County Correspondence.

HARTWICK.

Frank and Will Furman are in the picture taking business. Their new 5x7 camera works like a charm.

Lewis Meister, of Independence is here visiting his brother, A. Meister.

Our school will close in two weeks. The program for the closing exercises will be a good one.

John Pierce is moving onto a farm near Bailey's Ford.

Mrs. Lewis Crosier was the guest of Mrs. Hartman last Thursday.

Mrs. VanAnda, of your city, visited with her daughter, Mrs. Will Sutton, last week.

Wedding bells are ringing again but John is still enjoying single blessedness.'

Yep, Hartwick is alive yet.

COLESBURG.

Died, Mrs. Dorothy McCrum, from heart failure on the 24th ult., aged 79 years, 10 months, 7 days. Mrs. McCrum was an old settler and had raised a large family, all of whom she saw happily settled with families of their own before she departed for the land where sorrow is unknown.

Mrs. Ellen Knee is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. B. Moreland was under the doctor's care last week.

W. A. Sunday, the evangelist and entourage, arrived on schedule time and is entertaining his audiences with anecdotes and scoring the church members and the stingy. Soon he will pay his respects to the sinners.

Frank Sheridan, of Dubuque, Mr. Weatherwax, of Waterloo, and many other commercial travelers whose names we are not familiar with, were visitors to our city last week. Our little city is a favorite point with the traveling men, for they receive good orders for their wares and meet with no losses from our merchants.

The refulgence(?) of lesser satellites is but reflected light from brighter luminaries.

O. H. P. Knee is again on the street after a protracted illness.

W. H. Bush was an Earlville visitor again last week.

Harley Barnhart moved his family and household goods to the western part of the state last week. Harley is a steady young man and we wish him success in his new field.

Through some inadvertence we gave you the wrong initials last week when we said W. P. instead of Geo. E. Chapman.

A caravan of gypsies passed through our city last week, stopping just long enough to ply their vocation.

Geo. Cole and wife. of Storm Lake, arrived here on the 28th ult. They were just in time to see Mrs. McCrum before she died. Mrs. McCrum raised Mrs. Cole from babyhood to womanhood.

We were a little premature in our announcement of the Rebekahs' chicken supper. The supper was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

Mrs. Ben Funk, of Turkey River station, is in the city for a visit with old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Geo. Walker returned from her visit at Dubuque last Thursday.

C. E. Shaffer is home again, but he is up to his old tricks of annoying people. He is travelling around with the assessor's book.

Advantage has been taken of the little sleighing we have had, by those interested, for hauling sawlogs to the mill.

DYERSVILLE AND VICINITY.

Theo Althoff, of Petersburg, went to Cedar Rapids Wednesday to visit his son, John, who is attending the Cedar Rapids Business College.

There is a movement on foot to get up a stock company to erect a new mill in Dyersville. Several well-to-do persons are ready to make investments for stock.

John Arnold, of North Fork, was here on business last Tuesday. He says they received a letter from their father, who is spending the winter in Florida, in which he stated that he would be at home about the middle of March.

Joseph Heiberger and family, who formerly lived near Ryan, have moved onto their new farm, the Barry place in McKee Settlement. Their many friends here bid them welcome and wish them prosperity on their new farm, which is one of the best in this section.

Herman Mensen was here last Wednesday morning and gave us the sad news that John Gerhard Oyel, Jr., had died between six and seven o'clock. He sent telegrams to J. A. Ovel at State Center, to Bernard Kramer at Rock Valley and Theo. Ternes at Bancroft, to attend the funeral on Saturday. The deceased was one of the brightest and most highly esteemed young men of Petersburg parish and his sudden death is deeply deplored by his large circle of friends.

