

CHARTER OAK CHATS

P. D. McMahon drove to Dunlap Sunday.

Cecil Bartlett made a short visit to Arion Saturday.

Dr. McWilliams took a trip to Sioux City Thursday.

P. W. Harding went to Fremont, Neb. Wednesday.

John Realy of Kenwood was on our streets Saturday.

Ed Goodfriend went to Chicago Thursday evening.

Father White came up from Dunlap Monday afternoon.

Miss Finley of Sioux City is visiting her sister Mrs. McVey.

Miss C. McAllister of Carroll is the guest of Miss Josie Knist.

Mrs. Wm. Miller and baby returned from Manila Wednesday.

Mr. Walters of Oto was the guest of his brother Joe over Sunday.

Rev. McEwen and wife returned to the Oak the first of the week.

Miss Jessie McWilliams visited at Denison the last of the week.

E. Capps and wife of Sioux City are visiting with friends at the Oak.

Miss Iva Smith of Denison is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Bagge.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague of Omaha were guests of Mrs. F. Probasco last week.

Miss Kizzie Baber of Dow City is a guest of friends at the Oak this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knight and Mrs. Seuff were Mapleton visitors Thursday.

Mr. McClure and daughters, Misses Grace and Bird, were Oak visitors Friday.

John Roup visited the first of the week with his brother Clarence at Arion.

F. Kemp came home from school at Des Moines to spend the holidays at home.

C. Standing visited the last of the week with his daughter, Mrs. Bates at Harlan.

Miss Marie Barrett of Dunlap visited the first of the week with friends at the Oak.

Rev. W. W. Brown of Mapleton was looking after business at the Oak Wednesday.

Rev. Carson went to Blanchard Monday evening, where he will speak the Fourth.

Miss Ida Knapp of Illinois visited Monday with her cousin Miss Fannie Knapp.

Mrs. A. W. Kersey and two children of Sioux City is visiting her sister Mrs. Kenyon.

Mrs. J. McWilliams and daughter Lizzie were guests of Mrs. Bamford the last of the week.

Mr. Shreve and son Earl came from their work at Atlantic to celebrate the Fourth at home.

The stores were closed the Fourth so the merchants as well as the clerks could enjoy the holiday.

C. Seuff came up from the Bluffs to spend Sunday and the Fourth with his family and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brazell returned to their home at Ute Thursday accompanied by Miss Emma Huffman.

The Misses Carrie Soehl and Mabel Cushman of Denison came over to spend the Fourth at the Oak.

Miss Hattie Holmes returned Saturday evening from a three weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Stouffer at Sac City.

Born, Tuesday, July 4th to Mr. and Mrs. E. Weed, a son. May he live to celebrate many Fourths with his parents.

The Celebration.

The morning and day of the Fourth was an ideal one. The rains of Monday had lain the dust and cooled the air before the roosters had thought of crowing. The steam whistles began to blow and crackers to boom at 4:30. "Young America's" were on the street in force, and at 7 o'clock the teams began coming to town. At 9:30 the streets were lined with an enthusiastic crowd to watch the forming of the parade which was led by the band. C. O. Mazor, president of the day, speakers and the state wagon (an old idea, but like the Declaration of Independence, ever new) filled with its pretty girls representing the states which are so numerous, followed by a smaller wagon drawn with representatives of our later possessions, also floats from the different merchants each one of whom had some very interesting feature; furnished rooms from Wirth & Co., dry goods by Griffiths with Pat Murphy as king of clubs, a fine display of hardware and twine by Peterson & Co., dry goods by Goodfriend with the employees of their store. The Fair had a very fine display of goods aboard Dewey's flag ship Olympia, whose engine kept up just enough steam to stay in the procession. Mrs. Bamford and Miss Lena Schurke each had a lovely carriage of millinery goods. Geo. Schelm had a fine float of clothing with a Chinese washee hard at work doing the laundry. Stoltenberg, Kuehl & Co. had two fine floats, one for the dry goods and the other for hardware with Miller showing how to cook on one of those wonderful ranges. Hendrickson, of the Farmers' Home, had his float to splendidly advertise his

NEWS OF DOW CITY.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Black, a boy, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Houston's baby is reported sick.

