

# County Correspondence.

## SAND SPRINGS.

F. S. Bowen was in Monticello Tuesday.  
Quite a number from here attended C. Ryerson's sale on the county line Thursday.  
Mrs. J. Irvin of Cedar Rapids visited Mrs. Wm. Petrie last Sunday.  
The dance at Tom Smith's Friday night was well attended and all report a good time.  
Rev. Swisher, of Hopkinton attended the meeting held by the trustees of the M. E. church at A. J. Douglas's Friday afternoon.  
Mrs. M. Fay was in Monticello Thursday.  
Miss Julia Olmstead of Hopkinton visited friends here Sunday.  
Lyle Chadwell of Monticello was in town Friday.  
W. G. Petrie visited Dana Bowen of Waucoma Monday.  
Will Murray went to Monticello Saturday.  
Mr. Latimer of Worthington was in town on business Wednesday.  
Elmer Reed of Delaware visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Douglas, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Mrs. Bessie Morrison visited her father, Mr. Butler, at Hopkinton, last Sunday.  
Miss Bertha Brooks was in Monticello Saturday.  
Jake Lang went to Hopkinton Thursday.  
We quote the following from the Wyoming Correspondence in the Monticello Express:—"In a recent number of Collier's Weekly we notice an article on 'Football west of the Mississippi,' by E. D. Cripp, coach of the University of Colorado at Denver. We recognize the writer of the article as the same young man who was raised near Sand Springs and later attended Lenox College at Hopkinton. Readers of the Express in those localities will be glad to know of the progress, development and prosperity of Mr. Cripp."

## EDGEWOOD.

Mr. John Coolidge was up from Manchester last Friday, to see his father who is quite sick, but is some better at present.  
Mrs. E. G. Platt has returned from the Point, where she has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Basett.  
Rev. H. Hubbell visited relatives in Manchester last Thursday and Friday.  
We understand that Mrs. H. M. Baus is but little better.  
Grace Lynde came home from Cedar Rapids last Tuesday for a visit with her parents who are now situated on Fred Denmore's farm.  
C. S. Maxson is able to be about the store again.  
Miss Mildred Tripp was in Cedar Rapids several days this week, having her eyes treated.  
Vern Garrison was a Manchester caller last Friday.  
The funeral of Mrs. G. H. Elliott who died at her home last Wednesday night, was held at the Rosenkraus school house on Sunday.  
Gena Minkler was an over Sunday visitor at her home last week.  
The Salvation Army who have been holding meetings here for the past three weeks, left last Thursday morning for Winthrop.

## THORPE.

W. D. Robertson, from Beaumont, Texas, the eldest son of J. B. Robertson, is at home for a long visit with friends and relatives.  
C. Wendel, the assessor, was through our neighborhood last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hood attended the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Patten last Friday, who resided south of Manchester.  
Henry Hoyer shipped a carload of hogs to Chicago Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Works visited last Sunday at her home last week.  
The Ladies Aid Society spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Robertson. Proceeds \$4.55.  
The next meeting will be February 9th with Mrs. Dell Ryan. Everybody cordially invited.  
Foster Clark is visiting his brother, A. Clark.  
Miss Belle Robertson visited her grandparents Sunday last week.  
Mrs. Sloan, mother of Mrs. Pound, died last Wednesday. Burial took place Friday.  
Frank Ryan had a valuable horse cut in the forearm and J. E. Robertson was called to stop the artery from bleeding.

## COFFIN'S GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Traver are the parents of a baby girl, born last Thursday night.  
Mrs. Dick Evans and daughter have been visiting at the home of John Satterlee, in order to make the acquaintance of their small nephew.  
Mrs. Walter Hillier entertained a small company at Finch on Monday evening.  
A number from here attended the W. A. Durey sale last Friday.  
Clarence Fuller has been on the sick list.  
Miss Avis Oakley is trying to have the grip.  
Mrs. Walter Hillier and father will take in winter again this spring during the month of March.  
Miss Iva and Hazel Carr spent Saturday afternoon with the Misses Oakley.

## BAILEY'S FORD.

J. G. Daker delivered hogs in Delaware Tuesday last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Addison Trumble were in Manchester part of last week.  
R. E. Grommon and Jay Lillibridge had business in Manchester last Thursday.  
H. B. Hersey delivered hogs in Manchester last Friday.  
Mrs. Phoebe Wood is very feeble.  
R. E. Grommon had business at Ryan last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lillibridge

spent Sunday of last week at the home of Bert Young of Onida.  
Mrs. S. Shaw and Mrs. Rachel Bates were shopping in Manchester last Friday.  
Peter Jaklin is on the sick list.  
Mrs. R. E. Grommon spent last Saturday at J. P. Belcher's.  
Jay Lillibridge delivered hogs in Delaware last Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Minkler are the parents of a son born Friday, January 27.