John Mairose, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Mairose, died at the Alexian hospital at Chicago last week Friday and the remains were brought here last Saturday and taken to the parental home. He had been a great sufferer. Only a few months ago he was a strong and healthy young man, but one of his legs became diseased and all that medical and surgical skill and kind attention of his parents could do proved of no avail. He gradually grew weaker and finally death relieved him of his suffering, Deceased was born August 22, 1882, in Bremen township, Delaware county, and was therefore 17 years and 6 months old. He was an exemplary and promising young man and was highly respected by a large circle of friends. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

St. Francis church in this city was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Tuesday morning, February 27, when Anton Hesselmann and Miss Emma Vorwald were united in marriage. Rev. Father Heer performed the ceremony at 7:30 which was witnessed by none but relatives of the contracting parties. John and Miss Ella Vorwald, brother and sister of the bride, acted as groomsman and bridesmaid. A sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the Commercial Hotel which was also attended by only relatives. The groom is one of our prominent young business men and since he moved here some three years ago has made a host of admiring friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vorwald, of Dodge township, and has a host of admiring friends who will wish she and her husband a long; prosperous and happy married life.—Commercial and News Letter.

NORTH MANCHESTER NOTES.

The month of March has come and with it many changes have taken place in this part of the city since I wrote from this place. Chauncy Burrington has moved into Frank Chapel's home and Frank has moved nearer the central part of the city. Charles Robinson has vacated his former place of residence and moved near the north end of 4th street.

C. L. Adams has been hauling rock for his new house which will be built as soon as the weather permits.

E Purvis is at work raising and enlarging Mr. Wall's residence.

Mr. Durey is now occupying H. C. Smith's residence on 4th street.

Fred Kaltenbach is moving into the Mansfield house recently vacated by C. L. Adams.

The Tuesday afternoon cottage prayer meetings and the Wednesday evening meeting at the St. Paul's church are discontinued for this week on account of the union meetings at the opera house.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet next Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. W. L. June, on Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Connell have returned from their visit in Hardin and Butler counties, where they have been visiting for some time.

Ernest June has moved onto the M. I. B. Richmond farm and will work that farm this season.

Rev. Harnish will preach at our church next Sunday at the usual hour.

RYAN.

On Monday, March 11, will occur the annual school election of the Independent District of Ryan. Two directors are to be elected and the following proposition will be voted upon: "Shall we levy a tax of twelve hundred dollars for a school house fund." The polls open at one p. m. and close at six p. m.

Miss Belle Huey, of Goldon, was the guest of Miss Minnie Young over Sunday.

Miss Zimmerman, of Hazel Green, was shopping in town Saturday.

F. L. Houston, of Hazel Green, has recently become a member of the firm of Sheppard & Houston and the firm name will hereafter be Sheppard & Houston Co. Mr. Houston has for several years past been in the employ of F. B. Dickey as a buttermaker.

E. Houlahan and sisters, Kate and Alice attended church here Sunday and spent the day at the home of their brother, Richard.

J. F. Houlahan removed last week to his farm recently purchased near Masonville.

A work train was engaged unloading cinders near here Sunday.

The winter term of our schools closed Friday. The teachers and scholars of the A grade, together with a few invited guests, enjoyed nd entertainment and banquet Saturday evening in Reilly's hall, which was a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Agnes McCaffrey, of Willow Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday the guests of the Misses Synan and Kearney.

P. Cosgrove, an old resident on the Buffalo and well known by the majority of our citizens, died Thursday and was buried at Monti Saturday.

M. Sheeley, of Monti, was in town Friday.

Ed. Hahesey, of Parnell, Iowa, made a brief visit at the home of his mother, near Barryville, Thursday.

M. F. Houlahan departed last Tuesday for Jesup where he has secured employment with the Illinois Central Railroad Co. in station service.

LAMONT.

Mrs. Rose Furman, of Edgewood, visited her mother, Mrs. Eckert, several days last week.

Joe Vanek has moved into his new home that he bought from Mrs. Emma Flaucher, and Mrs. Flaucher has moved into her new home that she bought of Beldon Jones.

Prof. Forsythe moved Saturday to the James Steward house in the east part of town.

Mrs. Stone, of near Edgewood, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eckert.

Revival meetings began in the Baptist church Monday evening conducted by Rev. Conant, of Dubuque.

The Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Sadie Thompson Friday p. m.

The Literary Hub met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Della Blackburn.

Fred Field was an Oelwein visitor Thursday and Friday.

Frank Vanek returned to Montana Thursday.

