County Correspondence.

EADS GROVE.

Roy Smith is attending school in Edgewood.

Jack Edmunds and daughter, Grace, are visiting in Oelwein.

The ice harvest is on and the farmers are busy hauling ice for the creamery.

Fred Moser has sold his cream colt to M. Giltse. He received the sum of $125 for same.

Quite a number of our young people attended the masquerade at Edgewood, January 3rd.

Mrs. S. E. Way is reported to be on the sick list.

Gus Seaman and wife and wife's brother from near Osterdock stopped at J. T. Fowler's for a short visit while on their way to Independence to visit Mrs. Seaman's father.

Wm. Martin has returned from Montana. Guy remained.

Ed Morris has gone to Dakota. We suspicion that Ed is looking for a home.

Wm. Goldsworthy, of Greeley, is assisting Ed Robison in getting up his winter supply of wood.

Sam Bishop is quite ill with lung fever. We hope for his speedy recovery.

GREELEY.

Mrs. George Hollenbeck and her daughter are visiting here.

We understand that Mrs. Chas. Barr is ill with an attack of apendicitis.

O. M. Baker attended a meeting of the county central committee at Manchester yesterday.

Born, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Wilcox a baby boy.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Otto Appleby, of Strawberry Point, delightfully entertained at dinner a number of lady friends in honor of her sisters, Mrs. Harry Wilson, of Hopkinton, and Mrs. Bert Appleby, of Pewaubee, Wis. Those present from this place were, Mesdames F. A. Irish, Henry Drybread, and John Matthews.

After sixteen years the post office has been moved. Postmaster Hatfield removed the office last Thursday to the Jenkin's building, south of the Greeley house. We have been informed by postmaster Hatfield that he intends to erect an office in the spring, and in a location satisfactory to both ends of town.—Home-Press.

COGGON.

Mrs. Thomas Coleman was a Cedar Rapids visitor Monday.

M. J. McEnany returned from the western part of the state, where he has been for a short visit with friends and relatives.

Quite a number of Woodmen from Coggon Camp 4591 attended the public installation and banquet at Ryan last night. All report a good time.

Miss Mag Ward attended the twentieth wedding anniversary of her brother, James, of Cedar Rapids, in Manchester last Saturday. About thirty guests were present. They were the recipients of a handsome set of china ware.

A complete surprise was planned and carried out by the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loveland last Saturday when about thirty-five relatives from Hopkinton, Manchester, Golden, Ryan, Hazel Green and the Bay settlement gathered at their home to remind them that it was their twenty-fifth anniversary. The day was passed in a pleasant manner, and after refreshments and congratulations the guests departed for their homes, leaving some very handsome and valuable articles of silver, as a remembrance of the occasion. That they may enjoy many more anniversaries is the wish of their many friends.—Monitor.

HOPKINTON.

B. Beal was down from Manchester yesterday.

Mrs. S. P. Carter is visiting in Dubuque this week while her husband is attending to county affairs at Manchester.

Miss Floy Cooley, of Manchester, visited a couple of days last week at the home of Dr. Mason, being on her way to Davenport.

The members of the M. E. church are naturally feeling pretty good over the fact that they have cleared off the last item of indebtedness standing against the church, and the society starts out the new year under the most favorable conditions.

H. B. Sill, H. H. Wheeless and Henry Dufoe were at Manchester yesterday to attend a school of instruction and learn the duties of the rural mail service. It was conducted by T. J. Boylan, the government agent who has been laying out the routes in this country.

A. S. Thompson, who sold his farm last week, will have a sale on the 14th. He is preparing to go down to Kansas and Oklahoma to look up a new location. He has been a resident of this county for 51 years, and feels that he will miss a lot of the old boys when the annual reunion season comes around.

At a business meeting of the Reformed Presbyterian church held Monday $3,500 was raised in less than a half hour to complete the payment for the new church. The congregation is to be congratulated upon their enterprise and loyalty which permits them to occupy the new building without a dollar of outstanding indebtedness. Plans are now being made for grading and improving the grounds next spring.—Leader.

