

County Correspondence.

MASONVILLE.

Mr. Samuel Blanchard was taken with a very severe stroke of paralysis. Saturday he is reported no better at this writing.

Mrs. J. Brophy was a Masonville caller Monday.

Mrs. F. Parkhurst and Mrs. J. Houlton were Manchester callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Moran returned home Monday, April 7, after a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Kehoe at Worthington.

Dr. Lindsay was in town Monday professionally.

The Epworth League will hold a social at the home of J. D. Lane, Thursday evening April 17. Everybody is invited.

Mr. McMillen is entertaining a brother. Dr. Joice has opened his office in the hotel.

Miss Emma Ryan visited at Mont Thursday.

Glen, Ina and Genevieve Griffin, who have the measles, are much better at this writing.

Mr. Havens, an old and respected citizen, passed quietly away Monday evening after a long illness. The funeral was held Tuesday from the M. E. church. He was buried in the Masonville cemetery.

Mrs. P. Gallery is spending the week with Mrs. McGrath.

The election of city officers was held here March 31. The following officers were elected: James Morris, mayor; P. H. Ryan, treasurer; Hiram New, clerk; members of the council—Dr. Ramsay, P. McGrath, Geo. Taylor, J. W. Turley, Norman Kenyon and F. S. Griffin.

Mr. Albert Havens of Dubuque was called here Monday to attend his father's funeral.

Miss May McGrath commenced her school in district No. 8, Monday.

Mr. Newton, a barber from Rowley, arrived here Friday. He has opened a barber shop over James Carmody's restaurant.

Chas. O. Hagan is having a machine shop built on his lot south of the hall. Rev. Murtough celebrated high mass at Winthrop Sunday.

LAMONT.

Harry Jakway got his nose broken in two places while playing ball at school, April 8.

Miss Abbie Kelsh was a passenger to Dakota, April 8, to visit her brother Tim and family. Tim has secured their school for Miss Abbie to teach this spring.

W. P. Lee has lost seven horses, no trace can be found of them. It is a bad loss, especially after wintering them on ten and twelve dollar per ton hay.

Chas. Sager has accepted a position as traveling soliciting agent of nursery stock, for the same company as F. E. Peet works for.

Miss Effie Watt is working in the Aurora Cottage Hotel.

John Watt is home, having been in Manchester taking treatment from Dr. Bradley. Watt is much improved.

Miss Beth Gruman will return to Newton township to teach a school near her last winter school. Miss Beth is a bright, winning young lady, we admire her aspiration.

Mrs. Drake's horse is fast nearing completion.

H. A. von Owen urges his force to rush his house, a home of one's own is a mighty nice place.

C. L. Brown's cellar walls were commenced, April 9, for a neat modern house.

Rev. Baumbach was absent from Lamont last week, while attending the German Lutheran conference at Sumner.

The Lamont school board met April 6th and hired the Misses Klein, Quigley and Otis for the year beginning next fall.

Manchester parties were here last week, leaving a cement floor on our creamery.

Miss Lydia Brown is to wield the rod in the Sheldon school this spring.

Miss Althea Brown dons the new title "teacher" this spring, her services are wanted in the Mt. Vernon district. We wish her success.

Miss Grace Brigham has been secured to teach the Dopp school. Grace means business and that means success every time.

Miss Bertha Bonhoff was a passenger for California, April 15, going there to visit her sister. Her many friends here tendered her a pleasant farewell party April 8th.

Mrs. Wilkes Wolfe and Master Roy were Greeley visitors last week.

T. W. Quirk of Highland, Kansas, was here last week visiting his grandparents, S. Z. Welch and wife, also his uncle, Wm. Quirk and family.

Mrs. Chas. Sager has organized a good large music class here.

Mrs. F. H. Wyrick has settings of Wyandotte eggs for sale. 15 eggs for 50c.

RYAN.

B. H. Magri and family arrived here last Monday morning from Farmington, Minn. Mr. Magri says the winter there was a mild one with no snow to speak of.

Mrs. W. F. Drummy was called to Dubuque last Saturday by the serious illness of her son Anthony who has been attending school there. She returned Monday and reports him as being much improved.

