COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

Mrs. Harriet Holbert and daughter, Maud, visited in Manchester and Greeley, last week.

Marion Hoag and wife, Mrs. Chas. Steinhilber and daughter, and C. U. Marsh and wife visited the fish hatchery near Manchester, Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Potts is expecting a visit from her brother, Irvin Shepard, who has been soldiering in the Philippines. He is in San Francisco at present.

Miss Dosia Andrews expects to leave tomorrow evening, for Sioux City, where she will act as sales lady in a millinery store.

Miss Grace Branierd left for her home in Ossian Tuesday morning. Little Nellie Branierd returned home with her for a visit.

School commenced Monday morning with 216 enrolled. 41, first primary, 45, 2nd primary, 34, first intermediate, 31 2nd intermediate, 31 grammar and 34 high school. 14 new scholars began this term, besides a good many from the county.—Mail Press.

EARLVILLE.

J. Little, while shoeing a horse at W. F. Merrick's blacksmith shop Monday, was kicked in the back by the animal. No bones were broken but it was a close call. He fell on some loose iron lying near, and also bruised his face severely.

E. C. Perkins, of Delhi, and H. G. Millen went to Colesburg Tuesday.

T. O. Eaton and son Ernest were in town Monday.

J. Cruikshank, of Dubuque, was calling on friends here the first of the week.

W. W. Baskerville left Thursday for Adrian, Mich., where he will visit relatives. His wife and daughter Hazel, are also at that place having been there about two weeks. They will return with him.

W. I. Millen and wife were Cedar Rapids visitors Thursday.

Mrs. G. White, of Delhi, was calling on friends here Tuesday.

H. R. Holmes, of Manchester, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Mrs. C. R. Fishtemeier returned from Coggon Wednesday evening.

Herman Holscher after being confined to his room for about eleven weeks on account of illness, is able to be around again with the the aid of crutches.

Chas. Liebe has been on the sick list the past week.

Bert Powell returned from Ryan Friday, where he has been painting the past two weeks.

On Wedneseay occurred the marriage of Miss Augusta Hartland and Mr. A. Vellemettie at Manchester, Rev. Pitner officiating.

John Neft, of Delaware, was a business caller here Thursday.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tobie, on Thursday, September 14, a daughter.

Miss Emma Staehle returned from Hammond, Ind., and Chicago Friday evening.

Miss Mae Foster left Saturday afternoon for De Kalb, Illinois, where she will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bush.

George Griffith, of Greeley, was in town Friday evening, Miss Laura Whipple returning with him.

Mrs. Lida Staehle went to Greeley Friday.

LAMONT.

Mrs. Nora Jones and children, of Dubuque, is visiting in Lamont.

Quite a number of our people attended the fair at Independence Thursday.

Bert Slaughter visited in town Wednesday, and Thurdsay he departed for Minneapolis, where he goes to take a course in drawing.

G. A. Starr has moved his family to Oelwein where he is engaged in the hardware business.

Prof. Forseythe has moved in the G. A. Starr residence.

H. Dunsmore and family of Clear Lake is visiting relatives in Lamont.

Rev. Wyatt and son, of Arlington, were in Lamont Thursday.

Mr. Redding and wife, of Ionia, visited at Flaucher's last week.

Mr. W. H. Landschulz traveling salesman for Large & Amsden, visited Miss Landschultz, our primary teacher, over Sunday.

Miss Annabell Kelsh, of Clifford Junction visited relatives here last week.

Miss Marion Draper is teaching school in the Grout district.

Miss Lula Thompson is teaching school at the Center district.

Lamont school has commenced with an enrollment of 193 scholars with only four teachers, Prof. Forseythe, Misses Agnew, Clark and Landschulz.

Twelve of our ladies, the Rathbone Sisters attended the banquet at Oelwein Friday evening given by the Rathbone Sisters. A good time was reported.

