

CHARTER OAK CHATS

Hattie Siglin was a Denison caller on Monday. Miss Vena Schurke was an Arion caller Wednesday. Mrs. Ullrich returned to her home in Ute Wednesday. E. E. Springer transacted business in Sioux City this week. Mrs. P. Thompson is visiting her mother at Heron, Neb. Mr. Garrison of Denison transacted business here Thursday. Jennie Roberts of Arion is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Snyder. C. Hart and J. Stough were Tuesday passengers for Aberdeen, S. D. Joe Wilson of Oakland was shaking hands with friends here Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stough started on Wednesday for their new home in S. D. Jas. Luney and R. A. Romans were Denison people at the Oak Wednesday. John Davis returned to his home in Powsheik county Wednesday evening. Born, Wednesday, March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Wilson a daughter. L. Bahson and Wm. Mains made a trip to Schleswig the first of the week. Thos. Thompson and G. B. Goin were Council Bluffs visitors the first of the week. Miss Lena Schurke is in Cedar Rapids this week buying her spring millinery. Miss Mable Nesbitt returned to her home at Waterloo after a few weeks visit with friends here. O. A. Griffiths has been in S. D. this week and attended the sale of lots at Geddes on Wednesday. Belle Brazell went to her home in Sioux City Wednesday after a few days visit with friends here. Mesdames. Slocumb, Green and Lewis of Dow City were guests of Mrs. P. W. Harding Thursday afternoon. As Wm. Peters was going home from the lodge Monday evening this team ran away when near home, and he was quite badly hurt. Father Godfrey of Ft. Dodge, Ind. is here to assist Father Cooper in the mission services which begin Friday evening at the Catholic church. A small fire in the corner of the Odd Fellows hall caused quite an excitement for a short time Tuesday, but a few pails of water made it all right. Mrs. R. W. Bamford will have a millinery opening April 3, 4, and 5. Coffee will be served the second day. She has a fine line of goods which it is a pleasure to look at. Henry Nederneyer near Ute took a gun from a wagon with the muzzle toward him with the usual results, of shooting himself in the right side. Dr. Hart was called and thinks he will get along all right, but it was a close call.

HAPPENINGS AT VAIL

Wm Lynch is home from his Omaha stay. G. F. North is buying hogs on our streets now. Abbie Bailey of Shaller is a visitor at the Price home. George Rogers is here looking after his farm interests. "Ikie" Maguire was a county seat visitor Wednesday. Matt McAlpin of Denison was a Vail visitor Wednesday. Seven car loads of stock was shipped from Vail Tuesday morning. Maud and Glennie Paine visited with friends in West Side Thursday. Wm Kelly and Dell Servoss left Tuesday for a short stay in Oklahoma. Maude Paine returned Tuesday from her school duties at Battle Creek. Mike Gaffey is here from Kansas City visiting his sister, Mrs. Joe Cranny. Mrs. C. C. Vail and sister, Miss Watland were Denison visitors Thursday. Ryan & Ratchford are having the interior of their store painted and papered. Wm. Kelly has sold his half interest in the saloon business to his partner, Hans Voss. Mrs. M. A. Maguire went to Omaha Wednesday to study the latest styles in spring millinery. Will Mitchell has leased the Wallace House and will take possession May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Keane will occupy the building across the street from the Wallace House known as the "Shamrock."

C. C. Mundy mourn the loss of their baby girl but four weeks old. The little one quietly passed away Thursday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends. A very pleasant time was had Monday night at the Bennett home north of town by about sixty friends who had gathered to bid Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett goodbye before their departure for Sioux City. They left Tuesday with the best wishes of many friends. Nine times out of ten it is over the Bridge of Sighs that we pass the narrow gulch from youth to manhood. The cheese mite is more tenacious of life than any other insect.