H Tuttle and family have moved into part of the house where Mrs. Clark lives in the Oscar Tuttle home.

Arthur Nolen, of Albany, Wis., is here visiting at the home of Mrs. John Durnam.

Mr. Smith, of near Winthrop, has moved into Mrs, Connell's house on the north side.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kreussel and family visited Sunday and Monday February 25th and 26th in Oelwein.

There was a free lecture in town Tuesday p. m.

Miss Bertha Eckert is on the sick list.

Miss Nellie Cook, of Waterloo, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Davidson and other relatives in Lamont.

Mrs. Hewes, of Aurora, was a Lamont visitor last week.

There was a dance southwest of Lamont at Hawley Smiths Tuesday night February 27th and was largely attended.

The grand juror from Lamont is Wm. Sager, the petit jurors are J. H. Penberthy and H. G. Sampson. Court sits at Independence March 5th.

Married in Elk township, Clayton county, February 21 Fred Allenstein to Miss Bertha Ortman at the bride's home. They will live on a farm south of town.

Married at Garrison, Iowa, February 19th, Elmer Able to Miss Bertha Sleeper, of Germania, Kossuth county. Rev. Scovill of the M. E. church officiated. They have moved to Lamont. He works for Kyle & Flaucher in their livery stable.

School Notes.

Kittie D. Mandeville is teaching her seventh term in Delaware township, district No. 7.

Edith Putman is teaching a good school in district No. 3, Delaware township.

Birdie McCarthy has two pupils who will graduate from the country school this spring. They will graduate with honors.

Prof. Foote and Mrs. Ryan Adams are doing good work in the Colesburg schools.

Kate Merten is teaching her second term at Cottage Grove.

Jacob Menhl is giving excellent satisfaction in district No. 4, Colony township.

Nerva Bateman is teaching in Oneida township. Her work is of a high order. Although the school building is old and in poor condition, her school is one of the best in the county that we have thus far visited.

Leonora Collins, principal of the Ryan schools, has been on the sick list.

The teachers of Ryan are doing good work considering the building and apparatus they have to work with. What Ryan needs is a new brick building with five rooms. When this is secured there is no reason why Ryan should not have one of the best graded schools in the county. These schools have an enrollment of 100 pupils.—Delaware Co Teacher.

DELHI.

A horse belonging to George Pulon, valued at $125 died recently.

Frank Clark, of Ryan, had business in town Tuesday.

Bill Boucher, of Manchester, was in town last Friday.

The entertainment given by the Epworth League last Friday evening was a decided success All on the program did credit to themselves and $22.50 was realized as a result of their effort.

Miss Sherman of Anamosa, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Bert Sherman.

Newton Lawton, of Alden Iowa, visited at the home of Mrs. Flack, last week.

A. P. Harris visited at the home of his brother, in Manchester, last week.

Clyde Doolittle entertained a number of his friends, last Thursday, it being his sixth birthday.

Clarence Miller returned to Manchester today.

Several young people, from Delaware attended the Epworth League entertainment here Friday evening.

Mr. Bert Peterson and Miss Addie Flack were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Flack, last Wednesday afternoon, February 28th at three P. M. Mr. Peterson is the senior partner in the firm, of Peterson and Flack and has made many friends during his stay in town. Miss Flack is an estimable young lady. Many friends, both here and at Manchester, their former home, unite in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Manchester, attended the Peterson and Flack wedding, last Wednesday.

The annul meeting of the Silver Spring creamery company, was held Saturday. The following officers were elected, President, G. O. White; vice president, J. W. Swinburne; secretary, E. R. Stone; treasurer, G. W. Klockenteger; manager and buttermaker, Chas. Howard; directors, Jas. Burton, A. H. Dunham, C, H. Furman and C. I. Miller.

Mrs. Sarah White, of Manchester, has been visiting at Mrs. Flack's, the past two weeks.

Mrs. D. S. Corbin is able to be around again.

Joe Michel moved into town last week.

M. E. Aid Society meets Wednesday afternoon, March 7th with Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Neal has been with her daughter, Mrs. Perry Haight near Ryan, the past week. Her little child died Saturday.

Gwen Perkins is home from Lenox.

