County Correspondence.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaster had business in Manchester last Friday.

Elvira Hartman and Ruth Hersey spent one day last week with Iola Kaster.

Some of the young people of our neighborhood attended a sociable at Delaware last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Banta were in Manchester last Friday.

G. B. Davis sold calves to Frank Dudley and delivered them last Friday.

Mrs. G. B. Davis is on the sick list.

Miss Josie Grommon visited her cousin Nellie Paris of Delaware the latter part of last week.

Jas. Sheppard sawed wood for J. W. Hartman last Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Conner and son were shopping in Manchester one day last week.

Wm. Davis, who was reported sick last week, is not much better at this writing.

EAD'S GROVE.

A large number of people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Elias Way at Greeley last Sunday.

Jake Moser disposed of a good colt to Jno. Schneider last week for which he received one hundred and fifty-five dollars. Pays to raise them at that price.

There was a large attendence at the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Clark on the 9th. A beautiful couch was presented to them as a token of the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends and neighbors.

Martha Eaton visited at Mr. Fowler's last Sunday.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Jim Robertson at Thorpe last Tuesday.

J. M. Retherford and family spent last Tuesday with the former's father who resides in Greeley, it being his eighty-fourth birthday. The old gentleman is quite hearty, barring his rheumatism, and saws all of his own wood.

J. T. Fowler is taking treatment at Manchester for his back. He is much improved at present.

Mart Neiman of Earlville is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ambrose McElmeel.

ONEIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, of Arlington, have moved here and are now managing the restaurant where Mrs. Benedict formerly lived. Mrs. Benedict has moved to Lamont.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. Lynch last Thursday for dinner. A large crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed a good dinner. $7.70 was added to the treasury, and the ladies are going to make arrangements for a summer bazaar to be held sometime in June. Their next meeting will be with Mrs. Jordy March 26, 1903.

T. Wilson had business at his farm east of here Friday.

Cape Powell, of Earlville, is painting the church here.

Mrs. Dwight Bushnell is entertaining relatives the past week.

A meeting will be held at the church this Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing an Epworth League.

Several from here attended a surprise party at Al Clark's, west of Greeley last Monday.

Miss Effa Bishop is visiting at Will Hockaday's.

Milford Cole spent part of last week with his parents in Wisconsin.

A. J. Rector returned Thursday from Cedar Rapids where he has been visiting his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Durey and two daughters visited with Mr. and Mrs. R Hockaday Saturday.

Miss McCrea who has been teaching in the Smith school west of here, was very pleasantly surprised the 5th of March by her pupils and their parents who presented her with a gold pen and holder. The supper was given at the home of Mrs. Hatch and all had a pleasant time. The good wishes of the pupils go with Miss McCrea.

A surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Put Hatfield Friday as it was their 20th anniversary. About sixty friends came with well filled baskets and wished them many happy returns of the day. They were presented with a handsome china tea set and two sets of silver spoons.

The young people had a party at the Dutton home, west of here Friday evening.

Mesdames Conger, Lynch, Lukenbill and Cox were Manchester visitors Saturday.

The Misses Breckon are entertaining the grippe.

Miss Carrie Pratt entertained several friends for tea Friday evening as it was her eighteenth birthday.

COLESBURG.

Our school election was held on the 9th inst., at which time E. M. Dittmer and W. Phelps were elected directors for three years.

W. C. Kirchheck is home from his visiting tour.

Mr. Weatherwax, of Waterloo, was interviewing our merchants in the grocery line.

Mr. Keck has bought the Bristol farm situated about three miles west of town.

The ladies supper, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, was well attended and netted eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

The lodge of Eastern Stars that was instituted here a short time ago by the ladies of this place, is in a very prosperous condition, and the Stars, of which the whole lodge is composed, are very enthusiastic. They meet every week, and sometimes twice a week, for practice.

Our city council are having trouble in finding candidates for city marshal and street commissioner.

W. H. Bush and R. C. Currie were Manchester visitors last week.

Leavitt Bristol was at Earlville last week for a load of flour for W. H. P. Bristol.

Again rumors are current that, a railroad is contemplated to Colesburg. These rumors are like Banquo's ghost they won't down. Our citizens have spent much time, energy and capital in exploiting the feasability of a road to this place, only to be buncoed by promoters, and discouraged by others whom, it would seem, would have been benefitted by the road. We are not to be duped by any more gold brick men.