PETERSBURG.

Barney Peters visited relatives in Dubuque last Saturday. He reports a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kramer visited relatives in Bear Grove last Saturday.

Mrs. M. Puetz, died at the ripe old age of 69 years, last Saturday. She had been in ill health for about three years. She was a kind mother, an earnest Catholic and was well liked by all, who knew her. The funeral took place last Wednesday, and after requiem mass by Rev. J. Rottler, she was laid for eternal rest in the St. Peter and St. Paul's cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Clem Kramer, of Dixon Settlement was here last Wednesday.

Miss Francis Schaetzle, of New Vienna, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rochring last Thursday.

Edward Budden made a flying trip to New Vienna last Thursday.

PRAIRIE.

Mrs. James Trew and Mrs. John Mullen are guests at the home of James Welch, called there by the death of their mother.

Art Lyness has returned from a short visit in Wisconsin.

Miss Daisy and Francis Mulvehill spent Sunday with friends near Winthrop.

R. F. Stewart, who has been ailing for the past year, died at his home in Prairie township, Saturday Morning.

Mrs. Ellen Welch age 102 years, who was called to her reward last Wednesday afternoon, at 2:20 o'clock at the home of her son James, of Prairie township, was born in Ireland, in the year of 1799 Her maiden name was Ellen O'Connor. She has been a resident of this county for 31 years and was a devout Catholic and beloved by old and young. She was grandma Welch to everyone. Those who are left to mourn her loss are her three children, Mrs. James Trew, Mrs. John Mullen, both of Dubuque, and James of this place. The funeral services took place Friday morning at the Masonville Catholic church, where Rev. Father Murtague celebrated Requeim High Mass and preached a most impressive sermon, extolling the many admirable traits possessed by the deceased. She was followed from the church to her last resting place by a large concourse of loving friends. The pall bearers were Patrick Devine, John Mulvehill Patrick, O'Connor, John McElroy, Chas. O'Hagen and Thos Ryan.

DELHI.

Geo. Ellison returned last week from a visit in Nebraska.

Brady Miller is visiting his brother Curtis.

The M. E. Aid Society hold their sale at the G. A. R. hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 15. Supper 15 and 10 cts. Let everybody come.

Thos Simons and wife were Hopkinton visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. C. D. Stone and Mrs. C. C. Stone visited at Geo. Angels Wednesday.

Mrs. James McLean is on the sick list.

Frank Jackson is visiting his sister in Oklahoma.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Delhi Savings Bank the following officers were elected; president, E. R. Stone; vice president, J. W. Swinburne; cashier, Frank Stimpson; directors John Hartman, Curtis Miller, J. W. Swinburne, A. E. House, George White, E. R. Stone, Thos Simons, Frank Stimpson and F. Buchholz.

Mrs. Herrick recently suffered a slight stroke of paralysis.

Jack Welch has bought the house recently vacated by W. Pulver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perkins entertained a passing party Wednesday evening. All report a jolly time. The following were ipresent: Messrs. and Mesdames E. R. Stone, F. A. Doolittle, J. W. Swinburne, E. H. Blanchard, G. O. White, Geo. Furman, Chas Furman, Mrs Lewis, Misses Allie Cummings, Lizzie Fraser and Sarah Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blanchard visited Thursday at the home of Clarence Blanchard in Masonville

Word has been received of the death of two of Delhi's old time residents recently. A. E. Martin died December 28 at his home in Los Angeles, California and J. P. Atwood at his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talmage visited Tuesday at Thos Simons.

Jimmy Smith and Al Meister have gone north to look up some cheap land

The Band Concert Friday evening was a decided success and a good time was enjoyed by everyone present. The boys realized somewhere near $25 00.

Little Ella, the four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherd Shaw died Friday morning, Jan. 10. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sunday at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Salisbury. The sympathy of all is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw in the loss of their little one.

LAMONT.

Fred Retz spent last week in Minnesota.

