

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.

LAMONT.

Miss Edith Anderson of Manchester is spending a week with the Taylor family.

Miss Eva Draper was home from the Oelwein Business college for a visit over Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Hoyt and Fred Denton were guests of Manchester relatives the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Orlando Bush of South Dakota and Mrs. Anna Bush of Waterloo attended the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Brown, Saturday.

Mrs. Emily Abbott of Enfield, New York, came Wednesday for an extended visit with her son, W. A. Abbott, and family.

The automobile race becoming so numerous in this city that it is best to know how nimble you can climb a telephone pole or escape from the "devil wagon" if it should get better control. As yet the scorches have not hit a gait that would bend the state law—but wait.

Thomas Foffel went to Oelwein Friday to get his new Ford automobile which he purchased of Fred Fields. Sam Allison drove the machine down for him and Tom is getting himself familiar with it and will soon be equal to any speed. It is a Ford runabout with 15 horse power engine and makes an attractive appearance on the road.

Frank Sweet and wife arrived here last week from Table, Nebraska, and have been visiting at the Simon Cole home. Mrs. Sweet is a daughter of A. E. Main and wife and was born near Lamont and went with her parents to Nebraska when she was nine years old. She and her husband are on their way to Burlington, Illinois, where they will make their home.

Mrs. George Flint of Blockton, Iowa, came Saturday to visit her friend, Mrs. Ann Manley. Mrs. Flint was at Fayette to attend the funeral of her mother, who died on Easter Sunday. She was a former friend of Mrs. Manley, living near Earlville. They had not met for twenty-five years. She left Monday for Manchester to visit old friends.

Earl Windenberg has a contrivance which he attached to an incubator as an alarm during the night when the temperature gets too high. A valve on the machine is raised by the heat and this touches a wire which is connected with a battery and an electric bell in his bedroom upstairs. Earl says everything works alright only the getting up in the middle of a dream where an ice cream soda fountain was being installed on the front porch.

Joy Bradley made an inside tire for John Hense's automobile Saturday. This is an invention of Mr. Bradley's and if successful will revolutionize the inner tire which is a constant annoyance to the auto driver when he punctures the tire and the wind goes out. The new tire as made by Mr. Bradley is of composition which is elastic and should last as long as the outer tire. If this is a successful invention, which will be known in a short time, Mr. Bradley should make some money from it. As soon as it has been thoroughly tested several other tires will be fitted to take the place of the inner tube.—Leader.

BAILEYS FORD.

J. W. Hartman, wife and daughter Elvira and B. F. McKee, wife and daughter Ruby spent Sunday of last week at the home of Chas. Wiley of Iyan.

Harry Conner had business in Manchester last Thursday.

Grandma Petlon is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Davis, of Manchester.

Mrs. Wm. Kaster spent Sunday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Iola Trumble, of Manchester.

Mrs. I. N. Ritchey and daughter Hattie were shopping in Manchester last Thursday.

J. W. Hartman had business in Manchester last Wednesday.

Mrs. I. E. Groomon and son Chas. were in Earlville last Friday.

COLESBURG.

The weatherman is "warming up to his subject" a little.

Frank D. Joseph of Manchester was in the city during the week looking over the political situation.

J. H. Adams and Louis McMahon went to Dubuque last Sunday to see Joseph McMahon, who recently had an operation for appendicitis. The patient was too weak to see visitors at that time. Joe's many friends hope the best for him.

The young people were entertained by Miss Elsie Herman Thursday evening and report a pleasant time.

Henry Harkte and Lizzie Woeste were united in marriage Thursday evening, Rev. Brenner officiating.

Mr. Harkte and wife have the best wishes of their many friends for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

George Kramer and Kate Moreland of Dyersville were Sunday visitors in our city.

Marie Grimes was at home from Epworth seminary to remain over Sunday.

James Kroe and wife and Misses Florence Kroe and Elsie Herman were shopping at Dyersville on Friday.

The school in the Hogan district closed Friday and Miss Westmeyer returned to her home in Dyersville. The school had a box social on Thursday evening, resulting in a good time for all present.

Dr. C. H. Jacobs was at Des Moines the fore part of the week, attending a dental association.

Mrs. M. E. Dittmer went to Manchester to attend the W. F. M. con-

vention held Tuesday. She remained over Sunday with friends.

Mrs. J. B. Moreland went to Dyersville the latter part of the week on account of the illness of her daughter, Miss Kate Moreland, who has been suffering with hemorrhages from the head. She will probably go to Mercy hospital at Dubuque for treatment.

