

**CHARTER OAK ITEMS.**

The superintendent of our public schools, Mr. Hoffman, has accepted a position at Holstein, Ia. The Charter Oak people are sorry to lose Mr. Hoffman, but can't blame him for taking a step up when he has a chance. Holstein has a larger school and pays a little better salary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown rejoice in the arrival of a baby girl. She came on Monday of last week.

Miss Anna Cook, of Mapleton, visited with her cousin Ora Rogers last week.

Miss Helen Tinker visited with friends and relatives in Ute last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Orpha Helland went to Pnora Thursday morning in answer to a telegram saying her grandmother was dying.

Wm. Wilson went to Chicago last Monday.

Miss Stella Bobb came from Schleswig to spend Saturday and Sunday at home.

Frank Kemp of Manning, visited at the parental home Thursday and Friday.

Miss Florence Drake is entertaining a case of measles. Miss Grace Bobb is taking her place in the school room during her enforced absence.

Miss Florence Baker, who is teaching east of town, spent Saturday and Sunday in Denison.

Mrs. Theo. Drake returned Saturday from a month's visit in southwestern Missouri.

The Easter concert given Sunday evening by the Presbyterian choir was well attended. One of the pleasing numbers on the program was a song by a chorus of little girls.

Each lady of the Presbyterian congregation was presented with a carnation.

Mrs. Laura Cron was a Sioux City visitor on Monday of last week.

W. H. Cushman, of Denison, was transacting business in our city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mains visited the county seat one day last week.

Our marshal, C. A. Leeper, accompanied parties to Denison on Tuesday.

Geo. Neddermeyer was a passenger east last week.

Born Friday, April 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nikolia, a son.

T. C. Dubois and family left for their home in Phoenix, N. D., last Wednesday. Tom has proved up on his claim and expects to work at his old trade after he is settled.

Our old friend, P. D. McMahon, was seen on our streets last week. He was accompanied by C. L. Voss of Denison.

Mrs. W. S. Rae accompanied by baby and daughter, Anna, went to Sioux City Saturday.

Mrs. F. S. Probasco, daughter Fanchion and son Ed, went to Denison to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Happe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McGrath went to Manilla Saturday evening to attend the funeral of their cousin, Andy Carothers, which occurred on Sunday.

John Reese was called to Sioux City Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative.

N. C. Freese and family started on Saturday for Buffalo, Wyo., where they expect to make their future home.

Miss Anna Ebert came from Denison to visit her parents. She returned Monday morning.

Peter Boeck and wife, who have been visiting relatives near Charter Oak, returned to their home in Sioux City Monday.

C. and D. Graham, of Avon, S. D., attended the funeral of their cousin, Andy Carothers at Manilla. They are cousins of the McGath family in Charter Oak.

Chas. Drake and Grace Mains returned to their duties at Morningside Monday afternoon.

Drs. Waterhouse and Stuart performed a successful operation upon Mrs. A. J. Gorman last week.

On last Wednesday night at 11:00 o'clock occurred the death of Grandfather Knight at his home in Charter Oak. Mr. Knight had been a great sufferer for several weeks and death came as a relief, though he said earlier in his sickness that he didn't want to die, because his work on earth was not finished. The funeral services were held at the Methodist

church Friday at 10 o'clock. The out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Mrs. R. A. Romans, Mrs. Lewis Romans, Mrs. Gus Moeller, Mr. John Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, all of Denison, and F. W. Kemp of Manning, a grandson. Four daughters were with him in his last hours. A. P. Knight was born in Harrison county, O., October 27, 1828. In 1850 he was married to Mary Baker of Tipppecanoe, O., and six years later moved from that place to De Wit, Iowa, where he made his home for twenty years. The last twenty years have been spent in Charter Oak, having moved from West Side, Ia., here during those years he has lived a quiet christian life, earning the love and respect of his friends and neighbors. Mr. Knight was brought up in the Quaker faith, but at the age of twenty-one joined the Methodist church of which he since has been a member. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn the loss of a husband and father. One son, H. P. Knight, died Jan. 6, 1889, at the age of thirty-two years. Those who survive him are Mrs. D. N. Kemp of Charter Oak, G. R. Knight of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Geo. Senift of Osmond, Neb., Mrs. Chas. Senift of Council Bluffs, A. E. Knight of Hardin Grove, S. D., and Mrs. J. O. Wilson of Council Bluffs.