Rev. Ostrich is conducting special meetings in Strawberry Point

Mrs. Ostrich is visiting in Osage.

Leslie Tickner went to Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 8th, to visit his uncle, Myron Reed, and spend the coming year there. His many friends, numbering fifty or more, tendered him a pleasant surprise the evening of Jan. 7th.

A. J. Manning, of Stanley, visited F. S Brownell Jan. 10.

Rev. Baumbach and family entertained the Misses Schul and Butzlaff, of Green, Iowa, the past week.

Edward Baumbach, of Nashua, Iowa, visited his parental home here the past week.

Stella Rich is in Des Moines, Worth Bond and Wm. Sager in Fayette, Ed and Carrie Windenberg and Miss Bessie Doak in Epworth, and Miss Mabel Frank in Des Moines, all in school.

Mrs. A. Stocking returned to Aurora Jan. 10, after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hoffman, and family.

E. M. Heath, of Sunflower, Mississippi, arrived here Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to visit.

Miss Lydia Brown began her school Jan. 7, after the holiday vacation.

Mrs. M. P. Sager is near Strawberry Point, at her parental home nursing her father who is quite ill.

Joe Foffell purchased the Chas. Lingenfelter house last week.

T. B. Chamberlain purchased the Kreussel tenant house last week.

E. May sold his residence to John Grummon.

E. May purchased the former residence of G. H. Jakeway.

Chas. Furgeson, of Forestville, purchased the S. Z. Welch residence.

Mrs. E. May visited her Manchester friends and her son at Lindsay bridge last week.

Mrs. C. L. Eeaton and two children visited Strawberry Point relatives and friends last week.

EARLVILLE.

Howard Lynch left for Warren, Ill., Thursday, where he will remain for a short time.

A base ball benefit dance will be given in the near future.

Miss Emma Staehle returned from Burt on Friday, after a pleasant visit there.

On Friday Henry Box, of Baltic, S D., was in town with his brother-in-law, Frank Segar.

Geo. Staehle, Sr., was in Dubuque on business Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Yates, of Palo, Iowa, is visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Soper.

Miss Kate Commerford returned to Earlville on Saturday to resume school duties on Monday.

Mr. and R. V. Lucas and family have returned from their visit in Des Moines and other places near.

Miss Lyle Parker and Caro Staehle were the guests of Miss Laura Whipple at Edgewood last week for two or three days.

Miss Anna Stevens, who formerly stayed with Wm. Hersey's family, was visiting them here during last week.

Dick Holdren, of Riceville, was the guest of relatives here last week.

The Epworth League held a social at the home of George Long on Friday evening, at which a considerable sum was cleared for their benefit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stoner will move onto Eddy O'Mara's farm, and will work for him the coming season.

J. B. Taylor has sold the place formerly occupied by L. C. Reding to Thos. Robinson.

Mr. B. H. Clark resumed his duties at the station on Thursday.

Miss Ora Laxson was at home over Sunday from Epworth.

Miller Smith had the misfortune on Thursday to have one finger taken off and another badly injured in a circle saw while assisting in sawing wood.

The Delaware County Telephone Company was organized here Tuesday evening with a capital of $5,000. Its object is to extend from this place telephone lines to the different farms tributary to this town.

Ray Miller visited his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Pierce, at Manchester Saturday.

Miss Grace Her[illegible] the past week at the hom[illegible] J. L. Cruise, where she assisted [illegible] Cruise at dressmaking.

Several from here went to Epworth on Monday to attend the lecture there given by Dr. Buckley, formerly editor of the Christian Advocate, a very excellent speaker.

The Delaware County Teachers' Association will be held here on Saturday, January 18th.

Our Arizona Letter.

Phoenix A. T., Jany. 02

EDITORS DEMOCRAT:

Dear Sirs:—In compliance with your request, I shall undertake a slight description of Phoenix and the immediate surrounding country.