Leslie Hoyt, of Manchester, was in town last week attending to business.

Mr. A. B. Stocking and wife, of Aurora, visited in Lamont Thursday.

Mrs. Minnie Fothers, of Cedar Falls, visited her parental home last week.

C. O. Hewitt attended the soldiers' reunion at Dubuque last week.

Mrs. Ryal, of Edgewood, visited at F. Rhines last week.

Lamont is to be favored by a grand gold medal contest Thursday evening, September 21. The contestants are F. N. Bates, of Stanley, Weltha Sadler, of Hazelton; Laura Berridge, of Lamont; Lois Hays, of Aurora; Meriel Hartson, of Hazelton; Eva M. Short, of Hazelton.

Wednesday and Thursday, September 20 and 21st, the W. C. T. U. will hold annual convention of the 13th District in the First Baptist church in Lamont.

Mr. D. A. Hogan, of Indiana, is our night agent.

Samuel Messenger died at his home in Lamont, Sepetember 12, buried September 14 at Buffalo Grove. Funeral sermon preached in the First Baptist church. He leaves a wife and six grown children to mourn the loss of a father. Two of them are married.

EHLER.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Montgomery jr., spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents on Pleasant Hill.

Mr. James Dewoody and wife, of Quality Ridge were visiting friends in this vicinity one day last week.

Henry Ehler was a passenger for the Dairy City Saturday.

Ch[illegible] Wilson, of Buck Creek, has been "[illegible]iting" in this vicinity of late.

A professional scorcher from Central City, passed through town one day last week.

Dave Hennessy visited with Henry McMullen over Sunday.

We understand that Harry Webber expects to discontinue his creamery work here soon.

The pumpkin pie social at T. W. Lyons' was well attended, and all report the pies as very good.

Reuben Wheeless has more demand for his melons than he can supply. The Monte Cristo melon which he has on sale, is a dandy.

Michael Flynn is operating a new corn binder this season.

GREELEY.

Mrs. Henry Drybread is suffering with a felon on her hand.

Mrs. Jake Burbridge has been on the sick list for a few days.

H. Box is improving his hotel property with new side walks.

Will and Harry Marcham are here called by the serious illness of their mother.

Prof. Rosser and his two sons, of Arlington, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. John Sloan and daughter, who have been visiting in St. Paul, for some time returned here yesterday.

Married at Monticello, on Sunday, Sept. 10, Mr. Charles D. Simons, of this place, and Miss Nellie Snyder. of Monmuth.

M. Burns has rented his farm to Chas. Heyer and will move in the spring. We have not heard yet where Mr. Burns will go, but he is a good citizen and we hope he will conclude to locate in Greeley.

D. Thomas had the misfortune to have four stacks of oats burned on Tuesday. Mr. Griffith had just arrived with his thresher and was preparing to set and go to work when sparks from the engine set the stacks on fire and before it could be extinguished four stacks were burned.—Home Press.

RYAN.

J. R. McElliott has decided to embark in the coal business and will erect sheds south of store and put in a pair of wagon scales, he will also handle feed, lime and cement.

John Reilly was transacting business in Sioux City last week.

Wm. Nagle, of Coggon was in town Sunday.

Patrick Hahesey, of Monti, was a caller here Saturday.

Frank Donahue, formerly of this city and for the past two years section foreman for the Illinois Central at Robins and Central City has been transferred to Julien, Iowa.

P. Kinley and wife attended the funeral of the formers neice, Mrs. Katie Linehan which took place at Filmore Friday.

John Warrell, of Almira, was in town Sunday.

Wm. Haigh and wife attended a reunion of the twenty-first Iowa volunteers, held at Dubuque last week.

G. O. Walkup has accepted a position as section foreman at Central City.

Our ball team defeated the Golden team here Saturday by a score of fifteen to three.

W. J. Magirl was in Manchester Saturday.

Wright Thompson's team broke away from the depot where they were tied Friday and indulged in a lively runaway, a badly smashed wagon and broken harness was the result.