KIRON CHRONICLES

Postmaster F. L. Johnson of Johnsonville was in Kiron on Monday. Will Stephen of Arthur visited friends near Kiron Sunday and Monday. S. N. Sandstrom returned home on Tuesday from Chicago where he marketed cattle. Messrs N. P. Swanson and C. S. Johnson visited the county capital on Tuesday last. Annie Shaw went to Cedar Rapids on Monday where she will attend college for a few months. Paul Stred arrived home on Monday where he spent several days visiting relatives and acquaintances. Business called M. Borge to Soldier Monday afternoon. He returned on the morning passenger Tuesday. Lydia Benson and Emma Miller came home Tuesday afternoon from a pleasant stay with Denison friends. W. C. Shaw made a flying trip to Wall Lake on Monday morning returning on the afternoon passenger. Harry Johnson is assisting as clerk in Norelius & Nordell's establishment. Everything is new to Harry yet in this line but a little experience together with his ability will rank him with the experts. Annie Lundberg is arranging her stock of the latest millinery goods at C. J. Chinburg's store this week. Miss Lundberg is a very energetic and deserving lady and her many friends extend their wishes for her success in this venture. A writer from Kiron to the Swedish "Svithoid" at Des Moines in winding up his write up of this town adds that among other things we need is a drug store. The writer of the article has surely not visited Kiron; if so, he has failed to learn of or entered into one of the main businesses in our town. Kiron has a first class drug store, equipped with a complete line of drugs, etc. Milton Pomeroy who is managing the Trans-Mississippi elevator during his brother's illness, met with a very painful accident Monday afternoon. While engaged in oiling the machinery which was in motion, a door back of him was slammed shut by the wind causing him to start and catching his left hand near the crank shaft smashed his thumb between the casing and shaft, inflicting an ugly flesh wound and bruising the thumb bone very seriously. He was taken to Dr. Burrow's office where the wound was dressed. At the present time he is doing nicely and can count himself very fortunate if the thumb is saved. If medical skill counts for anything Dr Burrows will render it.

NEWS OF DOW CITY

A. C. Butterworth Sundayed at home. Mrs. Harry Louis spent Tuesday with Denison friends. Ben B. Keith took the morning train for Omaha Wednesday. Mrs. Conrad of Willow township was a Dow City caller Monday. Mrs. George H. Davis is spending the week in Omaha visiting her mother. Mesdames E. N. Chamberlain and E. H. Swasey were Dunlap visitors Saturday. Little Simon Holden had his knee very badly bruised while playing at school Monday, but is able to be about. Mrs. Will Seemann of Denison returned home Monday after a delightful visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Wise. H. S. Green returned home Wednesday from Utah where he has been for the past three weeks looking after cattle interests. The numerous friends of Judge and Mrs. Green of Audubon will be pleased to learn of the arrival of a little daughter in their home. A. H. Bowring was visiting with old friends a few days. He is at present general agent for the McCormick Harvester people, with headquarters at Sioux City. S. L. Culver of Chicago was in town Tuesday, agitating the creamery question. He offers good inducements to the farmers and may succeed in interesting them. The number of sick in town at present is alarming. Mr. Orvall Wood, Mr. Kanauas, Mrs. Molesworth, and a child of George Spence are at present dangerously ill. Rev. Wickersham of Boone lectured Wednesday evening at Green's hall on the subject "Chickens Come Home to Roost," or "Moral Agriculture." A goodly number attended and report the lecture a rare treat. Mr. Alexander Cooper lectured on temperance Sunday morning and evening at the M. E. church. He continues his talk the rest of this week at Green's hall. Every one should bear him for he is an interesting and forcible speaker, and is doing a great deal of good all over the country.

Investigating Industrial Conditions. ATLANTA, Ga., March 20.—The sub-committee of the Industrial commission opened its hearing in Atlanta yesterday. The commission is engaged in investigating industrial conditions in the south.

