

**EAD'S GROVE.**  
Cy McKinis has gone to Montana to look for land.  
Will Retherford visited Ray Moody last Saturday.  
Mary Funk has returned from New Hampton, where she has been visiting friends.  
One of Mr. Fred Morse's little girls is very sick at this writing.  
The Ladies Aid Society meet with Mrs. Tupper this week.  
Mrs. James Retherford, of Greeley, visited with her son, J. M. Retherford, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.  
Mr. Bennington and son, from Volga City, were calling on J. M. Retherford and T. Parkinson and others last Wednesday looking at Durham cattle.  
Mrs. Alice Martin has returned from her trip to Michigan.  
Aunt Sarah Waters visited at her sister's, Mrs. Emily Culbertson, of Dutchtown, this week.  
Charles McCloud and Arthur Taylor went to the Mississippi fishing to be gone several days.  
The ice cream social at Gus. Clute's Saturday night was well attended.

**COGON.**  
C. V. Hall was in Manchester Tuesday.  
N. Green, of Hazel Green, visited friends in town on Sunday.  
Mrs. N. B. Richardson and daughters visited in Eler on Friday.  
Mrs. Adamson, of Manchester, visited friends in Cogon on Sunday.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Morris, Sunday, a boy.  
Charles McCloud, of Cedar Rapids, visited over Sunday with his uncle, James Leach.  
The Misses Anna Merriam and Lalla Ware attended the picnic at Ryan Tuesday.  
Adin Breckon, of Onida, stopped off at Cogon and visited his uncle, C. Neiter, as he was returning from the convention at Cedar Rapids.  
A. W. Savage has been appointed manager of the Standard Lumber Co. yards in Ryan, Eler and Cogon.  
Mrs. Dr. Scofield and sister attended the picnic at Ryan Tuesday. Mrs. Scofield taking part in the musical program.  
Mrs. Margie Crommond and children, Roy and Miss Anna, who have been visiting relatives in Cogon for some time, departed for their home in Ticonderoga, N. Y., Monday evening.  
James Slife, of the Central City News-Letter, has sold his plant to Mr. Blackwell, of St. Paul. Mr. Blackwell although a stranger here is a printer of several years experience, and well qualified to run a first class paper. The Monitor extends best wishes for his success.—Monitor.

**STRAWBERRY POINT.**  
John Tracy saw Manchester one day last week with a load of old wheat.  
George Duerst returned last Friday from a visit in Dundee, Manchester and other neighboring towns.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shepard, of Edge wood, spent Monday here.  
Jas. McCarron, of Forestville, spent Sunday with friends in this city.  
Orin Greenwood, of Manchester, has accepted a position in the tonsorial parlor of Leslie Chase.  
Misses Bess and Josephine Thorpe were last Thursday guests in the Father Rowe home here.  
H. Millitt and wife, of Manchester, were calling on relatives and friends here on the 11th of this week.  
John Hogan and Miss Frances Barr, of the city, were Sunday visitors in this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cameron spent Sunday in the beautiful D. W. Barr home at Thorpe.  
L. Marshall and family and Mr. Cotton and family, of Lamont, spent Sunday in the Ben Cole home.  
J. Pollard and Dr. Irve Howard spent Friday in Manchester, taking in the Manchester-Webster City ball game.  
J. F. Graham and daughter Miss Maude of Manchester were guests of the former's sister, Mr. John Westfall in this city a few days last week.  
Miss Carrie Hoag returned Saturday from a weeks visit in Greeley and Manchester, coming back just in time to assist at the Rose gallery on Saturday.  
John Seeley, our shoe man, was visited by his father Saturday. Mr. Seeley having come to call on the I. O. O. F. lodge here. John returned with his father for an over Sunday visit with Manchester friends.  
Miss Georgia Scofield spent a few days last week as a guest of her friend, Miss Commerford in Manchester.  
Manchester turf men are boasting of some very fast horse flesh this year. One horse owned there has made the wire in 2:10, we hear. These horses will be seen on the Fair track September 4-5-6. Fair week.—Mail Press.

