County Correspondence.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Grapes Bros. sawed wood for M. S. Banta Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lillibridge are again with their son Jay.

Miss Josie Grommon was in Manchester last Friday.

Jas. Sheppard sawed wood at J. G. Daker's last Friday and Saturday.

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

E. H. Blanchard called at Jay Lillibridge's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lillibridge had business in Manchester last Friday.

Ruth Hersey has returned to school in Manchester.

Claus Bros. baled hay last week.

COFFINS GROVE.

Mrs. Amos Satterlee is quite sick with the grippe.

Floyd Durey is suffering from pneumonia and considered in a serious condition.

Miss Kitty Ellis is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Ed. Cook.

The Cemetery meeting at Irve McGee's was quite well attended. The old officers were re-elected with the exception of secretary, Mrs. Walter Hillier being elected to that office.

Mrs John Satterlee is on the sick list but is some better.

Many of our neighbors are beginning to move and others are taking their place. Among the number is Mr. Miers, Mr. Grapes, Mr. Jarnuth and Mr. Patten.

Mr. Chas. Jarmnut and Fred Wendt with their families expect to remove to Ohio the first of March.

Harry Turner and wife will move onto the Irve McGee place the first of March.

Geo. Potter and wife will work for Mr. Hersey the coming summer, Mr. Brokenfeldt moving on a place of his own.

EAD'S GROVE.

On Wednesday, February 17, occurred the marriage of Frank McWay and Miss Mary Funk at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Funk. Rev. Dawson of Greeley performed the ceremony. A few of the relatives and near friends of the couple were present. That they may enjoy a long and happy wedded life is the wish of their many friends and neighbors.

Jacob Moser was a business visitor at Strawberry Point Friday.

The young people enjoyed a dance given at Harry Culbertson's on Friday evening.

Elmer Cropp and family visited at John Cropp's last Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Retherford and family attended the wedding of the former's sister, Mattie Retherford and J. A. Garlow on Tuesday evening.

W. Cree and wife were Manchester shoppers on Wednesday.

Sam White is cutting wood for F. N. Frentress.

Fred Moser returned from Jefferson on Tuesday. His wife and children remained until Sunday.

Jake Moser has a very sick colt. Dr. Scott of Manchester was called on Friday and pronounced it a case of pneumonia from which it probably will not recover.

John Ocker shipped one, and J. M. Retherford shipped two cars of hay to Chicago on Wednesday.

Neighbors in this vicinity will learn with pleasure of the marriage of Mr. Ed. Eaton and Miss Mamie Morris which occurred in South Dakota on February 17. The two young people removed with their respective families from this township to South Dakota a few years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncy Morris, parents of the bride will return to their old homestead here in the near future.

DELHI.

R. M. Wilson has purchased Clarence Stone's residence in town and will take possession March 1.

Homer Porter's team ran away Tuesday evening. They were caught west of town near the Klaus farm.

Jay Reed is moving to the old Pulver place.

Mrs. E. H. Blanchard visited her mother, Mrs. Knowles, at Winthrop last week.

Malvin Reeder moved Wednesday to a farm north of Earlville.

Henry Florence had business in Wadena last week.

Mrs. Anna McRunnels and children left Tuesday for their home in Nebraska, after spending the winter with relatives here.

E. E. Clifton was quite ill last week.

Lawrence Jennings' house caught fire Tuesday and but for timely assistance, would have burned down.

Ben Peterson has gone to Dakota.

Alex. Hackbath went into Chicago with a car load of cattle Tuesday.

Thos. Simons held an auction sale Saturday and everything brought the highest price.

Mrs. Frank Stimson and Miss Docia Britt were in Manchester Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Smart and children have gone to Cherokee to visit her parents, from there they go to Dakota to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Doolittle were shopping in Manchester Monday.

Henry Smart and Henry Kragenbrink will each load a car this week for Dakota, their future home.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated in the usual manner on February 22.

Wedding bells are ringing.

Dr. Doolittle of Independence visited his parents over Sunday.

The Epworth League are preparing a program to be given in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blanchard of Masonville were over Sunday guests at the poor farm.