The Modern Remedy company has been with us all week.

BOPKINTON.

G. K. Nash was attending to business in Manchester yesterday.

Mrs. Ethel Colyer of Storm Lake spent several days of the past week in town looking after business.

F. C. Reeve, cashier of the Hopkinton State bank, went to Dubuque yesterday to attend a convention of bankers.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Foster of the R. P. church will join in congratulations on the birth of a daughter last Friday night.

Uncle A. B. Wheeler and wife arrived home last night from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent the winter. Both are in the best of health and express themselves as delighted with their southern sojourn.

Misses Anna and Emma Schaefer, Andy Schaefer and Ray Knapp of Prairieburg attended the Voelkers-Leeskamp wedding last Saturday, and spent Sunday at the home of their cousin, Mrs. C. Spence.

Several times of late rocks and obstructions have been found placed on the railroad track west of town, in such position as to possibly cause a wreck. Whether it has been done by some mischievous boy, or by some person who has a grudge against the railroad company is a question. It is certain, however, that if the guilty party is caught he will get a dose that will keep him from mischief for awhile.

Richard Cook sustained a broken leg last Tuesday evening, the fracture being located between the knee and ankle. Mr. Cook was riding the pony and had entered the barn. A colt kicked him and the old gentleman was at one time knocked to the floor under the animal's legs. He was somewhat bruised in other ways, and he considers himself fortunate in having escaped with no greater injury. Mr. Cook is 85 years of age, one of the pioneer settlers of this section, and he has many warm friends who will congratulate him upon his narrow escape from fatal injury. He is now resting easily.—Leader.

RYAN.

Mrs. Catherine Foley is a visitor in Cedar Rapids today.

John Dolphin is in Dubuque this week attending the "group four" bankers' meeting.

At a council meeting held Tuesday evening, Chas. Miller was appointed engineer and S. L. Uhl marshal.

James Duncan and sister Jessie were over Sunday guests of their brother, A. G. Duncan, and family in Cedar Rapids.

J. M. Brayton was looking after insurance matters in Waterloo yesterday.

Ben McKee and wife of Nevada are here on a visit to C. E. Worley and wife.

Art McNaney had a phone installed on the Delaware County line last week, a private wire from the Iyan exchange.

Alex Robinson, who has been receiving treatment at Cedar Rapids, returned home last Monday evening. He is doing well.

John C. McCusker went to Cedar Rapids Wednesday, where he will shortly submit to an operation for appendicitis at the hands of Dr. Murphy. He was accompanied by Alf Rissler and wife.

Michael Flynn sr. of Coggon nearly lost his life last Saturday night by getting hold of the wrong bottle of medicine. Mr. Flynn is upward of ninety years and but for the prompt medical attention he could not have recovered.

Mrs. Melchert, wife of Rev. E. Melchert, was operated upon at Finley hospital in Dubuque last Thursday, having a cyst removed from her face. The operation was entirely successful.

Mrs. Margaret Robinson of Silver Creek, who has had a severe spell of sickness, is now able to be around. Her nurse, Miss Raffauf, left Monday for her home in Dyersville.—Reporter.

MASONVILLE.

Hugh McAlair was a business visitor in Independence last Thursday.

Joseph Taylor of Lawler was a Masonville visitor last Thursday.

Misses Agnes and Blanche Duffy returned to school at Dubuque Monday, after spending a few weeks' vacation at home.

Jas. Kelly is doing the painting for John Beibl, who is giving all his buildings a treat to a new coat.

Miss Nell Penny underwent an operation last week at her home in Fremont township. Drs. McGready, Shellito and Joyce performed the operation which was much complicated. Miss Penny is resting as easy as could be expected.

Mrs. James Duffy was a Dubuque visitor last Thursday.

Wm. Robinson of Silver Creek and county supervisor, was looking over ground in this vicinity one day last week. Mr. Robinson promised us a new steel bridge for this spring on the north side of the railroad track near the old creamery. We were promised this last fall and our citizens are eagerly awaiting developments.

Quite a few from this place were called as witnesses on the Thorpe and Graves trial at Manchester last week.

M. Mulvehill, T. M. Eldridge and

the Masonville Savings bank are putting in new cement sidewalks, which will be a much needed improvement on Barret street. Other cement walks and crossings are to be put in now also. Masonville is certainly coming to the front in the way of improvement as well as business. The new engine house and council room is under erection by A. J. Bruce of Manchester and will soon be completed. We are getting slow but safely. Our fire company will soon be organized.

