

County Correspondence.

HOPKINTON.

The thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero Thursday morning at this place.

Gene Joseph and Clyde Wilson started for Portland, Oregon Friday. They will operate a magic lantern to defray expenses.

Dr. Cummings had a twelve o'clock call to go five miles into the country Wednesday night while the mercury was around the 30 degrees below the zero mark.

W. S. Beales and wife attended the Editor's Association at Waterloo last week.

Grandma Rutter, who has been sick for some time, died Wednesday.

Elmer Barker and wife were in town and bought a new outfit of furniture. Mr. Barker is moving on the N. Wilson farm.

Uncle A. B. Wheelan, who lives between here and Worthington, has not been able to get down town for the last few days on account of the cold weather.

Rev. Saunema, Field Secretary for Lenox College, has raised over \$4000, which will be used for repairing the college and heating plant.

Mrs. John Stutz and two daughters came down from Minnesota Wednesday.

It is a girl at J. H. Cline's.

Lenox defeated U. I. U. in a game of basketball by a score of 35 to 29. Shirley Reeve will represent Lenox at the State contest. He went to Manchester Saturday to take instruction from A. M. Cloud, who won past honors for Lenox in this line.

Uncle William Reeve is very sick. Frank Irish went to Delhi Saturday to do telephone work.

Miss Margaret Campbell has gone to Chicago for treatment.

A gang of fourteen men who are renewing the telegraph line is in town.

Mrs. Joseph Hardy died Sunday.

DELHI.

Mrs. Mary Heath is visiting her son Ralph and family in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Bentz visited in Fayette last week.

Orman Hartman has secured work at Tipton, Iowa.

Perry Haight's children are very sick with the grip.

Dr. G. H. Fuller was in Manchester Wednesday.

Agnes Dickson of Oneida visited her cousins, the Naper children, at this place last week.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Boardman of Hopkinton was buried in our cemetery Thursday.

E. R. Stone attended the lumber men's convention at Minneapolis last week.

Tom Kelly moved Monday to the Wm. Lewis farm in the Bay.

Miss Nerva Burton was home from Hopkinton over Sunday.

Washington's birthday will be observed at G. A. R. Hall, Feb. 22, by appropriate exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. David Darling had business in Manchester Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Porter entertained their friends Wednesday evening.

J. M. Brayton left for New York Saturday evening, called there by the serious illness of a brother.

S. B. Sprague, who lived on the old Barker place in Delhi township, lost all his household goods by fire Tuesday evening. The house was owned by Beal Bros., and was burned to the ground.

Miss Dophne Boomer had a party for her young friends Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Way from Greeley were over Sunday guests of James Garlow and wife.

J. B. Clark is busy taking the assessments.

Joseph Bennett and wife have stored their household goods at Ed Gleason's and will soon leave for an extended visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

EDGEWOOD.

Mrs. Ed Platt and daughter Helen left Friday for the Point to care for Mrs. Platt's mother, who has been sick for several months past.

Mrs. Oscar Norman and children came up from Manchester Saturday morning for a visit at the parental home.

Mrs. Widman from Nebraska is here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Coolidge.

A load of Edgewood young people attended the lecture in Greeley last Tuesday evening, given by Captain Albert.

L. D. Platt of Oelwein was calling on relatives and friends in our midst several days last week.

Miss Tid Peck came down from the Point and was an over Sunday visitor with her sister.

Joe King, who has been working at Independence, is spending a few days at home.

Frank Alcorn went down to Hopkinton last Saturday and remained until Monday, visiting relatives.

Earl Woolridge left last week for Dakota where he expects to teach school.

Levi Brown is spending several days here visiting his parents.

The Musical Hoyleys of Chicago will give a concert in Hesper's opera house next Thursday, Feb. 9, 1905.

The Farmers' Institute will be held in Hesper's opera house, February 14, 15 and 16th.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

E. Schoeppe was an Arlington caller last Friday.

Subscribe for the Manchester Democrat.

A. O. Kingsley transacted business at Arlington last Thursday.

Miss Hermina Wells of Madara is the guest of her friend, Carrie Kingsley, a few days.

Mrs. Lloyd Barnes of Delhi visited over Sunday in the Blake home.