Mrs. Tom Kelly has a sister visiting her.

LAMONT.

H. J. Foster spent Friday and Saturday in Independence visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harrie Potter and family.

Mrs. H. J. Foster is convalescent. Grandma Foster is very low.

Miss Ada Lake is suffering an attack of congestion of the lungs.

Dr. R. V. Grapes spent Sunday in Manchester.

George Stimson and wife suffered the loss of their infant son, James, Friday, February 19th, 1904, at the home of Mrs. Grace Benedict. The remains were taken to Stanley Friday afternoon where the funeral was held Saturday afternoon, interment being made in Otsego Cemetery. The parents were tendered the sympathy of both Lamont and Stanley.

The Lamont dancing club enjoyed a pleasant evening February 22.

Wedding bells will ring in Lamont February 28th.

Mrs. Alice Durnham will entertain the Lamont literary club February 26th, p. m.

Mrs. J. D. Thompson spent Tuesday and Saturday inclusive in Cedar Rapids in a millinery trimming parlor.

Orlin Wing entertained a party of young friends Friday evening.

Lowell Carr entertained about 40 of his young friends the 17th, it being his 17th birthday.

The basket social at Mose Nedreau's was largely attended.

Dr Parker of Aurora was in town Sunday.

Frank Stimson of Stanley spent Sunday in Lamont.

The infant child of Mrs. Mary Brooks Ruddleson and husband died Friday and was buried Sunday Rev. Ostrich officiated, interment at Campton.

John Flaucher and Fred Retz spent Friday and Saturday in Waterloo at the horse sale.

Mrs. Mary Kyle entertained the Whist Friday evening.

Eliner Abel and family with his sister and family loaded a car with household effects Wednesday and left Lamont.

Mrs. H. Tuttle is in very poor health. As is also her mother Mrs. Louisa Dunsmore.

Mrs. J. A. James is on the sick list.

Our Des Moines Letter.

From Our Special Correspondent.

This has been a rather short week at the Legislature. The Committees deputed to visit the various institutions of the State did not return until Tuesday so that it was not until that afternoon that the Houses reassembled for business. As yet most of their reports are not completed so what their recommendations will be is not known.

Several interesting measures have been up for discussion in the Senate, but the one that occupied the most attention and arroused the keenest interest was the Child Labor Bill, which was on the calendar of Tuesday and kept the Senators busy during the next two days, the final vote being taken Thursday afternoon. After a long and bitter fight, the bill passed with but eight dissenting votes, the vote standing 39 to 8. Several animated discussions arose on technical points, but were settled peacebly and a large number of amendments to the bill were offered, some of which were immediately voted down, while those suggesting mere technical changes passed with little discussion.

The motion made by Smith of Mitchell to strike out the word mercantile in the second section of the bill was lost by the adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Courtright making the employment of children under 14 years of age impossible under any circumstance, unless they had attended school during the period now or hereafter required by law. Quite a discussion arose over this particular amendment but in spite of it all, the amendment was carried. The hours during which children may be employed was changed from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. to "from seven a. m. to eight p. m."

In other respects the bill passed without material change. The women of Iowa who through their Federation of Women's Clubs, are promoting the bill will rejoice greatly over the outcome of the week's discussion. The largest crowds of the sessions have been in attendance during these few days, an excursion from Oelwein, Waterloo and other points along the Great Western added materially to the Des Moines contingent. Friday the House met in the afternoon and the Senate held an extra session of an hour to permit school children from Ft. Dodge and neighboring points to see the workings of the Legislature.

A number of bills have been introduced during the past week. One was a bill by Courtright of Blackhawk giving to cities and towns under certain limitations power to grant to corporations to buy, sell, and keep for sale within its limits intoxicating liquors and to further the suppression of intemperance The purpose of the bill is to put into the hands of a city, the control of the liquor traffic in providing that the proposition to allow such business must be submitted to a vote of the people; and that, moreover, the city council shall have power to fix the number of licenses, which shall not exceed one to a town of 1000 or less and one for each additional 3000 or fraction thereof. Another bill introduced by this same senator was in reference to changing the number of wards in cities or alternating the boundaries thereof.

