County Correspondence.

COLESBURG.

H. W. Conrad, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, block man for the Champion division of the International Harvesting Machine Company, was in the city last Friday.

A team of horses belonging to Manual Wiltse thought they would have things their own way last Friday. They started at Walker's barn to run away turning the corner at Main street, upsetting the buggy, spilling Wiltse out and after making a circle of the town were caught. No damage was done except to the buggy which was badly wrecked.

W. H. Litchenberg, of Dixon, Settlement, was in the city on business last Friday.

Mrs. A. W. Rea is on the sick list. Her many friends hope that she will soon regain her health.

S. J. Beddow, of Updegraph, Clayton county, was a buriness visitor in town last Saturday.

Richard Ridenour, who lives north of town, is reported quite sick.

J. V. Bush has sold his stock of general merchandise to J. A. Bush, of Colesburg, and Walter Eppens, of Guttenberg. They are invoicing the stock and in a few days the new firm will be ready for business.

News was received last week of the death of Mrs. Will Knee at Milwaukee, after a short illness of the dread disease pneumonia. Mrs. Knee was formerly Agnes Nolan, of Colesburg.

Miss Agusta Craig entertaind twenty five of her school-mates last Friday evening. The young folks report a good time.

EARLVILLE.

J. L. Cruise was in Chicago last week with a carload of hogs of his own raising and C. H. Cruise went in with a car of cattle he had sold to Ed. Bisgrove.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 11th occurred the wedding of Miss Kate Rippon and Mr. Merton Scovel at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rippon. This young couple are well known here and have a large number of friends who join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Scovel a happy and prosperous married life. Mr. and Mrs. Scovel will go to housekeeping at once on the Henry Denton farm one mile west of town. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and Miss Emily Rippon, of Hartley, were in attendance at the wedding.

On Saturday evening the Outlook club held their fifth annual guest night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tobie. The club now numbers thirteen active members and on guest night each year they entertain the husbands at an elaborate dinner. The affair of Saturday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, the club sparing no pains to make it a most pleasurable occasion. Favors were given in the form of valentines.

Mrs. W. T. Wood and Mrs. Chas. Staehle were Chicago visitors one day last week.

Henry Kellogg, who has been clerking in Independence, at the Turner Hotel, which recently burned is visiting his cousin H. G. and W. I. Millen.

The bowling team of Dyersville, was up Tuesday evening and rolled with a team from this place, the game resulting in a decisive victory for the Dyersville team.

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. H. Mall was celebrated by their parishioners and friends on Saturday. Several tables were arranged in the Lutheran church and at noon all sat down to a dinner which consisted of nearly everything known to the culinary art. A pleasant day was spent and before the guests departed a well filled bag of silver was presented Mr. and Mrs. Mall; as a token of the high regard in which they are held in the community.

Mrs. Hattie Loomis, who has been seriously ill the past two weeks with pneumonia is improving slowly and it is thought will soon be out of danger.

A valentine party was given by Miss Gertrude Binning on Saturday evening at which a large number of her young friends were present. It is needless to say that the young people were well entertained.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 12, at six o'clock, Henry Arnold and Miss Edith Hunt were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins, Rev. R. F. Paxton officiating. This wedding joins by the ties of marriage two of the oldest and strongest families of this community, the bride being a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arnold. Immediately following the ceremony an elaborate supper was served. The happy couple left the following day for Independence for a short visit before going to housekeeping on the farm of Mr. Arnold's father in North Fork township. The out of town relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fuller of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Arnold of Winthrop and several from Dubuque.

On Friday last our community was startled to learn that Geo. G. Williams had shot himself with suicidal intent. About ten o'clock in the forenoon Mrs. Williams was out in the yard and on coming in noticed that Mrs. Williams was breathing heavily. Upon coming nearer she noticed the revolver in his hand and fearing the worst, called in friends near by. A doctor was hastily called and it was found that Mr. Williams had shot himself in the temple and that nothing could be done to restore him. He never regained consciousness and death came about one o'clock. Mr. Williams has been a great sufferer from rheumatism, being scarcely able to walk for years and has been confined to his home for several months. He was an early settler in this county and has lived on his farm near Almoral Station until about one year ago when he with his wife moved onto property purchased in town, where he resided until the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, three sons, Roy, Boyd and Clarence, and one daughter, Mrs. Kate Harre. The Odd Fellows Lodge of which he was a member had charge of the funeral service which was held from the house on Sunday at p. m.

