CHARTER OAK CHATS

Fred Brewster went to Schaller to visit a few days.

Rev. Hild, of Ute, was a welcome visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. H. Bates is visiting this week with friends at Holstein.

Charlie Larson came from Denison to spend a few days at home.

P. D. McMahon and sister Ella were Sioux City callers Friday.

Charlie Klahn is home from school at Iowa City for the vacation.

Ed Goodtrend visited friends at Ottumwa the first of the week.

Mrs. Kamman and E. A. Abbott were Sioux City visitors Saturday.

John Dineen and wife went to their home at Storm Lake Saturday.

Louie Bahnsen came from Logan to spend Christmas with home folks.

O. M. Criswell and wife, of Denison, spent the first of the week with friends here.

Mrs. Lackey, of Battle Creek, came down to see her father, Mr. Wirth, Saturday.

Herman and Willie Arff visited with friends at Battle Creek the first of the week.

Mrs. R. C. Roup visited Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baber at Ute.

Charter Oak had its first snow, or enough to cover the ground, on Christmas day.

Frank Kniest came from Council Bluffs to spend Christmas with his sister, Miss Josie.

J. G. Shumaker was down from Sioux City Saturday and took his Christmas turkey from here.

There were no services at the Presbyterian church Sunday as Rev. McEwen preached at Manning.

John Baker and family, of Denison, visited Sunday and Monday with friends at Charter Oak.

Mrs. M. Jones, of Council Bluffs, is visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wertz.

Editor McVey and daughter went to Cedar Rapids Saturday to spend Christmas with friends there.

Frank Kemp came home from Manning and Oren from Oto to visit their parents during vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harris are enjoying a visit with their sons from Omaha who came up for Christmas.

Mr. Wirth and Mrs. Thede, who have been very sick, are reported a little better. We hope they may soon be up again.

Prof. Garrett and daughter, Miss Gladys, went to Fremont, Neb., Monday to attend a reunion of his father's family.

Victor Brown, who is taking a course in pharmacy at Highland Park college, is spending his vacation with the folks at home.

AN ARION LETTER.

Council meets next Monday.

Don Talcott spent Christmas at home.

W. B. Evans was in Omaha Friday.

Al Lambert spent Xmas with his family.

Jas. Sully acted as Santa Claus and he was O. K.

Most of the children in town are on the sick list.

Chas. Galland and two of his little girls are very sick.

L. M. Coon was in Omaha Saturday and in Deloit Sunday.

The Misses Jessie and Bessie Robertson visited Mrs Bells on Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Tibbet spent a part of Christmas at the W. W. Coon home.

John Michaelsen and wife spent Christmas with Mr. M.'s parents in east Arion.

Mrs. Richards, Ruth and Calla spent Christmas with R. A. Slocumb at Dow City.

Mr. Barsby, of North Grove, was in town Friday looking at houses with a view to buying and moving here.

Mrs. W. B Butler has been in Dow City at the bedside of her brother, Chas. Holliday, most of the past week.

E. T. Dobson and Miss Jennie Johnson were the guests of L. M. Coon Friday and Saturday on their way to the former's home in St. Joseph, Mo.

The exercises at the Xmas tree services were well attended and the little folks seemed to enjoy the occasion hugely. The teachers in the Sunday school remembered all their scholars with presents as did all the classes their teachers.

Wm. Marr's home was the scene of a pleasant family gathering Xmas. the following persons being present: Frank Smith and wife, Fred Eggers and wife, Walter Eggers and wife, Tom Ransom and wife. Ralph Jackson and wife, A. Conrad and wife, Albert and John Eggers.

Says Western League is a Success.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 26.—President Thomas J. Hickey of the Western League of baseball clubs, in a statement last night, says all the clubs so far in the league have ample backing. He also says there is no doubt that the league will be a success.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL

Alf. Wright was up from Denison Friday.

Lulu Maguire visited Friday at Denison.

Joe Garvin was a passenger Saturday to Omaha.

Henry Stuck was a county seat visitor Saturday.

John Knowles went to West Side Christmas.

Tom Fitzpatrick was up from Denison Monday.

S. Servoss of Denison was a Vail visitor Sunday.

Lou Mahan is spending the week with his family.

George Spottswood of West Side was a Sunday visitor in Vail.

Dr. Bond of Denison was a professional caller here last week.

Frank Claussen spent Christmas with his parents at Arcadia.

John Kachuba and Bob White were up from West Side Monday.

Rev. Talbot of Mapleton held services at the Episcopal church Sunday.

Henry Mitchell is spending the holidays with relatives at Maquokato.