The Salt River Valley is located in what might be called the south central part of Arizona and is about sixty miles long and, on an average, twenty wide. From a cursory glance, one would think it was perfectly level but on closer inspection a slight rise toward the north is quite perceptible. The valley is enclosed on all sides by low mountains. The highest peak being 2200 feet. Near the center of this valley is located the city of Phoenix, the territorial capital. It has a population of from five to seven thousand. The inhabitants are mixed as are all of these cities of the southwest, there being a good many Mexicans and Indians.

Contrasted with our eastern cities, Phoenix presents sights which are new and novel to an easterner. In many places the streets are lined with palms and nearly every street has its small irrigation ditch which supplies the moisture for plant life. A good many of the yards are decorated very beautifully with cactus, palms and all kinds of flowers, This almost tropical climate will allow the lawns to be kept green the year round. The residences, as a rule are modern and convenient with here and there an abode which adds much to the picturesqueness of the already beautiful city. The streets are wide, clean and kept well sprinkled Large business houses adorn the central portion of the city. There is also an electric car system, electric light plant, gas works, and numerous other establishments which give employment to many men.

The immediate country around Phoenix is in the land of alfalfa. The country roads, as a rule, are fine, being lined with small irrigation ditches, which are themselves lined with trees, in many places, making a shaded road which is, indeed, very acceptable on warm days such as we have been having for several days past. As you drive along through this shaded driveway, you can look for miles on either hand and see naught but green fields, green trees, fat cattle and fat horses. No stock, which have the run of a good alfalfa field, are poor. They do not know what grain or shelter is; their only shelter being the one which Nature has provided for all.

Alfalfa hay is the main crop, although some raise a limited amount of barley and in some parts a little wheat is grown. About four or five crops of alfalfa are cut in a year. Six or eight miles to the north and east of the city are the orange groves, this is also quite an extensive industry but is yet in its infancy. There are also groves of olives, apricots and pomegranates In many places grapes are cultivated extensively from which thousands of pounds of raisins are made yearly.

Of course all this country is made fertile by irrigation. The water is obtained from the Salt River which is tapped, as you might say, about 30 or 35 miles above the city and is brought down in several large canals which again distribute it into smaller ditches and so over the fields

Beyond the irrigated districts, there is naught but desolation, simply a hot, sandy, dry waste, producing no vegatation whatever, except sagebrush and the giant cactus. These cacti are an interesting species of plant life. They have scarcely any roots, barely enough to hold them upright, but obtain their nutrition from the air. Some grow without a branch while others have several. They attain a hight of from twenty to thirty feet and often higher. About eight miles east of the city, there is an expanse where thousands of these cacti can be seen. From a distance, they remind one of a forest which has been over-run by a fire leaving only the trunk and some branches standing.

There are, undoubtedly, thousands of acres of land in southern Arizona, which need only the water to make them as fertile as these which have been tried.

Perhaps some will get an idea from this discription that the nights are as warm here as the day, but such is far from the case, as the thermometer ranges from probably 80 degrees at noon to 35 degrees by the next morning, so that an overcoat is not uncomfortable mornings and evenings. Notwithstanding this fact, Phoenix has a very fine winter climate, and here you find people from all over the United States.

Hoping this slight description may throw some light on the Salt River Valley of Arizona and perhaps interest some of your readers. I am yours very respectively.

THERON A. COON.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Treasurer of Delaware County in Account with Cash.