Sunday evening W. V. Whaley and Mrs. R. Vore left for Ohio where their mother is dangerously ill.

Theresa Schafer came down from Denison Monday to celebrate the 4th at her brother's, F. R. Schafer.

Elder J. M. Baker preached at the Pett school house Sunday and Elder C. E. Butterworth at Galland's Grove.

The L. D. S. are putting a new brick foundation under the church. Mr. John Williamson is doing the brick work.

Mrs. Geo. McDougal came up from Omaha Sunday to spend the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houston.

Our town was again visited by a severe wind and rain storm Wednesday night. Lightning struck in several places near but no damage has been reported.

Mr. F. S. Stone went to Cedar Rapids Saturday evening where his wife has been for several weeks under the doctor's special care. We hope she may soon fully recover.

Dave Houston, who has been in Colorado for the past few weeks, returned home Wednesday. John Howarth who has also been in various points in the west looking into the stock business, returned Friday with two car loads of horses which he and Dave brought from a ranch in Colorado. The horses are fine looking animals.

Our school board of the independent district of Dow City met Saturday afternoon, it being the day to accept bids for building the new addition to the school house. The bid of J. W. Gramer was accepted for \$1250. The board also elected a teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Grammar school teacher, Miss Fannie Lawrence of Woodbine being elected.

During the moving of H. S. Green's cattle shed last Friday an accident occurred which might have been fatal. The shed was blocked up on unstable blocking, and somehow the building rolled off the roller trucks the tongue of which flew up and struck Ed. Baber on the chin cutting through his lower lip and loosening some lower jaw teeth. Ed thought it an excellent opportunity for studying anatomy, as he declared he saw at least a thousand stars.

The death of Mrs. W. V. Butler occurred last Thursday evening at about five o'clock after an illness of about two weeks. She leaves a husband and five children, the youngest being a girl baby two weeks' old. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church, Rev. F. W. Bateson of Denison giving a few remarks. Many friends were present to pay their last respects to the departed. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband, children, and other relatives.

Married, Wednesday July 5, at five o'clock p. m., at the residence of the bride's grandparents in Dow City, Mr. Geo. H. Davis and Miss Luella M. Crandall, Rev. A. M. Milesworth, officiating. The groom is the druggist of the firm of Geo. H. Davis & Co. and is well and favorably known by a large circle of friends. He has been among us only about two years during which time he has shown himself to be an honest young man. The bride is so well and favorably known that she need not be introduced. She has been a teacher in this county for several terms and has proved herself to be a lady above ordinary ability in various lines of education. She graduated from the Dow City high school in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Davis took the 7 o'clock train at Arion for Carroll then to Harlan. They will be "at home" to their many friends after August 15.

BUCK GROVE ITEMS.

Traveling peddlers are plenty in this part of the county.

Jay Bicknell is flagman on the Milwaukee road at Mapleton.

Perry Underhill and Will Eggers were in town on business Wednesday.

G. L. Case of Omaha was up this way one day this week; come again.

Mesdames Williams and Bonney were shopping at Denison last Friday.

H. Wingrove of near Arion was on our streets last Friday.

Dan Cruise and wife of near Dunlap were visiting friends here Saturday.

Charlie Mitchell and I. L. Tripp of Omaha spent the 4th here.

Gigax & Son have a new well, parties from Denison doing the work.

Score of base ball played at Buck Grove Saturday: Pretty Prairie, 9; Buck Grove, 13.

Our band played at Dow City the 4th and everybody says they made fine music.

Buck Grove did not celebrate this year; most of our people went to the surrounding towns and all report a good time.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

July 3.