Fred Dattisman was here several days recently, looking to business interests. He sold his farm to Emil Irmisher.

Rev. Humphrey has fixed up the Congregational parsonage and taken up his residence therein.

At a caucus held on the 6th inst., W. E. Dittmer were nominated for councilmen.

Clyde Bolsinger, another of Colesburg's young men, now with a Cedar Rapids dry goods firm, was here last week taking orders from our merchants.

James Harry, a young man living north of town, had the misfortune to stick an ax in his foot last week.

George Vorwald, of Garnavillo, was a visitor with relatives and friends here last week.

Ed. Simons was a business caller in town last Friday.

Mr. Harriman, of Fayette, brother-in-law of Rev. C. H. Rodgers, of this place made a few days visit at the parsonage and incidentally left a horse for use of the parson.

The unpleasant weather of Saturday last, was discouraging to those contemplating a days fishing.

Farmers in some instances have commenced to stir the fertile soil.

EDGEWOOD.

Miss Kate Hubbell returned home Thursday morning from a few days' visit with her sisters in Manchester.

Mrs. E. G. Platt, who has been in Strawberry Point, caring for her mother, returned home Friday evening.

The spelling school held at Mrs. Amos Perry's was largely attended and every one reported a good time.

Charles Hammond and Floyd Hatch, who have been teaching in Dakota, have returned home and are enjoying their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of near Manchester returned to their home Friday, after a several days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Minkler.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Coolidge moved last week into Mr. Morgan's place, which he recently purchased for the sum of $1425.

Mr. R. L. Whitehead, having rented his house to James Mitchell, expects to move onto H. A. Bridell's farm near Wood.

Mrs. Howard Smith who has been very poorly for the last few weeks, is no better.

Quite a number in this vicinity are having the Dutch measles.

Asa Freeman has been spending a few days with his mother.

Miss Gertrude Woolridge spent one day last week with her brother, Earl, who is attending the Upper Iowa University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coolidge of Manchester spent several days last week visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Madison returned Friday evening from their visit in Fayette.

George Ashline left here last week for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Cresco.

Mr. Gilchrists' have moved into J. W. Forward's house, or what was more commonly known as the old Robert Morris house.

A. J. Eaton of near Edgewood spent Saturday in Strawberry Point.

LAMONT.

Mrs. Elliott Wing was an Oelwein visitor Monday.

G. M. Bills and George Hallam were at Independence last week on the petit jury.

George Bracher was a business visitor in Dubuque two days last week.

Trumain Swaine of Des Moines was here last week.

Rev. C. L. Organ of Weldon, Iowa, visited his brother in-law, Frank Kleckner, our esteemed buttermaker last Tuesday.

Martin Newton has secured a position as fireman on the C. & N. W. R. R. He went to Boone, Ia., Thursday, to commence work.

Marie Lammon is at Olympia, Washington as an instructor in elocution and physical culture at the teachers' institute. The daily newspapers commented very favorably on her excellent work.

Grandma Jakelin had a stroke of paralysis, Mar. 7th, which has left her in a helpless condition.

Charles Weinburg returned from Independence Monday where he has been working.

W. A. Andrews of Dundee was in Lamont Monday.

The ladies of the M. E. church are planning a bazaar about April 1st.

Mrs. David Fowler returned home Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. O. C. Clark and Mrs. Cossey of Dundee.

Judge M. Wade will be here and give us a lecture at the opera house, March 26. He is a fine orator, jurist and statesman. Let everyone go and hear him.

Mrs. Alexander Stevenson has moved to Lamont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flaucher celebrated their golden wedding March 9th. Their children, grandchildren and neighbors planned a great surprise on them. The groom was presented with a gold-headed cane and the bride with a gold ring. Rev. Ostrich made the presentation speech. Besides these special gifts there were many other substantial tokens of remembrance.

Died, at her home in Lamont, March 10, at 11 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Anna Stauss, wife of Rev. Hartman Stauss. The cause of death was peritonitis. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, little Minnie, four years old, three stepsons, her parents, John Goldsmith and wife, and her brother Ed of Earlville. She was a good Christian woman. The funeral was held March 12, at the M. E. church, Rev. Wolcott officiating, assisted by Rev. Bracker of Dubuque. Interment was made at the Campton cemetery. The floral decorations were beautiful. Rev. John Stauss, their oldest son, and his wife took little Minnie home with them Saturday to Utica, Minn., where he has a church. The two other sons are here at home with their father.