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**BUCK GROVE ITEMS.**

Mr. and Mrs. Lowes, of Defiance, were guests at the Lula Thamers home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hagan and children went to Denison Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kelley. The lady was Mrs. Hagans god-mother.

Mrs. George Harvey met with quite a loss last Friday night. One of her brooders took fire, due to the explosion of the lamp, and before any of the family discovered the accident the little chicks were all dead and the brooder a total loss. It occurred before the family had retired, or the results would probably have been more disastrous, as another brooder was standing near with a larger number of chicks in it.

Miss Vernie Moffit came down from Denison Saturday morning. She brought a lady friend home with her to spend Easter.

Mrs. George Harvey was a business visitor to Charter Oak Saturday.

Thomas White Jr. was a visitor to the county seat Saturday.

Mrs. Lute Peterson, entertained friends from Irwin, for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wiggins and children, of Dow City, were guests of John Griffin and family Sunday.

Mrs. Pat O'Meara and daughter, Mary, drove over from Dow City Sunday to visit with James O'Meara and family. They remained until Monday morning.

Jack Griffin, of Nebraska, arrived Saturday for a visit with the folks for a few days.

Reverend Cable, Methodist minister, from Manilla assisted with the service in their church here Sunday.

Peter O'Meara and son, Vernon, visited relatives here over Sunday.

James Griffin, of Manilla, came home Saturday from Manilla to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin, over Sunday.

Father Coffey, of Manilla, remained over after Easter morning, also at which there was a big turn out for a week day service.

Dr. Evans, of Arion, transacted business here Monday.

Miss Grace Griffin, who teaches school near Manilla came home Saturday to spend Easter Sunday, returning to her duties Sunday night.

Monday morning presented a very busy appearance on our streets, as there were extra religious services in both the Catholic and Lutheran churches, both of which were well attended and brought lots of people to town.

James O'Meara has been busy having his yard sodded during the past week. This is another fine improvement a good example for others to follow.

Mrs. Green took the mail on the rural route a day last week, while Jno. stayed at home and made garden.

Our young folks are taking advantage of the beautiful weather, their evenings are devoted in driving to neighboring towns to church. It is certainly a fine thing to be young.

Mrs. Otto Watje is enjoying a visit from her sister from Denison.

Millinery at Mrs. Boyers Depot at Chicago styles at Buck Grove prices.

**IN THE PRIME OF LIFE**

The People of West Side Called To Sustain a Loss.

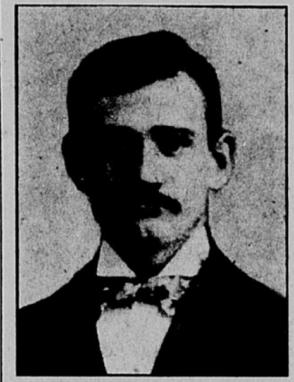
**GEO. E. SPOTTSWOOD DEAD**

Funeral at West Side On Last Sunday Afternoon Largely Attended

Mr. George E. Spottswood was born in Wheatland, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1872, and died in West Side, Iowa, April 15, 1908, aged 35 years, 7 months and 15 days, of pneumonia.

Most of his life was spent in West Side. Here he was educated for the most part. For several years he worked in the drug store for Dr. Bond. His real life work, however, was accomplished in and through the Valley bank. He entered the said institution with Mr. E. S. Kentner, January 11, 1892, and has been cashier for Mr. C. W. Payne since June 5, 1893.

