

CHARTER OAK CHATS

W. S. McVey transacted business in Arion Thursday.

Dave Hilton is the genial clerk at the Charter Oak house.

Mr. Pennell was an Omaha visitor the first of the week.

Miss Lizzie Saunders of Aten, Neb., is visiting Mrs. A. J. Beaty.

Mrs. Dr. McWilliams returned Thursday from a trip to Manning.

Mr. H. Yeager transacted business at Denison the first of the week.

Charlie and Frank Larson took in the closing days of the exposition.

Wallace Waldick of Delmont, S. D., was visiting friends in the Oak Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Barbour are visiting friends and relatives at Coleman, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stewart went to Sioux City Tuesday where they expect to stay for the present.

A goodly number of our young people attended a party out to Anton Topf's Wednesday evening.

John Frahm is spending the week at Omaha, and Louie Bohson is filling his place at Cushman's store.

Henry Noble put the new bell in the Presbyterian church Thursday. It is a large one, weighing over two tons.

Mr. Kruger was over from Denison on Tuesday, and Mr. Criswell on Wednesday, looking up political matters.

Dan Albaugh came up from Aspinwall where he is night operator, and visited a few hours Thursday with friends.

Wm. Miller returned the first of the week from his hunting trip at Blue Lake. He reports ducks scarce but fishing trip.

Prof. Lambert was at the Oak Wednesday. He is canvassing for an encyclopedia and says he is meeting with good success.

The Free Masons gave a banquet Monday evening. A number of visiting brethren were present from Mapleton, and a most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Married, at the parsonage Sunday afternoon, Miss Katie Regan to Wm. Wilson, Jr., Rev. Carson officiating. Their many friends join in wishing them a happy life.

Mrs. H. Fhede returned from Correctionville Thursday, where she had been caring for her son, Harm, who was taken with a relapse while visiting a sister at that place.

Dur Holmes came home Tuesday morning having started from Jacksonville Saturday. They rode in a Pullman all the way and only changed at Cincinnati and Chicago. Dur is quite thin as he had been sick six weeks with fever, but looks very soldierly, and is anxious to go to Cuba.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL.

B. Sharp, of Dow City, was a Vailite Tuesday.

Joe P. Smith was a Carroll visitor Thursday afternoon.

The dancing club will give a dance at the hall Friday night.

Harry Huntington, county surveyor, was a Vailite Tuesday.

John Giblin is here from Omaha visiting his parents and friends.

Hon. S. H. Bashor will give a democratic speech here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fitzsimmons are parents of a boy born Thursday morning.

Operator Hansen, formerly at the east tower, is spending a few days with Vail friends.

Wm. McLennan, republican nominee for county attorney, was a very pleasant visitor Tuesday.

Hallowen was celebrated in the usual way by the small boys and some that were not so small.

Manager Brey of the Northern Grain Co., was looking after the interests of his company the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Dr. Darling returned Tuesday from the Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star order at Cedar Rapids. She also visited with Mrs. Elmer Bagley at Grand Junction for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. B. Franske mourn the loss of an infant twin baby. The little one died Thursday morning after only three weeks of life with its twin sister and proud parents.



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ALL ABOUT DELOIT. BUCK GROVE ITEMS

Election next Tuesday.

Everybody busy nowadays.

Graders are throwing dirt lively along the line.

Taylor and Cose did threshing for E. A. McKim Tuesday.

Mrs. Flint visited at her daughters, near Deloit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hunt were Denison visitors Thursday.

Bert Stevers and George Wright were in Deloit Wednesday.

Mrs. Marie Galland has been on the sick list a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Edna Hagan was the guest of Mrs. Lawrence Winans Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franks moved in the John Dobson house last Monday.

Bert Darling, John Lentz and James McKim are doing carpenter work for E. A. McKim.

Morris McHenry made Deloit a visit Tuesday. His old time friends are always glad to see him.

Miss Jennie Morris closed her term of school Friday of last week. Miss McIntosh closed the primary department last Friday.

Mr. A. G. Brown, of Missouri Valley, stopped a few days in Deloit this week. He expects to lecture next Monday evening here in the interests of the Modern Woodmen; he wants to organize a camp at this place.

HAPPENINGS AT BELL

Wm. Rule is working in the Dunlap mill.

Steve Myers was a caller on Paradise Sunday.

John Thompson was a caller on Paradise Sunday.

Joe Carson and wife were at the fair in Omaha last Thursday.

Marion Arnold transacted business at Denison one day last week.

Miss Stevenson of Earling was visiting John Stevenson and family of Bell, Sunday.

Harry Bramley is compelled to go on crutches on account of a bad sprain, but we hope he will soon recover.