## EAD'S GROVE.

Mrs. Cora Kirkpatrick and children returned to Nebraska after a month's visit with her parents in this place, accompanied by her brother, Frank Lash.  
C. A. Wendall, the assessor, was making business calls in this vicinity last Friday.  
We are sorry to say Mrs. F. H. Harvey is no better at this writing.  
J. M. Retherford delivered hogs at Greeley on Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Wake Cree went to Strawberry Point Monday.  
Mrs. Ed Torrey returned from her visit at Millville on Tuesday last, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss May Torrey.  
Will and Bertha Retherford attended the I. O. O. F. dance at Greeley Thursday night.  
Mrs. John Lash visited her parents several days last week.  
Mrs. Martha J. Robinson visited at George Parkinson's near Elkport, week before last.  
Bruce Hunt is visiting his many friends in this vicinity.  
Will Davis is laid up with pneumonia and Burt Fowler is doing his work for him.  
Will Fretress and Victor Miller visited near Coleburg on Saturday.

## LAMONT.

Don't miss "The World" at the Wheeler Opera House next Thursday evening, Feb. 2, 1905. It is a fine play.  
Died, Mrs. Ryol Hockox nee Mary Doak, a bright, intelligent, active woman, born and raised in Iowa. She leaves a devoted, loving husband, a former Manchester and Lamont boy, and a beautiful little daughter. This is a blow to all relatives and many friends. Their home for the past three years was in Spokane, Washington. He is an only son of G. M. Hockox.  
Mrs. C. Blackburn and Mrs. Simpson are visiting Dundee relatives.  
Mrs. Alvi Windenber and family have been entertaining her father, Mr. Gartz, of the Point.  
There is lots of sickness-grip and mumps here.  
Mrs. Jeannette Taylor entertained the Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church January 31.  
Mrs. Mose Nedrean has been quite sick.  
Miss Grace Brigham and her school, the Sheldon school, will give a Basket social Friday evening February 3d at the John Cash farm home. Everybody come. Conveyance furnished.  
Fred Retz has had the old Bush hotel building divided and will remodel each part making two model up-to-date residences.  
Frank Newton is moving to town to his residence recently purchased of Mrs. Draper. He has rented his farm to Vincent Svoboda.  
Mrs. C. A. Benedict has been quite sick with a grippe, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Stinson, in Oelwein.  
We all had our nerves jarred a little last Tuesday evening when the fire alarm called us out. George Durham's chimney burned out, but no damage done other than a bad scare.  
Elmer Hesner is improving rapidly from his recent operation.  
J. D. Jackson and wife, of Hudson, are both getting better at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Clendenen, at this place.  
Mrs. Kate Hawley Vanderhoof is here visiting her parents, George Hawley and wife, and preparing for the Golden Wedding anniversary to be celebrated by them Feb. 6, 1905.  
Frank Brownell writes his Lamont friends that he feels better physically since living in Tacoma, Washington. He has joined the union and is bartering as of yore.

## DELHI.

Mrs. Wragg visited her daughter Mrs. F. E. Stinson last week.  
Merritt Blanchard, of Masonville, was at the county farm Wednesday last week.  
W. E. Wellington, of Dubuque, spent last week with A. E. House.  
Alex. Larson and family, of Delaware, visited his aunt, Mrs. Zederquest, recently.  
Mrs. Charles Naper visited her people at Onida, last week.  
Mrs. L. N. Green visited her children at Fayette over Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Goldsworthy of Greeley visited their son at this place last week.  
Chas. Stone had business in Manchester Saturday.  
The M. E. Aid Society meets Wednesday afternoon Feb. 1, with Miss Rena Dunham.  
Paul Fridig Jr. and wife of South Dakota are visiting relatives and friends at this place.  
Peter Jakelin is suffering from rheumatism.  
Mrs. C. F. Fleming visited her daughter, Mrs. Barr, of Manchester, last week.  
The W. F. M. S. meets on Thursday afternoon February 2d with Mrs. G. H. Fuller.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White entertained a jolly crowd of our young people last Friday evening. Refreshments were served and games played until a late hour.