EAD'S GROVE.

Quite a number of our young people attended the masquerade at Greeley Friday evening. All enjoyed a pleasant time.

A load of young folks attended an entertainment Friday evening at the Union school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Lash returned Tuesday after a sojourn in Nebraska, where they visited their children.

Miss Lottie Way attended the dance at Edgewood Thursday night, Feb. 12.

The Misses Nettie and Gertie Fowler visited at the home of their uncle J. J. Edmunds, one day last week.

Mr. Jake Moser and family attended the dance at the former's sister, Mrs. Wesley Bagsby, Wednesday evening.

Miss Edna Alger teacher in district No 6, visited her friend, Miss Myrtle Breckon of Oneida over Sunday.

J. C. Cropp moved Tuesday on to J. M. Retherford's place which he recently rented.

F. J. Taylor, who formerly resided here, has decided to not move to Virginia, much to the delight of his many friends.

Rumor says that wedding bells will soon be heard in this neighborhood.

EDGEWOOD.

Miss Maud May spent last Tuesday at the Point.

Mr. Smith, our tinner, was at Colesburg last Sunday with his family.

Mr. James Beatty of near Elkport was in our town last Monday.

Hugh Curran, a Fayette student, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

H. F. Beyer is in Armour, South Dakota, attending to business affairs.

Mrs. Hattie Oleson of Elkader has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Gates, for the past few days.

Miss Lou Bixby took the train Tuesday evening for Omaha, where she will visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgin expect to leave in about a week for California, to remain for some time.

Mr. Stetson of Manchester was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Iva Young and children of Greeley visited last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steele north of Edgewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stone celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Rev. Earnest L. True has returned to his home at Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Mr. Todd of Canton, South Dakota, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Todd.

Willard Farmer spent last Wednesday at Hopkinton, visiting friends.

Arthur Breed called on friends at Wood Friday evening.

Mrs. Lou Hubbell went to Manchester last Thursday night for a visit.

Willard Farmer attended the dance at Greeley Friday night.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mrs. J. Hartman and Mrs. G. Davis were shopping in Manchester Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Lillibridge and Mrs. R. Grommon were calling in Delaware Thursday.

Josie, Avis and Roy Grommon attended a party at the home of Wm. Davis, Feb. 7.

Henry Claus has returned from Chicago having been there with a car load of cattle.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham and daughter entertained company Tuesday of last week.

Harry Conner is on the sick list.

Miss Iola Kaster was not well enough to attend school Thursday and Friday of last week.

We understand that J. G. Daker has traded his threshing outfit for land in Dakota.

R. E. Grommon and Jay Lillibridge delivered hogs at Earlville last Thursday.

One of Geo. Miller's children has scarlet fever.

J. W. Hartman delivered wood in Delaware last Thursday.

M. S. Banta and Matt Haasis each sold a horse to Nieman Bros. and delivered them Friday.

Miss Marion Davis and her mother are both on the sick list. Marion is not able to finish her school.

School commenced again Monday the 9th, J. G. Daker having engaged Miss Hilma Sefstrom to finish the winter term.

Geo. Banta has gone to Iowa City to attend school.

Mrs. Ed Shepherd is improving very slowly.

Jess Olmstead has rented his farm and moved to Boyd, Wis.

The friends of John Pierce and wife gathered at their home last Friday evening to bid them farewell, as they are soon to move to Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay L. Lillibridge were shopping in Manchester last Saturday.

DELHI.

Will Moulson and wife were on the sick list last week.

Adelaide Boomer is home from Belvidere, Illinois, where she has been for several months.

The W. C. T. U. had a tea and program at the Gustafson home Tuesday evening.

The grand jury were at the poor farm Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Heath is visiting in Cedar Rapids.

Mesdames Swinburne and Blanchard were shopping in Manchester Wednesday.

Monday, February 16, was the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs Geo. Angell, and a good sized crowd of their friends from Delaware and Delhi gave them a regular surprise party. The older people with well filled lunch baskets took dinner with them and the young people met in the evening. Several useful and beautiful presents were given them. The best wishes of all go with them to their new home in Minnesota.

Ward White is home from Iowa City.

Paul Oehler has moved his family into the Byron Stone cottage.

The J. M. Holbrook Post and W. R. C. assisted by the school children will observe Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays at G. A. R. hall, Friday, February 20.

Dave Cunningham of Monticello visited Laban Pierce last week.

Mrs. A. J. Arthur and children came down from Edgewood Friday to visit her father Ward White.