John Georgen, of Rockville, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peterson returned Saturday morning from Cedar Rapids where they went on their wedding trip.

HOPKINTON.

C. B. McCarty and family have moved to Sheldon, O'Brien county, where they will reside in the future. Chas. has been a resident of this place for several years and leaves many friends who wish him success in his new home.

Benj. Keith will soon return to his home in Washington, after an extended visit here with his brothers and sisters. He has been a jolly visitor and his many friends regret to see him depart. With him will go his brother, Grant and Mr. Bert Huston who in company with him will prospect around Seattle for business openings or speculation.

F. A. William son, wife and daughter departed last Thursday night for El Paso, Texas, a point on the Texas-Mexico line, where they meet Auditor Merriam and wife. Mr. Merriam is there seeking the benefits of that mild climate in order that he may recover more speedily from his recent illness. He is reported as gaining strength.

Dr. William Steele, late of Forest City, who is well known here among friends and who is also well known as authority in dental circles of the state, has retired from active work in this line and has confined himself exclusively to contributing for newspapers and magazines which he has done for some time heretofore. The Hastings (Neb) Tribune speaks of him as follows: "Dr William H. Steele, of Forest City, Iowa who is the guest of his brother, Superintendent Steele at the Chronic Insane hospital, is a newspaper man of nearly twenty years experience, and is also the author of scientific books. Just at present Mr. Steele is engaged in writing magazine articles."

On Thursday, February 22nd occurred the wedding of Miss Alice Custer to Mr. Herman Austin, of Kimball, South Dakota. The ceremony was performed at the home of Miss Florence Woodward, a friend of the bride in town, Rev. D. C. Mackintosh officiating. Miss Custer has lived all her life in this vicinity and enjoys a large circle of friends. She is eminently fitted to grace the home of the man she has chosen to honor. The groom resided here as a youth and by repute is a man above reproach. The couple departed Thursday evening for Kimball South Dakota, where they will reside for the future. Their many friends here wish them all happiness and prosperity in their new home.—Leader.

EARLVILLE.

Miss Emma Staehle was in Milwaukee last week selecting her spring stock of millinery.

Mrs. F. W. Anders, of Manchester spent several days here last week.

Elmer Cruise returned from Hartley the first of the week.

Will Cattron was a Dubuque visitor Thursday.

Geo. Schaller has secured a position in a meat market at Epworth and will move his household goods to that place soon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Millen, of Greeley have moved to Earlville and will live in the Cy Stoner house until fall when they will move into the house now occupied by W. S. Miller.

H. J. Van Fleet and E. Bisgrove were in Kansas City last week with four car loads of cattle.

T. R. Long, of Marshalltown was in town last week renewing acquaintances and looking up business interests. He returned home Saturday.

Rev. N. S. Douglass, of Independence lectured in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening on "The Finance of Morals." The lecture was enjoyed by only a small number but it deserved a full house.

Geo. Heyer has moved his household goods into the Thompson house which he bought last fall

Miss Alice Eaton, of Manchester, visited at L. G. Hersey's over Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Glasscock and Miss Nettie Arbuckle, of Greeley, were callers here Saturday.

Arthur Reeder accompanied by a fellow student at Hopkinton spent Saturday and Sunday at the Reeder home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker were Cedar Rapids visitors Thursday.

M. B Winnard, of Riceville, stopped off here Friday night a guest at H. G. Millen's. He was on his way to Chicago to buy his spring stock of goods and left Saturday.

Jas. Ball and J. W. Bateman, of Delaware, were in town Saturday.

On Tuesday evening about twenty-five friends helped Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davey to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage. They were presented with a set of dishes as a remembrance of the occasion.

Saturday night at midnight, Mrs. Jennie Baskerville died at her home here. She has long been a patient sufferer from that dread disease consumption and the end came not unexpectedly. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Wm. Baskerville and one daughter, Hazel, besides a large number of relatives and friends. The funeral was held from the M. E. Church on Tuesday afternoon.

Union services were held at the M. E. church Sunday evening, Rev. Blakely preached the sermon.