**HOPKINTON.**  
Miss Mae Dunlap has returned home from her visit at Greeley.  
Mrs. W. L. Campbell was called to Winthrop yesterday by the serious illness of her brother, Frank Mathers.  
Anna Lux went to Delhi Tuesday to spend a few days with friends.  
Mrs. John Stutz and daughter, Anna, drove to Manchester Wednesday.  
Mrs. F. E. Williamson and daughter, Nellie, visited at Delhi Tuesday of this week.  
Mrs. H. J. Wilson left this morning for several days' visit at Greeley and Strawberry Point.  
The fall term of Lenox college will open September 10. The outlook for the coming year is very bright and promises an increased attendance over the last year.  
Hog cholera has made its appearance in this vicinity. We hear Mr. Britt and L. Schnitzger, northwest of town, have had their herds decimated by the disease. This section has been remarkably free from hog disease for the past few years and we hope that the cholera will not gain a foothold. Farmers should exert every precaution in the care of their herds to prevent the disease from spreading.  
Marshal Loop captured a trio of traps at the stone quarry last Friday night, and later developments indicated that he made a good hit. One of the fellows was working with a file when the marshal came upon them, but he jumped over a bank and hid his tools when discovered. They were rounded up and taken to the calaboose so speed

the night, and Mr. Loop went back to search the locality where they were arrested. In a few moments he uncovered a skeleton key and a file, which had been hidden when the marshal came up. One of the men had purchased the file of W. L. Campbell during the evening, and also procured a large spade of which to make the key. He had fashioned it out and was in the act of finishing the job when arrested. No doubt some place of business would have had a visit from the fellows before morning if they had not been placed in safe quarters. They were released the next morning and told to take a hike along the pike, and they proceeded to hit the road.—Leader.

**EHLER.**  
Miss Marie Johnson is visiting her uncle Thos. Lyon of this place.  
The Pierce brothers took in the carnival at Earlville last week.  
Thos. Patton who has been visiting here for some time returned to his home in Cherokee last Tuesday.  
Walter Reed visited friends here Saturday.  
A. O. Stanger and family passed through town last Friday.  
Bert Moore and wife visited in town the first of this week.  
Michael Chase is putting up a new wind mill this week.  
Mrs. Bert Henderson entertained company from Cogon last Thursday.  
**RYAN.**  
Chas. Miller has the foundation for his new residence nearly completed.  
The I. O. O. F. picnic held in O. B. Walkup's grove Tuesday was a big success both socially and financially.  
M. W. Egan, of Chicago, was renewing old acquaintances here Thursday.  
S. S. Squires and daughters, Jennie and Frankie have returned from the Buffalo Exposition.  
A number of our citizens attended the carnival at Earlville Friday.  
In a game of ball with the Prairieburg team Thursday, the home club was defeated by a score of 9 to 8.  
R. S. Gregg and family, of Oto, Iowa, are the guests of friends here.  
James Ireland, of Cogon, was in town Tuesday.  
Nelson Whitnall was shaking hands with old friends here Saturday.

**FREMONT.**  
Threshing is the order of the day. P. McKeever has the foundation of his barn completed.  
W. Behan is making arrangements to erect a barn.  
At the Democratic caucus held Friday evening, August 16, the following township ticket was placed in nomination: Trustee, Henry Keegan; constables, Jacob Abel and Vern Reed; justice of the peace, N. Jenks; Delegates to the county convention, F. J. McKeever, W. G. Elliott, Vern Reed, A. Jenks and Wm. Burns, Jr.  
S. Jenkins and wife celebrated their 51 wedding anniversary Wednesday.  
P. Davis has rented the J. Bishop farm for the coming year.  
C. Fernald is making arrangements to erect a large barn.  
A good many of our young people attended a dance in J. Garry's new barn Thursday evening.  
**DYERSVILLE.**  
Harry Limback was at Manchester last Saturday evening transacting business and visiting friends.  
Michael Ament went to Earlville Tuesday morning to spend a few days with relatives.  
W. B. Colman and Irve Newcomb, of Manchester, attended the ball game in this city Monday afternoon.  
John Vorwald, Jr., and John Ahlers, of New Vienna, were in town Monday to witness the Preston-Dyersville base ball game.  
Mrs. C. H. Arnold was a passenger to Masonville Wednesday morning, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her brother.  
Dr. S. S. Douglass and R. V. Lucas, of Earlville, and F. E. Lucas, of Buffalo, Wyoming, were in town Monday evening.  
August Nelhaus and Joseph Osterhaus, of Petersburg, were in this city Wednesday morning en route to Manchester where they spent several hours on business.  
Henry Wessels and sister, Mrs. Frank Rabe, of New Vienna, were in town Tuesday morning en route to Dubuque, where they spent the day transacting business and visiting friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Boeckendorf, from near Greeley, were in town Monday afternoon transacting business and visiting friends. While here Mr. Boeckendorf made this office a pleasant call. He recently returned from Minnesota, where he purchased a tract of land.—News-Letter.

