

County Correspondence.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mrs. Clara Conner and son Harry were Manchester callers Monday of last week.

G. B. Davis had business in Delhi Monday of last week.

Chas. Grapes and wife spent Sunday of last week at the home of Tilman Grapes.

Roy and Avis Grommow were in Manchester last Wednesday.

J. W. Hartman had business in Delhi Tuesday of last week.

Lionie and Myrtle Grapes were in Masonville the first of last week.

Frank Kasten and wife were in Manchester last Wednesday.

Roy Grommow was in Delhi Tuesday of last week.

J. W. Hartman and daughter Elvira were in Manchester last Wednesday.

L. G. Kaster, wife and family of Delaware spent last Wednesday at the home of Wm. Kaster.

Tillman Grapes, wife and daughter Nellie were in Manchester last Wednesday.

Clarence Petton had business in Manchester last Friday.

The Christmas exercises at the Clark school last Friday evening were well attended.

EAD'S GROVE.

Mrs. Jane Myers of Oswein visited with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Parkinson, a part of last week.

Chas. Robinson and family were shopping in Manchester on Wednesday.

Glenn and Flora Wiltsie of Wood were Sunday visitors at Walter Longhurst's.

Miss Nettie Fowler visited her friend Ada Croyle on Monday.

Quite a number from here enjoyed the masquerade ball at Greeley on Thursday evening.

Fred Timm expects to install a cream separator soon.

Will Holmes and wife visited at James Fowler's Monday and Tuesday.

Alex Hackbarth of Delhi was buying cattle in this vicinity on Wednesday.

Will Frenstess is in the butchering business this winter.

John Holthaus visited his brother Henry on Sunday. John is working near Colesburg this winter.

DIYERSVILLE.

Ed Krumple of Colesburg was among the business callers here Wednesday.

John Nuro of Petersburg, was in this city Monday enroute to Manchester on business.

John Soppe went to Oneida Monday afternoon to visit at the Ben Plenger home for several days.

Mrs. L. J. Runsey of Manchester is a guest at the William Machogon home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Domayer and the latter's sister, Miss Bagge of Petersburg were in the city Tuesday enroute to Dubuque.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins and daughters, Misses Elsie and Eva Hunt of Earlville were entertained at the J. W. Malvin home in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gloden of Ryan were in attendance at the funeral of the latter's uncle, Rev. Luhrsman in this city Thursday morning.

Mrs. C. W. Binning of Earlville and Mrs. C. A. Rohr of Monticello, were guests at the Frank Williams home in this city Monday.

Clem Klosterman of Petersburg, was a business caller at this office Monday. He informs us that the people of Petersburg are preparing for a fair to be held the week of January 6th, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the church.

While returning from the funeral of John Vorwald last Monday the vehicle containing Mr. Herman Schulte and daughter, Miss Elvina, of Garnaville and Joe Vorwald, broke and the occupants were thrown out. Miss Schulte sustained injuries to her shoulder, while the others escaped injury. The horses continued on a wild chase and came in contact with a team driven by Rev. Oberbroeckling, who was returning from Dyersville. His team became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the reverend gentleman violently to the ground and dragging him several feet. The carriage was badly demolished. Rev. Oberbroeckling was taken to the office of Dr. Mueller at New Vienna, where his wounds were dressed and he was made as comfortable as possible and was later removed to his home at Luxemburg. Though suffering considerably, his injuries are not considered of a serious nature.—News Letter.

COLESBURG.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Martha Craig, who is teaching in the public schools at Goldfield, Iowa, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Mace Gardner of Mt. Vernon, was a recent visitor with Colesburg friends. On her return home she was accompanied by Miss Nettie Albeck, who had been teaching music here for several months.

Mrs. A. J. Bolsinger and children, Ione and Calvin, have gone to Oint on for a three weeks visit with relatives.