The Debating Society will discuss at their meeting next Friday night the womans suffrage question. Everyone is invited to be present as this is an open meeting and ladies are especially invited.

John Bock jr. is at home for a few days.

Fred Foote has gone to Winthrop where he will work on a farm the coming spring and summer.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Now that the vote on the Porto Rican tariff bill has been taken and the question has been settled for the time being at least, it seems advisable to review some of the circumstances leading up to it and resulting from it. First, and most important from a political standpoint, is the fact that President McKinley is on the winning side. However the matter had been decided, he would still have been on the winning side. There are few more astute politicians than William McKinley. When questioned as to his desires in regard to the bill, he merely replied that he wished for Republican harmony, leaving to be understood, according to the wishes of his questioner that he stood by his message declaring it our "plain duty" to give free trade to Porto Rico, or that he favored harmony by the minority republicans yielding to the majority.

A long time has elapsed since so determined an effort has been made to pass a bill in the face of so much opposition in and opposition out of the party. No sacrifices have been regarded as too great, no pledges as too high to give in return for votes. Threats and cajolery alike have been utalized in the effort to secure its passage. Members of little importance have suddenly discovered they were very necessary to the leaders of their party, and some of them have exacted heavy conditions as the price of their work. Similarly, the various amendments accepted by the Ways and Means committee, limiting the bill to a comparatively short period and reducing the rates of duty imposed by it show how desperately the republicans strove to pass it. Unquestionably they were moved by terror as to their future action in regard to the Philippines as well as Porto Rico, and the republicans would be apt to enact legislation that would absolutely destroy them when its consequences became known to the country.

Democrats here are drawing comparisons between the actions of our government and those of Great Britain somewhat to our disadvantage. Ever since the president precipitated the Philippine war it has been worse than drawing eyeteeth to get any information from him as to his policy in the Philippines, and even as to actual occurrences in that country. Senator Pettigrew and others have asked for facts, but have been set upon and denounced as all sorts of traitors who wanted to aid Aguinaldo for asking for information to which the country is plainly entitled. The President in speech and in writing has again and again declared that it was for congress to prescribe the method of conducting the war and the policy to be pursued. Yet he went managing everything himself and taking progressive and radical steps with contemptuous disregard of the views of congress or of public opinion. Every effort to obtain intelligence throwing light on the action of Administration has been met with determined opposition by its henchmen in the two houses. Resolutions of inquiry which were finally pushed through were answered partially or completely ignored.

In Great Britain the case is far different. With a war on its hands in which, until recently, it suffered humiliating defeats, the government has been almost verbose in declaring its position. London papers which have reached here contain colums of replies by cabinet ministers to all sorts of inquiries as to the causes which led to he war, the conduct of it and the plans and purposes of the Government. Asked why they did not do this or that they have replied they were fearful of trenching upon the British Constitution and were in doubt as to their lawful authority. We have heard no such talk as this from the executive branch of our government. So free and unrestrained have been the statements of Lord Salisbury and his associates that the newspapers have taken them severely to task for it, have pointed out to them how these things are done in American and urged them to follow our example.

Mehitable vs. Samantha.

Am so glad that Samantha has closed that so-called debate and that her communication last week was indeed "finale," so that I have the floor for the future, and the few last remarks to make, which I shall attempt to do in a becoming manner and with plain facts for pointers, and the very first thing I shall do is to use one of dear old Robbie Burn's stale quotations as an illustration:

"Oh, wad some power the gift' tie gi us,
To see ourselves as ithers see us."

Now, my worthy colleague, I believe that is what they say in debates, asks of Mehitable, "Do you practice what you preach?" Indeed I do, mdam, for you remember I told you that we had more than we could do to attend to our own boys, and I, myself, am not one of the goody-goody sort, for we are all poor weak mortals. But as you will answer no more questions, I, of course, shall have to be content without asking, "if you practice what you preach," and let the public guess at that part of it.