The Merchants Garnishment Bill introduced by Green of Madison in the House, has been reported out of the committee and will now come up for discussion in the House. It was introduced at the request of the retail merchants of the state all of whom are actively supporting the measure. But the labor faction in the House headed by Temple and one ar two others is going to make a strong fight against it. It is the moral effect which such an act will have on a man that the promoters of the measure have in mind, for they believe that many men to escape the disgrace of garnishment or of being classed as dead beats, will make a more strenuous effort to pay their debts.

The Joint Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition have made their report and some of those in charge particularly of the agricultural exhibits are somewhat disappointed that the additional sum appropriated is no larger. When you consider however that $36,000 in all has been allowed for the agricultural interest, $8,000 for Educational exhibit, $10.000 for Manufacturing and Mineral exhibit and $2,000 for the Woman's Department and Historical work, it is not hard to agree with the Committee in their decision and to feel sure that Iowa will make a creditable showing even compared with her sister states. However, the bill must come up before the House and it is possible that it will be amended to carry a larger appropriation.

The drainage question is a topic that is absorbing much attention at the present time. At the joint meeting of the sub-committees of the Senate and House, held on Thursday, there were many prominent drainage men present. The bill introduced by Senator Hogue of Monona was under consideration. Senator Hogue announces that he will try to secure a meeting of the Sub-committee each day until some drainage bill is agreed upon and reported out.

Senator Crossley of Madison on Friday morning called up his bill requiring that County Superintendents shall be compelle to pass a state examination and hold a five-years certificate before they be eligible to the office. This if passed by the House, will raise the standard of scholarship for this office and very materially advance the educational interests of the state. It brought out quite a discussion in the Senate and the vote upon it was the closest taken this session, 28 to 19.

Also, the Temple Amendment, a joint resolution offered by Temple in the House and Jamison in the Senate, came up for discussion on Friday and was carried. This is a constitutional amendment increasing the number of representatives from the present number, 99 to 108, one for each county and nine additional ones for those counties having the largest voting population. As the measure passed the 29th Assembly and the 30th, it is now ready for the signature of the Governor and then, if approved by popular vote at the coming election it will be a law. The bill increasing the present three mill tax for the building of county bridges to four mills where such increase is deemed necessary, passed the Senate. Also a bill relating to the disease of domestic animals. This latter forbids the discharge of firearms not only where cattle are being fed, as under present statute, but also where they are grazing.

The Senate adjourned at 11:30 on Friday out of respect to the memory of Senator Hanna whose funeral occurred at that hour. A mumber of the Senators paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the departed, Senators Garst, Bruce, Courtright, Harper, Gilliland, Whipple Hayward and Bruce. Perhaps the best of all was that of Senator Lambert of Jackson who in behalf of the minority spoke most feelingly and begged leave to lay a flower on Mark Hanna's bier.

THE HOME IN FRANCE.

It Is Mainly an Adjunct to Life on the Outside.

The father and mother in Paris eat at home when they do not eat out, but absolutely no informal social intercourse invades the apartment, which is more than anything else a sort of factory in which is produced whatever the family needs for life outside. A vast amount of sewing is done here. French girls of even wealthy parents, after they finish school, attend courses of dressmaking and millinery and to a great extent the industry which turns out the French woman as a model of good dressing, to be followed by the world, is carried on by the women of the family in what would be the home if the French knew the meaning of the word.

A reception day is rigorously kept, and much entertaining at dinner and dejeuner may be done, but always of a formal character. A person having the penetrating qualities of a book agent might venture to try "dropping in" on a French woman on a day when she is not regularly receiving, but in the natural course of ordinary social experience in Paris this would never happen, says Flora McDonald Thompson in Harper's Bazar.

Such order of living readily permits great economy. One has not to waste time, good clothes or house room in daily preparation for the unexpected guest. Six days of the week a French woman may run her sewing machine in the middle of her salon if she likes, secure from the interruption of chance callers. It is said that the chief function of the petit salon of a Paris apartment is to provide storage room for ball gowns which on reception days are taken down from the chandelier and locked up in a bedroom till the guests have departed.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

Some Hints About How and What and When to Send.