ALL ABOUT DELOIT

Editor A. H. Rudd visited Deloit on Saturday. Geo. Enright moved to Denison Thursday. Stanley Brown was a Denison caller Tuesday afternoon. S. Brown and wife were guest at the McMillan home Sunday. Scott McKim bought his father's old home property recently. E. T. Dobson is recovering from a severe attack of La Grippe. Thos. Lumley went to Woodbine on Tuesday for a visit with his sons. Mrs. Ed Burgess returned from a visit with her parents at Bell last Friday. The L. D. S. Sunday school is making preparations for an Easter entertainment. Dr. Walter Cook has been attending H. H. Wescott this week, who has been very sick. Roy McKim and family went to Dow City Sunday to visit Mrs. McKim's parents. S. Horr and N. H. Brogden attended the director's meeting at Center school house Monday. Scott McKim started to Arkansas accompanied by his son, F. H. Bond of Ponda spent a day with friends here this week. James Wedlock and his son opened up a shoe shop in the Myers building Wednesday. Charles Cose moved into the A. G. Myers' residence this week vacated by his brother W. H. Postmaster Horr received the glad news Tuesday from the Postal department that on April 1st the I. C. railroad would begin carrying the mail. Miss Rose Kirfel of Dow City had an auction sale in Deloit Saturday. Goods sold like "hot cakes." We understand she will have more goods here next Saturday. E. C. Lentz and wife and Sam Lentz and three children returned Wednesday from Sac county where they had been visiting a couple of weeks. Elder C. J. Hunt delivered a lecture on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings on Prehistoric America, illustrating beautiful views with the Stereopticon. Postmaster B. F. Ellis was in Deloit Tuesday for the mail. He stated a few more trips would relieve him from carrying mail from Deloit, when the I. C. railroad service will take its place and bring them a daily mail. Harlow Chapman and uncle Ambrose Richardson and wife of Vail were in Deloit Wednesday. Uncle Ambrose remained to visit a few days and Mrs. Milo Patchin and son Floyd returned to Vail with them for a short visit. M. E. NOTES. There was one addition to the church in Deloit Sabbath morning and one to the Wolf class in the afternoon. There will be a Missionary convention in the church beginning Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Rev. Lothian will deliver an address. The following afternoon and evening there will be several ministers present who will deliver addresses. In the evening a missionary, a native of Japan, will address the meeting. Everybody is invited.

JOHNSONVILLE.

Anna Anderson went to Denison last Monday. F. W. Pithan, of Charter Oak, visited with his son John last week. Lars Weberg ended his stay here returning to Omaha last Monday. Ben Anderson of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, is visiting with Peter Larson's. W. C. and O. E. Clauson was transacting business at Odeolt last Monday. P. W. Weberg went to Council Bluffs last Monday on business in connection with the U. S. Court. We hear that Kiron is working to get the town incorporated. We wonder how soon Johnsonville will make a start. Miss Anna Brinckmann left last week for South Dakota, where she will keep house for her brothers, who are farming there. The Clauson boys are kept busy shelling corn now days and by the way they are able to do a good deal of it too since getting their new sheller. Mrs. R. Anderson of Kiron is staying with Mrs. A. G. Sjogren helping with the household work until Mrs. S. gets fully restored to her health. Rev. A. P. Hanson went to Denison Wednesday, where he conducted a meeting in the evening, proceeding to Council Bluffs on Thursday to attend the meetings held there. PATERSON, N. J., Thursday, gave out a statement showing that the fund that is being raised to build a monument to the late vice president now amounts to \$12,000. The Washington Red Shingle Manufacturers' association, at a meeting in Tacoma Thursday, advanced prices five cents and withdrew the former differential of ten cents in favor of western dealers. At the general court of the Bank of England the governor, Samuel Stewart Gladstone, announced that the profits for the six months ending Feb. 28 were \$376,149 and a dividend of 5 per cent was declared.