Miss Dorine Corbin spent several days at home last week, returning to her school duties at Lenox, Monday.

The M. E. Aid Society meets Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. G. H. Fuller.

Miss Kate McGuire is visiting in Chicago.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce Friday evening. They will move to Oelwein next week.

Miss Sarah Clough visited in Waterloo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Angell leave in about ten days for Minnesota to make that state their home.

Emmert Allison was here from Mason City last week.

Mrs. E. B. Porter and John spent Saturday at Strawberry Point.

A. A. House returned to Chicago Sunday night.

GREELEY.

L. Matthews was up from Manchester this week.

Henry Goodhile was up from the county seat Tuesday.

Nick Lang of Strawberry Point was here Tuesday—as tall as ever.

Mrs. Alex. Thomas has been suffering with rheumatism for the past week

H. E. Stetson was up from Manchester Tuesday and visited old friends.

Postmaster Hatfield has been keeping company with the grippe this week.

Mrs. Frank Roberts and baby of Morley came Tuesday for a short visit.

Miss Carrie Irish and her mother will leave in a short time for Denver, Col., where they will make their future home. We hate to lose these ladies, but hope they will find the change pleasant and profitable.—Home Press.

RYAN.

Mrs. Morell Hamblin has been quite ill during the past few days.

Elsa Dunlap expects to shortly remove his family here from Hazel Green.

James Ireland was a visitor in Ryan the first of the week.

P. N. Schuster is a business visitor in Cedar Rapids today.

Alvah Miller and wife moved the first of the week to a farm near Golden which they will work the coming year.

Mrs. W. J. McAreavy was taken seriously ill with pneumonia last week but we are pleased to state is now entirely out of danger.

The approaching marriage of Eugene Lyness and Miss Anna Lavery was announced at the Catholic church here last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Dolan and Mrs. Chas. Johnson were thrown from a buggy while returning from the funeral of Miss Sarah McAreavy last Saturday and the former was quite badly bruised.—Reporter.

DYERSVILLE.

Frank Bunker of New Vienna was in Dyersville last Tuesday.

Joe Pfeiler of South Fork had business in Dyersville last Tuesday.

Richard Rubly of Petersburg called on Dyersville friends last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John White of South Fork visited relatives in this city Saturday.

Herman Kruse and his daughter Mary and son Henry of Petersburg were here on business last Wednesday.

Misses Thilie Krapfl and Mary Wieneke and Frank Grobstick visited relatives and friends at Petersburg Sunday.

Mrs. Johannes and son Henry and her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Krapfl were in Dubuque Wednesday. While there they visited Rev. Father Johannes at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Frank Hinners of Guttenberg who has been taking treatment for her eye at Finley hospital at Dubuque the past three weeks is improving nicely which her friends will be glad to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Even of Manchester were in this city last Friday morning visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steger. They were on their way home from Balltown where they visited at the home of Mike Steger, Nic Steger and Adam Steger of Holy Cross and also Mrs. Peter Foxen and Nic Speltz Mr. Even says that while at Balltown they saw the fire of the large barn of Peter Stillmunkes.—Commercial.

HOPKINTON.

O. W. Smith had business in Manchester Tuesday.

Buck Smith made a trip to Manchester Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Wheless visited over Sunday with friends at Dyersville.

Mrs. M. R. Doolittle and Mrs. W. S. Beels were at Manchester yesterday.

A 15-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Turnis last Monday.

Mrs. F. B. Dickey departed this week for Nora Springs to join her husband.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson, west of town, Thursday night of last week.

H. E. Stetson, formerly county auditor, was in town yesterday for a few hours. He is for the present representing the Parrott printing company of Waterloo with a new ledger. Mr. Stetson has not yet determined what he will adopt as a permanent occupation.

With the primary election three months off, there are already five candidates unofficially announced for nomination on the republican ticket for the office of sheriff. The increased salary of this office seems to have an attractive power hitherto unknown. "Bob" Fishel thinks he ought to have it another term, as it would require several years of the new prosperity to reimburse him for losses sustained under the old salary. The others are "Wes" Barr, H. J. Vanfleet, E. S. Cowles and H. B. Sill. If this is the advance guard, what will the entire army of candidates for the sheriff's office be? But the heart of the editor is glad, for from each one of these he exacts a little "V" with which to keep the wolf from the door.—Leader.

Pleased at It.

"The fools are not all dead yet," said the angry husband.