So proficient did Mr. Spottswood become in all phases of banking that the valley bank has become one of the greatest of the private banks of the country. Enjoying the utmost



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confidence of his employer, the good will of an ever widening constituency, and the esteem of the business until he became one of the ablest and most capable of men.

Such a character, in the very nature of things, cannot be limited to one sphere of usefulness. Success in his chosen field led his friends and neighbors to call upon him for larger service. He entered only last March upon his second term as mayor, having been councilman for several years prior to his first term. For four years 1904-5-6-7, he was Master of Setting Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was also a member of West Side Camp 991, Modern Woodmen of America. At the time of his death he was precinct chairman for the republican party.

These positions gave him commanding influence, but this influence was always exerted for the best interests of those whom he served. Selfishness was foreign to his makeup. He would go to any legitimate length to help those seeking his services.

Courteous, yet not affected; kind, yet not obtrusive; strong willed, yet not overbearing; affectionate, yet not demonstrative; he bound to him with hoops of steel, business social and political friends. To all he was a friend, to many a confidant, and yet to but few did he open the secrets of his nature. It was the writer's good fortune to be one of the few. For months I admired him, courting his friendship and confidence. During the closing months of my first year as his pastor, began a friendship which continued to ripen until the hour of his death.

The evening before I left the service of the West Side Methodist church, for my new field, we spent two hours in a heart-to-heart, man-to-man talk. What was said was between us as men and yet I now feel justified in saying this: Spottswood reviewed briefly his life's history. In his own straight forward, rugged language, he gave me insight into the motives, purposes and principles of his manhood. Tenderly, with streaming eyes, he recalled his mother's memory, paying tribute to her mother love, her sweet unaffected daily life, her last illness, her Christian resignation, her death of Christlike confidence; but most of all of his mother's faith in him and his purpose to meet her in Heaven. Then came his words of appreciation, affection and honor for his father—never spake a son more truthfully or honorably. Then

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began the brother bonds to move him. With pride did he speak of Earnest, and great was his satisfaction in having to some degree had a share in helping him get a foot-hold in this world's busy throng. Then ran life's tide out toward his sister's, and with a brother's love unstinted did he pay homage to the sisters to whom he was Big Brother, indeed. Then, after a pause, came an estimate of you, 'his neighbors, of me, his friend; and then with burning, passionate esteem, his manly regard for his employer, his confidant, his counsellor, his friend, his brother, Mr. C. W. Payne.

But my heart yearned over George much as did Jonathan's over David. In that moment, when our hearts were as one, together we prayed to our Father in Jesus Name. As I led, Geo. punctuated the prayer with hearty amen. Thus we separated.

His late pastor, Brother Cathcart, had prayer with him a few hours before his spirit left its earthly home. George thanked him and bade him good-bye.

The end came peacefully at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening last. The immediate family, father, Mr. W. L. Spottswood; brother, Mr. E. B. Spottswood; sister Miss Lillian Spottswood, all of West Side; and sister, Mrs. B. L. Wells, of New Plymouth, Idaho, the entire West Side community and many elsewhere, shall ever cherish his memory.

His body will be laid beside the remains of his sainted mother, at De Witt, Iowa. The service there being conducted by the Masonic fraternity.

Rev. Norman McKay.

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Henry Whitmaack, from near Schleswig was among the many who spent Saturday afternoon in our town.

John Gustafson together with his wife came to Kiron Saturday afternoon to do some trading. This is the first time John has been down from Ida county for a long time and was hardly able with aid of cane to walk. The rheumatic troubles which has troubled him so long is just wearing him out.

Farmer Hoaglund returned to Kiron Saturday afternoon from his farm work near Arthur. The work no doubt is somewhat new to him, but nevertheless his appearance now is that of a full pledged farmer.

The excellent rain on Friday and the following warm weather has put new life into grass and is bringing above ground grass truck and grain.

Saturday was a busy day in Kiron and hitching posts were at a premium. Farmers for many miles away as well as those living near neighboring towns came in to trade with our merchants and look after various business matters.

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