DELHI.

At a school meeting, Monday, E. B. Porter and Thos. Simons were elected directors.

Henry Lewis moved Monday into the McCormick house.

H. J. Schwietert visited our schools Wednesday.

Henry Duart and wife have a young son at their home.

Mrs. E. H. Blanchard and Mrs. J. W. Swinburne were shopping in Manchester Friday.

Will Barker of Strawberry Point visited at J. B. Clark last week.

Peter Jakelin spent several days at Lamont last week with his aged mother who is in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Fred Doolittle visited friends in Greeley last week.

Eugene House from Dakota was here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Salisbury were in Manchester Friday.

On Friday evening, March 20, Rev. Gilbert will give a lecture at the Baptist church, on "What I Saw on My Trip to the Holy Land." Admission will be 10 cents. Proceeds are for the benefit of the church.

J. W. Swinburne and Harry were in Earlville Saturday.

Mert Boomer visited friends in Monticello recently.

Emmert Allison was here from Mason City last week.

The M. E. Aid Society meets Wednesday afternoon, March 18th, with Mrs. G. H. Fuller.

O. A. Holdridge and J. R. White jr. were in Manchester, Thursday, on business.

Miss Nellie Keith is home from Cedar Falls.

Mrs. J. W. Swinburne went to Stanley Monday. Being called there by the death of her nephew, the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs Geo. Stewart.

Henry Pierce was over from Ryan Saturday.

Peter Michael went to Hopkinton Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Barr of Manchester is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fleming.

EARLVILLE.

D. W. Barr of Honey Creek township was in town Friday.

Mrs. Curtis Hockaday of Manchester was visiting her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. S Ede, the latter part of the week.

The town has purchased eight gasoline street lamps and are placing them about town. The lamp that has been on trial has proven so satisfactory that with this number the town will be well lighted.

Orley Loomis of Epworth was visiting relatives over Sunday at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hersey and daughter Grace who have been spending the winter at the home of Jas. Hersey in San Angelo, Texas, are expecting to start home this week.

On Monday, Mar. 9th, at Independence, occurred the death of Mr. J. H. Fuller, a former resident of this place. Mr. Fuller had reached the advanced age of 85 years and death resulted from a general breaking down of the system. Mr. Fuller was one of the early settlers in this state, having come to Keokuk from New York state in 1854. From Keokuk he moved to Scotch Grove in Jones Co. and was a member of the legislature from that county under Gov. Stone. In 1869 he came to Earlville from that place and entered the real estate business and also did a conveyancing and legal business. His wife was in the drug business at the same time as they owned a drug store and property on the south side of the railroad track. In 1892, occurred the death of Mrs. Fuller and soon after Mr. Fuller went out of business and later went to Independence to reside with his son, J. B Fuller, the I. C. station agent at that place. Mr. Fuller lived there until the time of his death and until within the last few months retained all of his faculties but his memory failed him a short time before he died and then he became so that he could not recognize anyone. The funeral was held at the M. E. church at this place on Wednesday. Rev. Meecham of Independence preaching the sermon. The Odd Fellows, of which lodge he was a member for 64 years, had charge of the services at the grave.

Miss Alice Eaton of Manchester was the guest of Miss Lillian Kahl Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Long on Thursday, an eleven pound boy.

Rev. Grossman, President of Lenox College preached at the Congregational church, Sunday morning and evening, and will also conduct the services at the same place next Sunday.

The many friends of John Klaus will be glad to know that he is recovering from the attack of pneumonia, which for a time threatened his life.

The Henderson Stock Co. will hold forth at the town hall this week.

On Wednesday evening, March 18th, Rev. S. D. Bartle of Solon will deliver a lecture at the M. E. church entitled "Laugh and Grow Fat." This is given under the auspices of the Epworth League and the admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Miss Laura Werkmeister, who has been teaching at the Linwood school the past two weeks in place of Miss Traer, the former teacher, closed the school, Friday, the term being ended.

J. C. Nieman shipped two carloads of horses to Chicago Sunday.

W. H. Miller, who formerly lived on a farm about eight miles north of here but now residing on a 200 acre farm near Burt, Iowa, was in town Saturday.

