

CHARTER OAK CHATS

Dr. Folson attended the coroner to the Oak Sunday.

Lillian Bell is visiting this week at her home at Exira.

Florence Brown went to Mapleton on a visit Saturday.

Marion Miller returned to the Oak from Manila Saturday.

Mrs. F. Loomis and daughter were Sioux City visitors Friday.

Mr. Scriber and John Brisacoll of Denison were Oak callers Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Bamford, Bernard and Grace are visiting friends at Boone.

Jessie Andrews came down from Mapleton to visit over Sunday at home.

Wm. Adams has quite a sore foot from getting it poisoned in the corn-field.

John Davis of Ewart was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mrs. Irwin.

Mrs. Roberts and daughters went to Gray Monday to join Mr. Roberts in their new home.

The Misses Anna and Emma Finne took the train Saturday noon for a visit with friends at Magnolia.

Mrs. Antrim returned Monday to her home in Omaha, accompanied by Stella Adams who will visit the exposition.

The Adams children have gone to Carroll to stay a few weeks; their aunt, Miss Josie Knies, will follow in a few days.

Anna O'Doherty who went to Galva for a visit last week came down with the mumps the day after reaching there.

Station Agent Beatty, wife and family went to Aten, Nebraska, the last of the week to visit friends and relatives.

Invitations are out for the wedding Wednesday morning at ten of Mr. Ed Schelm and Miss Julia Topf, two of our most estimable young people.

Mrs. H. McWilliams of Denison who visited friends here last week, returned home Saturday. Franchon Bamford accompanied her for a short visit.

Mrs. Lill, aged 41 years, died Thursday of hemorrhage of the brain. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Hanover Lutheran church. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss.

"Grandma" Haworth died Friday morning of dropsy at the home of her son, Nathan Haworth, living two miles north of Charter Oak. The funeral services were held at the house Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Carson. Her daughters, Mrs. Penrod and family of Galva, Mrs. Werner and family, and M. D. Haworth and family of Mapleton were in attendance. Mrs. Haworth was 72 years old and one of the early settlers of the county.

Two young men were coming in from the west on the "bumper" of a freight train Sunday forenoon; when about three miles west of the Oak one of them fell under the train, his partner said he tried to hold him but could not. After reaching the Oak he told the conductor who went back and brought in the remains of the unfortunate boy which were terribly mangled. The coroner was summoned from Denison and an inquest held, and about 6 p. m. the stranger was laid to rest. Shortly after a telegram came from his father, Mr. Goomican, of Bradford, Ontario county, Canada, for the body to be sent to him. The other boy, for neither of them were over twenty, wanted to get back to Chicago but did not want to ride that way any more, so was given a pass to go with a stock train.

METHODIST NOTES.

Rev. Carson led the Epworth League Sunday evening.

We were glad to see L. A. Matos able to attend services again Sunday.

Rev. Carson will preach at the Willow next Sunday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid society will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Chas. Robertson. Everybody come prepared to work.

The ladies of the Foreign Missionary society will give a program at the church Sunday evening. We trust there will be a good attendance.

Notice to Contractors:

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the board of education of the Independent School District of Denison, Iowa, up to 2:00 p. m., July 31st, 1899, for the erection and completion of a twelve room school building.

Separate bids will be received for the building, and for the heating and closet work.

Bids will be addressed to C. M. Staley, secretary, Denison, Iowa, and enclosed in envelope, "Bids for School Building, Denison, Iowa."

A check for \$200.00 must accompany each bid as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract with the board of education to give a bond for performance of contract as required by law and a faithful execution of same.

Plans can be seen on file with the secretary and also in the office of the architects, W. R. Parsons & Son Co., Des Moines, Iowa, on and after July 14th, 1899.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Denison, Iowa, June 29, 1899.

C. M. STALEY,
Secretary Board Education.

ALL ABOUT DELOIT.

F. H. Brogden is building a new home on his farm.

John Rudd and wife of Dow City were Deloitites Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newcom were Odebolt visitors last Friday.

Mrs. Ann Winans has purchased a fine new buggy for their use.