**EARLVILLE.**  
Maurice Roe, of Cedar Rapids visited at the home of his cousin, Burt Milten, several days last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart, of Viola were guests of Rev. Soper and family over Sunday.  
Mrs. Anna Leekly and Miss Aggie Martin of Dubuque arrived Tuesday evening for a visit at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Zellner.  
Ruth Stetson is visiting her friend, Orra Laxson this week.  
On Tuesday a ball game between Preston and Earlville at this place resulted in a victory for Earlville by a score of 15 to 3.  
Mrs. J. J. Swinburne and Donald McGiffin, of Washington, D. C. formerly of this place arrived Thursday morning from Fairfeld, where they have been for some months past. On Thursday afternoon the Outlook Club entertained Mrs. Swinburne who was a charter member of the organization, at a tea party at the home of Mrs. Geo. Staehle Jr. Her many friends were glad to see her again. She and Donald left for Washington Friday evening.  
Mrs. Will Eaton and Miss Kate Rippon came from Independence Tuesday morning and will remain for some time visiting relatives.  
Mrs. C. B. Rogers returned from her visit to Welton on Tuesday evening.  
Mrs. Bert Powell's sister, Miss Garner, of Farley, spent the day with her Friday.  
M. B. Winnard, of Riceville, and brother, Rev. James Winnard, of Hamilton, Illinois, were callers in town Friday.  
Hugo Mail was at home several days last week.  
Mrs. Myron Eldredge, of Masonville,

**The Prayer Before Gettysburg.**  
General Daniel Sickles told a story illustrating the tenderness of President Lincoln's heart as well as his faith in Providence and his beautiful optimism. After Sickles had been wounded at Gettysburg he was removed to Washington, and the president called on him at the hospital. When the general described the battle and the awful slaughter, "Lincoln went like a child," "While the two armies were converging I told God that if we were to win the battle he must do it, for I had done all that I could. I went from my room with a great load lifted from my shoulders at that moment. I never had a doubt as to the result. We shall hear good news from Grant, who has been pounding away at Vicksburg for so many months. I am in a prophetic mood today, Sickles, and I say that you will get well."

**The Englishman and His Order.**  
An Englishman at a Chicago hotel ordered a trap. He ordered it of an intelligent looking key clerk behind the desk. He went up stairs to his room to prepare himself for the drive. He waited half an hour for the announcement that the vehicle was below. He began to wonder if this was an example of the American hustle whose reputation had crossed the Atlantic. Presently came a knock on the door. "Come in," he called. The Englishman entered a mechanical looking man in his shirt sleeves. "Where's the hole?" was his question. "Hole?" queried the Englishman. "I wanted a trap."

**Queer Turkish Fish.**  
April 19 is the great fete day of "Bakli," or place of fishes. This is a small church situated outside the walls of Constantinople, and it enjoyed no particular reputation before the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks. At the time of the invasion, however, a monk was cooking some fish there when a messenger came and told him that the Turks had entered Constantinople. The monk did not believe the story and said he would sooner believe that the half cooked fish would jump into the water. As he spoke the fish jumped back into the water, and since then the place has had a great reputation for its healing powers. A church has been built over the spring dedicated to "Our Lady of the Fishes," and on this day a regular pilgrimage takes place from all parts of the town. Many sick are carried thither, and many miraculous cures are reported. The truth of the story is proved by the presence in a large marble lined tank in the church of the lineal descendants of the half cooked fish. Any one who does not believe has only to look in the water, and he will see them, brown on one side and white on the other, swimming about at their ease.