NEWS OF WEST SIDE

I. Patterson was an Omaha visitor Wednesday. Harry Hall of Boone spent Sunday with West Side friends. Several business houses in town have put in gasoline lamps the past week. Claus Thredeman is hauling lumber preparatory to the erection of a large barn. S. B. McGarvey and S. C. Blackman made a business trip to Boyer Wednesday. Misses Glennie and Maud Paine of Vail were visiting friends here this week. Delos Maak and August Rohwer were in Omaha on business one day this week. James Lewis has been assigned to work in Carroll, but will still continue his residence here. Operator Hall was called to Eddyville this week on account of the serious illness of his mother. A. P. Fellingham is improving slowly and if the weather continues fine he will be up in a day or two. Mr. Corbet a young man who works for John Lawler sustained a broken leg, caused by a horse falling on it. Dr. L. L. Bond of Denison accompanied by his son, F. H. Bond of Ponda spent a day with friends here this week. The money secured through the school entertainment, with \$15 additional contributed by the school board has been expended in the purchase of some books for the school library, and we hope it will be the beginning of a large and useful one. GOODRICH GOSSIP. Master Morris Wilkinson accompanied his Grandma Flint to Denison last Saturday afternoon and it is needless to say he enjoyed his first ride on the cars immensely. The school board met Monday, and several new directors were qualified. The family of Fred Jepson is down with the measles. Charley Cruzan and wife are entertaining the mumps. Carl Tedson and Mr. Peterson marketed 70 hogs in Deloit last Friday for which they received about \$800, and yet they say prosperity hasn't struck us. Remember the temperance and mission meetings at the M. E. church next Tuesday and Wednesday. Force of Habit. In 1827, just after Dan Dougherty, the Irish pugilist, fought his famous fight with Jim Belcher, the English fighter, on the curragh of Kildare, near Dublin, he became involved in a controversy with an unknown. The latter was not a pugilist, and, not wishing to take any advantage of his opponent, Dougherty consented to fight him with pistols. The two met by appointment, but their seconds, unknown to them, extracted the balls from the pistols and substituted blank cartridges. By the terms of the agreement between the principals Dougherty's opponent was to have the first shot. The natural instinct prevailed even on the dueling ground, and as the fighter's opponent raised his arm to fire Dougherty elevated his right arm, as if to ward off a blow, evidently intending to stop the bullet from hitting him in the face. After this who can say that fighters are not dead game men?—Kansas City Independent.

Some people will go to great trouble and expense to perpetrate a joke. The other day two well known society men hired a closed carriage and decorated it with bows of white ribbon and flowers and other paraphernalia belonging to a well appointed wedding. On each side was hung a placard announcing that the occupants were just married. It attracted great attention, and when it pulled up in front of the Galt House a few days ago a large crowd had congregated to see the happy bride and groom alight. The driver slowly got down from his seat beside the door. He opened it deliberately, and when he swung the door open the curious crowd surged forward. There was no bride and no groom inside, but instead a big placard bearing in great black letters the single word, "Rubber."



The Last Marchbanks

This is a peculiarly strong and touching short story, portraying the sweet character and courageous mind of a true lady of the south. It will be printed soon in this paper. We have purchased the story, with eight others, all by well known writers. THE OTHERS ARE: THE COUNT'S APOLOGY, by Robert Barr; THE HONOR OF BESSON, by Robert C. V. Meyers; MAM' SEPHNY'S QUEST, by Francis Lynde; THE GRAY PARROT, by W. W. Jacobs; THE PEARL OF THE PHILIPPINES, by William Murray Graydon; TO CAPTURE AN HEIRESS, by Cutcliffe Hyne; THE WAY OF THE TRESPASSER, by P. Y. Black; THE LADY OF THE ROAD, by Clinton Ross. A SHORT STORY TREAT

Kaffir Are Born Liars.