In what obscure corner have I resided? Ah, yes! Well, although not as highly educated and well cultured as my adversary, (I think I had better call it that,) I have traveled about a bit in my time and have lived in several different locations a short time, not many miles from Ryan, so that I am conversant with many of the model homes in that locality, where the boys never play cards, nor have their family jars and knock downs, or regular field fights at home, and am pretty well acquainted with the lads, (God bless them all, I say, for I have no fault to find with the boys and girls any place,) and if they have to go to some other home to play a social game of cards, and steal jugs of whiskey from farmers' wagons, that has probably been purchased for pickles. Nor can the pool tables, cider joints, etc., be blamed for it either. Remember I say, "if they do these things," and in every place that I have resided I have known of these gatherings for the purpose of drinking beer and playing cards, and having a jolly time generally, even in the pure atmosphere of the vicinity of Ryan, which I mean for no reflection, for I love the people of that locality. But, of course, you would not be expected to know what a beer keg looks like. You have never been used to any such thing during the even tenor of your life, and do not tolerate any such thing in that part of the country. Neither do we in this town, but alas, we have them here just same as you do there.

While my knowledge of the world is not very extensive, though I have never applied to the Womans Club to send a boy away to the Keeley Cure and pretended it was for some town boy, God knows, if I had a boy that had to go there, or to the penitentiary or reform school, I should not blame the authorities for the fact, nor try to hide or screen them, but let them walk up and take their medicine like a little man, for I think, upon my word, for any drug consumer or drinker to go there for aid or treatment is an honor to them.

Now I disagree with our beloved "Samantha" in regard to the stale quotations for I can not, like her, always find plenty of smart things to say myself, and do not consider the sayings of the distinguished Cowper, Burns and others stale. Perhaps "Samantha" does not need to sign her name publicly o an article but oh my! I do wish she would so that I might know to whom I am speaking and come out so much plainer.

So beef, butter and milk are the productions of the old sour swill barrel are they? Oh! I perceive—never told to learn something. Your glasses were at fault dear too in regard to those contaminations for I said we did not have them in town. Did not say that you had them in the country, but I see the coat fit and you put it on. I said we did not bring your boys to town, did not even say that they came.

That little "If" is always in the way, but I do say that your country boys do not have to come to town to drink and play cards etc, for they do all of those things right there, so I think perhaps that practicing and preaching question is answered. Our ladylike and well informed president of the woman's club did not say that the travelling library should be forced upon those poor little tired teachers, for my dear madam, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed we were declared a free and independent people. Free moral agents to do as we please about such things but of course we do not expect a library from our wealthy "Samantha" under the circumstances, neither do we expect her to speak for the whole of Delaware caunty, and for my part I am glad she stirred the matter up for every one I meet now seems to be so anxious for those circulating libraries to prove a success, so I think it has been an advantage to the matter.

I am so sorry "Samantha" that we fail to understand each other. I must have new lens adjusted in my glasses so that I may see distinctly to analyze thoroughly your articles, but alas! there is to be no more of them, so please reach over and let us shake hands dear and part good friends for all through our articles there has been far too many little insignificant ifs in the way, and please excuse this one more stale quotation "To err is human" and if our boys, yours and mine, if we have any, err, I freely admit, that is owing to the bringing up, if you wish it that way, and drop the curtain here.

Charity begins at home, another one of those stale sayings, first used by yourself, so I do not blame any one else if our boys drink and steal whiskey, attend old one horse dancing parties, play cards at other peoples homes, and have various other vices, but will take my part of the blame upon myself, but hope they will quit it for pity sake, or receive their just desserts from the authorities. The object of the library work of the womans club is along the line for the improvement of our community for the advancement of its intellectual life and for the betterment of its morals and we shall give our added support to every church, school and charity in the community, which means above all, happy and prosperous homes.

It is a trite saying that I noticed in a little magazine the other day, that three combinations are necessary to spread information far and near, the telegram, telephone and tell a woman.

MEHITABLE.

To secure the original witch hazel salve, ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, well known as a certain cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. They are dangerous.—H. C. Smith.

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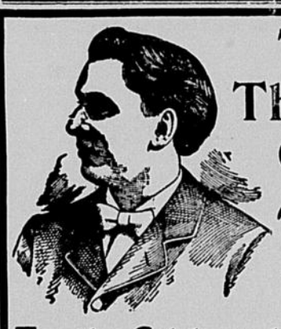

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