Tracy Chapman visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis rejoice over a young son born last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John James visited at J. T. Newcom's last Wednesday.

Joseph Brogden of Denison was the guest of his son N. H., Monday.

The M. E. picnic Saturday was well attended and a good time was had.

Grandma Zea had another relapse last week and was very low Sunday.

W. Wilkinson was among those bringing hogs to Deloit to ship last Wednesday.

Grandma McMillan went home with Mrs. Margaret Anderson Saturday for a short visit.

Mrs. Fred Landon was called to the bedside of her afflicted mother, Mrs. Zea, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Law Sewell of Denison were guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newcom Sunday.

Miss McCarthy of Vail was the guest of the Misses Edna and Ethel Huckstep the past week.

N. L. Hunt and wife and Mrs. John Goff and daughter were visiting at Mrs. M. Hunt's residence.

The Teutonic Medicine Co. is now located at Deloit, giving entertainments and selling their medicine.

Miss Ethel Younie of Odebolt, sister of L. E. Younie, was the guest of Miss Bernice McKim a couple of days this week.

Clyde Haffman and daughter of Arion attended the entertainment of the Medicine Co. at Deloit Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snell and daughter Myrtle and husband were guests at the home of James McKim one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Peters and two little daughters of Charter Oak visited at Mrs. Peters' father's, Chauncy Practice, home near Deloit over Sunday.

Clay Miller has secured a position with the N. W. Union Telegraph Co. and has been staying at home a few days helping on the line near Deloit.

Mrs. J. D. Newcom returned from a visit to Missouri Saturday. She reports her mother has very poor health and not able to accompany her home as she had wished.

E. T. Dobson and son Austin and Mrs. Sarah Dobson returned from Sac county last Sunday. Mrs. Sarah Dobson and her son Eli expect to go to Nebraska Monday to visit relatives.

NEWS OF DOW CITY.

The Dow City school board held a meeting Friday evening.

D. F. Schafer is on Paradise assisting D. F. Bryan at hay-making.

Auditor Carey and family were driving around our town Sunday.

Mr. Davis and wife drove up from Woodbine Saturday and returned Sunday afternoon.

Work has begun on the new school house addition which will soon be an addition to our town as well.

Mrs. Wm. Butterworth, the twins, and Grace from Charter Oak came over Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Maggie McDougall returned to her home in Omaha Sunday after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Last Saturday Elder J. N. Baker received a telegram from Manteno where he was called to preach a funeral sermon.

Quite a number of Denison school boys came here Saturday afternoon and played ball with our boys with a result of a victory for Denison. Come again boys.

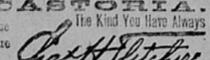
Owing to the quiet condition of the atmosphere for the past week, the Green Cattle Co's wind mill failed to furnish water for their cattle which necessitated filling the water tank by muscular force.

Jas. T. Spence who went to Wall Lake three weeks ago to work on the new Northwestern line at that place, came down on a railroad bicycle Saturday night and returned Sunday afternoon. Will Nokes accompanied him.

Mr. F. L. Hoffman who has been attending summer school at Des Moines, returned to Dow City Saturday. He and Mrs. Hoffman will soon prepare for housekeeping in West Side where the former will have charge of the schools for the coming year.

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KIRON CHRONICLES

Several loads of Kironites drove to the timber Sunday and spent the day.

Mr. Frank Lilliehoolm and sister, Miss Pena, visited in Kiron Sunday.

Miss Edna Stolt of Odebolt has been a visitor the past week at the homes of Norelius and Nordells.

Mrs. John A. Lawrence of Omaha is a visitor this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Swanson.

Miss Nellie Winquest made acquaintances in Ida Grove a visit last week arriving home on Friday.

Mrs. John Swanson came home from Omaha on Friday where she had been having her eyes treated. They have troubled her for some length of time.

Mr. Al Hanson and wife drove to Galva Saturday evening where Mrs. Hanson will visit a sister during a business trip Mr. Hanson makes to Peterson, Iowa.