Fred Fiedorf has purchased the residence property in the south part of town owned by Geo. Miller and will occupy it at once. His sons will continue to run the farm.

A. J. Rector returned Thursday from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Trewin, at Cedar Rapids.

Orra Laxson was at home from Epworth over Sunday and was accompanied by three of her lady friends, Bl[illegible]reeman, Bessie Atchison and Maggie Strain.

GREELEY.

Sheriff Fishel spent Sunday with old friends here.

John Rizer has rented the Burns farm and took possession last week.

Frank Pratt had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly with an axe one day last week.

Supt. Schwietert was inspecting our schools on Monday.

Mrs. Beckwith and daughter were in Fayette, over Sunday.

T. Noble is at home from Missouri. Mr. Noble says the climate there is about like Iowa.

Tuesday, March 10th, the children and family of James Retherford surprised him at his home in this city it being the 84th anniversary of his birth. Mr. Retherford was born in Sangammon county, Illinois, in 1819. May he enjoy many more happy birthdays.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. B. A. Beohm, of this place, and Miss Verda Fletcher, a granddaughter of Mrs. Eliza Barr. The wedding took place at Strawberry Point, Rev. Father Rowe officiating. They will reside near Manchester, where the groom has purchased a farm—Home Press.

HOPKINTON.

A. W. Beacom had business at Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. Winnie Merriam has returned to her home at Des Moines after a visit of considerable length here.

Supt. Schweitert has been in town today visiting the city schools and the college.

M. L. McGlade and J. H. Griffith attended a meeting of the Buttermakers' Association at Greeley Wednesday

Michael Shern jr. was thrown from a horse Tuesday and suffered a compound fracture of a leg. The injury is a severe one, both bones being broken, and Dr. Cummings was assisted by Dr. Hunter of Monticello in setting the injured member.

A. F. Kirkwood received a telegram today announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Marion S. Stilwell, which occurred at her home in Tyndall, S. D., this morning after an extended illness. Mr. Kirkwood and Mrs. Merriam depart tonight to be present at the funeral, which will take place Saturday.—Leader.

COGGON.

F. E. Dutton was a Cedar Rapids visitor over Sunday.

Jas. Smith of Ryan was in Coggon on business, Monday.

Miss Fannie Haeberle visited friends in Cedar Rapids over Sunday.

Miss Vida Blanch has been spending several days visiting relatives in Masonville.

Miss Hattie Bishop of Hopkinton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bishop of Coggon.

J. H. Preston of Ryan, attended the meeting of Mecca Lodge No. 523 A. F. and A. M., Monday evening.

Bert Henderson of Wessington, S. D., was calling on friends in town Wednesday.

Miss Hannah of Ryan, spent Sunday at the home of her brother, E. C. Dolan west of town.

David Patton was home from Cedar Rapids business college, Monday morning.

Mrs. Mike Morrissey and children arrived from South Dakota, Saturday morning, Mr. Morrissey following with a car of goods and will move onto a farm near Paris.

Prof. W. E. Roe, W. L Gater and the Misses Joseph, Edwards and Haeberle attended the lecture by Prof. Tomlins of Chicago, in the auditorium of the Cedar Rapids high school Saturday, his subject being music.

On Tuesday afternoon the school mates of Hazel Trumbull met at her home, the event being her ninth birthday. The afternoon was spent with music, games, etc., after which refreshments were served. All report a good time.—Monitor.

ONEIDA.

[Too late for last week.]

D. A. Lighty was chosen for director in district No. 3 at the school meeting last Monday evening and the people in this vicinity are now agitating the question of a new school house for Oneida. This is an improvement that is very much needed and no doubt would be appreciated by all.

Carrie Pratt spent most of last week in Manchester.

A business meeting was held at the church Saturday afternoon and arrangements made for painting the church.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. J. J. Lynch on Thursday March 12th, for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham left last week for Minn.

Ethel Breckon is suffering from a very sore throat, the effects of an operation.

All who are using separators in this vicinity are much pleased with them.

J. B. Dunham Sr. of Almoral spent last Thursday with his son, Buel.

Dr. Dittmer of Manchester has been attending Mrs. James Parker, who does not improve as rapidly as her friends would wish.

A. J. Rector is in Cedar Rapids visiting his daughter.

Frank Miller bought considerable stock in this neighborhood one day last week.