Mrs. M. J. Wilson has returned from a visit of six months with her sister Mrs. L. B. Lane and family who reside in New Hampshire, and with relatives at various points in Canada. Her friends are glad to have her at home again.

School closed Friday for the holiday vacation. Very good programs were given by the pupils of both departments and were much enjoyed, by a number of visitors. The pupils were then treated to some Christmas "goodies," and all went home happy. Both teachers and pupils have worked hard and will enjoy a rest.

Miss Henrietta Miller went to Manchester Saturday, where she will enjoy her vacation at the parental home.

Miss Rose Wesel is at home from Mt. Vernon for the holidays. She is accompanied by three Japanese girls, who are students at Cornell, and will spend their vacation here. Arthur Irmacher is also home from Mt. Vernon and has as his guest during vacation, a Chinese fellow-student.

Rev. H. P. McBride was at Fayette Friday.

The Epworth students, Howard Dittmer, Marie Grimes, Lizzie and Gusto Craig are at home for the holidays.

G. L. Smith returned from Manchester Friday where he has been clerking for J. H. Stewart for a short time.

Wm. Flashaar marketed some fine porkers at Earlville Friday.

ONEIDA.

Mesdames Kimber and Peddy Court were passengers to Dubuque Thursday.

Mrs. A. L. Congar spent a couple of days with Manchester relatives this week.

G. W. Williams and family left this week for Redfield, South Dakota, where they will farm the coming year.

Chas. Napier and family moved last week from Delhi to the Meyers farm, near here.

L. L. Parker and wife were Manchester callers Thursday.

Fred Moser recently visited relatives at Strawberry Point.

Mrs. Mary Clark and daughter Olive from Scranton are visiting relatives near here.

There will be a Christmas program at the church Christmas eve and we presume all the little folks will be delighted with Santa Claus.

MASONVILLE.

Rev. John Nolan of Dubuque, is visiting at his home here.

Clyde Mulford is reported quite ill at this writing.

Misses Josephine Gallery and Katie O'Hagan are home from the Visitation Academy to spend the holidays.

Wm. Page who spent the past two years in Dakota, returned to his home here Saturday.

George Lane and Miss Ida Griffin who are students at the state Normal are at home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Thos. Ryan was a Manchester caller Thursday.

Miss Rose McGrath is quite ill with Scarlet fever at the Convent in Manchester, which her many friends are sorry to hear.

Bernadine Moran was quite sick last week but is much better at this writing.

The Grammar and Primary rooms together gave an excellent Christmas program at the school here Friday afternoon. After the program presents were distributed to the pupils from the Christmas tree. A number of visitors were present.

Louis Mulvehill and Eddie O'Hagan, students of St. Joseph's are spending the holiday vacation at their homes here.

Mrs. M. A. Culligan was a Manchester caller Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff Pentony made a business call here Tuesday.

Mrs. O'Hagan, George McKeever, James and Peter McGuire were Manchester business callers Friday.

The grand bazaar, the fête of the season, opens Dec. 26, closing Friday Dec. 28. Come one and all.

Father Nolan and sister, Katie, were passengers to Independence Saturday.

Little Leo Flynn is quite ill at this writing.

Misses Mamie McDariagh and Lona O'Dowd were Independence visitors Saturday.

THORPE.

Miss Kate Funke is visiting at home.

Willie O'Neil of Waterloo visited at Chas. Daisey's last Wednesday.

The Basket Social at the school house last Wednesday evening was well attended. The proceeds were \$13.

Xmas tree at the church next Monday evening.

D. Sark was in Strawberry Point last Saturday.

Ernest Reynolds of Dundee was a caller here Wednesday evening.

Miss Bessie Robertson is assisting Mrs. A. Clark with house work.

Mrs. J. E. Robertson, Allan Brady and Miss Bessie Robertson attended the Master Ball at Strawberry Point last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lettie of Dundee were callers at the Chas. Daisey home last Tuesday.

DELHI.

May Saunders went to Hopkinton Friday evening to stay until after Christmas.