Peter Johnston and B. N. Benson have commenced the erection of the new school house in the Hoaglund district in Otter Creek township. The size of the building is to be 20x34.

Mr. C. G. Carlson and family drove to Lake View on Wednesday to attend the Sunday school picnic held there by the Mission Friends Sunday School of Odebolt. They report a pleasant time.

The Holiness Association commenced a ten day tent meeting in Ida county last Saturday evening and will continue over Sunday. The tent is in O. Eckblad's yard, one mile west of the Baptist Swedish church. Mr. F. L. Johnson has charge of the meeting.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL.

Mrs. Pat Brean and daughter visited at Dunlap Friday.

Dan McGrath of Charter Oak was a Vailite Thursday.

Misses Babcock and Dupue are visiting Miss Lucy Smith.

Geo. Whiting returned Friday from a stay of several months in Oregon.

John Bennett of Omaha is visiting with his brother, Wm., in Milford twp.

The Misses Cora Adams and Minnie Dellinger were Carroll visitors Sunday.

Oren McAhren and Thos. Fitzpatrick of Denison attended the dance Friday night.

C. J. Holling and wife of Aspinwall were looking after business interests here Saturday.

Messrs. O'Hare, Sheridan, Monaghan, Curry, Wright and Fanske attended a ball game at Carroll recently.

Mrs. Thomas returned to her home at Clinton Thursday after a couple of weeks' stay at the Miller home in Milford township.

About twenty couples enjoyed a very pleasant social dance at the opera house Friday night in honor of Miss Margaret O'Connell of Moberly, Mo.

C. B. Winn of Albany, Or., was Monday appointed census superintendent for the First district of Oregon.

Nineteen thousand tin plate workers returned to work Monday for another year at an advanced wage scale.

Arthur A. Libbey, founder of the big Chicago packing firm of Libbey, McNeill & Libbey, died at Pasadena, Cal., Monday.

Newspaper correspondents at Manila have protested against the censorship there and General Otis will modify its strictness.

The Mexican man of war Democata has arrived at San Diego, Cal., with 98 starving American miners found at San Roque.

The sub-committee of the United States industrial committee opened a session at Boston Monday to inquire into conditions of labor and capital there.

The appeal of the Citizens' committee of the District of Columbia, asking for aid for the Texas flood sufferers is being rapidly answered in a substantial way.

The Georgia negroes imported to Ishkooda mines to take the places of strikers, have stampeded as the result of the assassination of one of their number Saturday night.

The Moulders convention has called upon President McKinley to investigate as to the reported discrimination against organized labor in the machine shops of the Rock Island arsenal.

HANNIBAL, Mo., July 15.

George Miller shot his wife and mother-in-law, Annie Lake, at midnight Saturday night and she died last night. Miller fled to New London, where he was captured yesterday. He is now in jail here and there are threats of summary vengeance.

White-Wagner Mini Tonight.
Sioux City, Ia., July 18.—Tommy White, a well known featherweight, and Patsy Wagner of Yankton, S. D., meet here tonight in a 20-round bout and a good contest is looked for.

You Are Going to the Pacific Coast

Don't complete arrangements until you have secured information regarding the personally conducted excursions to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland via the Union Pacific. These excursions leave Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul every Thursday, and Omaha every Friday in elegantly upholstered Pullman Tourist Sleepers; illuminated by "Pintsch" light heated by steam. Baggage checked through from starting point to destination. Prompt and satisfactory service. Many hours quicker time than any other line.

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Des Moines, Ia.

Church Notes:

BAPTIST.
The Women's Missionary circle will meet in the church parlors next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The Young People's meeting in the evening was also held by Bro. Venting, the subject being "A Friend in Need."

The delegates to the Western Association which meets at Correctionville August 11-14 will be appointed next Thursday evening.

We are pleased to note that the Sunday school has been showing a gradual increase under the committee's work, having increased about 50 in the last three weeks.

We are glad to welcome back a former member of our Sunday school, Miss Hazel Winter, who has for the past year been in Illinois, but is now on a visit with her many friends.