It is a golden rule to send your wedding gift in good time, the first to arrive being much more appreciated than that which is one of the many pouring in from all quarters during the last week.

By adhering to this rule you are also saved the annoyance of hearing that the saltcellars are charming, the third set already received.

A month before the wedding day is not too early to send the present, which should be accompanied by a visiting card, to be placed on the gift when displayed among the others.

The package should be addressed to the bride if you are intimate with both the happy couple, and to the bride's house, addressed to the bridegroom, if it is he with whom you are best acquainted.

Most people wish to give something novel, useful and pretty. The future circumstances of the happy couple should influence the choice.

If they are going abroad, do not give anything unsuitable to the requirements of the climate or so cumbersome that packing and conveying it to its destination will amount to half the value of the present.

If the recipients will not be particularly well off, it is only kind to select some useful present. In these days, when artistic taste is shown in all the necessaries of life, this should not be difficult.

If the happy couple are likely to receive many presents, it is safe to give something which will not be amiss if received in duplicate, such as silver sweetmeat baskets for the dinner table or a set of afternoon teaspoons or a bronze or china ornament.

RUN BY MOUSE POWER.

A Thrifty Scotchman's Scheme For Operating His Thread Mills.

Thrift is generally acknowledged to be one of the leading characteristics of the native of Fifeshire, and it never was more forcibly exemplified than in the person of David Hutton, a native of Dunfermline, who actually proved that even mice, those acknowledged pests of mankind, could be made not only to earn their own living, but also to yield a respectable income to their owners.

About the year 1820 this gentleman actually erected a small mill at Dunfermline for the manufacture of thread—a mill worked entirely by mice. It was while visiting Perth prison in 1812 that Mr. Hutton first conceived this remarkable idea of utilizing mouse power. In an old pamphlet of the time, "The Curiosity Coffee Room," he gave an account of the way in which the idea dawned on him. "In the summer of the year 1812," he wrote, "I had occasion to be in Perth, and when inspecting the toys and trinkets that were manufactured by the French prisoners in the depot there my attention was involuntarily attracted by a little toy house, with a wheel in the gable of it that was running rapidly round, impelled by the insignificant gravity of a common house mouse. For 1 shilling 1 purchased house, mouse and wheel. Inclosing it in a handkerchief, on my journey homeward I was compelled to contemplate its favorite amusement. But how to apply half ounce power, which is the weight of a mouse, to a useful purpose was the difficulty. At length the manufacturing of sewing thread seemed the most practicable."

Mr. Hutton had one mouse that ran the amazing distance of eighteen miles a day, but he proved that an ordinary mouse could run ten and a half miles on an average. A halfpenny's worth of oatmeal was sufficient for its support for thirty-five days, during which it ran 736 half miles. He had actually two mice constantly employed in the making of sewing thread for more than a year. The mouse thread mill was so constructed that the common house mouse was enabled to make atonement to society for past offenses by twisting, twining and reeling from 100 to 120 threads a day, Sundays not excepted. To perform this task the little pedestrian had to run ten and a half miles, and this journey it performed with ease every day. A halfpenny's worth of oatmeal served one of these thread mill culprits for the long period of five weeks. In that time it made 3,350 threads of twenty-five inches, and as a penny was paid to women for every hank made in the ordinary way the mouse at that rate earned ninepence every six weeks, just one farthing a day, or 7s. 6d. a year.

Taking sixpence off for board and allowing 1 shilling for machinery, there was a clear yearly profit from each mouse of 6 shillings. Mr. Hutton firmly intended to apply for the loan of the empty cathedral in Dunfermline, which would have held, he calculated, 10,000 mouse mills, sufficient room being left for keepers and some hundreds of spectators. Death, however, overtook the inventor before this marvelous project could be carried out.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Losing an Opportunity.

"The curtain goes up at 8:15, so we'll be just in time."

"But if we have a box it really seems a shame to be so punctual."—Brooklyn Life.

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"No."

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