

County Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

To insure publication in the issue following, all correspondence must be mailed so as to reach this office the Saturday previous to publication.

RYAN.

R. A. Barry spent Sunday at his home near Masonville. Mrs. M. Deacon was taken seriously ill the first of the week but is improving nicely. Ed Houllam disposed of a nice bunch of cattle last Tuesday to W. M. Byerly, of Anamosa. John Deacon returned Tuesday from South Dakota. He says everything looks flourishing up there. Mrs. Wm. Carrothers of Manchester visited with her mother, Mrs. Matilda Robinson Tuesday. Alex Robinson has been a great sufferer the past week with a gathering in his head. He is improving slowly at present. Mrs. John Dolan and daughter, Mrs. W. H. Burke of Prairieburg were the guests of Mrs. John Dolan here yesterday. In the list of democratic candidates last week we unintentionally omitted the name of our townsman John Reilly, candidate for senator. John is one of Delaware county's most prominent farmers always works for the best interests of the community and is elected would serve the county with credit. The residence of W. F. Durham caught fire and burned to the ground about 12 o'clock last Sunday. Will was at home with two of the children and discovered the fire in a bedroom upstairs. The fire gained headway so rapidly that he was compelled to jump from a window. A few articles of furniture were gotten out but practically everything in the house was destroyed. Mrs. McCrea who was working there losing her clothing and \$25 in money. Although the property was fairly well insured Mr. and Mrs. Durham lose many articles that money cannot replace. The origin of the fire is a mystery. At the Lutheran church yesterday morning occurred the marriage of Bernard Hartman and Miss Sine Otten. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Melchert in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The bride was attired in a costume of grey silk, trimmed in white and carried bride's roses. Her maids of honor, the Misses Tina Otten and Anna Prabel were gowned in white. The groom was attended by his brother Arthur, and Will Voelker. A big reception was held during the afternoon and evening at the home of the groom's parents and feasting and enjoyment were the order of the hour, the Ryan orchestra enlivened the occasion with sweet strains. Both of these young people are popular among their associates and this marriage unites two of our most prominent German families. The happy young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.—Reporter.

LA MONT.

Frank Hartwell arrived here last week from Milwaukee to visit his brother Charles. Mose Nedrau and family spent Sunday in the Strehlow home in Strawberry Point. Miss Katharine Gibson of Independence spent Sunday in the city, a guest of Miss Maud Flint. Mrs. Klous is here from Manchester visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Abbott. Mrs. M. Pond, who has spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Platt, returned to her home at Valley Junction, Wisconsin, Saturday. Jake Wesley jr. and wife arrived here Tuesday and are receiving the congratulations of his friends on his marriage which occurred in November.

ONEIDA.

Mrs. J. B. Howe and daughter, Lillie spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Dodge, at Oelwein. Glen Taber of Cedar Rapids spent Sunday with his parents, west of town. Mrs. Lucy Dunham of Manchester spent Saturday at the J. B. Dunham home. Theodore Fenner of Oelwein visited at John Hempstead's last week. Earle Taber and wife of Marble Rock visited at the J. W. Taber home a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Greeley were Sunday visitors here. Mrs. Leta Klecker Hughes of Des Moines was in town Thursday. Mrs. Boardman has been very sick the past week. Mrs. Milligan of Manchester is a business caller here Wednesday. James Hood went to Cedar Rapids Wednesday to spend a few days. Levi Kaster of Delaware spent Friday here. Wes Brown and wife of Greeley were in town Sunday.

COLESBURG.

