

County Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS:—You are requested to send in your letters as early as Saturday of each week, in order to insure prompt publication.

EDGEWOOD.

H. F. Beyer left Tuesday for Armour, S. D., to look after his land. Chib Robinson's little girl had the misfortune to break her arm while at play last Friday.

Myron Alger returned last week for California where he spent the winter.

Rev. Heatly was a business caller at Massillon, Iowa, a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denmore were over Sunday visitors with H. A. Bridell and family near Delhi.

Geo. Hebron and son were Edgewood callers last Friday.

Mrs. Dr. Reed returned Monday from Independence where she went to see her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Robinson were called to Grandy Center last Wednesday by the serious illness of their daughter Laura. Mr. Robinson returned Friday and reports her very low.

Miss Leora Breed closed her winter term of school in District No. 5, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denmore are enjoying a visit from their son Leo who has been working in St. Paul this winter.

Miss Hazel Hageman is now night operator at the Central office.

Mrs. Widman and children have returned to their home at Swan, Nebraska, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Coolidge.

EAD'S GROVE.

Ead's Grove was well represented at the annual bazaar of the Greeley Cemetery Association held at Greeley on Friday, March 10.

Will Frenness and O. M. Eaton have added their names to the list of patrons of the Interstate Telephone Co., making twelve 'phones on this line.

Henry Parkinson visited at J. M. Retherford's a part of last week. Henry commenced work on Thursday for Mr. Crane near Volga City.

Winfield Lash, wife and father visited at the home of Wm. Odell of Greeley on Sunday.

At the school meetings on March 6, Chas. Clute was elected director in No. 7, and in No. 6 J. T. Fowler and Fred Moser tied. Schools closed Friday, March 10th.

J. R. Retherford, wife and daughter visited the former's father on Friday, it being the occasion of the old gentleman's 86th birthday. He is in fairly good health.

Charley and Fred Gabsby are chopping wood for Jake Moser.

Miss Hazel Frenness gave a party on Friday evening. It is unnecessary to state that the guests were well entertained.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

Now is a good time to subscribe for the Manchester Democrat.

Miss Anna Mengis came home from Arlington Thursday morning after spending a few days at her parental home.

Messrs. Wandell and Noble of Edgewood were business callers here last Thursday.

Mrs. John Richards of Edgewood spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Palmer.

At the home of the bride last Friday evening occurred the marriage of Mrs. Margaret Palmer.

At the home of the bride last Friday evening occurred the marriage of Mrs. Lena Schuchman and Fred Wentzel, both of this place. Rev. G. Graf officiating in the presence of a few invited relatives. Congratulations are extended to the happy couple.

Mrs. Arthur Dodd and daughter Dorothy returned home last Friday evening after an extended visit with relatives at Ft. Atkinson.

B. B. Davis and Bert Cole came home from Chicago last Friday morning where the former had been selecting his display of spring goods.

E. G. Platt and family of Edgewood spent Friday in the Bassett home.

A little boy brightened the home of Fred Miller and wife Wednesday last.

Our teachers and scholars are enjoying a week's vacation.

Relatives and friends gathered at the home of H. Allen and wife and gave them a pleasant surprise in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary. They were presented with a beautiful clock and set of silver knives and forks. To say they were surprised is putting it in a very mild form.

LAMONT.

Martin Newton is now a resident of Lamont.

Mrs. G. A. Benedict came down from Oelwein March 6, returning March 7. She reported their having a setting of eggs hatched out valentine's day, Feb. 14. No incubator is needed in Oelwein.

Mrs. J. J. Hesner entertained the Woman's Club, March 10.

Mrs. A. Sheldon visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. S. Fowler, last week.

Mrs. G. A. Tumlir is visited her Waterloo and Dysart relatives.

G. A. Tumlir is in Chicago buying his spring stock of goods.

Mrs. Alma Allison visited Aurora relatives last week.

Mrs. Millie Hughes and two daughters visited Thorpe and Datchtown last week.

Miss Addie Jaklyn has been enjoying a week's vacation at home. She enjoys her studies in Cedar Falls.

A. J. Lake will work the Thos. Durham farm just north of Lamont. He will continue his mail route.

Rev. H. P. Langridge has been active in Lamont the past two weeks.