Mrs. F. Donahue and children, of Central City, are visiting friends and relatives at Barryville.

A Gilchrist is running his cane mill and is receiving large quantities of cane to be ground.

Jas. McEnany and M. F. Houlahan returned home from Woonsocket, S. D. Saturday.

John Schroeder, of Dubuque was calling on our merchants Friday.

HOPKINTON.

Godfrey Dolley will soon have erected on his farm a fine large barn. He has given A. G. Smith, of this place, the contract.

H. M. Davis has purchased a farm near Masonville, and will build thereon. We wish Mr. Davis and family all prosperity in their new home.

We are informed that N. S. Peterman and wife will soon move to Ida Grove, where he has a good position in a furniture store.

Dr. F. A. Williamson and wife departed Wednesday evening for Yankton, S. D. Mrs. Williamson's health has been failing and it is hoped that the change will prove beneficial.

Mrs. C. B. McKean came up from Scotch Grove Saturday and will have charge of Mrs. Doolittle's household during the latter's absence at the wedding of her brother, Rev. Daniel Russell.

Harrison Blanchard has filed a petition of bankruptcy in the district court of northern Iowa. It will be remembered that his divorced wife was granted all of the personal property and a judgment for alimony by the court. In case the petition is granted he will be released from the latter obligation.

Lenox College opened Tuesday with a very much increased outside attendance. Nearly all the rooms that were for rent had been secured in advance and Clark Hall is filled. Prof. Baldwin and P. G. Stevens have been doing thorough and effective canvassing and the result is encouraging. Students, also, have greatly helped by their efforts. There will be a good school this fall we feel sure.

On last Sunday occurred the marriage of Miss Nellie Snyder, of Monmouth, Ia., to Mr. Charles D. Simons, of this place. The wedding took place at Monticello, at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. Staebler officiating. This was a total surprise to Charles' many friends here, as no one even suspected him of entertaining any idea of quitting single blessedness. The happy couple took the train here Monday for Greeley, where they will visit a sister of Mr. Simons. They expect to reside in the future at Bellevue, where they contemplate taking the restaurant business of N. S. Peterman.—Leader.

Here and There and Everywhere.

To truly relish sight-seeing the dramatic element must be present. There is no sameness in Nature, but unless the observer can be played upon by her various moods, as the instrument by the player, there is an *apparent* sameness which makes Nature very tame. Moving from place to place there is a constant change of perspective, of faces and of scenery, all of which appeal to different moods. There is often tears, sad, sad tears, but they should sparkle like diamonds in the rippling light of jolly old laughter. To see well and intelligently we should be a part of all our environment. To shut out any portion is to become simply a floater. To travel without some inconveniences or some rudeness, of course on the part of others, is impossible. The state of Paradise was left behind in that hasty departure from Eden by those two estimable but thoughtless personages, Adam and Eve. In my recent travels through the east I was constantly encountering incidents on the side, not necessarily a portion of the general scheme, which had in them the charming, the pleasing and not infrequently the ludicrous. This is helpful, for the winning smile or the infectious laughter is usually preferable to the bitterness of weeping. True it is that often sadness appeals powerfully to the sweetest and truest natures; to those who have in them that wealth of goodness and nobility of soul which we would share but cannot. It may be though that many a one of us laughs to hide poignant pain while our soul longs for that goodness and nobility. But not to moralize too long let me use this as a convenient path by which to enter the lofty cathedral aisle or to pause amidst the hushed raptures of some church ceremony. I have some fads—every sane person ought to have as a diversion. Among an unclassified lot of these fads I am peculiarly interested in two; a passionate love for old religious buildings and an intense fascination for burial places. There is reason in this too for all ought to go to church and all must go to the cemetery.