	CR.	DR.
COUNTY FUND.		
1901.		
June 1. To balance	$ 13238 41	
tax collected	13069 35	
interest collected	538 98	
Rec'd from Co And	663 94	
Rec'd from Co Clk.	1133 49	
Rec'd from Co Atty	4 00	
Rec'd from Co Rec.	81 50	
Rec'd from fees, pub. cost, etc	65 30	
Dec 31. By paid warrants to date		$ 15532 12
refunded		32 58
By cash on hand		13140 07
	$ 28704 77	$ 28704 77
STATE REV. FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 138 20	
tax collected	6008 95	
interest collected	157 28	
sale of laws	6 50	
Dec 31. By paid State Tr. to date		$ 5317 18
transfer'd to temp. school fund		708 60
By cash on hand		285 15
	$ 6310 93	$ 6310 93
SCHOOL FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 418 51	
tax collected	2290 11	
interest collected	58 01	
Rec'd from Co Clk.	20 00	
Rec'd from J. M. Pearse j p	45 00	
Rec'd from S. L. Doggett	11 00	
Dec 31. By apportionment by Auditor to date		$ 2057 94
By cash on hand		784 69
	$ 2842 63	$ 2842 63
SCHOOL HOUSE FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 407 27	
tax collected	1842 49	
interest collected	15 94	
Dec 31. By paid school treasurers to date		$ 1697 10
By cash on hand		568 60
	$ 2265 70	$ 2265 70
CONTINGENT FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 2710 33	
tax collected	6218 49	
interest	180 87	
Dec 31. By paid school treasurers to date		8362 05
By cash on hand		747 64
	$ 9109 69	$ 9109 69
TEACHERS' FUND		
June 1. To balance	$ 6760 99	
tax collected	18192 58	
interest	472 36	
Dec 31. By paid school treasurers to date		$ 22742 13
By cash on hand		2683 80
	$ 25425 93	$ 25425 93
APPORTIONMENT FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 1225 71	
apportioned by Audt.	3057 94	
transferred from tem. school fund	937 56	
Dec 31, By paid school treasurers to date		3972 98
By cash on hand		248 25
	$ 4221 21	$4221 21
BRIDGE FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 5219 27	
tax collected	4580 23	
interest collected	117 07	
rec'd from Auditor	46 50	
Dec 31. By paid warrants to date		$ 7369 98
By cash on hand		2653 09
	$ 9963 07	$ 9963 07
POOR FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 4726 09	
tax collected	2399 23	
interest collected	60 98	
Dec 31. By paid warrants to date		$ 3484 20
transf'red by B S to poor appropriation		2000 00
By cash on hand		1702 10
	$ 7186 30	$ 7186 30
POOR APPROPRIATION FUND.		
June 1. To transferred by B S from poor fund	$ 2000 00	
Dec 31. By p'd war'nt to date		$ 1834 05
By cash on hand		165 95
	$ 2000 00	$ 2000 00
INSTITUTE FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 59 00	
rec'd Co. Supt.	148 00	
Dec 31. By paid warrants		$ 105 35
By cash on hand		101 65
	$ 207 00	$ 207 00
DOG FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 116 50	
tax collected	157 50	
Dec 31. By cash on hand		274 00
	$ 274 00	$ 274 00
MANCHESTER CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 66 21	
tax collected	3455 23	
interest	198 51	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 3195 70
By cash on hand		524 25
	$ 3719 95	$ 3719 95
SINKING FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 12 98	
tax collected	370 90	
interest	3 21	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 385 04
By cash on hand		2 05
	$ 387 09	$ 387 09
FIREMEN'S FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 6 49	
tax collected	185 45	
interest	1 61	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 192 58
By cash on hand		1 02
	$ 193 55	$ 193 55
LIBRARY FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 9 74	
tax collected	278 64	
interest	2 41	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 288 83
By cash on hand		1 53
	$ 290 36	$ 290 63
SEWER FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 3 24	
tax collected	92 71	
interest	79	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 96 23
By cash on hand		51
	$ 96 74	$ 96 74
MANCHESTER GRADING FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 12 99	
To tax collected	370 90	
interest	3 21	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 385 15
By cash on hand		2 05
	$ 387 10	$ 387 10