**Sea Bathing.**  
A person can easily determine with one indulgence whether or not open air bathing is hurtful to him. If circulation is speedily restored after he has left the water, if his skin is well colored and he is soon well warmed up and as strong and "lively" as when he took his first plunge, then he may properly assume that his bath has done him good. If, on the other hand, his skin continues cold and clammy for 15 or 20 minutes, notwithstanding the brisk rubbing he gives himself, and for an hour or more afterward he is weak, dull and languid, then he may be tolerably certain that there is something wrong with him which forbids cold bathing.

**A Pot Walloper.**  
The parliamentary register for 1896 showed that there was then only one pot walloper in all England. One owing the term for the first time might easily imagine that a pot walloper was a species of ichthyosaurus or some other reptile of a past age. It will be discovered upon inquiry, however, that the term "pot walloper" is literally one who bolts a pot and was applied to voters in certain boroughs of England where, before the passage of the reform bill of 1832, the qualifications for suffrage were that to have bolted (walloped) his own pot in the parish for six months.

**A Curious Tree.**  
There is a curious combination tree in West Stockbridge, Mass. It is primarily a maple which measures, a foot from the ground, 12 feet 3 inches in circumference. Fifteen feet from the ground there are one or two birch limbs growing, and higher up are currant and raspberry bushes which bear fruit each year. It is not stated whether the sugar made from its sap has a raspberry or a currant, or the birch bark a currant taste, or the berries a spicy tang of birch. It is very old and bids fair to stand for many years longer.

**His Manners All in a Bunch.**  
The laundress' little boy is being strenuously brought up "by hand." "Why, mum," he said despairingly, "if I pounded that boy black and blue I couldn't learn him his manners. Here, Willie!" to the urchin, who was looking confusedly at some pennies given him by the mistress. "What do you say to the lady?" Willie looked troubled. Then, "Yes, ma'am; no, ma'am; please, thank you, cutse me," he said breathlessly, remembering all his "manners" at once, the occasion evidently being great.

**The Human Jaw.**  
The human jaw is very loosely socketed in the skull, so that it is often dislocated by the mere act of yawning. Not being intended for biting purposes, offensive or defensive, no attention seems to have been paid by nature to making it fast.

**Adjourned Unanimously.**  
Correspondent (approaching Irish sergeant)—I am told, sergeant, that you had a skirmish with the enemy this morning.  
Sergeant—We did that, sir.  
Correspondent—And did you come off with flying colors?  
Sergeant—Floya colors, is it? Be that, it wasn't wally the colors that was flying, but every mother's son of us in the bargain.—Boston Courier.

**The Sun.**  
Astronomers tell us that refractory elements like iron, silicon and carbon, perhaps disintegrated into simpler substances, are present as vapors in the atmosphere of the sun and that many others of our well known elements, including hydrogen, are also present in this glowing atmosphere, while the heat of the sun's surface and that of the hotter stars is vastly higher than that of the electric furnace.

**His Age.**  
Being asked his age, a colored citizen in a Billville district replied: "Well, suh, I bit older dan dat pine tree yander, I bit older dan dat live oak by de gate en not quite so ol' ez de house whar I livin at. I ain't count on fingers mysef, but you kin count on em see!"—Atlanta Constitution.

**The Nearest He Ever Came to It.**  
"Colonel," said a very loosely socketed in the skull, so that it is often dislocated by the mere act of yawning. Not being intended for biting purposes, offensive or defensive, no attention seems to have been paid by nature to making it fast.

**Quick and Effective.**  
Willie—How did you treat your wife of the "advanced woman" case?  
Wise—Told her everybody thought it meant "advanced" in years.—Kansas City Independent.

**Prehistoric Times.**  
In prehistoric times the rhinoceros flourished in California, while large lions and tigers lived in the jungles.

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