

**PRAIRIE.**  
June Month of roses, weddings, commencements and vacations.  
R. F. Stewart was a Chicago visitor last week.  
Misses Daisy and Frances Mulvehill attended the Ringold-Trainor, wedding last Wednesday at Middlefield.  
The announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. Kate Lyness, which occurred on the 8th inst., came like a shadow of sadness over the people of this community. Deceased had been in the best of health, and on the 7th, departed for her old home at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, for an extended visit, and the day after her arrival there, was taken ill and died suddenly. She is survived by four sons, and four daughters, Arthur, Eugene, Edward and Mrs. D. Keenan of Prairie, the other children residing at Prairie du Chien, Mrs. Lyness was a resident of this vicinity for over a year, and was a true Christian lady, possessing a kind disposition, and an abundance of beautiful traits, that made her many warm friends, who will mourn her loss. Interment was made at Prairie du Chien.  
Mr. Andrew McElroy and sister, Miss Roseetta visited friends at Independence Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Miss Clara Stimpson departed for Des Moines Friday evening, to be present at the wedding of her brother, Frank Stimpson to Miss Jennie Vragg of that place, Wednesday.  
Miss Grace Annis closed a very successful term of school at Hartwick, Friday.  
Joseph Haennig and sister Miss Katie, were guests of friends in Manchester last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis visited friends at Hopkinton last week.  
Mrs. T. Barry and sister Miss Jennie Deagon of Masoville visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. Jacobs of Manchester made a business call in this vicinity Friday.  
Mrs. Cora White and Miss Allen of Morrisstown, Illinois, visited at the home of Mr. R. F. Stewart part of last week.

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Little Barney Sherman, who has been very ill with lung fever is improving.  
Miss Emma Kilien of Marion, is the guest of Mrs. Cora Porter this week.  
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Mrs. Porter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, at Strawberry Point last Saturday.  
Levy Douglas and wife of Manchester visited at the home of Ave Jamison and wife over Sunday.  
Mrs. Lewis was on the sick list part of this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Chase entertained a small company of their friends at their home on Friday evening.  
Some of the young people from town attended the dance at Delaware Friday night.  
Gwen Perkins is home from Lenox to spend the summer.  
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A. E. House is visiting at Waudens this week.  
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Several from here attended the ball game between Earlville and the Indiana Monday.  
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Mr. Elton Doolittle and wife went to Westchester, Connecticut, to spend the summer with old friends and relatives.  
The Coggon base ball team went to Prairieburg last Friday and played their second game with the Burg boys and came home victorious. They still hold their record of winning every game they have played so far this spring.—Monitor.

**PETERSBURG.**  
Herman Koelker and son, Barney returned from an extended visit to Adrian, Lismore, and other western points last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Rubly, of Chicago, visited their parents for a few days.  
A class of 9 boys and 11 girls received their first Holy Communion last Sunday.  
The Misses Ida Vorwald, Kate and Mary Bockenstedt, of New Vienna, were noticed here last Sunday.  
Harney Tegeler, of Hickory Valley, shook hands with friends here last Sunday.  
Clem Klostermann and sister Kate returned from Bremen last Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roelke Jr. visited relatives in Bear Grove last Thursday.  
Cards are out announcing the marriage of John Henneke to Rosa Vaake June 25.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Willenborg and daughter Rosa were in New Vienna last Wednesday.  
**LAMONT.**  
Mrs. W. S. Hewitt will entertain the Ladies Aid Society of the Free Will Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon June 18. Supper will be served, and every body invited.  
Mrs. Jennie Stimpson, of Stanley, is in town for an over Sunday visit to her mother, Mrs. Benedict.  
Grant Jewell will work for J. M. Franks as Jeweler, this summer.  
S. C. Irvine and H. A. Burdick, of Stanley, transacted business here on Friday last week.  
Rev. F. H. Wyrick attended the U. I. U. commencement on June 13.  
J. W. Kettle transacted business in Elgin, Ill. last week.  
Frank Hillon spent several days of last week in Manchester.  
Mrs. E. Wing and daughter, Miss Nellie and Miss Hilken visited the Carl Pressner family near Dundee Friday.  
D. M. Whitney and family are visiting Cedar Falls and New Hartford.  
J. H. Shute, of Pingree Grove, Illinois, arrived here Saturday to visit the Bracher family. He reports his daughter, Jennie Potratz, in poor health, she taking treatment in a hospital.  
Mrs. Geo. Foster returned from Waterloo Saturday after a two weeks visit.  
B. Davidson is very sick. His daughter from Mason City, visited him June 11th to 13th inclusive.  
Fred Field returned from Dakota Friday.  
Will Seward is in Manchester where he is taking treatment.  
Mr. Seward and wife sr., of Dundee, visited Lamont Wednesday.