Mrs. Henry Kingsley, of Washington, D. C., arrived here Saturday morning to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Jas. Newberry.

Will Blake is home from Crookston, Minn., a few days.

The grip. Have you had it? Nearly everyone here has it.

Last Tuesday was ground hog day. We think he saw his shadow even if it was quite cold.

Mrs. Mesdames White and Copeland attended Geo. Stamp's funeral last Wednesday.

Madam Rumor says there will be a wedding in a few days.

The death of Mrs. Jas. Newberry, nee Hannah Westfall, occurred last Friday after a few weeks of sickness. Her sickness was first the grip. She seemed to be improving and was up and around until she had a relapse and this time pneumonia set in. She was married to Jas. Newberry in 1852. In 1855 they settled in Cass township and after twenty-two years they moved to Strawberry Point, which place has since been their home. Five children—three boys and two girls, who with the father mourn the loss of an affectionate mother. They are Byron W., Chas. J., Kate, all of this place, Frank J., of California, and Mrs. Henry Kingsley, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Newberry was a woman beloved by all and ever ready to do for others all she could. Frank, of California, is expected here the first of the week. At present writing the funeral services have not been arranged. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mrs. Thos. Given of Manchester spent Friday last with her daughter, Mrs. Ora Lillibridge.

G. B. Davis attended the Farmers' Institute at Manchester Wednesday last.

Miss Avis Grommon spent Sunday of last week at J. P. Belcher's. H. B. Hersey was a Manchester visitor last Friday.

R. E. Grommon had business in Delhi Thursday.

Jay Lillibridge had business near Golden Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grommon were in Manchester Saturday.

Fred Hicks and wife and M. S. Banta and wife attended the Farmers' Institute at Manchester Friday.

A friend recently called our attention to the fact that during the past severe weather a number of horses have been confined in what is known to passers-by, as the Hoyt pasture, with no shelter but the heavens. The only food that they can procure is the twigs of the trees, or by pawing the snow away they can get at a little dry, frozen grass. We don't know who the owner is, but think if our informant is correct that some one should organize a humane society in Manchester and look after these poor animals.

EARLVILLE.

The supper given by the Junior Endeavor Friday evening was a success in every particular. The receipts were over \$20.

Miss Nannie Ocker of Greeley visited friends in town several days last week.

Jerry Jacobs is on the sick list this week.

Don't miss 'The Musical Hoyleys' who will play in the Opera House Monday evening, Feb. 13th, under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters. The entertainment is first-class and should have a crowded house. 15, 25 and 35 cents. The entertainment will be followed by a dance. Tickets including the dance \$1.00 per couple.

D. F. Larson was called to Canton, S. D., Saturday evening on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Alex. Prentice is numbered among the sick this week.

A form of the gripe has been prevalent among the school children during the past week, 21 being absent from one room, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Josie Cloud entertained the E. W. C. this week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aldous of Manchester (nee Miss Susie Lieb) of this place, are the parents of a son.

Chas. Taggart, musical entertainer, will be the next number on the lecture course, Feb. 9.

LAMONT.

The Lamont Women's Club held their annual guest meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, in the K. P. hall. It was a fine crowd, a treat to the ladies and the husbands also.

Born January 26 to John Stevenson and wife, a son.

W. H. Emmert is spending a few weeks in Waterloo visiting his son Walter and family.

The beautiful home of Fred Fields, in Oelwein, a former Lamont resident, was mostly destroyed by fire and water Friday morning. It is supposed to have started from the furnace. Mr. Field having built a quick hot fire and turned off the heat too abruptly. The interior first floor was mostly spoiled, but the piano was badly charred, but the Bible lying upon the piano was not even scorched, while the scarf was wholly burned, all but the square under the Bible. Empty charred picture frames, a broken dining table, etc., things they tried to save are as bad eyesores as the ashes of other precious things. The second floor escaped fire but oh! the water! We regret to learn of his misfortune.

Joy Bradley and family are entertaining his sister, Mrs. Bert Richmond and children.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Feb. 9.

Asa Tyrrell and family are visiting Illinois relatives and friends before moving to Waterloo.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE.

