

CEDAR RAPIDS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boyd were entertained at dinner last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson...

Sunday was quarter's meeting at the A. M. E. Rev. G. W. Gaines was present, filling the pulpit morning and evening...

Miss Mattie Robinson was the hostess to a few friends Sunday afternoon from 6 to 7. The ladies report a delightful time...

Miss Romella Borey and Mr. Joseph Downing of Edwinstown, Ill., were quietly united in marriage Saturday morning...

Mr. W. H. Milligan, owner and manager of the Bee Hive Fruit Farm, is very busy preparing for the strawberry and fruit season...

Very many friends of Miss Ella Mayes regret very much her departure from the city. She will leave this week for Burton and other points.

Rev. G. W. Gaines was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Claybrook during his stay in the city.

Rev. P. M. Lewis will organize a normal class Thursday evening.

Mrs. Tolbert Woods will leave Tuesday for a few weeks visit at the parental home in Des Moines.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The ice cream and strawberry social at the church last Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Nate Black is on the sick list.

Mr. James Turner has moved on Fifth avenue.

Mr. Robert Motts graduated from the High School last Tuesday evening. The question for debate: 'Resolved that the United States should continue her policy of expansion.'

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Black left on Saturday for Muscatine to attend the Federation of Women's Clubs.

The writer had the opportunity of attending the Federation of Women's Clubs at Muscatine last week.

Rev. Johnson is one of our citizens' enterprising citizens and owns a nice two-story house about a mile and a half from the city.

Be Appreciative.

Some people never dream of praising anything or anybody. They take everything as a matter of course, and imagine that they show their superiority by doing.

Crippled Gains Education.

A man died at the Limerick Infirmary at the age of sixty-four who had been brought there when twenty-four years old, crippled for life by exposure in a boat after shipwreck.

How to Be Happy.

A Frenchman married to an Englishman, contributing to a correspondence in a contemporary on 'Why Married Life is Dull?' says: 'When my husband prefers to be out alone, I smilingly assent, I never bother him with questions, and I never nag.'

'Left-Handed' Animals.

Left-handedness, or its equivalent, is said to be very common in birds and animals. Parrots select objects with the left claw by preference.

Origin of 'Piker.'

In English slang a 'piker' is a tramp or vagrant. The word is sometimes used in connection with Wall street and the race track, where it is applied to the man whose investments are or bets of insignificant amount.

World's Beer Consumption.

The beer which is consumed throughout the world in a single year would make a lake six feet deep, three and three-quarters miles long, a mile wide and 2,319 acres in area.

Triumph of the Will.

The story is told of a book-keeper who wrote a glowing eulogy of his employer—just deceased—making use of this remarkable estimate: 'His keen perception and indomitable will led him into the grocery and feed business, and subsequently induced him to embark in the coal business.'

Most Dangerous Occupation.

Seafaring is the most perilous employment. The Labor Gazette points out that of 21,688 fatal accidents during the past five years, 3,758, the largest number was in the shipping industry.

Experts Not Fooled.

Dr. Wiley has printed an article on 'Deception in Beverages.' You could never fool an old mountaineer on one of 'em. If the drink doesn't smoke and sizz as it goes down, he knows it has been adulterated with water or some other miserable truck.

Secured His Coin.

An English laborer arrested on a charge of theft, which proved to be false, was found, on being searched at the police station, to have gold, silver and bronze coins in various parts of his attire to the amount of \$370. The weight of them was forty pounds.

Wives of the King of Assam.

The King of Assam has 200 wives, who are divided into nine grades. When one of them dies her body is lowered from the roof of the palace to be buried; the law in Assam prohibits the carrying of a corpse through the doors.

Harmless Printer's Ink.

The German daily General Anzeiger publishes an editorial announcement that in future two of its daily editions will be printed in ink which will not injure any meat or butter which comes in contact with it.

Largest Producers of Petroleum.

Romania is now the fourth largest petroleum-producing country in the world. The list is headed by the United States; then comes Russia, while the third place is held by Austria-Hungary.

Travel on Electric Lines.

The total number of passengers carried by electric lines each year in the United States is 5,839,000,000.

The Return Trip.

Sheffield Heavy Coal Consumer. In proportion to its size Sheffield consumes about eight times as much coal as London.

Seeking a Wife.

When a man wants a wife he does not apply to the intelligence office nor to the secretary of the reform club. He doesn't ask a woman if she can make good pie crusts and darn socks as any rate.

Magistrate Explains.

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Physicians Not Writers.

It is a curious fact that great writers, speaking generally, have been no lovers of the medical profession. This is doubtless the reason why doctors for the most part cut so sorry a figure in literature.

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