We are pleased to note that our brother, Rev. R. Venting, is with us again for a short time. He conducted the morning service, his subject being "Christian Unity," which he treated in a very pleasing manner.

The B. Y. P. U. held a lawn social at the residence of C. F. Cassaday last Wednesday evening. Quite a large number of our young people were in attendance and spent the evening in playing games and listening to a very interesting program given by some of our members.

PRESBYTERIAN.
The Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening was led by Miss Carrie Fans and was one of marked spiritual interest and profit, the subject being, "Christian Friendship." A business meeting of the society will be held on Thursday evening at the close of the prayer meeting.

The Sabbath service was well attended, a number of strangers and visitors being present. The pastor preached from the text, "God thinketh upon thee." In the musical service Mrs. Kott rendered effectively a choice solo, and the choir a well chosen anthem, Mrs. Philbrook taking the solo part.

The newly chosen president of the Iowa State University, Chancellor Geo. E. MacLean, is a Presbyterian minister, having been an active pastor and earnest Christian worker whose influence will be most excellent among the thirteen hundred students gathered at Iowa City. He has a high reputation for both character and scholarship and unusual capacity for his high office.

METHODIST.
There was one accession to the church last Sunday.

The anthem by the choir Sunday morning was one of the best they have ever rendered.

Merle Gable led the Epworth League Sunday evening after the park meeting. The attendance was very good.

Topic cards have been secured for the League indicating the subjects and the leaders for the rest of the year.

PARK SERVICE.

At the park service Sunday evening Miss Morrow of Illinois spoke on social conditions to an exceptionally large audience. The condition of the poor in our country the speaker said was because of low wages received; that the poor are not receiving sufficient for their labor. But she failed to state that if the wage-earner in this country exercised proper economy he might be able to own his own home and in old age have a competency. This is true in thousands of instances. She failed to state that those who can least afford it spend their money for that which is not bread—namely, for drink. The hard earned money of too many of our poor goes to the liquor dealers of this country. The time will never come when wealth will be equally distributed. There are people who are incapacitated to make; others have no ambitions to accumulate; others still are unable to save and utilize properly what they have earned.

If the address accomplished nothing more than to awaken thought and interest in these social conditions, some good at least was done. That peculiar conditions are about us, is true, and it is well that we face them, and charity prompts us to allow a free discussion on these topics.

IOWA STATE FAIR.

\$7,500 in speed classes will bring fast horses, and every day will be a great day on the track during the State Fair.

The Texas Rough Riding and Roping contests will be new and novel attractions at the State Fair, and will please all who like exciting scenes. The Guidless Wonders will be a taking feature, as will the Diving Horses and Dr. Carver's famous shooting exhibition.

The State Fair grounds and buildings will be thoroughly prepared, and new buildings erected and everything possible done to enable the people to enjoy the occasion.

The railroads of the state have promised round trip tickets for one fare, good any day of the fair.

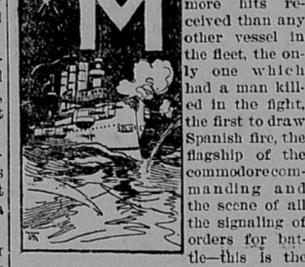
A bureau of information will enable people to secure stopping places at reasonable rates. Engagements may be made by mail, so that parties will be sure of places and know where to go on arrival in the city. The Fair management and the city will co-operate to make the stay of visitors pleasant and furnish all desired during their stay in the city.

LED THE SEA BATTLE.

SCHLEY AND HIS FLAGSHIP BROOKLYN AT SANTIAGO, JULY 3.

Burst From Sunday Quiet Into a Bustle of War—Schley's Quick Commands—How He Fought the Escape of the Colon—The Vizcaya Fight.