Mesdames Henry Florence and James Norris were shopping in Manchester Wednesday.

Fred Richardson was down from Manchester Monday.

H. L. Stone has purchased the residence that he now occupies, of Bert Falver.

Mrs. Jakelin and daughter, Addie, were in Manchester Wednesday.

F. L. Minkler and wife were called to Des Moines last week by the illness of their son, Ilay.

A. J. Byerly of Anamosa visited at F. M. Byerly's last week.

A. M. House of Chicago is visiting her parents at this place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blake of Strawberry Point is visiting Mrs. L. M. Barnes.

Miss Bernice Rimmer entertained her Sunday School class last Saturday afternoon.

The Misses Ella Burton from Minneapolis, Eliza from Duluth and Nerva from Hopkinton are home to spend the holidays.

J. W. and H. W. Swinburne were in Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Wilder of Strawberry Point was a guest of Mrs. L. M.

BARNES LAST WEEK.

Wedding bells are ringing. E. J. Hopkins is visiting a sister, at Winona, Minn.

J. W. Swinburne and E. C. Perkins were in Hopkinton Friday.

John Haensler was taken before the insane commissioners at Manchester last Friday. He was adjudged insane and taken to Independence Saturday.

Lefroy House from Chamberlain, S. D., is visiting his brother, A. E. House, at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson of Elkader visited their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Lusk, last week.

Mrs. Will Moulton has a brother from Spencer visiting here.

Miss Nellie Keith is home for the holiday from Mankato, where she is teaching school.

Chas. Furman was in Chicago last week.

Our teachers are enjoying a two weeks vacation at their homes, Prof. Liddle at Walker, Miss Babcock at Iowa City and Miss Barr at Manchester.

Dr. Carl Clark of Atlantic, Iowa, is visiting friends here.

ONEIDA SCHOOL NOTES.

Grace and Nellie Dodge are again numbered among the faithful scholars.

The little folks are very plucky but the weather has proved too much for some of them recently.

For the month ending Dec. 7, 19 pupils were neither absent nor tardy.

Edith Horton, who has been living with her aunt, Mr. Hood, has gone to her home at Coggon to remain indefinitely. She is a bright industrious little lady and a lovable playmate.

Frankie Robinson writes from Dundee that he is well and likes his new home.

Nellie Michael a former pupil, now of Greeley, visited her old school teacher recently.

Howard Boardman visited his friend, Burton Michael over Saturday and Sunday.

Maurice Strukhoff and Arthur Boardman each lost one day on account of sickness.

Edward Gibbs who has been absent from school for a year is an uncaring and tireless worker. So declare the records for the first month.

Miss Josie Ross of Elkader entered the 7th year the 10th. She is a very welcome pupil, good in studies and amiable in disposition. She will make her home with her brother Mr. Kimber and family.

Miss Ruth Strukhoff is assisting her mother in the lunch room.

The 7th and 8th year classes have changed text books in grammar and are now using "Steps in English" which they like very well indeed.

Books are like friends, we dislike to part with the old, we welcome the new.

The pupils were so afraid Old Santa might forget their teacher that some brought gifts as early as the 10th, all of which as well as later ones were greatly appreciated.

"O loving words are not hard to say, if the heart be loving too, and the kinder the thoughts you give to others."

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CHRISTMAS 1906.

We are prone to feel that there is no real Thanksgiving or Christmas tides like those of our childhood and youth, how eagerly did we look forward to those epics of time.

As year after year brings the same gay festivities this eagerness wears off somewhat, and the epochs change to milestones whereas is engraven the records of events and changes such as life holds for each of her children.

The joyousness is mellowed by hallowed memories of friendships fleeting ways, the dear old school mate, the child of a back-door neighbor, the classmate we liked to have sit by us, our dear mother, the brother that died, the English plump pudding with the holly, the games of our elders, the great fire places with the brass andirons, the moonlight sleigh rides and coasting and skating, all these and many more come floating by one vision just to prove maybe that the memory lives on and on forever and forever "as long as the heart hath passions, as long as life hath woes."