HOPKINTON CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 39 87	
tax collected	485 70	
interest	17 00	
May 31. By paid city treas.		$ 514 84
By cash on hand		27 73
	$ 542 57	$ 542 57
EARLVILLE CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$	
tax collected	338 28	
interest collected	17 56	
Dec 31 By paid city treas.		$ 287 25
By cash on hand		68 69
	$ 355 94	$ 355 94
GREELEY CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 96	
tax collected	90 33	
interest collected	3 78	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 93 26
By cash on hand		1 81
	$ 95 07	$ 95 07
COLESBURG CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 21 39	
tax collected	132 37	
interest	6 22	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 131 95
By cash on hand		28 03
	$ 159 98	$ 15 99
EDGEWOOD CORPORATION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 6 50	
tax collected	45 69	
Interest collected	68	
Dec 31. By paid city treas.		$ 43 68
By refunded		1 28
cash on hand		7 91
	$ 52 87	$ 52 87
INSANE FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 42 52	
tax collected	1804 84	
interest	43 17	
rec'd from Co. Audt.	108 00	
Dec 31. By paid state treas.		$ 1910 79
By cash on hand		87 74
	$ 1998 53	$ 1998 53
SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 1142 95	
tax collected	687 01	
interest	17 39	
Dec 31. By paid Com'rs		$ 992 38
By cash on hand		855 07
	$ 1847 35	$ 1847 35
HEALTH FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 497 40	
tax collected	286 90	
interest	2 74	
Dec 31. By paid twp clk		$ 417 07
Cash on hand		369 97
	$ 787 04	$ 787 04
STATE UNIVERSITY FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 5 32	
tax collected	228 99	
interest	5 78	
Dec 31. By paid state treas.		$ 229 13
By cash on hand		10 96
	$ 240 09	$ 240 09
SPECIAL POOR FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 245 48	
Dec 31. By paid warrants		$ 197 22
By cash on hand		48 26
	$ 245 48	$ 245 48
TOWN HALL FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 4 15	
To tax collected	64 07	
interest	56	
Dec 51. By paid twp clerk		$ 58 02
By cash on hand		10 76
	$ 68 78	$ 68 78
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 5 32	
tax collected	207 17	
interest	3 19	
Dec 31. By paid state treas.		$ 204 72
By cash on hand		10 96
	$ 215 68	$ 215 68
GAME PROTECTION FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 10 00	
Rec'd from Co And	20 00	
Dec 31. By cash on hand		$ 30 00
	$ 30 00	$ 30 00
M. & O. RAILROAD FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 19454 23	
tax collected	13408 49	
Dec 31. By paid R. R. treas.		$ 22628 09
By cash on hand		294 63
	$ 22922 72	$22922 72
COUNTY ROAD FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 4112 54	
tax collected	2250 11	
interest	58 01	
Dec 31. By paid warrants		$ 5422 95
By cash on hand		1037 71
	$ 6460 66	$ 6460 66
ROAD FUND.		
June 1. To balance	$ 967 20	
tax collected	502 69	
Dec 31 By paid twp. clerks.		$ 467 26
refunded		13 21
By cash on hand		989 42
	$ 1469 89	$ 1469 89
RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES.		
Dec 31. County fund	$13140 07	
State fund	285 15	
School fund	784 69	
School house fund	568 60	
Contingent fund	747 60	
Teachers' fund	2683 80	
Apportionment fund	248 25	
Bridge fund	2653 09	
Poor fund	1702 10	
Poor appropriation	165 95	
Institute fund	101 65	
Dog fund	274 00	
Manchester Cor, f'd.	524 25	
Sinking fund	2 05	
Firemen's fund	1 02	
Library fund	1 53	
Sewer fund	51	
Grading fund	2 05	
Hopkinton Cor. fund	27 73	
Earlville cor. fund	68 69	
Greeley Cor. fund	1 81	
Colesburg Cor. fund	28 03	
Edgewood cor. Fund	7 91	
Insane fund	87 74	
Soldiers' Relief fund	855 07	
Health fund	369 97	
State University f'd.	10 96	
Special Poor fund	48 26	
Town Hall fund	10 76	
Agr. State College f'd	10 96	
Game protection fund	30 00	
M. & O. Railroad	294 63	
County road fund	1037 71	
Road fund	989 42	
Dec 31. By cash on hand		27766 05
	$ 27766 05	$ 27766 05
Permanent School fund	$ 704 27	
Temporary School fund	555 94	
Dec 31. By cash on hand		$ 1260 21
	$ 1260 21	$ 1260 21
Grand total cash		$ 29026 26