This section has been visited by refreshing showers during the week. Miss Bahr of Elkader was in the city one day last week making application for the school. She is a niece of Mrs. S. S. Stillinger. Mrs. L. H. Langworthy of Dubuque, Deputy Grand Matron of the O. E. S. was here Thursday to inspect Minnehaha Chapter. She was favorably impressed with the work of the chapter, noting a decided improvement over last year. After the work refreshments were served. During her stay in the city Mrs. Langworthy was entertained by Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ida Bolinger. Henry Wordehoff and wife and Will Adams and wife left Thursday for a visit with relatives at David City and Omaha, Nebraska. At the former place they will be the guests of a cousin, Mrs. Kate Mock, while at Omaha, they will visit Mrs. Grant and Clem Ryan, sister and brother of Mrs. Adams. Misses Morga and Gusta Craig were at West Union Friday and Saturday attending the Big Four Teachers Association. Mrs. Charles Landis had her foot amputated Wednesday, the operation being performed by Dr. M. E. Dittmer of this city and Dr. Duffin of Guttenberg. The many friends of Mrs. Landis and family hope that she may now be restored to health. William Gore and family expect to leave the first of the week for their new home in South Dakota. They have the best wishes of Colesburg friends with them. Mrs. Ella Bristol Gates arrived

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The Oldest Married Couple.

Wedded in 1808 and bride and bridegroom still alive! This, the most remarkable married couple in all the world, have just celebrated their hundredth matrimonial anniversary in the village of Isombol, Hungary.

The Emperor Francis Joseph sent a congratulatory message and a present of money, which was handed out to husband and wife by the local officials, and many other presents have poured in from persons interested in the couple.

The long wedded couple are named Szathmari. The village records still contain authentic entries relating to their births and marriage. The husband was born March 2, 1788, and the wife February 12, 1792. Their marriage took place at the village church in March 1808.

Szathmari's father had been a farmer living on his own land, and Szathmari inherited the modest family property and tiller it as his ancestors had done before him. His wife, who was also the daughter of a farmer, assisted him in his work, churned butter, baked bread and fed the poultry.

Szathmari lived and worked as a farmer until he retired at the age of 90, when he handed over the management of the farm to one of his great-grandsons. When he reached his hundredth birthday, twenty years ago, several residents of Isombol applied to Emperor Francis Joseph to grant him a pension for the remainder of his life in order that he should be rendered independent of his relatives and descendants, such dependence being repulsive to him. The emperor sent an agent to Isombol to examine the official registers and find out whether Szathmari was really as old as was stated. The records being verified the emperor granted Szathmari an annual pension of \$300. Four years later, when Mrs. Szathmari reached her hundredth birthday, she too, was granted a pension of \$100 per annum.

Until recently, old Szathmari delighted visitors by relating stories of his childhood, when the world looked so different from its present appearance. In his childhood, Hungary was an inaccessible country, emerging from the semi-barbarism of the middle ages, and serfdom was not abolished around his home until 1848, when he was 60 years of age.

The first child was born in 1809, and the first grandchild in 1830. Two sons are still living, one being 95 and the other 92 years of age. Ten other children are dead. Altogether the aged couple have had 80 grandchildren, and more than 400 great-grandchildren. There are also great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-great-grandchild alive.

Their descendants have gone forth from the remote village into all parts of the world. Great-grandchildren and younger descendants are living in various parts of America, including Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Milwaukee and Louisville. Other descendants are in Australia, but the majority have continued to live in Hungary.

Neither Szathmari nor his wife has ever been far away from their home at Isombol, which has a population of 1,200 people. Neither of them has ever set foot in a city. The extent of their travels has been a distance of 40 or 50 miles in the surrounding agricultural country.

The aged couple now live in a four roomed cottage and two of their great-great-grandchildren live with them and watch over their needs. Szathmari is deaf and almost blind, but otherwise comparatively hale and hearty. He wears an old-time Hungarian national costume, consisting of a long coat which reaches to his knees, a motley waistcoat of many colors, an embroidered belt, knee breeches and woolen stockings.

He can walk about alone, supporting himself with a stout stick. He drinks three or four glasses of heavy Hungarian wine every day, and smokes his pipe incessantly from morning till night. His wife is also deaf, but otherwise is in good health. Both of them enjoy a hearty meal, and both delight to see their descendants around them.