Wm. Hockaday and wife of Manchester visited their children here part of last week.

DYERSVILLE.

Miss Ruby Durling is visiting relatives and friends in this city this week.

Henry Nurre from near Petersburg, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Tony Millenkamp of Petersburg, was in town Monday transacting business and calling on friends.

Fred Grommersch, the well known butcher and live stock man of New Vienna, was a business visitor in Dyersville Tuesday.

Richard Rubly of Petersburg, transacted business and called on friends in this city Saturday.

Henry Oehler was a Great Western passenger to Dubuque Tuesday morning, where he spent the day on business.

Henry Diers of New Vienna was in town Monday afternoon on business. He took home with him a load of lumber from F. Freymann & Son's yards.

Mrs. Herman Geordt and Mrs. Henry Geordt, Jr., went to Dubuque Monday morning, where they visited relatives until Wednesday evening.

Joseph A Westermeyer and Henry Nabers, of Bremen township, were passengers to Manchester from this station Saturday morning.

John Drexler went to Manchester Thursday morning, where he transacted business and also attended the good roads convention.

Henry Kirchhoff, trustee of Bremen township, went to Manchester yesterday (Thursday) morning to attend a good roads convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Esch and Dr. John Heles were Great Western passengers to the Key City Thursday morning, where they spent the day transacting business and visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. W. Montrose of Galien, Mich., who came here more than a month ago to take care of her cousin, Miss Jennie Dyer, who since died, returned home Tuesday.—News Letter.

RYAN.

Jerry Mahoney and S. S. Squires were at Manchester on legal business Tuesday.

Wm. McCusker is numbered among the sick this week.

A big girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Locke last Monday.

James Dolphin was confined to the house with illness last week, but is now able to be back again at his work in the bank.

The many friends of Mrs. B. H. Magirl will be sorry to know that her condition does not improve.

Miss Elizabeth Graves of Manchester arrived here Saturday and started teaching in the grammar department of the Ryan schools Monday.

The many friends of Dennis Magirl will be sorry to learn that he has been seriously ill during the past week. W. J. Magirl has also been sick and taken altogether the family has had a serious time of it.