Mrs. M. Somers was an over Sunday visitor at Dubuque with her daughter, Anna, who is attending school at Mt. St. Joseph's Academy. Mrs. Somers speaks in the highest terms of the institution and its instructors.

Patrick McDonald and wife of Hazel Green, expect to leave within a couple of weeks for a three months trip to Ireland. Mike Crowley will carry on the farm during their absence.

We understand the town council will as soon as possible take up the waterworks question and push it to a finish. This is as it should be and they ought to be given the assistance and support of all our citizens.

Fred Flack's car was loaded this week and will be started for Canada tomorrow, the family also going along. Chas. Richardson also has a quantity of stock and goods loaded in the car and will seek his fortune in the Edmonton district. We wish them all kinds of suc-

COES.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dolph, Mr. and Mrs. James McCrea and Rev. P. H. Ryan were among the Ryan people who attended the forty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Hennessy at Castle Grove the first of the week. Mr. Hennessy was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane. The guests report a most enjoyable time.—Reporter.

GREELEY.

B. A. Baker was here yesterday on business.

John Merton was over from Coleburg Saturday.

Thomas Cole was in the county seat on Monday.

Mrs. Lang visited at Strawberry Point yesterday.

C. B. Doolittle has been appointed town marshal.

Barney Briggs, the cigar man, was down from Manchester yesterday.

H. J. Wilson, of Hopkinton, was a guest of his parents over Sunday.

Born—on Wednesday, April 9th, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, a girl.

Attorney Yoran was up from the county seat, on Friday.

Sanford Lyman, candidate for recorder, was a pleasant visitor in this town yesterday.

Miss Blanche Sherman came from Watoua a few days ago and will remain in town a short time.

Thos. Longford is preparing to move the house he recently bought of Everett Wilcox to his lot in the west part of town.

I. M. Gibson's residence in the country has been quarantined on account of smallpox, Harry Burbridge being the afflicted one. He is not very sick however.

Wm. Hockaday has purchased a new lat machine which he will add to his now complete saw mill. The machine will be used to turn out basswood laths.—Home Press.

HOPKINTON.

A party was held at the home of Miss Maude Loop Wednesday evening and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

D. C. Gearhart went to Chicago Friday for a week's visit with friends.

W. B. Guthrie is expected home from Europe within a short time.

Brian Saunders was down from Delhi and visited over Sunday with relatives.

Hugh Pierce has quit his job of dispensing lunches on the Illinois Central and is home again.

Miss Ella Campbell visited several days of the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. I. Wiltzie, at Arlington.

Mrs. Mast returned to her home at Delhi Tuesday after visiting with her brother, James Burdick.

L. J. Gilbert of Dundee is canvassing this part of the county in the interest of his candidacy for the recorder's office.

A. L. Barker and wife came in from Chicago yesterday morning and the latter will spend a week with many old friends.

Matthew Henry and wife of Cedar Rapids have been visiting among old friends in this section for the past week or more. They were residents of this place a number of years ago.

J. J. Goen, A. Hollister and I. L. Walters, all of Manchester, were in town, Friday, representing their various lines of business. They all found time to call and admire the new Leader office and swap a few ghost stories with the editor.

H. C. Smith and J. A. Strickland, were down from Manchester yesterday, the former hunting for a good horse to speculate on, and the latter to look for speculators for Dakota lands.—Leader.

COGON.

Florence and Grace Arty spent Sunday with their uncle in Central City.

Dr. Bradley of Manchester was in Cogon, Friday.

Thos. McCann is in Chicago on business this week.

Ed File is serving on the jury in Marion this week.

Mrs. Woodard and son, Willard, of Hazel Green spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews.

Miss Florence Merriam visited her brother, Robert, of Ryan, several days last week.

Mr. John Dudley of Troy Mills visited with Mr. D. McElwain, one day last week.

S. P. Carter and wife of Hopkinton visited the gentleman's aunt, Mrs. A. C. Tucker, last Thursday.

Mrs. D. F. French has returned from a visit with her daughter at Vincent.

Miss Sue Merriam returned to Fayette Saturday morning, where she will resume her duties in the schoolroom.