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ORE telling shots fired and more hits received than any other vessel in the fleet, the only one which had a man killed in the fight, the first to draw Spanish fire, the flagship of the commodore commanding and the scene of all the signalling of orders for battle—this is the story of the cruiser Brooklyn in the battle which wiped out the Spanish navy in the West Indies. It has been given to but few warships to be the center figure of events so stirring and so momentous and survive the battle. Yet five minutes before the ball opened all was so even and commonplace that Commodore Schley, lounging easily on the Brooklyn's quarter deck, yawned and said, "This is pretty slow." Captain Cook was in his cabin getting out his parade clothes for a general muster. Suddenly he heard the executive officer above call out, "Clear ship for action!" Knowing from the officer's tone that the command meant business, Captain Cook rushed to the bridge and was told that the enemy's ships were coming out. On a platform in front of the conning tower Captain Cook found Schley, with aids and signalmen around him, giving battle orders to the fleet. So quickly had the yawning bored sailor changed to a fighting son of Neptune.

At the first sound of alarm from the outlook the Commodore grabbed his glass and started for the tower. On the way he called to the signal officers: "Signal the fleet to 'Clear ship!'" and "Signal the fleet to 'Clear ship!'" Just as Schley reached the tower the Iowa's first gun boomed, and the commodore says that in exactly 1 minute and 30 seconds from the time the first signal flew every American ship on the scene was firing at the Spanish column. Yet the Spanish exit was to all purposes a surprise as far as the alert Yankees can be surprised. It was a quiet Sunday hour. The commander in chief had sailed away, telling the ships on guard to disregard his movements—clear proof that in the cabins of the blockaders the forenoon of Sunday, July 3, was held to be an off hour for sailors.

It was indeed a sharp alarm for the American sailors, but they fell to the work of smashing Spain with more vim than they would have done at the end of a long period of strain of anxious watching. A correspondent on the Brooklyn says that when Captain Cook came on deck he called out, "Full speed ahead!" and at that instant the forward 8 inch guns of the ship boomed as echoes to the Iowa, which had got in the first shot. This was barely three minutes from the time the escaping fleet was sighted. The celerity of movement on the Brooklyn astonished the correspondent, who was familiar with the ship at all times, except in action. "What to a layman," he says, "seemed the direst pandemonium and disorder was the finest of discipline and the acme of order. That men flew by, dropping their shirts as they ran, that orders flew thick and fast and that men and officers seemed tumbling over one another was no criterion. That every gun was ready to shoot, that the fire had been started under four fresh boilers, that every battle hatch had been lowered, that every watertight compartment was closed, that ammunition was ready for the reloading of the guns, that the fire pumps were on and the decks wet down and that every man of 500 was in the place assigned him for battle completes an indisputable miracle."

When the Brooklyn opened fire on Cervera's flagship, the Maria Teresa, the range was 1,500 yards. The Spaniard held to her course, but the Brooklyn turned slowly, firing first from her port battery, then from her starboard. The Brooklyn was in lead of the fleet because the Spaniards turning westward steamed toward her while the Brooklyn's consorts were left behind by Cervera's movement west.

Commodore Schley says that the first few moments decided the battle. He gave the fleet orders to close in, and the ready American ships dashed for the Spaniards like a pack of hounds.

Cervera knew the kind of enemy he had in front, for after passing a certain point of land he swung his ship and opened on the Brooklyn. She was the fleetest American in the line and destined leader of the chase, and if he could cut her down by shell or ram his chances of escape would be doubled. Schley said that the ocean surface looked like a mill pond during a fair storm. Personally this did not impress him until Chief Yeoman Ellis was killed alongside of him and a searchlight smashed at his elbow by Spanish shells. He was watching the battle and directing movements. Within 20 minutes of the appearance of the Spaniards four of their ships had been annihilated. After that he could pay attention to matters close at hand.

Schley's advice to Captain Cook of the Brooklyn when the Spaniard appeared was, "Have your rapid fire guns ready for those fellows." When he saw the Vizcaya break from her

westward course and steer for the Brooklyn he shouted, "Put your helm hard a port!" and the ship began that movement on a loop which has caused so much speculation. When the swinging movement brought the starboard gun to bear Schley cautioned the ship captain to tell "the men to fire deliberately and make every shot tell."