For penknives the steel is tempered at 470 degrees, for table knives at 530 degrees and for saws at 590 degrees.

GUIDEPOSTS IN FRANCE.

A Striking Feature of the Roads Throughout the Country. A feature of the roads of France is the ever present guidepost. These guideposts consist of an iron plaque about two feet long and a foot high securely mounted on sturdy posts or fastened to some substantial wall. They are painted in white and blue and show without any possibility of mistake not only the commune or township in which they stand, but the next important place in either direction as well as the distances between all the chief points upon that route. Thus you will find if you are traveling on a road which leads to Paris that the name of the metropolis will appear on the sign-board, although it may be several hundred kilometers distant.

In addition to these guideposts the Touring Club of France has put on the chief roads a series of signs and symbols to indicate to motorists and bicyclists what sort of a road they are approaching. The sign "routier" which translated into good United States means "let up," has caused many a motorist who is unfamiliar with the road he is traveling to slow down and to find shortly after the sign had been passed that it was well that he paid attention to it because of a steep grade or some abrupt turn. There is no excuse, in view of the symbols and signboards, for any one motoring in France to get on the wrong road or to come unexpectedly into trouble.—Frank Presbury in Outing Magazine.

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THE OLDEST MARRIED COUPLE.

Wedded in 1808 and bride and bridegroom still alive! This, the most remarkable married couple in all the world, have just celebrated their hundredth matrimonial anniversary in the village of Isombol, Hungary.

The Emperor Francis Joseph sent a congratulatory message and a present of money, which was handed out to husband and wife by the local officials, and many other presents have poured in from persons interested in the couple.

The long wedded couple are named Szathmari. The village records still contain authentic entries relating to their births and marriage. The husband was born March 2, 1788, and the wife February 12, 1792. Their marriage took place at the village church in March 1808.

Szathmari's father had been a farmer living on his own land, and Szathmari inherited the modest family property and tiller it as his ancestors had done before him. His wife, who was also the daughter of a farmer, assisted him in his work, churned butter, baked bread and fed the poultry.

Szathmari lived and worked as a farmer until he retired at the age of 90, when he handed over the management of the farm to one of his great-grandsons. When he reached his hundredth birthday, twenty years ago, several residents of Isombol applied to Emperor Francis Joseph to grant him a pension for the remainder of his life in order that he should be rendered independent of his relatives and descendants, such dependence being repulsive to him. The emperor sent an agent to Isombol to examine the official registers and find out whether Szathmari was really as old as was stated. The records being verified the emperor granted Szathmari an annual pension of \$300. Four years later, when Mrs. Szathmari reached her hundredth birthday, she too, was granted a pension of \$100 per annum.

Until recently, old Szathmari delighted visitors by relating stories of his childhood, when the world looked so different from its present appearance. In his childhood, Hungary was an inaccessible country, emerging from the semi-barbarism of the middle ages, and serfdom was not abolished around his home until 1848, when he was 60 years of age.

The first child was born in 1809, and the first grandchild in 1830. Two sons are still living, one being 95 and the other 92 years of age. Ten other children are dead. Altogether the aged couple have had 80 grandchildren, and more than 400 great-grandchildren. There are also great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-great-grandchild alive.

Their descendants have gone forth from the remote village into all parts of the world. Great-grandchildren and younger descendants are living in various parts of America, including Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Milwaukee and Louisville. Other descendants are in Australia, but the majority have continued to live in Hungary.

Neither Szathmari nor his wife has ever been far away from their home at Isombol, which has a population of 1,200 people. Neither of them has ever set foot in a city. The extent of their travels has been a distance of 40 or 50 miles in the surrounding agricultural country.

The aged couple now live in a four roomed cottage and two of their great-great-grandchildren live with them and watch over their needs. Szathmari is deaf and almost blind, but otherwise comparatively hale and hearty. He wears an old-time Hungarian national costume, consisting of a