**EARLVILLE.**  
Miss Lillie Heyer visited in Manchester a few days last week. While there she attended the C. E. convention. Misses Ruth Hersey, Anna Harris and Mr. Will Catron attended the convention also on Saturday.  
Mrs. Cal Cook of Waterloo, arrived last week to visit during the summer with relatives in and about Earlville.  
Mrs. Wm. Still is a guest at the home of her brother, Prof. Still. Prof. W. S. Still is the principal-lecturer of the Greeley schools for the coming year.  
Mrs. C. D. Dake and Mrs. Richardson and Miss Mary Richardson, of Epworth visited over Sunday at the home of W. L. Millen.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hersey accompanied by Miss Snow, of Maine, left for DeKalb one day last week.  
Miss Julia Landis, of Coleburg, who has been attending school at Mt. Vernon, arrived here Saturday and spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Klans.  
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**A Male as a Life Saver.**  
The mine mule knows a thing or two quite as well as does the army mule. In one of the mines in the Pittsburg district the ever patient mule proved himself a life saver. One morning when the full shaft was at work there occurred an unusual thing. The air currents had seemed defective, and there was a restless feeling among the miners, something like the uneasiness of live stock before a storm. A few days previous a chamber had been closed on account of gas, and the men were instinctively thinking of what might happen. Suddenly there was a clatter of hoofs, and a mule appeared in the shaft. He had the best of his intelligent eyes full of terror. It gave a shrill cry and then was gone down the entry, broken traces flying after it. The men looked at one another, and then the feverish excitement of the moment was over. Dropping picks, they fled precipitately, making a headlong dash through the labyrinth for the open air. With scared faces other miners joined them, and while they were wondering what it meant a dull, then explosive sound rumbling through the hollow back of them, followed by wave upon wave of noxious vapors. Then they understood. When the bodies of the few poor men who had been hopelessly entrapped were found a year or two later they were carried out with theirs—that of the little gray mule that sounded the warning—Ladies Weekly.

**Serpent Worship.**  
It was probably in the character of a healer that the serpent was regarded by the Milesians, since most of the localities of Ireland connected with traditions of these reptiles destroyed by St. Patrick were esteemed places of healing. To these spots, generally holy wells, the sick and the poor of all ranks classes taking relief from their infirmities. They drink of the sacred waters and circle about the fount on their knees while repeating their prayers. In the early days of the world, as formed by an old time traveler in Ireland, that this circling was formerly done "groveling on hands and knees or even lying flat on the ground and wriggling like a snake." This must not be taken as a criticism of the ancient rites, though the people had not the slightest idea of its origin or even that such a religion had ever existed on their island.