Quebec is a city worth going a good ways to see. It has a beautiful situation and is historically interesting. Who has not heard of the Plains of Abraham, of Wolff and Montcalm? Can any of us, as we remember the old geographies, forget the grim and mighty citadel which looks out so frowningly upon the placid St. Lawrence? There is enchantment in every old house and about every place in Quebec. Its population is practically Roman Catholic in religious belief, and their passionate adhesion to the Mother Church is witnessed by innumerable large and elegant church buildings in and about the city. I shall never forget the 25th day of June last, as, surrounded by the atmosphere of Sabbath quiet, I sat on the Citadel Heights and gazed with rapture upon the loveliness of the surrounding scenery. My thoughts of home and loved ones, of realities and shadows, sad and lonely thoughts, were now and then interrupted by the melody of far away chimes that swept over hamlet and hill, down valleys through which sparkled a rippling stream, over meadows sweet with the aroma of innumerable wild flowers, and up the sun-kissed mountain sides, to die amidst the unheard music of the skies. These churches rich with chimes and pictures and noble architecture, filled with the memories of religious aspirations, sanctified by the hopes and longings of uncounted throngs, are on every hand. To me they opened up an opportunity for following a fad which had never presented itself before. I improved the opportunity, and while enjoying much, fell into a most delicate and embarrassing predicament. At the door of one I heard the resonant voice of a preacher. Here was what I had been eagerly seeking, a chance to hear a French priest. I knew that I could not understand much, for my French education is limited by that inexhaustible ocean of what I don't know, and one is not supposed to be very profound upon Bon Ami and Parlez vous Francais, but I could gain some idea of his oratorical ability and his effectiveness. Entering the doors I was at once attracted by the appearance and action of the good Father to the exclusion of everything else. He was passionately in earnest and most emphatic and energetic in his oratory. Evidently some one, he felt, needed a thorough lecturing upon the duties of life, and he was giving it to him. I glanced about and noticed upon my left three ladies gazing rather intently upon me, I thought, and smiling very broadly. Male vanity possibly might have admitted the propriety and even necessity of thus looking, but this same vanity protested against the character of the smiles for they were not of the deliciously encouraging sort. I furtively took a hasty inventory of my wardrobe to see if I had left anything off or was arrayed in anything too bizarre. All seemed to be in order, and, mentally condemning Canadian women as not being ladies, I turned my attention to the orator once more. But alas! the magic was gone. In the pulpit all I could see was three pretty faces, three sets of sparkling black eyes, three rosy mouths curling with suppressed laughter. Things were becoming serious and I turned to my right for comfort and there met the laughing gaze of another set of women. Their lurking laughter, in defiance of place and priest, was ready to burst into articulate music, for I admit that laughter from such lovely women could only have been music. I felt the blood mounting to my cheeks and anger too was asserting itself. Thinking to withdraw my mind from these laughing satyrs, I took a look at the large audience, when, great Diana of Ephesus! I saw before me 800 people gathered for religious instruction and I was the *only man in the church* excepting his Reverence. He was evidently giving the sisters some private advice upon matters peculiarly interesting to them as such. The blood *did* mount then, and after lingering a short time to show my bravery, I walked proudly out and hurried to my hotel a wiser man. It must be said that a handsomer or better dressed audience of ladies I have never been privileged to interview. They were French-Canadians. Au revoir, mesdames. EDWARD P. SEEDS.

Thieves Rob Postoffice.

Fonda, Ia., Sept. 8.—The postoffice safe here was blown open at night and about $3 in money and $200 in stamps taken, but the crooks in making their escape lost the stamps in the back yard, where they were found by Postmaster Mallison.

STATEMENT

Of the Condition of the Delaware County State Bank,

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Manchester, Iowa, in the county of Delaware, at the close of business on the 7th day of September A. D., 1899, made to the Auditor of State as required by law:

ASSETS.