Maggie Short is spending her vacation with parents at Honey Creek.

Johnnie Giblin came up from Omaha for a few days' visit with his parents.

Miss Ollie Bardon of Creston is visiting parents and friends over Christmas.

Skating on the Boyer has been the rage lately with those enjoying the sport.

C. C. Vail left for New Sharon Friday to visit over Christmas with relatives,

Rosella Pound is spending Christmas at home from her school duties in Carroll county.

Rev. Eaton has been holding revival meetings at the Calman chapel in Jackson township.

Both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches had very interesting Christmas entertainments Saturday night

Sam V. O'Hare was a Vail caller Friday and went to Carroll to eat Christmas dinner with his parents.

Mrs. Wm. Eaton and children of New Sharon are visitors with Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark White and family are spending Christmas with John Spitzbarth and family at Rockwell City.

Lillian Price is home from her college studies at Davenport to spend the holidays with her parents and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and daughter of Clinton came Mohday to spend Christmas at the Miller home in Milford township.

Mike Monaghan returned from New York last week accompanied by his newly married bride. They are at the M. Giblin home at present.

N. P. Rassmussen and family left Friday for Oregon where they will make their home. The best wishes of many friends go with them.

A special train load of 15 cars of stock was shipped from Vail Monday morning. Those shipping were M. Keane, six cars; Vail Roller Mill Co., two cars; Richard Kinney, three cars, and Thos. Adams, four cars

HANOVER MENTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schelm were Denison visitors Wednesday last.

Otto Dorale is visiting relatives and friends at Charter Oak this week.

Mr. Neubaum and sons were visitors at the county seat Friday of last week.

Albert Schultz was down from Schleswig last Sunday and spent the day with his parents.

Miss Una Goodrich, who teaches in District No. 2, spent Sunday at her home in Denison.

Miss Hester departed Friday evening for her home in Buck Grove to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Cora Hester, assisted by her pupils, gave an interesting Christmas program Friday afternoon, Dec. 22.

Gustave Rabe jr. and his sister Martha are home from South Dakota to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Doretta Schelm, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Herman Baak, of Soldier township, returned home last Wednesday.

Erich Messenbrink is now in the employ of Mr. D. H. McWilliams & Co. of Charter Oak. He will clerk in the store until after the holidays

Miss Hattie Kortmann, who has been sewing with Miss Healy of the Oak for several weeks, returned home quite ill. We hope her sickness is not serious.

An interesting Christmas program was given at St. Paul's Lutheran church by Prof. Geisemann assisted by his pupils Sunday evening, Dec. 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huebner were guests of Mr. Christ Bielow's on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. Huebner are now nicely settled in their new home in east Hanover.

L. Riemer has moved his shoe store from his residence to the new town of Ricketts. Those who wish good goods at low prices will do well to purchase shoes and overshoes at his store.

NEWS OF DOW CITY.

Our school closed Friday for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lyman went to Weston, Iowa, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. D. M. Rudd is enjoying a holiday visit from her father, Mr. Cooper, of Rolfe, Iowa.

Mrs. S. E. Rudd, Ed and Bertha Baber drove to Denison Friday and did some shopping.

The Dow City jail will be sold at auction next Saturday and a new one will soon be built.

Last Saturday was a day long to be remembered by the business men of our town. Hitching places were at a premium and business was brisk.

Mrs. J. T. Shearman's brother, Mr. Irwing Eddy, came up from Omaha Friday and made a brief visit. He has been attending a medical school in Omaha.

Elder C. E. Butterworth returned from Galland's Grove Friday to spend Christmas at home. Also, Elder D. M. Rudd returned from his Nebraska mission Monday.

Mr. Earl Baker and Miss Edith Rudd were married last Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rudd, Mr. A. H. Rudd officiating.

C. K. Schafer, of Omaha, Mrs. Gertrude Schafer and Theresia Schafer, of Denison, and Mrs. Ed. Marks, of Paradise, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R Schafer.

The M. E. and L. D. S churches had proper celebrations on Christmas night Both houses were crowded to their utmost and many valuable tokens were given. How joyful to think that the poor are remembered on such occasions as these.

CONFERENCE AT KIRON.

The Sioux City District of the Iowa Conference held its monthly meeting at the Swedish Lutheran Bethel Church Kiron, Iowa, December 11-13.

Monday evening was devoted exclusively to the young people. At that time Mr. Leonard E, Teleen, a student of the Augustana Seminary at Rock Island, Illinois, who has charge of the Lutheran church at Odebolt, delivered an excellent address on the subject, "The True Relation of the Young People to the Church." Rev. Ferm of Sioux City spoke in Swedish on "Companionship."