Heinrich Ketelsen and wife to Franz Schmoeller \$4 nw, Goodrich twp, \$320.

Henry C. Laub and wife to C. L. Voss, lot 9 and w 30 ft of lot 8 blk 108, Denison, \$1200.

July 5.

Daniel Riddle and wife to E. Earl Riddle, se se, sec 35, Denison twp, \$1000.

Charles H. Woodard and wife to Minnie Murphy lots 5 and 6, blk 1 First add Woodard's to Manilla, \$99.

John Williamson and wife to Jane Huntington, lots 8 and 9, blk 22, Dow City, \$100.

F. L. Shumaker and wife to Henry Schultz, sq of lot 4 and all of lot 5 blk 8 Harrison add Charter Oak, \$1000.

S. H. Fetfish and wife to Ft. Dodge & Omaha R. R. Co, lot 1 sub-div of out lot R, \$750.

John H. Cushing by attorney to Alfred A. Seagrave, lots 7-8-9-10-11-12, blk 26, Denison, \$1.

William G. Morris and wife and Mrs. Louisa Seagrave to Alfred A. Seagrave, lots 7-8-9-10-11-12, blk 10, Denison, \$1.

Herbert N. Seagrave and wife to Alfred A. Seagrave, lots 5-8-9-10-11-12, blk 16, Denison, \$1.

Albert Ernest Seagrave and wife to Bertha Knaul, lots 7-8-9-10-11-12, blk 16, Denison, \$1.

Bertha Knaul to Alfred Amos Seagrave, lots 7-8-9-10-11-12, blk 16, Denison, \$1.

Western Town Lot Co to George Seiford, lot 12 blk 6, Ricketts, \$135.

Western Town Lot Co to George Seiford, lots 1 and 2, blk 6, Ricketts, \$247.50.

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NEWS OF DOW CITY.

50 yd. (girls under 12)—Wiley 1st; Durant 2d; Pearsall, 3d.

50 yd. (girls under 16)—Riddle 1st; Baker 2d.

100 yd. fat men's race—Thayer 1st; Carson 2d.

Hurdle race—1st, Emsey; 2d Navery.

Relay race—1st team, Butterworth, Baker, McHenry, Hammond.

Horse race—1st, "Jessie W"; 2d "Brown Bess"; 3d, "Halcomb."

Base ball game was won by Pretty Prairie against Dow City by a score of 14 to 8. The chief characteristics of both sides were that of poor playing.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL.

There were a number present at the celebration from Carroll.

James and Henry Maynard are enjoying a visit from their mother of Hampshire, Illinois.

Mrs. Pat Dean returned Saturday from Denver where she attended the funeral of her sister.

Joe Cranny and Wm. Farley returned Thursday from Wyoming where they purchased a car load of western horses. A short but heavy gust of wind on Wednesday night did considerable damage to loose boards and buildings about town.

A score or more of young people enjoyed themselves immensely Friday night at the McNamara home in honor of Miss Nellie McNamara and Miss Jennie O'Meara of Omaha.

John Bjlund returned Tuesday noon after being absent over a year. He and Frank Etzel started for Klonykye in February 1898. John held out until last fall he returned to the states and has been in Guthrie Center. Mr. Etzel is still pegging away and has struck a pay streak which he is working on shares.

The Fourth At Vail.

Vail celebrated the Fourth in grand style this year and more than pleased the large crowd with the events of the day. The parade in the morning was pronounced the finest ever given in this section of the country. The floats and displays of our business men being exceptionally fine while the callithumpians, rain-makers and clowns amused the crowd immensely. Sam V. O'Hara was the orator of the day and to say he pleased his hearers would be putting it mildly. The young orator is to be congratulated on his excellency. The afternoon sports were carried out as per program. The race track was in poor shape and the horse races were run on the road east of town. The famous Carroll band furnished the music during the day and in the evening gave an excellent concert that was something very fine. An evening program was carried out consisting of singing, reading and an address by Maurice O'Connor which was very attentively listened to. This was followed by the finest display of fireworks ever given in this section of the country and consisted of many new and expensive pieces. The ball at night was a grand success, 108 numbers were sold and everyone had a royal good time. All thought it was the biggest celebration ever given in Vail. The crowd was large and spent their money freely.