Our milliners are all home from

DUNDEE.

The first robin made his appearance last Wednesday morning. Adolph Richter and family left Tuesday for California.

Albert Glass' baby was baptised Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Nash reports Albert Jeske down with an attack of Lumbago.

Will Kelly of Forestville fell from a broken ladder while repairing his house last Monday morning. His foot was injured quite badly. Some of the boys went over to see Bill the other night and tried to console him. (They took him some "Pop" to drink.)

Charley Barnes investigated the mysteries of Odd fellowship last Friday night at Lamont. Art Lee didn't go to resume his work in the Lodge on account of the non-arrival of the Missouri goat which has been ordered for Art's special benefit.

The rest of us boys are going to wait until there is a lodge organized here.

Dr. Nash made a professional call to Thorpe Friday afternoon, the Dr. is reaching out farther all the time.

Edwin Sandhagen has been in the house several days with a sore throat.

Miss Mary Spousborough who has been suffering with Facial Neuralgia is improving.

Rev. Meek of the Methodist church preached a very able sermon Sunday morning taking for his text "Faith, Hope and Charity." We all like Rev. Meek and his good wife.

Elmer Heeser purchased a team and buggy of Rev. Meek the other day. Elmer's office as Notary Public calls him in the country frequently.

This summer he intends to go driving out among the farmers and write up some Life Insurance for the New York Mutual. It is on the endorsement plan and is absolutely safe and a first class investment for any man.

Art Shoeder spends part of his leisure time reading Blackstone.

Whether Art is reading up on the subject for general information or with a view of entering the profession of Law is a question. All that afternoon, March 15.

Geo. Angell and family spent Sunday with his brother Charles at Delaware.

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Mrs. James Garlow and twin boys are visiting Mrs. Will Locke in Manchester.

H. P. Adams of Chicago is the guest of his brother Elmer.

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COFFIN'S GROVE.

Mrs. Charlie Hermann and Miss Julia Oakley spent a few days last week in Waterloo with Rev. and Mrs. Augustine.

Ed Cook is in Greeley today Saturday.

The entertainment and basket sociable at the brick school house was a decided success. \$16.10 was taken in for the baskets.

We notice that Lee Traver, formerly of the Grove, has begun hauling mail over our delightful roads.

What means that shout
So loud with glee
And all those antics
Queer to see
You can see they are real
And no alioy
Just because the "last is a
bouncing boy,"
'Twas seven and a half pounds
that he did weigh
And on the seventh of March
He came to stay.
If you wish to know where
And the cause of this glee
You must visit the home of I. A.
McGee—Whoop'ee!

DELHI.

Thos. Simons, Wilson Jackson and Oscar Holdridge started for Nebraska last Tuesday to purchase land.

Dr. Fuller is on the sick list.

Newton Flack was down from Strawberry Point Tuesday.

Wilson & Darling have their spring opening of millinery March 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stimson entertained friends Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Pridig of Hopkinton visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Gestel, last week.

Deval Morgan visited her uncle, Geo. Morgan, at Hopkinton, last week.

S. B. Nichols of Mason City was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Boardman have moved to this place from Hopkinton.

Ward White is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Arthur, in Edgewood.

Harvey Mitchel was in Cedar Rapids last week.

The Odd Fellows hall is being newly papered and painted.

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Fifth daughter, Angina Pectoria

Isabelle McDonough. Electro Cassandra. Anna Guthrie. Seventh daughter, Mehtable. Mary Husman. Eighth daughter, Jemina. Floyla McDonough. A Sad Case.

Recitation Clara Kowalsky. It Was the Dutch. Song. They Measure Me. Instrumental music. Fred Matthesen.

Miss Trainer, a teacher. Daisy Davis. Miss Glug. Harper Zollar. Mr. Glug. Harper Zollar. Miss Glug. Harper Zollar. Isabel McDonough. Ruth Guthrie and Anna Guthrie. Stella Blair.

Mary Glug. Peter Glug. Recitation. Vacation song. Recitation. Cat and Canary.

Song. Always in the Way. Ada McBride. Minnie McDonough. Recitation. The Little Dentist. Paul Matthesen. Song. Way Down in My Heart. Fred Matthesen.