Hans Neethen gave a dance last Saturday night and about fifty were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Refreshments were served and all had plenty to eat and drink, so they all came to the conclusion that Hans' was the place to go for a good time.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Pheasants' wings are being used just as a momentary fancy upon velvet toques.

From Vienna, whence, by the bye, some admirable European fashions emanate, comes a gown of crepe de chine of a vivid green, with lace trimmings; the bodice, cream leather, embroidered in white and gold, and opens over cream chiffon; the basque is slashed to the belt and a cerise velvet collar gives just a touch of color.

The fichu of silk muslin, fastened with pale blue muslin and pink roses, is figuring now at many dinner tables, as well as at country garden parties, and this mode will be emphasized later on by headgear that resembles the Charlotte Corday cap, closely allied to the turban toques, that have suited so many pretty people this year.

Embroideries will be introduced on the fronts of gowns in endless variety. The narrow fronts over which the dress seems to open assert themselves in many new styles, but now the embroideries are fitting to the side panels, which are to divide the front from the sides. This style will be repeated on the bodice either for revers or for braces.

However inconvenient, we must accept the inevitable. The gowns of the immediate future for day wear will fasten, many of them, at the back. Some of the princess gowns owe most of their charms to this arrangement, but demand a beautiful figure, and the shirts with broad lace insertion, set horizontally for the collars and cuffs and perpendicularly down the front, would lose half their charm if they were united any other way.

Many of the most lovely lace fans have gauze let in and are tenderly painted, while the chicken-skin fans, with tortoise-shell mounts, form the background for the most beautiful paintings. Others, again, such as black silk with ivory mounts, are not only painted, but inlaid with gold, and some of the gauze fans have quaint floral patterns in spangles. Ostrich feather fans have not gone out, but they are for the moment subsidiary to the painted ones.

Missionary Claims Against Turkey.

Our government is again formally pressing upon Turkey the claims of American missionaries for property destroyed at Harpoot and elsewhere in Asia Minor during the anti-Armenian riots more than two years ago. Recently the Turkish government replied, disclaiming all responsibility for the riots, but our government has notified Turkey that this repudiation of responsibility cannot be accepted. The fact that Turkish soldiers in uniform took part in the riots strengthens the claim for redress.

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Geo. Deber was at the county seat Thursday.

J. F. Wiley was at Denison on business Wednesday.

D. J. Butler, of Arion, was a Grove visitor last Wednesday.

W. Leeper is back from Charter Oak, where he has been for some time.

Chas. Butler, of Arion, was in town on business several days this week.

Will Fishell, candidate for county clerk, was in this section of the county this week.

Ethel Austin, of Denison, closed a very successful term of school at Buck Grove Friday.

Jack Mitchell, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity, has returned home to Perry.

Sam Brasel, Brint Sharp and A. Peterson, prominent farmers, were in town this week.

Mrs. W. A. Hockett has gone to Louisiana to join her husband. Then expect to return this fall.

There was a well attended dance at Gigax hall last Saturday night at which all enjoyed themselves.

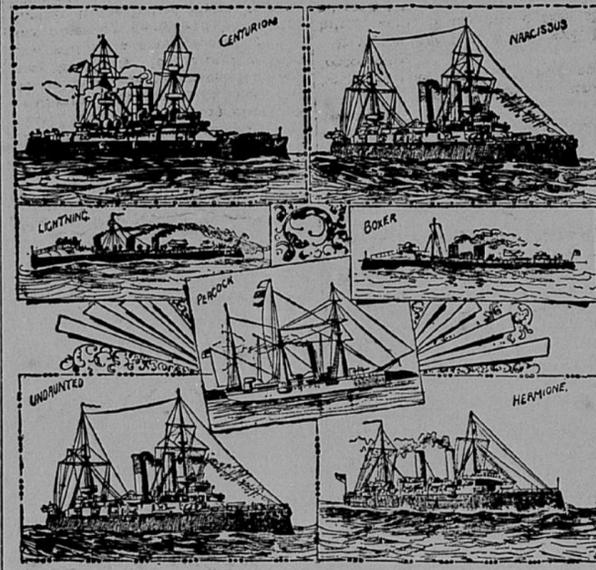
There was a surprise party at J. Keppord's, near Arion, last week which a good many of our young people attended.

Notwithstanding a heavy rain Friday night the Hon. S. D. Henry, of Coon Rapids, spoke to a good audience at Gigax hall. Mr. Henry is a good speaker and told some plain truths for republicanism.

Moving Out of the West Indies.