The Kaffir makes an interesting study. You cannot understand him all at once. It requires time, and a good deal of it. A new arrival thinks the Kaffir is a born prevaricator of the truth and has his reasons for so thinking. Suppose you catch a "boy" committing a misdemeanor. Ask him what he has been doing, and he will look up in your face, a picture of innocence, and reply, "Ikona, baas"—a plump denial. Tell him you saw him do it, threaten him with punishment; he will still persist in maintaining his innocence. He will still plead ignorance of the misdeed and mutter in astonishment or fear, "Ikona, baas." In fact, he knows nothing whatever about it. If the offense be one that cannot be overlooked, you proceed to administer reproof—with the foot, if you are not particular and wish to be impressive. What does he do? If he is a raw "boy" and not used to it, he runs off with a terrified look on his face; if he is used to it, he retires precipitately with a satisfied smile, not necessarily because he has got the thrashing, but because he no longer has it to look forward to. The only explanation for the systematic lying of the native in face of the most convincing proof is that the native mind is totally unable to form a conception of what we understand by truthfulness.—London Mail.

An "American" Duel.

During my residence in Heidelberg a lamentable and terrible affair took place that threw a profound gloom over the university and the entire town. Two German students, having quarreled, decided the earth was not large enough for both of them to live in and resorted to the diabolical practice called the "American duel." In a darkened room the two young men drew lots, having sworn that he who drew the black ball would commit suicide. The unhappy loser went to his room and discharged a bullet into his breast, but missed his heart and lingered for several days on his deathbed. His parents were summoned by telegraph and besought him on their knees to disclose the name of his antagonist, but he steadfastly refused and died with the secret in his breast. The students not only excused his conduct, but praised his courage, and when his remains were taken to the railway station to be transported to a distant city they accompanied the funeral cortege with torches and music. The students claimed he was not a suicide, for he was killed in an honorable duel, and they maintained that his opponent was not accessory to his death because he shot himself. I had many arguments with them and never could convince them of their extraordinary tergiversation.—Science.

Fooled the Crowd.

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Was She Right?

A certain woman, says the Wichita Eagle, desired the arrest of the saloon keeper who had been selling whisky to her drunken husband. Having conducted the officer to the saloon, she was told by him to pick out the proprietor. Seven men, all looking alike and dressed alike, were standing motionless around a whisky barrel, and she could not tell which was the one, but she stepped to the barrel and turned the spigot, and the liquor began to pour out on the floor. One of the men sprang out of the circle and turned the spigot off. "Arrest that man!" she said. But was she right? Was it more likely to be the proprietor who would thus plead guilty and go to jail or some innocent man with an unquenchable thirst who was horrified at seeing the awful waste?

Not a Hard Question.

They had a dispute, and they had agreed to leave it to the military expert. "What bullet," they asked, "do you consider the deadliest?" For several minutes he remained in a brown study. Then he looked up with the air of one who has settled the matter finally and definitely. "The one that hits," he said.—Chicago Post.

Not to Be Bunkeod.

Mr. Hayrix—How much do yew charge for pullin a tooth? Dentist—One dollar with gas—50 cents without. Mr. Hayrix—Say, yew feller, don't yew try none o' yer bunke games on me. Mebby I dew look kind o' green, but I reckon I ain't goin ter give up no 50 cents extry for gas when it's broad daylight.—Chicago News.

The chamois is usually identified with Switzerland, but the animal is less common there than in any other country which it inhabits. Austria is the real home of the chamois, where they are most plentiful.

A Fortunate Mistake.