Tuesday morning there was a discussion on the very modern subject, "The Kingdom of God," This subject is at present receiving the careful and serious consideration of the German theologians, and in time will certainly be more discussed in this country than it has been heretofore. The subject was ably introduced by Rev. Ferm of Sioux City, and a lively, interesting and instructive discussion followed, participated in by all the clergymen present

The meeting adjourned at 1 p. m.

The business matters of the District were considered during the afternoon

In the evening the Rev. J. Mauritzson; B D. was installed as pastor of the Bethel congregation. The installation sermon was delivered by the Rev. M. P. Oden of Alta, Iowa, President of the Iowa Conference. His text was John 21:15 17. After the sermon followed the installation act proper, the Rev. Oden officiating, assisted by the Revs O W. Ferm, Sioux City; A O Landell, Gowrie, and S. A. Selander, Harcourt. The impressive Lutheran service was used.

After the installation followed holy communion, the Rev. Landell preached the preparatory sermon Ten new members were received into the congregation at this service.

Wednesday morning the district closed its meeting with high mass services The Revs. Oden and Landell officiated as liturgists and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Selander; text, Matt. 13:44 46, subject "The Treasures of the Kingdom of God."

The church choir consisting of about twenty voices rendered excellent music at all services. The choir is under the efficient leadership of Minnie Baher, Mabel Lundell presided at the organ. The church had been tasefully decorated for the occasion by the young people of the congregation. All services, especially the Tuesday evening service, were well attended.

HOWELL'S ANTI-KAWF

Is the best remedy for any kind of a cold, any time of the year, for all ages of people.

FEARFUL DEED OF A FATHER.

Farmer Kills His Children, Fires His Home and Commits Suicide.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Nov. 26.—William J. Thomas, aged 50 years, a farmer 11 miles southwest of here, shot and killed his three children, set fire to his house and then committed suicide some time during the night. The children were John, aged 18 years; Davis, 14, and Edna, 12. The blackened and charred bodies of Thomas and his victims were found in the smoldering ruins of his home by neighbors in the morning.

Financial trouble is supposed to have impelled Thomas to the terrible crime. He had lost his farm by a mortgage and creditors took the last of his stock Saturday.

His wife committed suicide in August, 1898, because, it is alleged, he had been detected in theft. It is said that before her death she exacted a promise from Thomas to kill himself and children at that time, but he lacked the courage to commit the deeds.

AGAINST PURE MILK LAW.

Judge Bishop Reverses a Case, Holding the Legislature Went Too Far.

DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—Judge Bishop handed down a decision yesterday morning in the case of the state against G. T. Schlenker, the milkman who was tried and found guilty of selling adulterated milk. The verdict is reversed and the defendant discharged from all further liability. In the opinion of the court the legislature erred when it went farther in the premises than it had power to. In this case no element of fraud appears, says the court, and there was nothing incident to the commodity dealt in which rendered it injurious to the public health.

Judge Bishop continues: "I cannot conceive of any reason why a person who desired to buy milk containing a slight quantity of boracic acid should not be permitted to do so."

Rich Coal Deposit in Marion County.

DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—The Hamilton Coal company of Bussey has discovered in Marion county the richest coal deposit ever located in Iowa. It has developed by numerous borings a vein of coal underlying a 570-acre tract and from 6½ to 13 feet thick. The 31 holes that have been put down find the thickness is 7 feet 6½ inches. A shaft has been sunk and found the coal 9½ feet thick. The company has extensive options on surrounding land and will at once develop the deposit.

Line from Des Moines to Iowa Falls.

DES MOINES, Dec. 23.—The corps of surveyors for the Des Moines, Iowa Falls and Northern road yesterday completed a line from Des Moines to Iowa Falls. The road is still on paper. Stockholders have invested $25,000 in the preliminary work, having assurance of the Illinois Central backing it. They say the line will be built next spring from the Illinois Central main line at Iowa Falls into this city and that it is necessitated because the Illinois Central failed to secure control of the Minneapolis and St. Louis.

LION COFFEE

Used in Millions of Homes!
Accept no substitute!
Insist on LION COFFEE, in 1 lb. pkgs.

Best Coffee for the Money!
Try LION COFFEE and you will never use any other. It is absolutely pure Coffee and nothing but Coffee.

These articles mailed FREE in exchange for lion heads cut from front of 1 lb. LION COFFEE pkgs.

