supervision of public business relating to the agricultural industry—the biggest industry in the United States—has advisory supervision over government experiment stations, manages departmental subdivisions, has responsibility for quarantine laws, and is the authority that enforces interstate game laws.

County agent work is one of the big features of the agricultural department's activities. It costs millions annually.

Besides responsibility for this enormous government supervision and encouragement of agriculture is one of the members of the president's official cabinet which considers questions of national policy.

He is one of the president's official advisers.

Caroline Has Crossed Her Fingers Again.

Mrs. Caroline Young Smith, for a time postmaster of Leon, who stated she had her fingers crossed when she made affidavit she was a republican and a resident of Des Moines, a few months prior to becoming a democratic candidate for the Leon postoffice, has evidently crossed her fingers again, as her name appears in the Des Moines Register as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention at Chicago from the eighth district, her residence being given as Leon, although she moved from Leon when she resigned as postmaster. Other candidates for the nomination as delegates are Mrs. H. H. Carter, of Corydon, Mrs. Stephen Varga, of Leon, Mrs. Julia Bailey, of Mt. Airy, and Miss Una Crawford, of Diagonal.

Wonder if state chairman Dr. Reynolds and Judge Martin J. Wade will endorse Mrs. Smith for this position?

What the Census Enumerator Found in Leon.

Miss Helene Griffin who has just completed taking the government census in Leon, tells us that M. A. Gammill and his sister, Miss Alice, are the oldest pair of twins residing in Leon, while little Christine and Mardine Eberhart, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Eberhart claim the honors as the youngest twins. They were one year old on Christmas day. Mr. William VanNostrand, father of Mrs. W. F. Fletcher and Lem VanNostrand is the oldest man reported, being past ninety years of age. Mrs. Sarah Buffum, mother of Mrs. E. O. Alexander and Mr. Ed Macy, is the oldest woman, she being also ninety years of age. Little Lena Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Smith takes the prize as the youngest baby, being only three days old on January 1st.

H. C. L.

Friends of the Reporter man continue to help reduce the H. C. L. Yesterday we received a can of mammoth fresh oysters, with the compliments of Mr. M. Mayer, who is spending the winter at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Mayer sent a big box of their famous oysters to his Leon friends, and we were fortunate in being included in his list of those remembered. Mike has a heart in him as big as an elephant.

NOTICE.

Your Electric Light and Power Bills for December should be paid not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st to keep your account from going into arrears. We ask that you kindly cooperate with us by calling at our office and taking care of your account on or before that date. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Yours for efficient Electrical Service,

Iowa Southern Utilities 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.

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Roy Wood, of Leon.

Democratic County Convention.

There will be a mass meeting of the Democrats of Decatur county at the court house in Leon, Iowa, January 31, 1920, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention to be held in Des Moines February 25th for the purpose of selecting delegates to the National Convention at San Francisco. It would also be proper at this time to ask the ladies who believe in the principles of Democracy to attend this mass convention at the court house as they will be represented in the delegation to the National Convention, and delegates are bright for them to be able to vote in the next general election.

By order of the County Central Committee.

M. F. Springer, Chairman.

Send in Your Votes.

The Des Moines Register is conducting a contest asking that the ladies of Iowa send in their ballots indicating their choice for delegates to both the democratic and republican national conventions to be held at San Francisco and Chicago the coming summer, and considerable interest is being taken all over the state.

The names of two Decatur county ladies, Mrs. Fred A. Bowman and Miss Eva Rhea, of Leon, have been placed in nomination, and the democratic ladies of Decatur county are requested to send in their ballots to the Register.

The following letter from Mrs. A. L. Curry appeared in the Register Monday:

"Delegate Contest Editor: My choice for a democratic woman delegate from the eighth congressional district, is Miss Eva Rhea, a stenographer in a law office in Leon. She knows more law than half the lawyers."

"She is a home maker and sole support for an aged father and has educated a blind niece. She did more war work, gratis, than any woman, and I believe any man in Decatur county. She has always led in all charity and public work and is loved by all."

She is fitted in every way to represent women democrats in the national convention to be held in San Francisco—Mrs. A. L. Curry.

Returns from South America.