## EARLVILLE.

A jolly party of thirty eight took a sleigh ride onto Mr. Metcalf's north of town, Wednesday evening, and spent a pleasant time at that

hospital home. Refreshments were served and at an early hour in the morning the guests departed, voting Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf A 1 entertainers.  
Miss Opal Vanfleet was the victim of a surprise party Saturday evening, when fifteen of her friends dropped in on her to spend the evening.  
Albert Staehle, of Burt, Iowa, returned to his home Monday after a week's visit at the home of his parents.  
Ed Bisgrove made a business trip out to Swaledale last week.  
The O. E. S. installed officers Friday evening. After the work was finished refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in a social way.  
Jim Norris of Masonville was in town one day last week.  
Dennis Slattery of Dubuque was in town several days last week.  
Carl Howieher, of Wentworth, South Dakota, is visiting his parents, Mrs. Fitzsimmons is on the sick list this week.  
Don't forget the Junior Christian Endeavor supper at the Congregational church, Friday evening, Feb. 5, from 5:30 until all are served; only 10 cents. Bring an extra nickel and you'll be surprised at what it will buy.  
Attorney Cloud returned from a business trip to Canton, South Dakota Saturday morning.  
Miss Ora Lixon entertained a party of friends at her home Friday evening.  
Miss Caro Millen returned from a week's visit at Epworth, Saturday.  
Geo. Denton of Coggon is visiting at the home of his parents this week.  
On Thursday evening the E. W. C. gave their annual reception to the husbands and brothers of the Club, and the evening was most pleasantly spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kendall. An elaborate supper was served after which the guests were entertained at a nut party, consisting of a peanut race, a peanut hunt, peanut forfeits, nut guessing contest, etc., followed by various other forms of entertainment. The head prizes were won by Phil Cloud, Albert Voit, Frank Loomis and Mrs. E. C. Perkins of Delhi. In the wren smat' hours of the night the guests departed, voting their host and hostess most excellent entertainers.

## HOPKINGTON.

C. A. Peterson was in town one day last week looking after telephone interests.  
Lenox defeated Western in a game of basketball Friday evening by a score of 20 to 27.  
Pat Kelley who has been working for his brother on a Dakota ranch returned home Saturday. He is looking well and reports fine weather and good crops there.  
Miss Mae Dunlap returned to her work at Chicago Tuesday.  
Will Warrell was in town Wednesday. He is teaching the Buck Creek school.  
Mrs. Ed Boots went to Dubuque and adopted a baby girl, two weeks old. Mrs. Boots has sixteen children of her own but she says, "It would be lonesome without a little one in the home". Roosevelt should be notified of this act.  
A heating plant is being installed in Clark Hall.  
Besse LeChere who is attending Commercial College at Cedar Rapids, came home for over Sunday.  
Bert Moore departed Saturday with his stock and household goods for Missouri, where he will locate. His wife will follow Tuesday.  
J. S. McConnell, R. G. Crawford, Wm. Johnson, R. G. Brooks and T. E. Williamson were ordained deacons of the Presbyterian church Sunday.  
Jacob Platt has gone to Arkansas to visit his son Joe for the balance of the winter.  
John Nagle has bought Andrew Loop's meat business.

## The Agitation Grows.

I would like to know who "Bill Simpson" is, but it probably does not make any difference, for whoever he is he has hit the catalogue house business just about right. I am furnished these large cities controlling everything. I believe we ought to do a little of this controlling business ourselves. The harvester trust want to work to drive the smaller fellows out of the business and have succeeded so well they have really cornered the entire harvester trade. Then we have our nail trusts, hardware trusts and trusts of all kinds; I am not exactly satisfied with this idea of shipping our cream to the large central creameries where it looks to me like an effort to drive out home creameries out of business and then they will pay us whatever they please for our cream and they will control the price of butter as well as the price of cream.  
There is danger in such things and for one I do not propose to harbor the mail order and catalogue house trusts. It seems to me our home merchants occupy the same relation to us as the small manufacturer does to the different trusts. If the big fellows once get a hold of us, we are their meat.  
The things "Bill Simpson" says in his letter to you are just about right. This nonsense about our home merchants making too big a profit I believe is all wrong. It seems to me any man capable of reading and of comprehending the way business is done nowadays, knows that competition in all lines

is so strong that it is pretty near impossible for a man to charge more than he ought for any length of time. Suppose one of the merchants of our town should ask me or any one else a dollar profit on any article he ought to sell on twenty-five cents profit, how long would it be before the other fellow, selling the same thing, would get under the change of cutting under the man who wants such a large profit and get the business?  
I remember once, only a few months ago, of reading a lecture delivered by the professor of economics in one of our large eastern colleges, in which he warned the people to look out for this mail order and catalogue business, for it was only another form of the trust idea. He went on to say that these concerns bought what is called seconds or slightly damaged goods from factories, and in that way got a hold of stuff they could handle. He said the most of their goods which were only slightly damaged could not be detected by the average person. He drew the illustration of a customer buying dried fruits, or groceries of any kind, and said if it was only a quarter or half a pound short, the person buying thought it was so small an item as not to be worthy of notice, but to the catalogue house, handling thousands of pounds, it made a nice profit. This he called robbery, and I guess he is about right.  
I once had the pleasure of visiting a large factory where they made knives, forks and other things in that line. The foreman of one of the rooms showed me a pile of these goods and said they were damaged. I examined some of them, but I declare, until he showed me where the flaw was, it was pretty hard to detect it. It seemed to me a big waste to throw these damaged pieces away, and I asked him what they did with them. He said they had a contract with a large catalogue house to take all damaged goods which they had and showed me how they were wrapped and packed so as to keep the flaws from being seen unless the examination was pretty thorough. This was about the first time I had had my eyes opened on this kind of business.  
Paint, varnish, nice boxes, etc., can hide a whole lot of devilment. Two or three years ago everybody was going crazy over buying from catalogue, but I notice of late a good many people are getting their fill of it.