Silk Umbrella (either Lady's or Gents).
Sent by express (charges prepaid), for 170 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.
A very fine umbrella, made of union silk-taffeta; 26-inch frame with seven ribs; steel rod and silver Congo handle. Would cost $2.00 at the store.

Fancy Gold Ring. For 18 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

Genuine Ruby Setting Gold Ring. For 25 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

These rings are genuine rolled-gold plate, having the exact appearance and qualities of solid gold, and guaranteed by the makers to last two years with ordinary usage. New patterns and very popular.

To Determine the Size.
Cut a strip of thick paper so that the ends will exactly meet when drawn *tightly* around second joint of the finger. Lay one end on this diagram at the 0, and order the number the other end indicates.

STRENGTH, PURITY AND FLAVOR

Dress-Pin Set. Mailed free for 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Three pins in the set (larger than shown), composed of fine rolled-gold, with handsome ruby-colored settings. Suitable for waist-pins, cuff-pins, neck-pins or as a child's set.

"Knickerbocker" Watch. Given for 175 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Neat appearing and an excellent time-keeper. Solid nickel-silver case, with ornamental back. Nickel movements, escapement fully jeweled. The famous "Knickerbocker" watch.

Pair of Lace Handkerchiefs. Two extra fine cambric handkerchiefs, with beautiful imported lace medallion insertions in the corners. Half-inch hem, machine hemstitched; stylish and durable. A pair of these handkerchiefs given for 18 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp.

Art Picture, "Easter Greeting" Given for 8 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2-cent stamp. A highly artistic picture, that will grace the finest drawing-room. The background of royal dark-blue furnishes an appropriate contrast to the little girl and her white Easter lilies. Size, 14x28 inches. For 10 lion heads and 2 cents we will send it tinned ready for hanging.

Sash-Belt and Buckle. Mention your waist-measure when sending. Mailed free for 15 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2-cent stamp. Latest style of imported black Swiss grosgrain ribbon belting; stylish imitation oxidized silver buckle; neat, strong and fashionable.

Ladies' Watch Chain. A double strand of best silk cord, united at intervals with colored beads; neat and substantial. For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

Gent's Watch. Mailed free for 90 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. The celebrated "Ingersoll" watch; stem-wound and stem-set; durable nickel-plated case; each watch accompanied by guarantee of the maker. A reliable time-keeper.

Children's Picture Book. Given for 10 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Sixteen large pages of Mother Goose Melodies illustrated and with nicely lithographed cover. We have different books, so you can get an assortment.

Flower Picture. For 8 lion heads and a 2c. stamp. American Beauty Roses and Lilies-of-the-Valley. Size, 11x24 inches. Bright and artistic coloring.

Silver Napkin-Ring. For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Neat and substantial. Made of durable metal, heavily silver-plated. Two different patterns.

Ladies' Pocket-Book. Large size and latest shape. Black seal-grain leather, with five separate divisions, including a tuck-pocket with flap to hold visiting cards secure. Given for 25 lion heads from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp.

Century Cook-Book. 368 pages of valuable cooking receipts, also treatise on the labor of the kitchen, dining-room, laundry, sick-room, and remedies for the more common diseases. Given for 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

"The Dancing Lesson." The green grass and trees, the little brown kitten and the girl's snow-white dress form a pleasing combination of colors. Size, 15x21 inches. Mailed free for 8 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp.

Coin-Purse. For 15 lion heads and a 2-cent stamp. Color, dark brown. Made of fine kid leather; chamois lining; nickeled frame, with strong snap-fastening.

Ladies' Pen-Knife. For 15 lion heads cut from Lion Coffee wrappers and a 2c. stamp. Large size; good material; handles nicely decorated and assorted colors.

Table Cover. Durable, dark-colored material that will stand washing. 32 inches square, including fancy fringed border. Mailed free for 25 lion heads and a 2c. stamp.

Boys' Pocket-Knife. The "Easy-Opener"; strong, sharp blade; red-wood handle. For 12 lion heads and a 2c. stamp.

THE ABOVE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE LION COFFEE PREMIUMS. Another list will shortly appear in this paper! Don't miss it! The grandest list of premiums ever offered!

You always know LION COFFEE by the wrapper. It is a sealed package, with the lion's head in front. It is absolutely pure if the package is unbroken. LION COFFEE is roasted the day it leaves the factory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
When writing for premiums send your letter in the same envelope or package with the lion heads. If more than 15 lion heads are sent, you can save postage by trimming down the margin. Ask your grocer for large illustrated premium list. Address all letters to the
WOOLSON SPICE CO., Toledo, Ohio.