MILORD TWP. MUTTERINGS.

Mr. Ogren and family were at Denison last week.

Jennie Johnson is staying with her sister, Mrs. Keith.

Homer Huckstep was a business visitor at Vail Saturday.

Cassie Newcom contemplates attending college the summer term.

Mr. Winey marketed hogs at Deloit Monday. C. Dolk being the purchaser.

Olle Olson of Denison came up to the social at Deloit. Glad to have you with us Olle.

James McKim and wife accompanied by the latter's father drove to Odebolt Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Thos Hopper has returned from her visit at Charter Oak. Tommy Hopper accompanied her home.

Elmer Langhery has opened a grocery store in Deloit, also Mr. Horr has a small line of groceries. The old addition of Deloit is not dead yet.

The ladies of the M. E. church gave an ice cream social Saturday afternoon and evening. A large crowd and a good time was reported. The proceeds amounted to \$16.

The graduating exercises at Deloit Friday evening proved a success in every way. The graduates, Wallace McKim, Earnie Albright, Cassie and May Newcom, are four bright and studious pupils and we wish for their success in whatever they undertake.

WILLOW TOWNSHIP TWIGS.

A heavy rain fell Sunday.

Ered Benning of the Oak was in our vicinity Friday.

Charlie Keopke of near Mapleton was on the Willow Monday.

Rev. Carson of Charter Oak attended church at the Center Sunday.

Rev. Lothian preached an excellent sermon Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. Cady and son, Jackson, from Council Bluffs, have been visiting at the home of Fred Shirliff.

R. K. Craft and wife and Mr. McElwain attended a holiness meeting at Smitland last Sunday.

A lady missionary delivered a very interesting lecture at the Mullen school house last Tuesday night. Considerable was raised.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R. HOMESEEKERS EXCURSIONS.

IN JULY, AUGUST SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.

SOUTH! The Illinois Central will run Home-seekers' Excursions to points in the South on the lines of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads from all their stations west of and including Alden and from points on the Lyle and Cedar Rapids branches on July 17th and 31st, August 14th, September 4th and 18th, and October 2d and 10th, and from all points east of and including Williams ONE DAY LATER than the dates named.

The new "Southern Home-Seekers' Guide" describes in detail the agricultural advantages, the soil and products at all points south of the Ohio River on the lines of the above mentioned roads. For a copy address the undersigned.

For information concerning Railroad Lands in the fertile Yazoo Valley of the Mississippi address E. P. Skene, Land Commissioner I. C. R. R., at Chicago.

WEST! Home-Seekers' Excursion tickets will be sold from stations in Iowa east of and including Cedar Falls, and from points on the Lyle and Cedar Rapids branches, July 18th, August 1st and 15th, September 5th and 19th, and October 3d and 17th, to points on the Illinois Central Railroad to which the one way rate is \$7.00 or over, in South Dakota, Minnesota and in Iowa to points west of Ackley inclusive, except points west of LeMars.

Home-Seekers' Excursions to Points On Other Lines of Railroads.

The Illinois Central will also sell on the third Tuesdays in July, August, September and October, Home-Seekers' Excursion Tickets to points on foreign lines of railroads in many of the Western, Southwestern and Southern states. For rates, routes, etc., inquire of your nearest Illinois Central Ticket Agent.

All Home-Seekers' Excursion Ticket are sold at a rate of

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Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates from all stations, July 18, 19 and 20 (but not for trains arriving in Chicago before July 19 or later than July 21), limited to August 20, inclusive, on account of National Convention of Epworth League. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

ALL ABOUT DELOIT.