"There is a young man in Chicago," says a local physician, "who now has a good business and bright prospects who received his start in life by securing \$4 that did not belong to him. I hardly know under what to class the incident of obtaining the money. I will let the story explain his actions. "This young man arrived in Chicago one day without funds, but with plenty of nerve and push. He wanted money to secure a meal and pay his room rent until he could secure a position. Believing he could find some man who would help him if he told his story in a straightforward manner, he entered a cigar establishment in Dearborn street. He was about to explain his condition and ask for assistance until he could get a position when the proprietor looked up with a fierce scowl. He turned to his partner, and they held a consultation in a whisper for a few moments. 'Now, take this \$4 and don't bother me about that bill again. That's all you will get, and now you can get out of this place in a hurry,' exclaimed the storekeeper. "The young man was pushed toward the door with the money in his hand, and, try as he would, the storekeeper would not let him talk. Once in the street the bewildered fellow considered the matter in every detail and decided to keep the money. This he did, and a month or so later he again walked into the cigar store and told his story and returned the money."—Chicago News.

The Cult of Dirt.

"Dirt is a giant hard to fight in beautiful Ireland. The woman who had never heard of 'washin a live wad' is, I think, equaled by another who came to me lately about her sore leg. "They tell me, doctor, darlint, that washin might scotch the heat out of it! But I wouldn't adventure to do it without askin your advice. Not for the worlds. I'm an old woman now, doctor, dear, an a drop of water has never gone near my body." "I advised a goodly supply of aqueous fluid, preceded by a thorough application of alkali and potash in the form of soap, and the old woman hobbled off quite satisfied with my scientific words. "In Sallyboggin for weeks a certain old woman levied a yearly tribute on charitably disposed folk. All at once a 'nevvy' from America turned up, called on her 'patrons' and after thanking them for their kindness carried off his mother's sister to end her days in comfort. But the widow Hooligan—pronounced 'Hooli'han—did not lay her bones across the water. She soon reappeared. 'I couldn't stop in it, mistress, dear,' she explained to a lady. 'Me sister's son's a good bbooy, but between ourselves, they would ha' washed me to death.'—Nineteenth Century.

She Had Her Way.

There is nothing like a determined spirit. As the old saying is, "What must be done can be done." The trouble with most of us is that our minds are only half made up. A charming old lady called at a carpenter's shop the other day bearing in her hand a little basket. "Have you a comfortable chair in the shop?" she asked of the carpenter. "A comfortable chair?" he repeated doubtfully. "Yes," she sweetly said. "I have come to stay until you have a man ready to go back to my house with me and do the work you have been promising to do for three weeks. I have brought my luncheon and a book, and if you haven't a comfortable chair I'll have the carriage cushions brought in. I'm going to stay here until I get that man." The carpenter hastened to say that he could go at once just as well as not, and the old lady carried him away in triumph.

Cubans Begin to Have Faith.

HAVANA, March 23.—The Patria says: "The promises of the three senators (Platt, Aldrich and Teller, the senate committee on Cuba, now on a visit of investigation to the island) in regard to granting independence is most important, since these senators are trusted representatives of the senate." Continuing, the paper declares it now has confidence in the fulfillment of the joint resolution of the United States congress.

Neill Knocks Out McConnell.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Al Neill last night knocked out Frank McConnell in the eighth round of what was to have been a 20-round contest. Neill had the best of the fight all the way through. In the fifth round he had McConnell on the ropes and hit him whenever he pleased.

Injured by Falling Elevator.

NEW YORK, March 23.—One of the elevators in the seven-story factory building, 247 Center street, broke its cable yesterday and fell seven stories, injuring three of its occupants internally. The injured are: John Pododa, 17 years old, elevator boy; Bernard Katzung, Brooklyn; Anson Schroeder, Brooklyn.

Penitentiary For Bank Official.

CHICAGO, March 23.—After an ineffectual fight in the courts covering a period of nearly four years, Edward S. Dreyer, former head of the banking firm of Dreyer & Co., and ex-treasurer of the West Park board, was taken to the Joliet penitentiary to serve an indefinite sentence for embezzlement.

Two Men Blown to Atoms.

LOUISIANA, Mo., March 23.—The separating house at the Hercules Powder works at Lamotte, 10 miles north, blew up yesterday and Peter Bucks and Edmund Carter were blown to atoms. What caused the explosion will never be known. Both men were married and leave families.