Jas. F. Harvey returned Tuesday evening from a month's visit with Karl Parrish at Barranquilla, Colombia, but has been absent from Leon for over two months, as it takes over two weeks each way to make the trip to South America. Mr. Harvey is interested with Mr. Parrish and L. B. Jackson in a big new addition to the city of Barranquilla, which is being paved, sewerage and electric improved, and they are showing the South Americans what they should have in the way of a fine residential district, and the venture is proving a big financial success. Mrs. Harvey went to New York couple of weeks ago to meet Mr. Harvey, and after visiting with friends in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, they came to Des Moines for a visit with Judge R. L. Parrish, and drove home Tuesday evening in a new Hup sedan purchased for Mrs. Harvey's use.

Tingley Bank Robber Sentenced.

Harry Taylor, a negro, who was arrested in a raid at Ottumwa last week, signed written confession that he took part in the robbery of the Tingley State Bank on the night of December 23rd, when \$12,000 in cash and \$17,000 in Liberty bonds were stolen, and \$2,550 worth of the bonds were found in the possession of Taylor's wife, who admitted she received a portion of the stolen bonds and money. Taylor was taken to Mt. Airy, and on Tuesday entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced by Judge Winters to a term of years in the penitentiary. A portion of the stolen bonds were found in the school house near Lorimer, where they had been left by the robbers. It is thought other members of the gang will be apprehended.

Won Hard Wrestling Match.

James H. Alldredge, the Leon wrestler, returned Friday from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he had a wrestling match Thursday night with Oscar Lawson, winning in two straight falls in twenty-one and eight minutes, but Jim says it was the hardest match he has had in many years. Alldredge is a wonderfully well preserved man, as he is now 45 years old, and has been wrestling for more than twenty-five years. All of the wrestlers in the game when he commenced except Farmer Burns have long since retired, but Alldredge like Burns has taken excellent care of himself, never dissipating in any manner, and keeps himself in prime condition by hard work on his farm adjoining Leon.

Basket Ball Victory.

The Leon high school basketball team are improving in their Tuesday evening, they defeated the Weldon boys on the home floor. The score was 23 to 9. Leon players were: John Springer, Truman Wallace, Clarence LaFollette, Cyril Sanger and James Hansell. Substitutes: Wendell Zimmerman and Benjamin VanWerden. The team plays at Decatur this evening and at Osceola on Friday evening.

Farms Wanted.

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

## SOLD CHESTER WHITES

R. S. Goodman and L. L. McClure's Chester Whites Averaged \$101. One Sow Brought \$540.

The sale of Chester White sows and gilts held at Leon last Thursday by R. S. Goodman and L. L. McClure, at the old bus barn, was a decided success, there being a big attendance and the fine Aegys sold lively, the most of them purchased by Decatur county breeders, who know what they are. A total of fifty head were sold, and the average for 47 head of sows and gilts was \$101.22 which is we believe the highest average ever reached at a hog sale held in Decatur county. The other three head were small pigs. The top of the sale was a sow consigned by L. L. McClure, which sold for \$540.00, being purchased by Ralph Knodley of Shenandoah. Messrs Goodman and McClure were well pleased with the success of their sale.

The following is a list of the buyers:

1. Ralph Knodley, Shenandoah, \$540.00.
2. L. L. McClure, Leon, \$160.00.
3. R. B. Jones, Leon, \$100.00.
4. John Dale, Leon, \$110.00.
5. John Moran, Weldon, \$130.00.
6. John Dale, Leon, \$107.50.
7. R. B. Jones, Leon, \$135.00.
8. Ben Sears, Leon, \$85.00.
9. F. M. Davis, Leon, \$95.00.
10. Frank Chastain, Leon, \$90.00.
11. H. Paepers, Weldon, \$77.00.
12. Pearl Eckhart, Weldon, \$100.00.
13. L. D. Hughes, Clio, \$90.00.
14. A. D. Wilson, Weldon, \$112.50.
15. Fred A. Cress, Decatur, \$75.00.
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17. E. N. Eckhart, Leon, \$90.00.
18. E. Housh, Leon, \$85.00.
19. L. D. Hughes, Clio, \$90.00.
20. L. L. McClure, Leon, \$115.00.
21. L. D. Hughes, Clio, \$85.00.
22. H. T. Phelps, Salisbury, Mo., \$90.00.
23. W. C. Vesper, Decatur, \$80.00.
24. E. Housh, Leon, \$122.50.
25. W. C. Vesper, Decatur, \$85.00.
26. R. S. Goodman, Leon, \$192.50.
27. R. B. Jones, Leon, \$95.00.
28. R. B. Jones, Leon, \$70.00.
29. Fred A. Cress, Decatur, \$77.50.
30. E. N. Eckhart, Leon, \$87.50.
31. L. L. McClure, Leon, \$90.00.
32. E. N. Eckhart, Leon, \$70.00.
33. J. C. Murphy, Clio, \$80.00.
34. Roy Dale, Leon, \$82.50.
35. R. S. Goodman, Leon, \$110.00.
36. W. C. Vesper, Decatur, \$85.00.
37. W. M. Dyer, Woodland, \$77.00.
38. H. E. Shipley, Humeston, \$102.50.
39. E. P. Hamilton, Garden Grove, \$65.00.
40. E. G. Grove, Leon, \$60.00.
41. R. M. Davis, Leon, \$52.50.
42. E. Poole, Leon, \$72.50.
43. Ed Owens, Leon, \$97.50.
44. F. M. Davis, Leon, \$95.00.
45. J. C. Murphy, Clio, \$65.00.
46. E. N. Eckhart, Leon, \$67.50.
47. L. L. McClure, Leon, \$48.00.
48. C. P. Mills, Lamoni, \$15.50.
49. E. P. Hamilton, Garden Grove, \$65.00.

The third Study Center of the year will be held at Leon February 7, 1920. A large attendance is expected.

PROGRAM.

9:00 a. m. Grade Teachers—Drawing—The Relation of Drawing to Other Subjects—Bertha Patt.

Rural Teachers—School Hygiene and Sanitation—Monica Wild.

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11:00 a. m. Grade Teachers—Drawing—The Use of Pictures—Bertha Patt.

Rural Teachers—Games for School Room and Play Ground—Monica Wild.

NOON INTERMISSION.

1:00 p. m. Grade Teachers—Games for School Room and Play Ground—Monica Wild.

Rural Teachers—Drawing—Use of Pictures in Public Schools—Bertha Patt.

Program is arranged so that instructors may take the 2:30 p. m. train.

Kate L. Hull, County Superintendent.

Cox-Martin.

At the Christian parsonage on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 1920 at 7:30 p. m. occurred the marriage of Mr. Frederick Cox to Miss Dottie H. Martin both of Leon, Iowa. P. H. Green officiating. The bride and groom on this happy occasion were accompanied by Miss Rosa Brannon as bridesmaid and Mr. Grant Martin, brother of the bride as groomsmen.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lee Martin and a most excellent young lady thoroughly fitted in every way to preside with queenly grace and dignity in her new home. The groom is a young man of excellent character, industrious and honorable in all his deeds and respects of all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home for the present on Commercial street, South Leon, where they will be at home to their many friends. All join in wishing this worthy young couple a happy, prosperous voyage together through life.

Marriage Licenses.

Lloyd B. Bright, Lineville ..... 23  
Margaret C. Warnock, Lineville ..... 21  
Delbert E. Merritt, Leon ..... 21  
Harriet E. Stewart, Leon ..... 18

Frank W. Jenks, an old time Leon boy, is now advertising manager of the Arkansas City, Arkansas, Daily News, and is making a great success of this end of the newspaper business. We also notice in a recent copy of the News that Mr. Jenks was appointed publicity director of a big Near East campaign in that city to raise funds for the relief of the suffering in Armenia.

## Decatur County, Iowa, Picnic at Los Angeles, January 10th.

The picnic was proposed by Miss Nora Biggs and with the help of some of the others Decaturites they gathered together about forty (40) of the Decatur county people, all bringing well filled baskets. The table fairly groaned under the weight of good things to eat. After the dinner hour they went to a sunny part of the park and had pictures of the crowd taken. As the sun started to lower in the west the happy throng started for their respective homes after giving three cheers for Iowa as the place to make money and California to spend it.

Those in attendance were as follows:

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W. H. Campbell, 4315 S Hoover St. Los Angeles.  
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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowsher, 1315 W 9th St. Los Angeles.  
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Liek—Cummins.