Co. Supt. Joseph was a very welcome visitor at our school the 17th. So was Mr. Gillispie of Manchester the 19th.

Mrs. Huftalen attended the teacher's meeting at Greeley the 15th and reports an interesting session and pleasant time.

Charlie, Fernie and Florence Naper of Delhi were recent visitors. Vacation week began Friday evening, December 21st. School begins again the 31st.

Some of our good sayings are: Do right. Honesty is the best policy. We take pride in our work. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Set your standard high on a hill and aim to reach it. Never be tardy. Always be prompt and on time. No one will ever be called lazy-bones who is prompt and does his duty.

Too Much Exercise.

Unfortunately a good many men have the conviction that they must keep exerting themselves all the time. They call every moment wasted which is not spent in activity of some kind, either physical or mental. Such men are taking the quickest means to burn themselves out. You cannot live well and keep happy under a constant and tyrannical sense of effort. There must be times of play, times to let up the tension and to do easy and natural things which do not require conscience and exact attention. Horace Bushnell, the great Connecticut minister, recognized this when he said, "Let's go in awhile." Stinting has the advantage of being easy, and there are times when the easy thing is the right thing. A man who takes no time off for one kind of play or another, but who keeps the anxious, conscientious look on his face day in and day out, may be on the road to heaven, but he will find that the sanitarium is a way station.—Dr. Luther E. Gulick in Good Housekeeping.

A Monster Musical Instrument.

The most gigantic harp ever constructed, as far as the record goes, was that made by Vertian, the priest of Burkli near Basel, Switzerland, in 1787. That was a long while ago, but the fame of M. Vertian's gigantic harp was such that it is still occasionally mentioned by writers on the rare and the wonderful, just as the sea serpent, bloody rain, live mastodons, etc. are. M. Vertian's colossal musical instrument was 220 feet in length, and on that account, was constructed in an open lot instead of in a harp factory. It was most simple in construction, consisting of fifteen wires strung tightly between two poles. These wires were of different sizes, the largest being one-sixth of an inch in diameter and the smallest one-twelfth of an inch. They were stretched north and south and included in such a manner as to form an angle of from ninety to thirty degrees with the horizon. This queer instrument was not intended as an exaggerated toy, but was constructed for the express purpose of foretelling changes in the weather, which were calculated by Professor Vertian according to the different tones the instrument made when the wind was blowing through it.

As You Please.

In the ancient times there lived a wonderfully wise man, of whom it was said that he could answer correctly any question put before him. There was one, however, who thought himself clever enough to outwit the sage. This man took a poor, captive bird and clasped it so closely in his hand that only the head and tail were visible.

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Pressed to Death.

An Englishman has sentenced a woman to imprisonment because she refused to speak during a trial. The old penalty for remaining mute under similar conditions was being pressed to death. The form of sentence set forth in the law is that the prisoner shall be laid in some low, dark room, where he shall be naked on the earth and one arm shall be drawn to one quarter of the house with a cord and the other arm to another quarter, and in the same manner let it be done with his legs, and let there be laid upon his body iron and stone, as much as he can bear or more. There the man had to lie. On the following day he was given three morsels of bread without water, and the following water, but no bread. And this was his diet until he died.

Great Discovery.

The editor of a Kansas paper states that he once borrowed a Winchester rifle and started up the street a few days after to deliver the weapon to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the warpath, and every one he met insisted on paying what he owed him. One man pulled out a debt of ten years' standing. On his return to his office he found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of corn, ten bushels of potatoes, a load of wood and a barrel of turpentine that had been brought in. We would like to borrow a Winchester for a day or two.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Disadvantage of Health.