L. MATTHEWS, County Treasurer.

The Right of Defense.

In the course of a trial an English judge is reported to have said: "The laws of God and man both give the party an opportunity to make his defense, if he has any. I remember to have heard it observed by a very learned man upon such an occasion that even God himself did not pass sentence upon Adam before he was called upon to make his defense. 'Adam,' says God, 'where art thou? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?' And the same question was put to Eve also."

Pacing a Natural Gait.

The pacing habit is common among animals, says a writer in Scribner's Magazine. Many animals pace—cattle, for instance; and, among dogs, setters. I believe pacing to be a rather more natural gait than trotting. Trotting, as it exists in our fast horses, is scarcely a natural gait, but is rather the result of breeding and education.

A Night Light.

Some people make it a point never to retire without a light burning in the house. A bit of information worth knowing is that a small even light may be obtained from a small piece of candle all night if fine powdered salt is piled around the candle until the black part of the wick is reached.

Work For It.

Nothing that is of real worth can be achieved without courageous working. Man owes his growth chiefly to that active striving of the will, that encounter with difficulty, which we call effort; and it is astonishing to find how often results apparently impracticable are thus made possible.

Clean as a Whistle.

The origin of the saying "as clean as a whistle" is ascribed to the "whistle tankard" of olden times, in which the whistle came into play when the tankard was emptied or "cleared out" to announce to the waiter that more liquor was required.

Robins Play at Being Dead.

One morning a well known naturalist was greatly surprised to see a robin lying on his back evidently dead, being rapidly pulled round and round by another bird of the same species.

The naturalist at once came to the conclusion that he had come in time to witness the end of a deadly encounter, and that the live robin was indulging in the cruel triumph of dragging his victim's lifeless body over the stones.

But he was mistaken, for suddenly the live bird went down upon his back, his wings and legs were stiffened, and he gave every appearance of being dead, while the other robin who had been shamming death hopped on his legs and proceeded to serve his companion in the same way as he had done him. Finally the two birds flew away together to a neighboring tree.

How the People of Sangir Keep Time.

The people of Sangir, an island of the Malay archipelago, keep time by the aid of an hourglass formed by arranging two bottles neck to neck. The sand runs out in half an hour, when the bottles are reversed. Close by them a line is stretched, on which hang twelve sticks marked with notches from one to twelve, with a hooked stick, which is placed between the hour last struck and the next one. One of these glasses keeps the time for each village, for which purpose the hours are sounded on a gong by a keeper.

Four Kinds of Pupils.

The Talmud says there are four kinds of pupils—the sponge and the funnel, the strainer and the sieve. The sponge is he who taketh up everything, and the funnel is he who taketh in at this ear and letteth out at that; the strainer is he that letteth go the wine and retaineth the dross, and the sieve is he that letteth go the bran and retaineth the fine flour. The student who begins at least to wish to belong to the last named class will not have been sent to college in vain.

His Watchdog.

Mrs. Suburb—Oh, my dear, that magnificent watchdog you brought home yesterday is gone.

Mr. Suburb—Eh? Did he break the chain?

"No; but an ugly looking tramp came around and acted so terribly that I let the dog loose, but instead of tearing the tramp to pieces he went off with him."

"Great Scot! It must have been the same tramp I bought him of."

A Little Sarcastic.

Maid (to lady at door)—Mrs. Spencer is not at home.

Caller (who knows differently)—Oh, I'm so sorry! But never mind. Tell Mrs. Spencer when she comes in that I called to say that I'm awfully glad she goes out more than she did. I've always wondered why she kept herself cooped up in the house all the time.—Boston Transcript.

Careless About Their Hair.