Miss June Marie Cummins and James Clyde Liek, both of the city were married 5 p. m. yesterday at the Gamma Phi Beta chapter house in Iowa City. The ceremony was said by the Rev. Sylvester Ellis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The house was attractive in its decorations and the altar had decorations of opelia roses, ferns and palms. The mantel and fireplace were banked with the roses and greenery and the mirror was covered with a lattice effect and draped with smilax.

On either side of the altar were two tall candles, sticks holding green candles. The ceremony was said by candle light, the forty guests formed a line through which the party walked to the altar and each guest held a lighted taper.

The bride came down the stairs and was met at the foot by the bridegroom. The officiating minister walked first then the bridesmaid and best man and then the bride and bridegroom.

Miss Alberta Vasey played Mendelssohn's wedding march and previous to the ceremony, Miss Josephine Gage of Sabula sang, "O Promise Me."

The bride wore a gown of brown tricot and a corsage bouquet of sunburst roses. Her gown became her blonde loveliness. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Ardis and she wore an embroidered blue georgette gown with a corsage bouquet of pink sweet peas and red roses. The best man was Carl Scholterback of this city.

At the close of the ceremony the bride's sorority sisters served a collation the bride cutting the large wedding cake and later at the Hotel Jefferson a dinner was served to the bridal party and a few guests.

On leaving the bride wore a brown coat and hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Liek left for a trip to the east and after Feb. 1 will be at home at 846 First avenue.

The bride is the daughter of J. E. and Dr. Ruby Cummins. She was graduated from the Washington high school and then attended Coe college and also the state university.

The bridegroom was graduated from the pharmaceutical department of Iowa university and is now connected with the Churchill Drug company. His former home was in Dubuque. He is a member of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity at Iowa—Cedar Rapids Gazette, Jan. 23.

Will Grogan Dead.

Will Grogan, who has been suffering for several weeks, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Teale in Leon and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stuber, at Garden Grove, Iowa, on Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning.

Miss Iris Smith, formerly of this city who is teaching in the Kellerton schools this year, was married last Friday to Mr. W. K. Vanderflute, a young farmer residing near Kellerton. Many friends of the bride in this vicinity extend hearty congratulations.

Miss Orta Sankey, who had been visiting for a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Teale in Leon and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stuber, at Garden Grove, Iowa, on Wednesday morning, was married at her home in Leon on Thursday.

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## TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Dr. R. D. Gardner on Tuesday purchased 267 1/2 acres of the Allen Pryor farm near Garden Grove, from the Pryor heirs for \$8,634 about \$32 an acre.

At the Decatur County Teachers Association held at Lamoni last week Miss Mabel Horner, a teacher in the Leon schools captured first prize in the declamatory contest, the second prize being won by Miss Ruby Steadman, of Lamoni.

J. C. Layton has ordered machinery for a new laundry in this city.

Drake & Co., are selling 50 pounds of granulated sugar for a dollar as part of a five dollar order of groceries.

Only one marriage license was issued the past week, that being to Henry H. Moore 62 and Sarah E. Johnston 40.

While coming up town Monday evening Mrs. R. D. Gardner slipped and fell on the crossing just south of Bowsher's store, and broke her left arm at the wrist.

Efforts are being made to organize a stock company to erect an \$8,000 hotel on the northwest corner of the square. We understand that almost all of the stock has been sold, and the building is to have all the modern improvements.

Mrs. Mary J. Bashaw died very suddenly at the home of her son, J. R. Bashaw in this city yesterday afternoon. She was 76 years old and had been suffering for some time with rheumatism, and her death was caused by the rheumatism going to her heart.

Friends in Leon were shocked last Saturday by receiving a telegram from Emporia, Kansas, that Mr. J. Borton had shot himself accidentally, death resulting instantly. Mr. Borton will be remembered by many friends in this city, having been married here about six years ago to Miss Ida Haskett at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Emma Sanford. Mr. Borton was handling a self-acting revolver when it was discharged, the bullet penetrating his heart.

Charles Hebenner came in from Woodland, California, Sunday to visit with relatives and friends in this city. He has sold his interest in the marble business at Woodland to Eugene Hebenner, and may conclude to remain in Leon.

John Dailey, of Des Moines, came down Thursday to join Mr. Dailey, who had been here visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McGrew.

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