Tableau. Lizzie and Jake. Goin' Somewhere—Scene, Railroad car. Mr. Harrison. Harper Zollar. Mrs. Harrison. Stella Blair. Conductor. George Lang. Passenger. Clarence Matthesen.

Tableau. Four Scenes. 1. Double Courtship. 2. Married, but Not Mated. 3. What Ought to have been.

Miss Lizzie McDonough expects to take a position in the Ryan High School.

HOPKINTON.

The men realized \$17 from the supper given for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church.

John Delosh and family departed for Nebraska where they have bought a farm.

J. I. Brownell left for Wisconsin, Thursday, where he is going to make his future home.

The "Castle Grove Dramatic" Company gave the play entitled "Out in the Streets" Friday night. Each person did credit to their part.

Superintendent Joseph was in town Friday.

Lenox defeated Western in basketball by a score of 28 to 25 and Coe defeated Lenox by a score of 31 to 29.

Rev. Swisher visited with Rev. Ross at Lamont last week.

The Shearn Sisters concert company will give an entertainment Friday night.

A Query.

How does "the balance of trade" stand in Delaware county? Are we not sending out more money than we are receiving from beyond our county lines? If so, are we getting rich as fast as we might, by following a wiser policy of scores of farmers in distant places who are getting rich by selling their products by mail. The Homestead is the leading advertising medium in the West for lands, live stock, poultry, etc. If any readers of The Democrat would like to embark on one of these profitable lines, we should be glad to place them in touch with this valuable farm paper.

The Marble Bible of Burma.

Great as has been the amount of labor expended on the various parts of a point where transfers are given to be given to the Kutho-daw, which is a Buddhist monument near Mandalay, in Burma. It consists of about 700 temples, each containing a slab of white marble in which the whole of this Buddhist Bible, containing over 8,000,000 syllables, has been engraved. The Burmese alphabet is used, but the language is Pali. This wonderful Bible is absolutely unique. The Kutho-daw was erected in 1857 by Maudon-min, the last king but one of Burma. The vast collection of temples together form a square, with a dominating temple in the center. Each of the marble slabs on which the sacred text is inscribed is surmounted by an ornamental canopy in pagoda form.

Gory Dev.

In appearance gory dew is a dark red, slimy film, which is frequently found on the legs and in shady places. It is in reality one of the lowest forms of vegetable life and is closely allied to the plant to which is famous phenomenon of red snow is chiefly due. Its botanical name is Palmella and it is so named because it may become quite large, and it will develop into a tough, gelatinous mass.

Ungrateful.

"Some people never thank you, no matter what you do for them," said a small boy who felt put a bent pin on the teacher's chair the other day, and when the teacher was about to sit down I pulled the chair out from under him to save him from the pin, and if he didn't thank me for it!"

The Mexican Letter Writer.

As many of the lower classes in the City of Mexico can neither read nor write the Mexican letter writer does a thriving business. He writes letters of all kinds—love letters, begging letters—it matters little to him, so that he is paid for his work. These men are found in the Plaza of Santo Domingo, in a sort of a public place, where second-hand articles are for sale.

His Discovery.

City Chap (back from a visit to the farm)—You know I thought I had a cinch when the hired man told me to milk the cow that didn't have any horns. Friend—Wasn't it? City Chap—No! It isn't the horns that create a disturbance when a greenhorn is milking. It's the hind legs!—Detroit Free Press.

Hit the Old Man There.

"Can you support my daughter in the way to which she has been accustomed?" "Perhaps not, but I can support her in the style to which her mother was accustomed during her early married life."—Life.

Mails in 1747.

The change in postal arrangements in New York since "the good old times" may be seen by the following advertisement, copied by the Troy Times from Bradford's New York Gazette of Dec. 6, 1747:

"Cornelius Van Denburgh as Albany Post designs to set out for the first time this winter on Thursday next. All letters to go by him are desired to be sent to the postoffice or to his house near the Spring Garden."

During Hudson river navigation the mail was transported by sloops, but in the winter a messenger, as above mentioned, was required, and it is probable that he traveled on foot. The winter average of the eastern and southern mails is given in the same paper and sums up his journey.

"On Tuesday the Tenth instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon the Boston and Philadelphia Posts set out from New York to perform their stages once a fortnight during the Winter months and are to set out at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Gentlemen and merchants are desired to bring their letters in time. N. B.—This Gazette will also come forth on Tuesday Mornings during that time."