When the original thirteen colonies banded themselves together in a political institution, known as the United States, its statesmen realized that a hard struggle was before them as in every department of commerce the balance of trade was against them—in other words, they were sending more money abroad for what they needed than they were receiving from abroad. This condition has been of vital interest to every new country and even to some who count their ages by the century. When any one or any community arrives at that period in its experience where more money is coming in than going out, they are certainly building a strong foundation for the future.

There is little in the experience of the lives of nations that may not apply to us as much force to the lives and undertakings of the individual communities. In fact, it applies with almost equal force to the lives of the individuals themselves. So closely is this principle allied to the welfare of communities that it is worthy of consideration by the persons who are inclined to send their money to foreign markets for what they need. A better way is to keep our money at home. Really this applies with greater force to an agricultural community than to almost any other. Let us illustrate for the purpose of making ourselves more clearly understood. Suppose that in any county in Iowa there was in active every day circulation among its people the sum of \$50,000 in the month of January. This sum is in circulation because it is needed to conduct the business of the community. If all of it was not needed, a part of it would retire and if more was needed it probably would be forth-coming from some source. We have now seen that in the month of January the people of the county have \$50,000 to do business with. Suppose that during the month the citizens sent \$25,000 of this circulating capital to large cities for machinery, sewing machines, clothing, groceries, hardware, barb wire, lumber or whatever it may be they need. In sending to catalogue houses for these supplies we are not overdrawing the conditions as they exist, for as strange as it may seem, people have so far forgotten the interests of their home communities as to be doing this very thing. When this \$25,000 reaches Chicago, New York, Boston and other large cities, our imaginative county has only \$25,000 left as an active circulating medium. They have cut their active capital in two in the middle.

As we said this condition applies more minutely to an agricultural community for such a neighborhood has only two ways of bringing money into it. One of these is the marketing of farm produce—of its crops. The other way we will speak of later. Our illustration as we have expressed it applies to the month of January and as we have said one of the means a farm community has of getting that \$25,000 back again is in selling crops, which they would not be in a position to do again for almost a year. They have depleted their active capital by one half and will have nothing to sell to get it back for nearly a year. We have said there was another way of getting this \$25,000 back and that way is to borrow it—hire some one to bring it back into the community that we may have it to use. What have we done—split our capital in two in the middle and sent it to distant cities where we know there is no hope of its return for nearly a year unless we hire it brought back. On the other hand, suppose we had bought what we needed of merchants in our immediate vicinity. The \$25,000 would still be in our community—it would still be circulating among us and we would still have our \$50,000 active working capital.

We see illustrations of this condition every day. How often do we hear the remark that such a neighborhood is a rich German locality and such a one a rich Scandinavian

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Edgar "Put" Hilton is home after a pleasant visit to California, Utah and other beautiful places. He pronounces this the greatest trip he ever took, and his narrations makes us all want to "follow suit."

Clare Morey and family are entertaining her mother, Mrs. Hindinger, of West Union.

Who stole those hides from O. G. Meyer? He don't care so long as he found them in safe keeping, but if he had lain in quiet watching he might have spotted his friendly friend.

Amalie J. A. Palmer fell January 23, hurting her wrist badly, from which she is a great sufferer.

Mart Fowler and wife will move to town next week, into the Asa Tyrrell residence.

Clarence Campbell of Aurora will move on to the farm vacated by M. A. Fowler.

January 28, 1890-1905 marriage and celebration of marriage are the two dates that called out a lively surprise party at the Central House January 28, 1905. Frank Sharp and Christie Goldsmith-Sharp being the central characters. Cut glass and a general good time are the souvenirs left to cheer this happy pair. May they celebrate many more anniversaries.

Art Lake takes tussling of any kind especially with the grip. He was unable to attend to his duties as rural mail deliverer several days last week. Nor could Mrs. Lake, his assistant, leave him to go. Sickness is an unwanted, unwanted guest that calls at nearly every home far too often.

Joe Jackson is convalescent. His father, who was called here from Aurora, Ill., is still here caring for him as in years gone by. Parental love does not grow old nor decline.

Mrs. Glass of Strawberry Point is sick. She is a sister of Mesdames Krussell and Ehrke and Geo. Kleinsorge, all of Lamont, and who frequented her bed side.

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