Amount of Bills, U. S. Bonds and other evidences of debts discounted or purchased actually owned by the Bank (carried out)			$232,029 45
Amount of cash on hand, described as follows:			
Gold coin	$11,130		
Silver coin and bullion	$1,381.20		
Legal tender and national bank notes and subsidiary coin	$ 6,060		
Drafts and checks on other solvent banks and other cash items not dishonored, on hand and belonging to the bank	$1,066 98		$20,238 18
The amount subject to be drawn at sight on deposit with solvent banks or bankers:			
Nat'l Bank of the Republic, New York City	$ 25,348 88		
Union National Bank, Chicago, Ill	$ 11,509 94		
Second National Bank, Dubuque, Iowa	$ 31,342 19		
Des Moines Savings Bank, Des Moines	$ 32,549 02		
Sundry other banks	$ 28 50	$100,778 53	
Revenue stamp acct		$417 00	
Overdrafts		$ 74 35	
The value of real property (owned by the bank)	$ 13,718 35		
The value of personal property (owned by the bank)	$ 2,000 00	$15,718 35	
Total Assets			$369,255 86

LIABILITIES.

The amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash			$ 60,000 00
(The total amount due depositors, as follows):			
Amount sight deposits	$129,072 14		
Amount time deposits	$161,442 93	$290,515 07	
The amount of undivided profits, as follows:			
Surplus fund		$ 12,000 00	
Other profits on hand (after deducting taxes and expenses)		$ 6,740 79	$18,740 79
Total liabilities			$369,255 86
Amount of liabilities to the Bank on part of the directors			
As borrowers		$ 1,950 00	
As endorsers		$ 1,425 00	$ 3,375 00

State of Iowa, Delaware County—ss.

We, Wm. C. Cawley, President, and Chas. J. Seeds, cashier of the Bank abovenamed, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief; that the assets therein set forth are bona fide the property of said Bank in its corporate capacity; and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said Bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

WM. C. CAWLEY, President.
CHAS. J. SEEDS, Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by Wm. C. Cawley, and Chas. J. Seeds this 14th day of September 1899.

[SEAL] Melvin J. Yoran, Notary Public of Iowa in and for Delaware Co.

Attested by: C. W. Keagy, H. F. Arnold } Directors.

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Delaware County.
October term, A. D. 1899.

William H. Malvin, Samuel S. Malvin and Sarah B. Malvin, Plaintiffs. v. s. The unknown heirs of Nathaniel Odell, et. al. Defendants. } ORIGINAL NOTICE.

To the unknown heirs of Nathaniel Odell, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Nathaniel Odell, Charles D. Malvin, Henry Roberts, David Roberts, the unknown heirs of Perry Perkins, the unknown heirs of Charlotte Perkins, John Skinner, Charles Skinner, and the unknown claimants of the e½ of ne¼ of the ne¼ and the se¼ of ne¼ of section 17, and the s½ of nw¼ of the sw¼, the n½ of sw¼ of sw¼, the sw¼ of nw¼, the n½ of nw¼ of sw¼ and the n½ of the sw¼ of sw¼ of section 16, all in township 90 n range 3 west of the 5th p. m. in Delaware County, Iowa, ANN SKINNER AND ASENTH SKINNER DEFENDANTS.

You and each of you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District court, in and for Delaware county, State of Iowa, the petition of the above named plaintiffs claiming that they are absolute owners in fee of the real estate above described.

That on or about the 16th day of April, 1854, one Nathaniel Odell was the owner in fee of the n w ¼ of the s w ¼ and the n ½ of the s w ¼ of the s w ¼ of section 16, township 90 n of range 3, west of the 5th p. m. That on or about the 1st day of March, 1870, for a valuable consideration said Odell and his wife conveyed said premises by warrantee deed to Samuel Malvin, which deed was never placed of record and has been lost. That on said 1st day of March, 1870, a mortgage for $2,500, given by said Samuel Malvin on said premises to said Nathaniel Odell to secure part of the purchase money for said lands, was afterwards paid in full but has not been satisfied of record. That said Nathaniel Odell and wife are now deceased, and that the names of their heirs, if any they had, and place of residence, are unknown to plaintiffs

