

County Correspondence.

EAD'S GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. James Retherford and daughter, Martha, of Greeley visited their son and brother of this place Tuesday.

George Culbertson and wife visited at J. T. Fowler's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Timm were calling on friends in this vicinity one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cropp visited their daughter near Colesburg this week.

Roy Smith is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Borrett of Elkport and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hansel of Wood visited at J. M. Retherford's last Sunday.

The dance at Mr. McElmeels' last Thursday night was very well attended. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

DELHI.

Mesdames Swinburne, Blanchard and Jakelin attended Rebekah Lodge at Hopkinton Monday evening.

Dr. Ferry and wife have been visiting the past week at Ackley.

Henry Florence has moved his family back to Delhi.

S. P. Carter and family and E. H. Blanchard and wife spent Wednesday at Fred Dury's.

Charlie Neal has moved into town for the winter.

Mrs. A. J. Lett is visiting in Dundee.

Miss Giwen Perkins visited a school friend in Edgewood last week.

H. H. Porter and family were recent visitors at Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris spent Sunday in town.

Dr. John Doolittle of Independence was at Judge Doolittle's over Sunday.

Miss Amelia Jones is moving back to her own home.

Mrs. Mary McKee is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Corbin.

Miss Daisy Currie visited her mother at Dyersville last week.

William Sours has moved his family into the Catholic parsonage.

Mrs. E. B. Porter and son, John, are visiting in Strawberry Point.

Ralph Heath and family of Cedar Rapids are visiting relatives here.

John Hartman is having a large barn built on his farm west of town.

BAILLY'S FARM.

J. H. Grommon and family of Manchester spent Sunday of last week at the home of R. E. Grommon.

D. J. Paris and family visited at Jerry Kaster's Sunday of last week.

The Misses Jorie and Avin Grommon and their brother Roy spent a few days last week with relatives in Masonville.

Mrs. Hefner spent Sunday of last week at Jerry Kaster's.

Mrs. Wm. Kaster was shopping in Manchester last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaster went to Delaware last Sunday evening to bid farewell to their son Levi who departed for Tennessee.

Mrs. Mandeville is spending a few weeks with her granddaughter Mrs. Jerry Kaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Barr of Manchester visited at Wm. Kaster's Sunday of last week.

Grandma Petton is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. L. M. Davis of Manchester.

Mrs. Jay Lillibrider was shopping in Manchester last Saturday.

Wm. Petton was in Manchester last Friday.

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One of the most enjoyable events of the season took place Thursday, Oct. 15, at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barry the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. The affair being planned as a surprise on them 200 of their relatives and friends assembled at 10:30 at the McMahon and Pope homes, and from there proceeded to the Barry home. It was a complete surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Barry. After many happy greetings, the guests partook of a delicious repast. Floral decorations were tastefully arranged, chrysanthemums predominating in the parlors and dining room. At the close of the repast in behalf of those assembled, the happy couple were presented with a beautiful book case. Rev. T. J. Murtagh in well chosen words gave the presentation address. The responses were finely expressed and showed their appreciation of the kindness of their many friends. The afternoon and evening were spent in games and music and dancing. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing the happy twain many happy returns of the day. These enjoyments are only cases in the sandy desert of life, and help to brighten the days as they fly swiftly onward, toward the ocean of eternity. How much of life and light and joy is experienced in the few short hours spent in a like manner. Let us go so often and do likewise to enjoy the fellowship and esteem of our friends in the every day walks of life. Among the guests from afar were: Mrs. J. J. Manly, Mrs. J. McGowan, Mrs. John Quirk of Dyersville, R. Barry, Alice Barry of Farley, Mrs. Matt. Quirk of Dubuque, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barry of Tivoli and Mrs. J. Higgins of Dyersville.

Mrs. Jas. Carrothers is a guest of friends at Ft Dodge.

Miss Mary Barry is a guest of relatives and friends at Dyersville.

Miss Meader is a guest at the Kennedy home.

Mrs. Wm. Carrothers is visiting at Ft Dodge.

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EARVILLE.

W. T. Wood went to Manchester Monday where he is to serve on the jury.

Supervisors Lindsay, Dury and Legassick were all in town Monday.

Miss Barbara Neft went to Manchester Monday.

Will Keim had business at Manchester Friday.

B. F. Westbrook was in town Friday. He is making his headquarters at Manchester at present.

R. H. Van Wagenen went to Manchester Tuesday where he is serving on the jury.

H. G. Millen will for the present fill both the position of cashier and assistant at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood and Mrs. W. T. Wood went to Manchester Tuesday.

S. W. Klaus and family attended a family reunion at the H. Holscher home near Colesburg Friday. It is needless to say a pleasant day was spent at this genial farm home.

W. C. Kirchheck and his sister Carrie of Colesburg were in town Monday. The latter left on the Clipper for Sioux City.—Phoenix.

HOPKINTON.

Fred and Elmer Houston of Ryan were over Sunday for a visit with their mother and brothers, J. W., and B. O.