Miss Emma Richardson, who has been visiting relatives in Cogon, returned to her home in Hopkinton, Saturday.

G. W. Burnside was doing business in Marion, Monday.

M. A. Ware moved into Mrs. Swayze's house, Monday.

Mack Savage is doing business in Iowa Falls and other western points this week.

The game of ball between the Manchester High School and the Cogon High School teams last Saturday afternoon was attended by a fair crowd.

The teams were both in good practice and the game was watched with much interest from the start by the spectators, both sides making some excellent plays. Score: Manchester 11, Cogon 14.—Monitor.

DYERSVILLE.

Jas. F. Link, the cattle buyer, went to Manchester last Friday.

Mrs. M. Kremer and children went to Dubuque last Saturday, where they remained a day with relatives.

Henry and Louis Woerdehoff of Petersburg were in this city last Monday transacting business and visiting friends.

Mr. Gebhardt of Petersburg and Jacob Muehl of New Vienna were in this city Sunday en route to Dubuque.

John Vorwald Jr. of New Vienna was in Dubuque Monday and Tuesday visiting his many friends.

Mrs. Georgan and daughter, Miss Anna, of Rockville, were here last Wednesday visiting among their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Goert spent Sunday afternoon with relatives at New Vienna.

J. H. Lammers and sons, John and Bernard, of Petersburg, were here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Jean Chadwell, who has been visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirehloff, in this city, went to Cascade last Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dahlem, before her departure to Tacoma, Washington.

John Arena, one of Bremen township's popular young men, was a pleasant caller in this city last Tuesday. John purchased a three year old draft colt in town last Monday. It is a fine animal and promises to be a "winner."

Mrs. Mary Kerkhoff and son, Alphonse, of Petersburg, were in this city Monday visiting friends and transacting business.

Miss Jessie Hudson of Lansing was a guest at the home of Miss Anna Georgan last week. Miss Hudson is a teacher in the High School at Lansing, Iowa. She departed Saturday morning well pleased with her visit. Miss Georgan and Miss Hudson were classmates at the Iowa State college at Ames, Iowa.—Commercial.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

John Sealey of Manchester was an over Sunday visitor with friends here. Stub Tony of Manchester was in our city on business, Saturday.

Dr. L. Blanchard and L. B. Blanchard were up from Edgewood on business, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Aggie Jessen was called home from Davenport, Wednesday, by the serious illness of her father, Mr. John Jessen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Alderson Jr. of Fayette are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

The Misses Bertha and Grace Dunmore and Cora Gager were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gruman, near Lamont, Sunday.

Miss Georgia Scofield, who has been very sick for several days is some better and improving slowly.

Miss Hazel Huene and little brother of Manchester are guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. H. A. Harrington, and family.

Rev. Father O'Meara of Manchester, and Rev. M. Hogan of Waucoma, were the guests of Rev. Father Rowe, a few days this week returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Williams are the proud parents of an eleven pound baby boy, who appeared at their home, Saturday last, April 6th. We are pleased to report all doing nicely.

Bert Soulely, who was so unfortunate as to receive a broken arm while at work in the stone quarry a few days ago, is getting along nicely although he will be laid up for some time.—Mail Press.

EARLVILLE.

Henry Denton and his force of men went to Apple River, Ill., the first of the week to work on the railroad there.

Mr. DeWitt Nelson, of Tintah, Minn. was in town on business early in the week.

Arthur LeFever returned Tuesday from his second trip to Oklahoma.

Geo. Imracher and family left Wednesday for Dubuque where they will make their future home. In their removal Earlville loses a family who have been a benefit to the community in their residence here for a number of years. It is with regret that their departure is viewed by all who know them. Nevertheless they carry with them the kindest wishes of their many friends, both for their prosperity and their happiness.

Mrs. Geo. White and Mrs. Stimson, of Delhi, were callers in town Wednesday.

Rev. Welsh, of Dyersville, was a caller in town on Tuesday.

Thos. Simons and wife, of Delhi, visited friends in town one day last week.