"I'm glad of it, dear," calmly replied the other half of the combination. "I never did look well in black."—Chicago News.

TWO SECRETS.

Eben Hid His From His Wife, and She Cherished Her Own.

"How's business, Eben?"

The old man was washing at the sink after his day's work.

"Fine, Marthy; fine!"

"Does the store look just the same, with the red geranium in the window? Land, how I'd like to see it with the sun shining in! How does it look, Eben?"

Eben did not answer for a moment. When he did, his voice shook a bit.

"The store's never been the same since you left, Marthy."

A faint little flush came into Martha's withered cheek. Is a wife ever too old to be moved by her husband's flattery?

For years Eben and Martha had kept a tiny notion store; then Martha fell sick and was taken to the hospital. That was months ago. She was out now, but she would never be strong again—never be partner in their happy little trade again.

"I can't get over a hankering for a sight of the store," thought Martha one forenoon. "If I take it real careful, I can get down there. 'Tisn't so far. Eben 'll scold, but he'll be tickled most to death."

It took a long time for her to drag herself downtown, but at last she stood at the head of the little street where the store was. All of a sudden she stopped. Ahead, on the pavement, stood Eben. A tray hung from his neck, on which were arranged a few cards of collar studs, some papers of pins and shoelaces. Two or three holders were in his shaking old hand, and as he stood he called his wares.

Martha clutched at the wall of the building. She looked over the way at the little store. Its windows were filled with fruit, and an Italian name fluttered on the awning. Then Martha understood. The store had gone to pay her expenses. She turned and hurried away as fast as her trembling limbs would take her.

"It will hurt him so to have me find out," she thought, and the tears trickled down her face.

"He's kept a secret from me, and I'll keep one from him," she said to herself. "He shan't know that I know."

That night when Eben came in, chilled and weary, Martha asked cheerfully the old question:

"How's business?"

"Better 'n ever, Marthy," answered Eben.—Youth's Companion.

THE BULLFIGHTER.

Picturesque, Self Conscious and the Popular Hero of Spain.

You could never mistake a bullfighter for a man of any other calling. He enforces upon himself a street costume the details of which are as immutable as those of a soldier's uniform. His hair must be brushed forward over his ears, he must be smooth shaven, he must wear a tiny pigtail, his jacket may not come below his waist line, his shirt is deeply fluted, and in its front he wears as magnificent a diamond as his earnings and the gifts of his admirers can supply. When he walks the streets on his high French heels, glancing self consciously from beneath his flat brimmed sombrero, he is followed on every side by pointed fingers.

To sit with him at a cafe table is a distinction, and the youngest of Madrid's golden youth flush with pleasure when in public places he nods to them. At the fashionable hour in the Prado they give him the seat of honor in the automobile. It is a survival of the relations of the "patron" and the gladiator. And in return for this social recognition, when Sunday comes, the matadore before he kills the bull bows to the box in which his rich patron sits and throws him his three cornered hat and by so doing fills with envy the hearts of 15,000 men.

What the effect his fame, his silken calves and his cloth of gold have upon the women of Spain has been sung by generations of poets, playwrights and novelists of his own country.—Richard Harding Davis in Scribner's.

A Gentle Hint.

A certain butcher is renowned among his contemporaries for the quaintness and originality of some of his remarks.

On a road leading to a neighboring parish he one day met a gentleman who at the time owed him for some meat. After a salutation the gentleman remarked:

"That's a fine fat dog you have, Alexander."

"Sae weel he may, sir," was the reply, "for he has an easy conscience and is oot o' debt, and that's mair than you or I can say!"

The hint was taken, and the butcher got his money next day.—London Answers.

She Needed It.

An old colored woman who had saved up a little money went to her lawyer to consult with him about investing it profitably. When she was asked, says Harper's Magazine, what interest she expected, she answered in a very sure and emphatic manner:

"Twelve per cent, Mr. Jedge."

When the attorney expressed some surprise, she explained her position thus:

"Well, jedge, I ain't got much money, an' yo' see I has ter git a big per cent ter make up."

LIKE TO BE YOUNG AGAIN?

Yes! Well, Here Is One Man Who Would Rather Be Excused.

"We all say that we'd like to be young again, but I doubt if we really mean it," says Harvey Sutherland in Ainslee's. "We'd like to have as good health as we had when we cast our first vote, and we'd like it if we didn't have to visit the dentist so often and so expensively. But if it came to the point that the genii bounced out before us and sulkily growled: 'What is your wish? I will obey, I and the other slaves of the lamp,' I fancy we should study quite awhile, with many a 'Why—ah, let me see now,' before we plucked up the courage to blurt out, 'Make me twenty-one again.'