An Unbroken Spell.

When we have a "spell of weather," and wet weather at that, we have only to recall the climatic conditions of Putnam in England, in order to be thankful for a little.

The moor has, says a writer in Cornhill, an eternal procession of clouds, infinitely varied in form, lighted with a white radiance or lowering in gloom, rent, latticed or filmy, gathering, menacing, creeping round to swathe you in a mist of rain or dropping one of those silvery showers lighted with sunshine from behind.

"Of heavier rain there is no lack, and all one may say of the perennially beautiful moor is summed up in the verse invited by its enemies:

The south wind always brings us rain.
The north wind blows it back again.
The east wind whistles and whistles weather.
The east wind wet and cold together."

Waiting Upon His Bride.

Two hundred years ago it was a custom very general in England for the bridegroom to wait upon his bride on their wedding day. The following extract from a book published in the middle of the last century, testifies to this and refers to the popular superstition about it: "The dinner being served, Sir Oliver was the gayest man in the company. The bridegroom and bride sitting by the side of each other, the old gentleman observed: 'Ode heart, ode heart! What, dine with the bride the first day! A fine bridegroom; a fine bridegroom! It was the fashion when I was married to stand behind the bride's chair with a napkin and serve her. Serve her today; she'll serve you always after.'"

He Did Not Stop to Think.

The amount of energy people sometimes expend in making a bad matter worse is illustrated by the story of a certain encounter in a street car told to the World by a New York man.

It was on a Broadway car, and there were few passengers. A man boarded the car and sat down by my side. His clothing was muddy and torn, and he had a handkerchief wrapped round one hand.

"I guess I am the biggest fool in town," he remarked. I looked interested, and he continued:

"See that car four blocks ahead? Well, I'm a block or two over and gave the conductor a dime. He handed me a nickel, which fell from my hand to the street. I yelled for him to stop the car. He did not do it, and I jumped off and landed all spraddled out like an old saddle. See my clothes? Well, the jump did it."

I asked the man if he found the nickel.

"Oh, yes, I found the nickel, but what good did it do me? I could not locate the car from which I had jumped, and so I boarded this car and gave the nickel to the conductor. So I skinned my hand, spoiled my clothes and risked my neck just to find that five cent piece and give it to the street railway."

All the Transfers She Had.

As a boy of laughing girls rose to get off a street car the other day at a point where transfers are given they were followed by a demure young woman who had been absorbed in a novel. Just before she alighted she asked the conductor for a transfer, and he, thinking all the girls were of one party, gave her six which she took without noticing and held in her hand as she stood on the corner waiting for her car, the other girls having gone on walking.

When the reader got her car she took a seat and was soon lost again in her novel. Then the conductor came and she held out the slips. He took them, counted them and then looked around with a puzzled expression.

"Where are the others?" he asked.

"Oh," replied the young woman, looking up a moment from her book, "that's all he gave me."—Philadelphia Record.

The First Photograph.

The first photos reproduced and uttered by a photograph are naturally a matter of historical interest. When Edson was at work on his first photograph many weeks were consumed in experiment. It is said that when the talking machine was first discovered it was as much a surprise to its inventor as to the public.

When the time came to make an actual test Edson, with his mind on mechanical details, absentmindedly tested his contrivance with the familiar phrase, "Mary had a little lamb." The verse was the first record taken by the machine.

Strengthening the Nerves.

Self control or nerve force is the great element of health and therefore of life itself. To understand how to relax is to understand how to strengthen. Nervous laughter is a source of relaxation, as are also all high thoughts, as those of hope, beauty, trust or love. Relaxation is found in diversion. An occasional holiday or holiday is necessary. As there are conscious and unconscious thoughts, there are conscious and unconscious nerve tensions. Women when shopping do not know the very tight grip they give their parcels until, on reaching home, their hands fall relaxed in their laps, and they say they are so tired.—Health Culture.

Improving.

Sho—think I've been quite economical. Her Husband—Do you? Sho—Certainly. I'm sure we haven't run in debt half as much as last month.—Brooklyn Life.

The most terrible obstacles are such as nobody can see except oneself.—Ellot.

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