Peasant women in Siberia wear shawls or kerchiefs on their heads, while the rich women wear no head covering whatever. A traveler recently returned from that part of the world says that a Russian woman who is otherwise trim and modern in dress will go about with her hair disheveled to the point of the ludicrous.

AN OVERWORKED PHRASE.

The Expression "He Took His Life In His Hands."

"The expression 'he took his life in his hands' always struck me as being very foolish," said a bright young gentleman, "and I have often wondered why so many persons persist in using it when they want to speak of extraordinary dangers. Now, extraordinary danger is one thing and the simple, commonplace thing of taking one's own life in one's hands is an entirely different thing.

"I work in a big building. There are a steam engine and a mammoth boiler in the basement. Whenever I enter that building, if they are running the engine in the basement, I take my life in my hands. I get on the elevator on the fifth floor; I take my life in my hands. I go out of town; the car may tumble over a trestle somewhere. I walk along the street; a sign may fall on me. I make my way across the thoroughfare; who knows but what a street car or a vehicle of some sort may not run me down? I cross the river; may I not suddenly find myself in the swirling stream and sinking for the last time? If I walk along the street, may not a brick or a loosened cornice come crashing down upon me? There are a row and a shot or two on the corner; may not a stray bullet wing me? And so on.

"Pessimism? No. Logic. That's all. It just shows the difference between taking one's own life in one's hand and the matter of confronting extraordinary danger. These risks are ordinary, plain, old, everyday risks. The fireman who dashes into a burning building to rescue a child, the fellow who grabs the bridle of a runaway horse, the hero who will plunge into the river to save some person who is about to drown—these are the persons who confront what I would call extraordinary dangers, and the worn platitude of saying of one of these 'he took his life in his hands' would not fit the case because there would be in the act an element of heroism which would place it much above the commonplace."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

HOYT'S JOKE ON M'KEE.

How the Playwright Had a Bit of Fun With His Manager.

On one occasion Manager McKee was watching a performance from a box, where he was seated with some friends.

During the first act an usher came to him with the information that a gentleman was waiting at the door to see him on most important business.

"Tell him I can't come out—I'm very busy," was the answer.

The usher returned in a moment to say that the man insisted on seeing Mr. McKee, who again sent out word that it was impossible to see him.

The man outside then sent in the message that he was an author and had a play that he wished McKee to read immediately.

This incensed the manager, who said to the usher:

"Tell that fool out there that this is no time to bring a play to be read. Get him out of the place—I won't see him. I won't read his play."

A few minutes later the usher came back and informed McKee that the man utterly refused to go without seeing him, and that he must be granted an interview, also that he was quite sure that the manager would not only read his play, but he would also produce it, and added that he would bet $1,000 that Hoyt & McKee would be only too glad to get the play.

At that McKee became furiously angry, and, excusing himself to his party, left the box with the intention of personally inviting the persistent author to begone.

"Where's that idiot who insists on seeing me?" he asked of the treasurer at the box office. Then the treasurer pointed to a man standing in the shadow with a roll of manuscript under his arm.

It was Hoyt, with his newly finished play, which he handed to McKee, who said to those present:

"It's on me—what'll you have, boys?"—New York Clipper.

A Wise Prophet.

"On the whole," said the aged weather prophet, "I have found that the safest course is to predict bad weather."

"Why?" asked the neophyte.

"Because people are much more ready to forgive you if the prediction does not come true."

Her Size.

Young Man—I want an engagement ring.

Jeweler—Yes, sir; about what size?

"I don't know exactly, but she can twist me round her finger, if that is any guide."

ONCE IS ENOUGH TO SEE

Gustave Dore's portrait of Dante is worth seeing—once. But once is enough. Some such look you notice on the faces of those who have suffered, and still suffer, much physical pain; people subject to rheumatism, gout, neuralgia, periodic headache, lumbago, or pain from some old lesion. This pain-habit puts its marks on them, as the custom of handling ropes crooks a sailor's fingers; or as too much riding of a bicycle stamps a worried expression on certain faces. No wonder people said of the Italian poet as he passed along, "There goes

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