That Ann Skinner sold and conveyed the s w ¼ of s w ¼ of section 16, township 90, n of range 3 west of the 5th p, m., to S. B. Malvin and Jane Cloud. That the deed conveying same was signed and executed by Sarah Malvin, as attorney in fact of said Ann Skinner under and by virtue of a power of attorney given to her by said Ann Skinner which was never placed on record. That said Ann Skinner has since deceased leaving as her only heirs her husband, the defendant John Skinner, and her son, the defendant, Charles Skinner and two grand children, the defendants, Ann and Asenth Skinner.

That a mortgage given on the 23rd day of December, 1856, by Howard A. Smith to Francis Cole on the s w ¼ of n w ¼ of section 16, township 90, n of range 3 west of the 5th p. m., to secure the payment of $234.37 has been fully paid off and should be satisfied of record, and that the mortgage made on the 2nd day of August, 1858, on the same land, through the defendant, Henry Roberts, has been paid in full and should be satisfied of record. That the trust deed made on or about the 28th day of May, 1858 on the e ½ of the n e ¼ of n e ¼ and the s ½ of the n e ¼ of section 17, township 90 n of range 3 west of the 5th p. m., made by Francis ole to Lawrence McNamee to secure the payment of $600 to one Perry Perkins, has been paid in full and should be satisfied of record. That the said Perry Perkins and Charlotte Perkins, his wife, have since deceased, and that they died childless and that plaintiffs have made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the names of their heirs and their place of residence, and that the names of their heirs, if any they had, and their places of residence are unknown to plaintiffs.

That plaintiffs and those under whom they claim title to the real estate, as stated in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of their petition filed herein, now are and have been for more than ten years last past in the continued, actual, open, adverse, exclusive, visible and notorious possession of said premises under color of title and claim of right.

And praying that said mortgage given by Samuel Malvin and wife to Nathaniel Odell, the said mortgage made by Howard A. Smith to Henry Roberts, the said trust deed made by Francis Cole to Lawrence McNamee in favor of Perry Perkins be decreed to have been paid in full and satisfied of record. That said deed made by Ann Skinner to S. B. Malvin and Jane Cloud be decreed to have conveyed all her right, title and interest in and to the land therein described the same as though it had been executed by said Ann Skinner in person.

That the title and estate of the plaintiffs to the real estate described in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of their petition filed herein, be established against the adverse claims of the defendants, and each of them. That said defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them, or either of them, be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any right or title adverse to the plaintiffs or either of them, in and to the premises aforesaid, or any part thereof. That the title to said premises be quieted to the plaintiffs according to their respective interests therein, and for such other and further relief as may be deemed equitable in the premises.

Now unless you appear thereto on or before noon of the 2nd day of the next October term of said court, which will commence and be held at Manchester, in said county, on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1899, and show cause to the contrary your default will be entered and decree rendered as prayed in said petition.

BRONSON & ARR, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

The foregoing notice is hereby approved, and it is hereby ordered that said notice be published for six consecutive weeks in the Manchester Democrat, a weekly newspaper published in Delaware county, Iowa. A. S. BLAIR, Judge of the 10th Judicial District.

Manchester, Aug. 22, 1899. 34w6

INDEPENDENCE CARNIVAL

Independence, Ia, Sept. 27 to 29th.

For the above occasion the I. C. R. R. will sell tickets from Manchester to Independence and return at rate of One Fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale September 26th to 29th inclusive, limited to return until September 30th. H. G. PIERCE.

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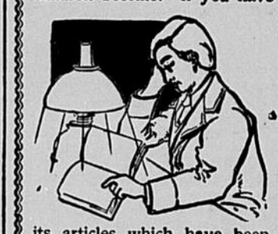

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