**One Here Plus \$2.**  
There are still some good lands in northwestern Iowa, southwestern Minnesota and South Dakota, and if you are expecting to make a change in location, you should take advantage of the low excursion rates in effect. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month excursion tickets, bearing 21 days' limit, can be purchased to all points on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway, north of Iowa, and including Abbott, Shell Rock and Waverly at One Fare Plus \$2. Full information relative to these lands will be cheerfully given upon application to Messrs. Ilien & Brooks, our Industrial and Immigration Agents, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Requirements of a Good Stroke Oar.**  
During practice a good stroke is one who is regular in his rowing and easy to follow. He must give the big men plenty of time to finish the stroke out. He must keep them swinging steadily, and in a trial over the whole or any portion of the course he must get every possible ounce of work out of them, so that they are completely rowed out without having got short or hurried on the way. In a race he must know the capabilities of his crew and must be able to lead them in the race, when they want eating off and when they are capable of higher pressure, while above all he must have that degree of generalship which will enable him to decide in a well contested race when to let the pressure on in order to take the advantage of station at a certain point of the course, when to ease off if he is holding his opponent at a slower rate of stroke, how far it is necessary for him to save himself for the finish, and when to make the exact moment at which he should make the "grande attaque."—Saturday Review.

**They Were All Tired.**  
The parlor entertainer has some amusing experiences, although he is not always good natured enough to tell them against himself. One who appreciates a joke, however, relates that on a certain occasion he had been performing at an "at home" and responding to so many queries that the programme became unusually long. After it was over his hostess with her young daughter came up to him and, after congratulating him on the success of the afternoon, said most cordially: "Oh, Mr. Blank, come and have some refreshments and sit down for a while. I know you must be awfully tired." "Yes," chimed in the sweet young daughter, with the best intentions of the world; "I'm sure we are."—New York Mail and Express.

**A French Novel.**  
I am—I adore her. Narcisse—Idolize her! "Ha, then we are rivals!" "Yes, but you expect to wait. I do not." "Yes, friends till death!" "Let us tell her!" They tell her. "Let us die!" They buy 6 centimes' worth of charcoal. They ignite it. They inhale it. They all die. Vive l'amour!—J. C. Goddard's "A Leave of Absence."

**Illustrating His Subject.**  
"No, you can't see Mr. Blankblank this morning during office hours." "But he's a public official, isn't he?" "Yes, and he's engaged in the public service." "May I ask what he's doing?" "He's writing a magazine article on 'How Can We Improve the Officeholder's Neglectful Treatment of the Public?'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**The Common Frog.**  
If a traveler were to announce that he had discovered in some remote part of the globe an animal whose tongue was rooted in the front of its mouth, the tip pointing down the throat, and that the creature bore a resemblance to a fish, breathing by means of gills and having a heart of only two chambers, but had undergone transformation, discarding gills and gradually acquiring lungs, adding a third chamber to its heart, and so the truest and most literal sense passing from the order of fishes to the order of reptiles, the public might even become excited about this extraordinary animal—until it came out to be that it was no other than the common or garden frog. Then probably 10 persons out of 20 would instantly cease to take any interest in the subject, if they did not feel some resentment against the man who had contrived to draw their attention for a time to such a common reptile.

**"No Long."**  
I first became familiar with this valletion at Malta in the seventies. It was then in common use among the Maltese of Valetta, but was by them pronounced "sub-lung." I at that time took it to be a local form of the Arabic "salama," and my surprise was great when on returning to England in the eighties I found the phrase prevalent in London.—Notes and Queries.

**The Gain Is Going Through College.**  
The benefit that a man who cares for a college education gets by going to college is a benefit that is already his at the time he graduates. During the four years or three years which he spent at college he made himself a richer man for life. The world is a larger, more varied, more interesting place for him. His life will be a broader, more liberal, more satisfying life than it would have been had he not spent a few of his best years in contact with the results of high thought and in the daily performance of invigorating intellectual tasks. The ups and downs of the Stock Exchange cannot take away from him what he has thus stored up, nor could the best gifts of the money god have enabled him to purchase, after years spent in relentless pursuit of dollars, that which in the golden days of early manhood he had made his own in the quiet college halls.—Baltimore News.

**Four Dollars' Worth for One.**  
The Des Moines Daily News, a complete daily newspaper with the full Associated Press dispatches by leased wire, including daily market reports and all the news of Iowa and the world, is sent for \$1 a year, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for three months, 25 cents for