## GEOGRAPHIES OF OLD

**SURPRISING BITS OF INFORMATION THEY IMPARTED.**  
Some of the Questions and Answers Contained in an Eighteenth Century Publication—Two Curiosities That Were Located in France.  
For a score of years after geographies began to be introduced into the schools of America they depended largely on the use of a globe to make clear the divisions of the earth. It was not long, however, before nearly every book was accompanied by an atlas, thus continuing the custom to about 1850.  
Jedidiah Morse was a pioneer among American authors of school geographies. The earliest rival to contend the field with Morse's books was a small volume of questions and answers compiled by Nathaniel Dwight and published at Hartford in 1795. Below are some of the curious bits of information the volume imparts:  
**Q. What are the Russian funeral ceremonies? A. They are singular. The priest first says the corpse is to be buried for eight or ten days. It is then buried with a passport to heaven signed by the bishop and another clergyman, which is put between the fingers of the deceased, and then the people return to the house whence they went and drop in the mortification. This they commonly do for about forty days, during which time the priest says prayers over the grave.**  
**Q. Are there any lakes in Scotland? A. There are many, but two are very remarkable. One near Lochness is on the top of a hill almost two miles high. This lake is small, but it has never been sounded, nor does it ever freeze. About seventeen miles distant is another lake which is frozen all the year.**  
**Q. What are the persons and characters of the Scots? A. They are generally lean, rawboned and have high cheekbones, which is a characteristic feature.**  
**Q. What are the diversions of the Scots? A. They are all of the vigorous, athletic kind—such as dancing, golf and curling. The golf is a species of ball playing performed with a bat and a ball, the extremity of the bat being loaded with lead, and the party who strikes the ball with the fewest strokes into a hole prepared for the purpose wins the game.**  
**Q. What are the customs and diversions of the Irish? A. There are a few customs existing in Ireland peculiar to that country, and these are the fairs, bowling and presenting their corpses in the streets to excite the charity of strangers; their convivial meetings on Sunday and dancing to bagpipes, which are usually attended with quarrelling.**  
**Q. What are the curiosities as to the mountains of France? A. A fountain near Grenoble emits a flame which will burn paper, straw, etc., but will not burn gunpowder. Within about eight leagues of the same place is an inaccessible mountain in form of a pyramid reversed.**  
**Q. What do you observe of the inhabitants of Guinea? A. They are chiefly pagans and idolaters. In Eyo, where the people are governed by a king who is not absolute, when they are tired of him they put him to death and elect a new king. The king is elected in a form that it is fatiguing for him to bear the burden of government any longer, advising him to take a rest. He thanks them and retires to his apartment as if to sleep and directs his women to put him to death. The king is then killed and his body is buried in a hole. The king's son succeeds to the government and on the same terms.**  
**Q. Give a concise description of the Ganges and Annapas? A. The first is a letter part of the Congo coast; the latter lives in the Macaco. The people are cannibals. They kill and eat their frathorn children, and their friends who die are eaten by their relations. The king of Macaco resides in Monsoel, where there is a man in which human flesh is sold, although other meat exists in plenty. They esteem it a luxury, and it is said 100 prisoners or**

slaves are daily killed for the king's table.  
One geography that had a marked individuality of its own was a thick little volume, mostly in verse, entitled "The Monitor's Instructor," published at Wilmington in 1794. In the prose portion of the book are several curious paradoxes.  
Here is one of them:  
Three men went on a journey in which, though their heads traveled twelve yards farther than their feet, all returned alive, with their heads on.  
The solution explains that "if any person should travel round the globe the space traveled by his head will exceed that of his feet traveled" by about the number of yards mentioned.  
Cumming's Geography, 1814, apologizes in its preface for adding another "to the number of geographies, already so great as to obstruct rather than promote improvement." During the previous decade Lewis and Clark had made their journey across the continent, and we now find mention of the "Stony mountains." It was a number of years before the name Rocky was substituted for Stony. Concerning the Alps, in South America, we are told, "These amazing mountains, in comparison with which the Alps are but little hills, have fissures in some places a mile wide and deep in proportion, and there are others that run underground and resemble in extent a province."  
Adm's Geography, 1818, is divided into three parts. The following is from part 2:  
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