Dr. H. Livingston attended the meeting of the Delaware County Medical society at Manchester last Tuesday.

J. F. McElmeel of Delhi township was in town yesterday and announces that he is preparing to move from the farm to Worthington. We had rather hoped that Mr. McElmeel would have chosen Hopkinton as his home when he got ready to retire, but yet it is not certain that he will make Worthington his permanent residence.

Warren Winch, who bought the A. W. Bacon farm a couple of weeks ago, has sold the place to W. H. Thompson, the price being \$90.00 per acre. Mr. Winch paid \$77.25 for the farm and cleans up a thousand dollars on the transaction without turning a hand. Real estate within the trading radius of Hopkinton is getting to be something better than a gold mine.

A large number of residents in the vicinity of Sand Spring went to Manchester Tuesday, called as witnesses in the contest of will of the late Jonas Cool. Mr. Cool willed his property to his daughter, who took care of him during his last years, and the old gentleman was very helpless physically. The son attempted to have the will set aside and take a share of the farm. After hearing the plaintiff's witnesses Judge Platt instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant, the son having failed to establish his contention that his father was mentally incompetent to make a will.

Last Saturday evening about seventy-five relatives and friends gathered at the home of H. H. Wheelless and wife to help them celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelless were thoroughly surprised. The evening passed pleasantly and the friends were both to depart, though the fifty hours warned them that the evening was well nigh gone. The company, through Rev. W. E. Ross, presented Mr. and Mrs. Wheelless a beautiful fruit dish and berry spoon, six knives and forks, six table spoons and six tea spoons. Cake, sandwiches and coffee were served, and many were the good wishes bestowed on the genial hosts and family.—Leader.

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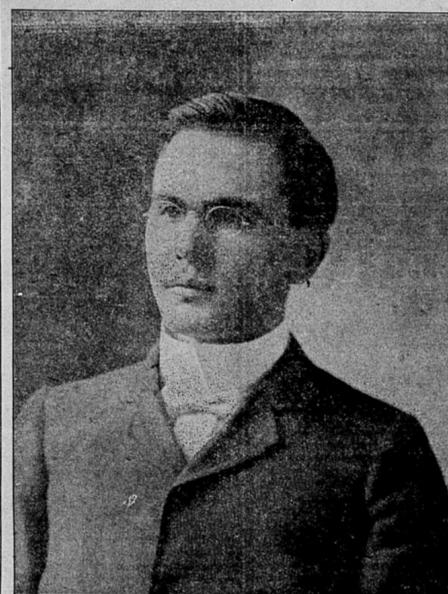
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A. R. McCook, Democratic Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. McCook was born in Howard County, Iowa, August 3rd, 1876. Although a young man he already ranks among the first educators of the state. At the early age of 19 he was granted a first grade certificate, as a school teacher, and through his own energy and ability he has continued to build himself up in his chosen profession. At the present time he is the principal of the Elma Schools.

He possesses the qualifications to admirably fit him for chief of the department of public instruction.

Every difficulty overcome is, in no account, with its remedy, that much added to your strength of character.—Maxwell's Tullisman.

Mr. Younghusband—Darling, you have been weeping. What is it, my sweetest love?

Mrs. Younghusband—Horse man!

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Lamb's Taste in Books.

In this catalogue of books which are in books—biblia—abiblia—I reckon count calendars, directories, pocketbooks (the literary exception), draught boards bound and inserted on the back, scientific treatises, almanacs, statues, Gibbon, Robertson, Beattie, Soame Jenyns and generally all those volumes "which no gentleman's library should be without," the histories of Flavius Josephus (that learned Jew and Paley's "Moral Philosophy." With these exceptions I can read almost anything. I bless my stars for a taste so catholic, so unexcluding.—Charles Lamb.

Useful Spiders.

A French savant points out that spiders' webs improve the acoustic properties of a room. He says he knew in England a hall that was ideal for the education of children. In an evil moment it was decided to clean the ceilings, and all the spiders were dislodged. The hall was ruined as a place for speaking. The savant suggests that cotton strings might be hung across rooms, ready to be hung and sound carrying properties of the room.

About the Limit.

Mr. Slowman on the occasion of his fiftieth call—it's funny, Miss Peppers, that I should be so absent minded, but I really can't think what I have come here to see you about.

Miss Peppers—Can't, eh? Well, I can tell you. You have come here to see me about once too often.—Boston Courier.

Reason Enough.

Mrs. Hatterston—You don't mean to say that you have no theories about the education of children?

Mrs. Catterston—No, I have too many children—Towns and Country.

The Modern Way.

Mrs. Kicker—You give your children all set things?

Mrs. Bocker—Yes, indeed. They're all happily divorced now.—Puck.

Every difficulty overcome is, in no account, with its remedy, that much added to your strength of character.—Maxwell's Tullisman.

Mr. Younghusband—Darling, you have been weeping. What is it, my sweetest love?

Mrs. Younghusband—Horse man!

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