A visitor among the poor of the east end of London found unexpected testimony to the disadvantages of health in one of his calls. Mrs. B. had a family of a dozen children, and, like most of her class, she had her tale of woe to tell. "How are the children, Mrs. B.?" inquired the caller. "All very well, indeed, sir; very well, indeed," was the answer. "You ought to be thankful, I'm sure, with so much sickness about." "Yes, sir; I suppose I ought to be thankful; but I tell you, when they're well they eat an awful lot."

Natural Varieties.

Fluid resins or oils from several different trees are extensively used in the Philippines. One of them, called oil of sapa, is a pale yellow liquid when fresh, but it becomes dark and viscous after contact with the air. Spread in a thin layer it dries slowly and forms a hard varnish. It is also capable of being burned in a lamp. Another natural variety is balsam, also called oil of sapot. It is as white when fresh, but darkens after exposure and makes a very tough varnish. Oil of panna is a thick, viscid, inferior to the others in its drying properties. Chemical analysis has shown that all these wood oils consist entirely of hydrocarbons known as sesquiterpenes.

The End of Books.

What brings about the end of books? Is it fire, water, worms? As every ship launched is bound to be wrecked, every theater to be burned, the fates of the book are not less certain. What became of the Alexandrian library? Did the Saracens burn it in 640? There is this question asked: Was there any library at Alexandria containing 700,000 books? Gibbon in the opinion that there was no such library. Canon Taylor insists that if there had been a library it was burned in the time of Julius Caesar. Tradition seems to indicate, however, that there was a library in the serapeum, by no means a large collection, but whether destroyed by Theophrastus or Theodosius is not known. It looks as if the charge brought against the Arabs rested on no foundation. Explorations of Alexandria in 1895-96 show no traces of the serapeum. The serapeum of Egypt was built on a damp foundation, and grouting that there was a library, if destroyed by fire, then the papers might have suffered from decay due to water. Books of today taken to India, to the southern states and to the West Indies perish through mildew.

Robinson Crusoe.

The second volume of "Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel De Foe, published on Aug. 20, 1719, was the first story published in England with illustrations. The illustrations consisted of a map of the world, in which the different voyages of the hero of the tale were delineated. The first volume of "Robinson Crusoe" was published in April, 1719, and became popular at once. A second edition was printed seventeen days after the first, twenty-five days later another followed, and a fourth was published on Aug. 5 of the same year. On Aug. 20 the second volume was issued under the title of "The Further Adventures of Robinson Crusoe," being the second and last part of his life and of the strange, surprising account of his travels round three parts of the globe. Written by himself. To which is added a map of the world, in which is delineated the voyage of Robinson Crusoe."

A Curiosity in Figures.

The following remarkable contribution to the curiosities of figures consists of two series of numbers, of which no description is necessary, as they speak for themselves. Perhaps the author of "Ten Thousand Miles in a Yacht," at Manaus, 1,000 miles up the river, the temperature is six or eight degrees higher. Thermometers are little used in that country and little understood. So when a yachtsman returned down river and was asked by an official at Para, "How is the temperature at Manaus?" his reply, "Eight degrees hotter than here," elicited a stare of noncomprehension.

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White Animals Can't Smell.

"Pure white animals," said a pet stock dealer, "have no sense of smell. Hence they are continually eating things which are poisonous to them, and in eight cases out of ten poison themselves and die. Pure white pigs should never be allowed to run loose in the fields and woods. For, without the protection of a sense of smell, such pigs, when they get out, eat all sorts of poisonous roots and berries and die off rapidly. In Africa the white rhinoceros poisons itself by eating the euphorbia, and pure white sheep are difficult to rear because they are continually munching shrubs and grasses that don't agree with them."

Butler's Flag.

Feb. 21, 1895, General Benjamin F. Butler presented to congress the first genuine American flag, made of American materials by American labor, ever constructed in this country. Prior to that time all American government flags had been made of English bunting. Since then all our official flags have been the product exclusively of American material and labor. There were twenty-six stars in the flag at that time.

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