Before the starboard guns were out of range the Teresa had turned inshore in flames. This left the Vizcaya in the lead with the Colon and Oquendo lingering behind to cover the torpedo boats. All three fired at the Brooklyn. Then followed a running fight of 54 minutes, Schley says, during which the Brooklyn was struck 100 times. The Oquendo met the fate of the Teresa and the crew of the Brooklyn redoubled their efforts to finish the business.

Although the Oregon and Texas were up and pounding the Spaniards, the fight between the Vizcaya and Brooklyn was a square naval set to. Still the ships were not matched. The Vizcaya's armorplate was double the thickness of the Brooklyn and her guns heavier. Officers and crew on the Brooklyn seemed delighted although anxious when the fight began between them. Schley said to Captain Cook, "Get in close, Cook, and we'll fix her." A turn of the helm brought the Brooklyn within 950 yards, and the 8 and 5 inch guns threw out clouds of smoke so dense that the ships could barely see each other.

When the smoke cleared the Vizcaya was turning inshore and all the gunners had been driven from the exposed chambers by the Brooklyn's terrible fire. With one spasm of motion which seemed an effort to ram the Brooklyn, the doomed Vizcaya turned to the enemy, but soon put about and ran ashore.

Meanwhile the Colon, passing inside the vessels which took all the punishment from the American guns, had sped on out of range. Schley signaled the Texas to look out for the sinking ship and ordered all speed on the Brooklyn in chase of the Colon. He said that he felt as Nelson did at Trafalgar that victory would be incomplete if one vessel got away. As it was to be a long run, he told Cook to let the men go to dinner. As the Brooklyn drew near the Colon fired her after guns at her, but the men paid no attention and finished their meal under fire. Schley watched the game of chase like a hound in leash. As the Brooklyn began to gain so that it was evident she would catch up with the fleeing Colon he said, "We may be able to wing that fellow and then Clark (Oregon) and Phillip (Texas) will get a show at him, even if he sinks us."

The Colon had a speed of 19½ knots, and the Brooklyn could make but 17. However, Schley saw that the Spaniard was so close inshore that in order to clear a cape ahead she would have to run miles to seaward, thereby losing headway. The Brooklyn held her course two miles offshore ready to intercept should the Spaniard attempt to come out.

Schley signaled to the Oregon to try one of those heavy shells known as "railroad trains." It was a 13 inch projectile fired at 8,900 yards and, in passing the Brooklyn, sounded like a railway train rushing through space. It landed astern the Colon, and the Brooklyn sent an 8 inch the same distance ahead of her. Schley signaled to Clark of the Oregon where the shell of the latter had struck, and Clark did the same for the Brooklyn. The shots were repeated, that of the Oregon passing through the Colon fore and aft and the Brooklyn's exploding in her cabin, making a fearful wreck. The Colon immediately fired a gun to the leeward, struck her colors and headed for the beach, third and last victim of the Brooklyn's guns, which fired that day 1,973 shots.



Schley sent Captain Cook of the Brooklyn on board the Colon to demand unconditional surrender. When Cook returned to the ship, the New York was up with Sampson on board, and



Schley was ordered to take the Brooklyn and the Oregon, the two ships in at the death of the chase, back over the battlefield in the direction from which the New York had just come to look for a mythical Spanish warship reported in that vicinity. Schley says that Sampson declared that he wanted Schley to "finish the job."

The mythical Spanish warship proved to be an Austria, sailing quietly in proximity to the rest of the American fleet. It was really a relegation of the victors to the rear, but Schley and the ship's crew took it cheerfully, with the feeling, says the commodore, "that there was not anything which carried the Spanish flag that day that dared come within battery range of the Brooklyn."

The scars on the Spaniards showed that this was not a vain boast. One-half of the principal shots which destroyed the enemy came from the Brooklyn's five inch guns. With these she hit the Teresa 5 times, the Oquendo 5, the Vizcaya 6 and the Colon 4. According to the report of the experts the only hits on the Colon wreck were from the Brooklyn. In that case, she alone destroyed the one vessel which had a show of escape. She also finished the Vizcaya, the best fighter in Cervera's squadron.

GEORGE L. KILMER.