The most important duty under the protocol of peace, next to directing a cessation of hostilities, was the appointment of commissioners to arrange and execute the details of the evacuation of the Spanish islands in the West Indies. President McKinley was the first to make appointments, and he selected for the Cuban commission Major-General James F. Wade, Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson, and Major-General Matthew C. Butler, and for the Porto Rico commission, Major-General John R. Brooke, Rear-Admiral Schley, and Brigadier-General William W. Gordon. The protocol says the islands shall be immediately evacuated; also that the commissioners shall meet within thirty days from the date of signature to arrange and execute the details. In the case of Cuba this will be a slow proceeding, but any necessary delay will be an advantage to the United States in postponing to a more propitious season of the year its permanent army of occupation. It may not be possible to fully complete the evacuation of Cuba and adjoining islands before Thanksgiving day.

SOME OF THE BRITISH WARSHIPS READY FOR BATTLE

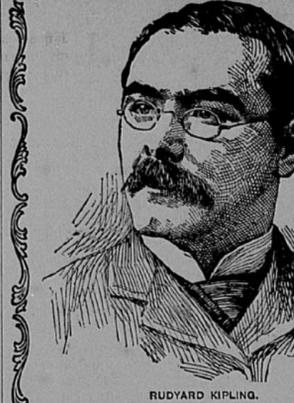


Modern Wars of Brief Durations.

The war between Spain and the United States was ended on Aug. 12, having run a course of less than four months. All recent wars in which important members of the world's family of nations have been pitted against each other have been of a short and decisive character. Last year's war between Turkey and Greece began April 17 and was terminated by a truce preliminary to a final peace treaty at the end of four and a half weeks. The war between Japan and China began on July 25, 1894, and was ended by the utter defeat of China after eight months. The great war of Russia against Turkey, which began April 24, 1877, came to an end with the Russian army lying just outside of Constantinople nine months later. The Franco-Prussian war, which began July 23, 1870, found the Prussians making peace at Versailles on Jan. 28, 1871. Bismarck's war of 1866, in which Prussia made an attack against Austria, lasted only seven weeks.

What It Was.

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If you would please a man give him what he wants, regardless of what he needs.

If a man has one little vice it hides lots of big virtues from the eyes of his neighbors.

If time is money one ought to realize more on a cheap watch at a pawnshop.

If a man refuses to see his errors he is playing against himself with loaded dice.

If the teacher flogs a girl pupil he hits a miss; if the girl dodges she misses a hit.

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OUR UNCROWNED RULERS.

A box of bricks will afford great amusement to a child on a rainy day. There is an excitement in building up houses and knocking them down again.

Every morning, after the baby's hair has been washed and well brushed, do not leave it nice and smooth and tidy, but with the tips of the fingers rub the head all over very gently with a short, circular motion from right to left. This causes the root of the hair to twist, and curly hair will be the result.

Is it fair to exact blind obedience from children? Is there not too much demanded of children upon the ground of a parent's will, irrespective of its being right? "Because I say so" is no answer when the child asks for a reason why a thing is right. Parents must first teach the child that their word is to be absolutely trusted, and obedience to their commands will inevitably follow.

A Chinese Declination.

China is the only country in the world where editors give a thoroughly satisfactory reason for the return of manuscript. Here is a sample letter, sent by a Peking editor to a would-be contributor to his journal:

"Illustrious brother of the sun and moon! Look upon thy slave who rolls at thy feet, who kisses the earth before thee and demands of thy charity permission to speak and live.

"We have read thy manuscript with delight. By the bones of our ancestors we swear that never have we encountered such a masterpiece. Should we print it his Majesty the Emperor would order us to take it as a criterion and never again to print anything which was not equal to it. As that would not be possible before ten thousand years, all trembling we return thy manuscript and beg of thee ten thousand pardons. See—my hand is at my feet and I am the slave of thy servant.

THE EDITOR."

The Return of Our Foreign Trade.

The returns of our foreign trade for August show the heaviest exports of merchandise in any summer on record. There was a falling off in shipments of breadstuffs as compared with August, 1897, but this was more than offset by an increase in exports of cotton, meat products and manufactured merchandise. The imports were smaller than in any preceding August for twelve years, with the exception of 1897 and 1893; and the "balance of trade" in our favor was more than \$35,000,000. These figures indicate that we are supplying our own needs to an increasing extent, and are taking in gold or its equivalent the difference between what we sell abroad and what we buy there.

She Would Not Help Him.

His tongue clove to the roof of his mouth. "I—I—that is," he faltered, you—"And then he suddenly caught her to his bosom. "You know what I would say!" he cried. Frigidly she disengaged herself. "Another missing word," she muttered, pale, but calm.—Detroit Journal.

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