"Because, you know, you haven't any too much sense now, with all your experience of the world, and if you were twenty-one again it would have to be in mind as well as in body. The mind is what the body is. It seems a terrible price to pay for a new set of teeth and an undiscriminating appetite. What? To walk again that weary, tortuous road; to discover again how many kinds of a fool and a failure one can be, and not half try either; to have to take over again all those terms of old Professor Experience? Huh-uh! Not for me. You may if you like. Even if I could start anew with what I have learned of life, which would come far short of what I should really need, it seems to me that it would be a bore to have to sit through the performance again. I suppose if ever there was a successful man, a lucky man, it was Martin Luther, and yet when the electress of Brandenburg wished him forty more birthdays he told her he would sooner give up every hope of heaven he had than spend forty years more on earth. To be sure, he would have had to spend them in Germany, but that's a detail."

EPIGRAMS IN DIALOGUE.

The following "bouquet" is picked from various plays, successful and otherwise:

Nothing can work such havoc as a fool.—"Sowing the Wind."

We may scale a mountain only to trip over a mole hill.—"Queen's Favorite."

Those who wait for other men's shoes must tread roughly sometimes.—"Alone."

Life's like baccarat. Chance gives the cards. We only play what's dealt us.—"John Dunford, M. P."

Joy, joy—one cannot touch joy every day. One must take things as they are.—"Pelleas and Melicande."

Wrinkles, you know, my dear, are the diary of a woman's life in cipher.—"His Excellency the Governor."

In a woman's word book "I hate you" often means "I like you." That's worth remembering.—"The Termagant."

Ladies, like bills of exchange, are allowed a little grace and, unlike bills of exchange, are much pleasanter to meet.—"Her Own Rival."

I suppose honesty's like the gout. It runs in certain families for several generations, and then it skips a generation.—"The Rogue's Comedy."

Oh, isn't there one perfect world out of all the millions, just one, where everything goes right and fiddles never get out of tune?—"The Masqueraders."

An Essay on Rain.

"In a general way I approve of rains," said the grumpy person when he reached home after a drenching. "They are a fine thing when they come decently and in good order"—as he placed his umbrella where it would drip on the parlor carpet—"but I want to go on record right now"—removing his soggy new hat and saturated coat—"as declaring I am opposed to these rains that begin on the day before yesterday and keep coming"—gazing at his eight dollar trousers, which resembled dishrags. "It wouldn't be so bad," he resumed as he took his shoes off and let the water run out, "if it rained straight down, but when it rains zigzag and up and crosswise and catacorners it's time to protest. A dod gasted day like this has no right to be on the calendar"—and so on until he got to bed.—Exchange.

The Montefiore Family.

The late Sir Moses Montefiore, the "grand old man" of the Jews, the modern Moses bringing thousands and tens of thousands out of bondage and poverty into the land of peace and plenty—and really he had his reward, rounding out his century in fine shape, his spiritual eye not dimmed nor his natural strength abated—was once taunted with being a descendant of the murderers of Christ. He said nothing at the time, but called on his accusers next day with a chart of his pedigree, showing that the home of his forbears, the "old homestead," had been in Spain for over 2,000 years, about 200 years before Christ was born.—New York Press.

Wasn't Looking For That Run.

Superintendent of the Railroad Company—So you want a job as fireman, eh?

Applicant—Yes, sir.

Superintendent—I'll have to ask you a few questions. How far is it to the north pole?

Applicant—Gee whiz! If you're going to put me on that line, I don't want the job.—Indianapolis News.

No Cash.

"Harry, I suppose you keep a cash account?"

"No, Uncle George, I haven't got so far as that, but I keep an expense account."—Boston Transcript.

To preserve health is a moral and religious duty, for health is the basis of all social virtues. We can no longer be useful when not well.—Johnson.

A Prejudiced Opinion.

"Is it true that men of genius do not know the value of money?"

"I'm afraid it is," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Most men of genius see so little of it that they never have a chance to form any definite ideas on the subject."—Washington Star.

STATEMENT

Of the Condition of the Delaware County State Bank,

Organized under the laws of Iowa, located at Manchester in the county of Delaware, at the close of business on the 6th day of Feb., A. D., 1903, made to the Auditor of State as required by law:

ASSETS.