The first stock was shipped from Deloit Monday.

Mrs. Patchin has been very sick for nearly three weeks.

Bill Shives of Boyer passed through Deloit Monday on his way to Denison.

Scott McKim had a runaway Saturday afternoon which smashed up his buggy.

Deloit was quiet on the Fourth. A great many celebrated at Denison and elsewhere.

E. A. McKim and James and Sarah McKim visited at Geo. Newcom's Saturday and Sunday.

Emanuel and Jacob Orkin of Denison and Frank Barton of Vail visited with J. L. Miller Sunday.

Elmer Langhery put in a stock of goods in the new part of Hunt's building the past week.

S. Horr, the newly appointed postmaster at Deloit, took charge of the office Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hopper was over to Charter Oak last week with her daughter who is afflicted with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Winans and Lizzie Hopper went to Charter Oak Monday to spend the 4th.

The ice cream social given by the M. E. ladies Saturday evening was well attended and proved a success.

Graduating exercises Friday evening at the Brick church were successfully carried out to a well filled house.

The telegraph company is putting up a line on the Northwestern and the men are stopping at Deloit at present.

Clay Miller came up and visited at home last Sunday and David McKim visited with Mrs. Patchin last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. Myers accompanied by Edie and Vernon visited at Deloit last week. Supt. Myers came up and spent Sunday.

The Teutonia German Medicine Co. is billed for next Tuesday and will stay one week giving entertainments and selling medicines.

Mrs. E. A. McKim made the new postmaster a present of a lovely patriotic bouquet on the Fourth, consisting of red, white and blue flowers from her flower garden. Aunt Lizzie takes great pride with her flowers and a bouquet of them always livens the room.

THE BOOT BLACK.

Once on a time, and now, there was and is, A boot black known to all. By circumstance He "hung his shingle" here in Denison, And labored hard to shine the "Upper Ten." Some, finding out his weakness, used to watch And wait; and when he murmured "Want a shine!" Would build at once upon the latest plan To have a little fun.

They thought that he Was not their match in intellect; therefore They fearlessly and bravely waded in To hear what this boot black might have to say In self defense.

Some intellectual men Who spread themselves at bar are in the deal, As well as a few "Commercial" men, Who may be stopping at the best hotel. Once he had been aroused; he loud and long, And earnestly defended, what to him, Seemed right. This pleased the crowd of listeners.

Who used to hang around to laugh at him, And e'en assist the stronger side, as if It were a brilliant thing for them to do, And many of the things they used to say, Had failed to please the boys in Noah's time, Because they had so long been out of date. Yea, even Father Adam when a boy, Had doubtless heard his grandpa make the same.

Remarks, worn out by constant repetition Long ages in advance of this same time We speak about.

If funny once, it long Had ceased to be, but still there may be heard At times this same old jangle on the street. By day and evening. Perhaps there'll come A time some day when would be men may think Of Post Burns and what he wisely said, Beginning thus: "O w'd some power—" but hold!

I dare not quote it here, lest I arouse This self same intellectualty Against myself. But echo answers, No! They would not dare to plot against a man. Who might with show of sense defend himself. "Therefore, go on, and let us hear the words So aptly spoke by one who was a man. But I decline. I need not quote them here; 'T would no service in a place like this, Which makes the claim of fostering the right, And frowning on all wrong—except to him. "We must," some say, "keep up this harangue, Regardless all of what the people think, Or say about it."

Then keep on; but mark, You'll see the time, perhaps, when some of you May be at timber for a like offence. Should others choose to do as you have done, But he've'n forbid, for there is still a soul, Immortal; and when comes at last the day Of reckoning, 't is then we all may see Ourselves adjudged in strict equality.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. For pleasing results use Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. At druggists. Sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet. Address, Dr. Kilmor & Co., Birmingham, N. Y.

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