E. F. Sias, of Manchester, was in town on business Friday.

On Wednesday, at the home of the bride's uncle, Jas. Rogers, occurred the marriage of Miss Edith Scott to Jay C. Long, Rev. Sopher officiating. The wedding took place at six o'clock, only a few relatives being in attendance. At 7:30, friends to the number of sixty gathered at the home of the groom's parents for a reception for the newly united couple. Both young people are well and favorably known here, and they have the congratulations of their host and friends.

L. J. Tourtellot, of Hopkinton, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Kate MacFadden, of Britt, is visiting relatives here.

R. V. Lucas and family have moved into the house recently occupied by Geo. Imracher.

Prof. T. V. Hunt, of Delhi, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Gibbs, of Farley, was the guest of George Ham and family over Sunday.

Mr. Henry Popham and sister, of Manchester, visited at the home of Elmer Carty, Sunday.

The Congregational ladies gave a supper in the lecture room of their church on Wednesday, April 8th.

E. V. Bartlett left for his home at Mitchell, Saturday, on account of his illness. It is to be hoped that it will not prove serious.

The Epworth League will serve supper and ice cream at the lecture room of the M. E. church on Friday evening, April 18th. On the same evening Dr. Green, of Dubuque, will lecture on "Personal Reminiscences of the Battle of Ft. Donelson." This will be well worth going to hear. Admission 10 cents, supper 10 cents and ice cream 10 cents.

Miss Sophia Luers departed Tuesday for Canton, S. D., where she will remain during the summer with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Lewis.

EHLER.

Malinda and Nellie Montgomery visited relatives north of town Friday. Harry Reed drove to Central City

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WARDEN OZ.

Mr. Phoxy—Did you send the Borens a card for our musical?

Mrs. Phoxy—Yes. How could I get out of it?

Mr. Phoxy—I'll tell you that Jenks is coming. Borens owes him money.

HAD SMALL HOPE.

First Physician—I understand the measles have broken out in your neighborhood?

Second Physician—Yes, but the families are so scattered I'm afraid they won't catch.—Boston Post.

ORIGIN OF ABSINTH.

Absinth, the green fiend that saturates fashionable France, was originally an extremely harmless medicinal remedy.

It was a French physician who first used it. His name was Ordinaire, and he was living as a refugee at Couvet, in Switzerland, at the close of the eighteenth century. Like many other country doctors at that time, he was also a druggist, and his favorite remedy was a certain elixir of absinth of which he alone had the secret.

At his death he bequeathed the formula to his housekeeper, Mile. Grandpierre, and she sold it to the daughters of Lieutenant Heroulet. They cultivated in their little garden the herbs necessary for concocting it, and after they had distilled a certain quantity of the liquid they sold it on commission to itinerant peddlers, who quickly disposed of it in the adjacent towns and villages.

Finally, during the first decade of the nineteenth century, a wealthy dealer purchased the formula, and very soon afterward he placed on the market the modern absinth, which differs greatly from the old medicinal remedy, since the latter contained no alcohol and very little absinth.

All whittings are made from chalk. The more common preparations sometimes contain considerable gritty matters, which scratch highly polished surfaces. These coarse particles may be removed in this manner: Mix the whittling with water to a paste and then add water until it is very thin. Strain through cheesecloth and let the strain- ing mixture settle. Pour off the water and dry the whittling.

DOUBLE HIS SALARY.

Towne—I see there's a new teller at the bank. I suppose Smugley was fired.

Brown—Not exactly. They're offering double his old salary to get him back.

Towne—Ah! Resigned, eh?

Brown—Not exactly that, either. They're offering \$5,000 reward for him.—Philadelphia Press.

DANGEROUS CURIOSITY.

Laura—Yes, you see she told him her father had lost all his wealth just to test his love for her.

Ada—And then?

Laura—Well, she will know better next time.—Smart Set.

One man lies in his words and gets a bad reputation; another in his manner and endures a good one.—Thornhill.

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GET NOTTING TO TALK.

"You know," said "I am not much of a conversationalist."

This seemed to him the opportunity for which he had been waiting.

"Well," he returned, "if I do the preliminary talking your conversational ability will be sufficient to enable you

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