Amount of Bills, Bonds and other evidences of debts discounted or purchased actually owned by the Bank		371,843 41
Amount of cash on hand, described as follows:		
Gold coin	12,160 00	
Silver coin and bullion	1,624 50	
Legal tender and national bank notes and subsidiary coin	13,269 00	
Drafts and checks on other solvent banks and other cash items not dishonored, on hand and belonging to the bank	2,444 91	29,498 41
The amount subject to be drawn at sight on deposit with solvent banks or bankers:		
First National Bank of New York	8,375 14	
First National Bank, Chicago, Ill	24,072 02	
Second National Bank, Dubuque, Iowa	10,516 29	
Des Moines Savings Bank, Des Moines	12,110 99	
Merchants National Bank, Cedar Rapids, Ia	22,045 73	77,120 17
Overdrafts		59 53
The value of real property (owned by the bank)	12,247 90	
The value of personal property (owned by the bank)	2,500 00	14,747 90
Total Assets		493,269 42

LIABILITIES.

The amount of capital stock actually paid up in cash		60,000 00
(The total amount due depositors, as follows):		
Amount sight deposits	135,521 35	
Amount time deposits	260,395 42	395,916 77
The amount of undivided profits, as follows:		
Surplus fund	30,000 00	
Other profits on hand (after deducting taxes and expenses)	7,352 65	37,352 65
Total liabilities		493,269 42
Amount of liabilities to the Bank on part of the directors { As borrowers	4,858 00	
{ As endorsers	2,264 00	7,122 00

State of Iowa, Delaware County—ss.

We, Wm. C. Cawley, President, and Chas. J. Seeds, Cashier of the Bank above named, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is full, true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the assets therein set forth are bona fide the property of said Bank in its corporate capacity; and that no part of the same has been loaned or advanced to said Bank for the purpose of being exhibited as a portion of its assets.

WM. C. CAWLEY, President.
CHAS. J. SEEDS, Cashier.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence by Wm. C. Cawley president and Chas. J. Seeds cashier this 10th day of February, 1903.

[SEAL] G. G. PIERCE, Notary Public.

Attested by: W. G. Kenyon, C. W. Keagy, Directors.

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Lion Coffee

The scare-crow coffees are those that hide under a glazing of factory eggs, glue and such stuff.

Lion Coffee is pure, wholesome, unglazed, rich in flavor and uniform in strength. The air-tight, sealed package insures cleanliness, freshness and uniformity.

Notice of Appointment of Administratrix.

STATE OF IOWA, Delaware County } ss

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Samuel Ferguson, late of Delaware county, Iowa, deceased. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance.

ANNIS L. FERGUSON, Administratrix.

Dated February 14th, 1903.
Bronson & Carr, Atty's for Estate. 7-3w.

Notice of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of "The Manchester Co-operative Creamery Company" of Manchester, Iowa.

Notice is hereby given, that at an adjourned session of the regular annual meeting of the stock holders of "The Manchester Co-operative Creamery Company," held at the City Hall in Manchester, Iowa, on the 2ith day of January, 1903, the capital stock of said corporation was increased from two thousand dollars to four thousand five hundred dollars, and the number of shares of stock increased from two hundred shares to four hundred and fifty shares making the capital stock of said corporation four thousand five hundred dollars, and the number of shares of stock four hundred and fifty, which was done by a more than two-thirds vote of the entire number of shares of the capital stock of said corporation, and Article five (5) of the Articles of Incorporation of said company has been amended in accordance therewith. Which amendment has been duly executed and acknowledged by the President and Secretary of said corporation, as the voluntary act and deed of said corporation, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation authorizing and directing them so to do, and has been recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Delaware County, Iowa, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Des Moines, Iowa

Dated at Manchester, Iowa, this 30th day of January, 1903. LUTHER SLY, President.

JAMES BISHOP, Secretary. 5-4w

Mardi Gras Carnival, New Orleans, and Mobile, Feb. 18—24, 1903.

One fare for the round trip via Chicago Great Western Railway. Tickets on sale Feb. 17—22. Good to return Feb. 28, (or March 14, by payment of 50c extra.) For further particulars apply to any Chicago Great Western Agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill. 5w3

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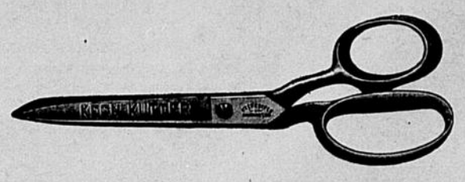

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