Miss Della Matthews, who has been teaching the grammar department of the Ryan schools for several terms, finished her school work here last Friday and left the next morning for her home in Earlville. Miss Matthews made many friends among our people during her stay here.—Reporter.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles L Bacon & wf to W H H Winch pt of n½ sw¼ & s½ nw¼ 28-87-4, also pt se¼ se¼ 30-87-4	$ 9152 43
F E Richardson & wf to August Johnson w½ nw¼ & se¼ nw¼	7860 00
John Zumbach & wf to J H Spoerl se¼ & n½ sw¼ 28-87-5	7700 00
H W Sabin & wf to J F Merry s½ ne¼	4600 00
Jos Loesche & wf to John Wessels Jr s½ se¼	4800 00
G H Ovel Sr & wf to B Mensen 140 a pt nw¼ sec 28 also s 20a w side of ne¼ se¼ 1-90-3	12800 00
J Reiff & T Reiff to John Herting e½ se ¼ & e½ w½ se¼ sec 27 also sw¼ sw¼ 26-87-3	9600 00
C E Smith & wf to S J Danford 12½a in nw¼ nw¼ 25-88-5	15 00
John Tibbetts & wf to John A Tibbetts s½ ne¼ sec 4 & s½ ne¼ ne¼ 4-87-3 also n½ s 31.79a w frac ½ sw¼ 6-87-3	
John Tibbetts & wf to Alda J Kenny s½ ne¼ 9-87-3 & n½ s½ s 31.79a w frac ½ sw¼ 6-87-3	
T F Schrunk & wf to John Fritz nw¼ ne ¼ 11-90-3	1400 00
John Tibbetts & wf Elfrida M Cline e½ se¼ 3-87-3 pt s½ s½ sw¼ 6-87-3	
John Tibbetts & wf to Geo L Tibbetts pt n½ nw¼ & sw¼ nw¼ & nw¼ sw¼ & s½ ne¼ 10-87-3 & s½ n½ nw¼ 6-87-3	
C F Frabel & wf to Carl F & Fritz C Wendt sw¼ 16-87-5	1100 00
J H Bramley to James M Reeder pt sw¼ sw¼ 35-89-4	1095 00
D T Hawkins & wf to John Fritz nw¼ nw¼ sec 14 & pt sw¼ sw¼ 11-90-4	1925 00
C P Tripp to Mary E Tripp s½ w½ ne¼ 26-89-6	1 00
Fred H Austin & wf to Wm Beebe ne¼ sw¼ 33-89-4	1850 00
Chas. Jane & G L Thorpe to J A Dunlap w½ ne¼ 19-88-5	4200 00
F Saunders et al to John Mauser w¼ nw ¼ 24-88-4	3000 00
James Smith & wf to Alfred Powell nw¼ ne¼ 19-88-4	1900 00
Jas Smith & wf to R P White se¼ sw¼ sec 18 & ne¼ nw¼ 19-88-4	3800 00
Ida B & Ralph Andrews to R E Dunlap pt s½ ne¼ sw¼ 23-87-4 & n½ se¼ & sw ¼ se¼ sec 4 & sw¼ sw¼ sec 3 & nw¼ nw¼ 10-87-5	1000 00
Michael Sheran & wf to M G F Kehoe w ¼ n½ & s½ sw¼ nw¼ nw¼ 20-87-4	2900 00
V J Svoboda & wf to J L Gilbert nw¼ ne ¼ & 30a ne¼ ne¼ 27-90-6	2150 00
Fred Austin & wf to F A Pettion sw¼ sw ¼ sw¼ 6-88-4	1801 50
James Gray & wf to John Bartsche nw¼ ne¼ & e½ ne¼ nw¼ 35-88-5	3500 00
R C Wendling & wf to J J Heiberger pt ne¼ 1-87-6	11200 00
T W Place & wf to W F Kennedy w½ 16-88-6	18240 00
I T Wilson & wf to Thos Wilson sw¼ 25-87-5	11200 00
Bernadina Sumpmann to Henry B Woerdehoff s½ e½ se¼ nw¼ 23-90-4	400 00
W M & wf & H B Orvis to R H Coyle sw ¼ 20-89-6	8900 00
Herman Schultz & wf et al to Henry Wegman sw¼ se¼ nw¼ se¼ &s½ se¼ ne¼ also nw¼ ne¼ 16-89-3	18800 50
F B Doolittle to Nels Olson ne¼ nw¼ 32-89-4	2400 00
John Reilly & wf to B J Walderback ne ¼ 28-87-5	11200 00
John E Oakley & wf to Gilbert Mosher pt of nw¼ nw¼ 28-89-6	1500 00
John Bartsche & wf to Fred J Bartche nw¼ ne ¼ sec 36 pt ne¼ ne¼ 36-88-5	6700 00
Geo Conrad & wf to Christopher Noggles n½ ne¼ ne¼ 2-90-3	134 00
Chirs Noggles & wf to Thos Schrunk w¼ ne¼ ne¼ 2-90-3	196 96
John C Brown & wf to J H Krumple n½ se¼ 5-90-3	6800 00
H W Holthaus & wf to H H Hartke pt n½ nw¼ 12-90-3	1150 00
Alice M Wallace & hus to U T Wheeless se¼ ne¼ & ne¼ se¼ 17-87-3	6000 00
Frank E Reed to U T Wheeless nw¼ nw ¼ 21-87-3	1900 00
James H Griffith & wf to Frank E Reed undiv ½ of w½ sw¼ sec16 and nw¼ 21-87-3	3700 00

HOW HUSBANDS SHOP.

A Blouse That It Was Certain Would Not Please the Lady.

The pleasures of shopping are as rigorously denied to "mere man" as are the advantages of whistling to fair woman. The decree, being nature's own, is universal, and the attempts made to contravene it are few and unsuccessful. An exception, more apparent than real, was made a few days ago by an uxorious Berlin husband intent on presenting his better half with a new blouse. He hurriedly entered one of the first shops in the capital and confided his intention to the graceful young lady assistant. "I want a blouse—a good one. You understand. It must be silk—the best silk."

"May I ask what color you prefer?" inquired the superior young saleswoman, with a smile.

"Oh, I'm not particular about the color, but I may say that it may cost from 30 to 40 marks."

"And the cut?"

"The cut? Well, I really don't much care. After all, it comes to the same thing."

"May I ask about the lady for whom it is destined?"

"Why, she is my wife, of course! Whom else did you"—

"I beg your pardon. What I meant was what is her size, at least approximately?"

"It doesn't matter in the least. Please show me some blouses, one blouse, any blouse, and let me go, for I am in a hurry to catch a train."

"With pleasure, sir, but if you cannot give me an idea of the color, cut or size or anything else to guide me how can I hope to suit you?"

"Give me any blouse you like so long as the price is between 30 and 40 marks. It doesn't matter a straw what cut or color or size I choose, for in any case it's certain to be changed. I told you it is for a lady!"—London Telegraph.

SHOPS IN JAPAN.

The Floors Are the Counters and Squatting Places of Buyers.

To start a Japanese shop is the simplest thing in the world. You take the front off your house and arrange your worldly possessions on the floor.

Japanese floors are raised off the street, though nothing is raised off them. The transient customer sits on the edge of the floor sidesaddle. A real shopper who means to do the thing properly climbs up on the floor, which is also the counter, and squats on his heels.

Real Japanese shops have no doors or windows or counters. Shop windows in England do not leave much wall in the frontage, but even an English shop window does not take the whole front of the house.

The Japanese have not many regular shops. There are very few streets of shops even in Tokyo, which is as large as Berlin. Foreigners never buy anything but curios. If they are fools, they deal with shops kept by Europeans; if they want bargains, they deal with Chinamen.

There are many Chinese shops in treaty ports. The Chinaman is cheaper and more reliable than the Japanese. European shopkeepers do not set up in Japan for philanthropic reasons. Japanese shopkeepers are the lowest class of population except the outcasts. Servants and laborers take precedence of them in society, and precedence is the hobby of the Japanese.

You have a different bow and a different salutation for a man who is below you or your equal, and several for the people above you. You have even a different language for each, and Japanese writing wriggles like carving on their temples.—London Standard.

Didn't Bother Him.

A German clergyman who was traveling stopped at a hotel much frequented by wags and jokers. The host, not being used to having a clergyman at his table, looked at him with surprise. The guests used all their raillery of wit upon him without eliciting a remark. The clergyman ate his dinner quietly, apparently without observing the gibes and sneers of his neighbors. One of them, at last, in despair at his forbearance, said to him: "Well, I wonder at your patience. Have you not heard all that has been said to you?" "Oh, yes; but I am used to it. Do you know who I am?" "No, sir." "Well, I will inform you. I am chaplain of a lunatic asylum. Such remarks have no effect upon me."

A Russian Banknote.

The 100 ruble note of Russia is barred from top to bottom with all the colors of the rainbow, blended as when shown through a prism. In the center in bold relief stands a large, finely executed vignette of the Empress Catherine I. This is in black. The other engraving is not at all intricate or elaborate, but is well done in dark and light brown and black inks.

Belated Kindness.

Mr. Smith (in street car)—Madam, take my seat.

Mrs. Jones (who has been standing fifteen minutes)—No, thanks. I get off at the next corner.

Mr. Smith—That's all right. So do I. —Chicago Journal.

No Use at All.

He (who has offended her)—Won't you look up at me?

She—If I did, you'd kiss me again.

He—No; honest, I won't.

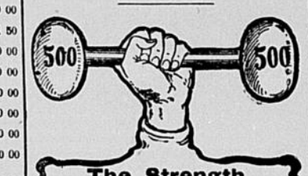
She—Then what's the use?—Life.

Municipal Aid.

"Well," remarked Miss Innocence, "the government may not believe in women taking the initiative in matters of love, but this city certainly does."

"I don't see how," replies Miss Antike, with more interest than might have been expected.

"It's plain as print. The city clerk is advertising in the newspapers for 'sealed proposals.'" replies Miss Innocence.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.



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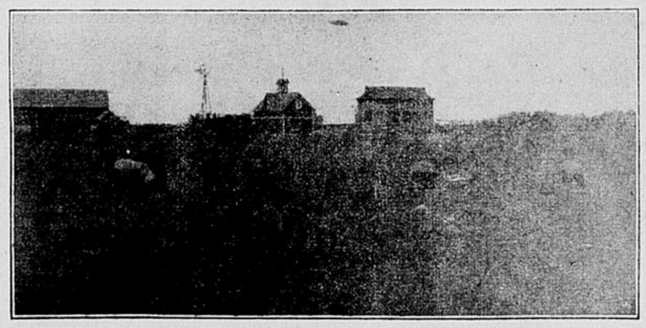

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