Frank Harnd and Miss Rosetta McElroy were married at the Catholic church here last Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. They were attended by a brother and sister of each. High mass was celebrated, after which the contracting parties and friends repaired to the home of the bride where a sumptuous dinner was served. Mr. Harnd is a progressive and industrious farmer of Prairie township. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy and her excellent accomplishments are well known in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Harnd will go to housekeeping on the R. R. farm south of town. We extend our congratulations.

E. H. Frensch of Manchester was doing an extensive business in the cement line here for the past two weeks.

Masonville was again the victim of another fire which occurred Sunday afternoon. The fire originated in the rear of the Behan & Rieger livery barn caused presumably by some one carelessly throwing a match or lighted cigar on some loose straw and lay in close proximity to some rear buildings which contained baled hay, buggies, two teams of horses, also a corn crib near by. The flames were on the roof of one of those buildings when first seen and although great effort was made to liberate the imprisoned horses, it was all to no purpose for the heat drove rescuers back and the poor animals perished in the flames and were burned almost to a crisp. One of the teams belonged to Behan & Rieger and the other to Will Behan's brother near Ryan, who with his sister came in on Sunday morning to visit. Both teams were valuable and are quite a loss to the owners. From these buildings the fire caught Tom Hickey's barn then Dr. Joyce's barn and other smaller buildings. The rapidity of the fire and the intense heat made it almost impossible to do any effective work. The hose cart and engine were brought into play taking water from Mr. Maroney's well and driven away by the intense heat. The large ice house and M. Maroney's dwelling house then caught fire and could not be saved. All effort was then centered on saving the butcher shop and Dr. Joyce's house and to prevent the fire getting across the street to T. M. Eldredge's and then the whole town would have gone up in smoke. The engine was gotten to work again from another point and the meat shop was saved although the burning ice house was only ten feet away. The fire was kept from spreading any farther except several places through town where roofs caught fire but were quickly extinguished. We feel very fortunate that we did not get the whole town wiped out. The greater part of Mr. Maroney's household goods were gotten out before the house caught fire. In all there were about eight buildings burned, partly covered by insurance. The horses burned were valued at about \$650. The total damage by the fire was in the neighborhood of \$5000. Masonville seems to have more fire than any other town in this section. The barn in which Mr. Lillis kept his automobile was totally destroyed but fortunately enough Mr. Lillis had it out for a spin that afternoon or otherwise it might have been consumed.

Misses Ina Griffin, Edna Dawson and Hilda Illaman, who are attending Cedar Falls Normal school, returned Saturday and Sunday here.

Miss Edith Cuthbertson and Chas. Crow were married last Tuesday at Lamont.

Mrs. R. Cummings died at the home of her son James in Middlefield last Sunday evening. Burial will take place at Monti Tuesday.

Mrs. Cummings was over seventy years old, the mother of a large family of which several, including her husband, preceded her to the grave some years past. We extend our sympathy to the remaining family and friends.

A. J. Bruce has a force of men at work erecting a new house for James Mulvehill south of town.

Miss Pearl Lee spent last week at home with her parents.

Mr. Tom Kelley of Chicago was here Tuesday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. R. Cummings.

Mr. J. Elsbury died at his home in Collins Grove Saturday after an illness of but a few weeks. Mr. Elsbury leaves quite a large family and was a man well thought of by all. Interment took place here Monday.

Misses Devlin of Moscow were Sunday guests of the Misses Mayme and Emma Iyan.

Bert Clark had his hand quite severely burned while fighting fire here Sunday afternoon.

DELHI.

M. G. Albright was home from Marshalltown to spend Sunday.

Byron Holdridge left for Colorado last Tuesday evening.

E. P. Tubbs of Everett, Washington is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. White east of town.

Chas. Furman was in Anamosa Wednesday.

Will Norris was here from Dubuque last Thursday.

Miss Clara Barr went to Monticello Wednesday to spend the night with Miss Florence Babcock.

Mrs. Peter Lux is visiting her people in Dubuque.

The many old time friends of Henry Harger were pained to learn of his death which occurred in Boise, Idaho, April 27, 1908 at the age of 76 years.

Blanch Duart is visiting her uncle in Marion.

Frank Fox was here from Winthrop Friday.

T. H. Lynch has gone to Delaware to take charge of the station at that place. An agent from Wheatland taking his place here.

J. R. White jr. and E. P. Tubbs were Manchester visitors Saturday.

Mrs. L. L. Noble of Strawberry Point visited Mrs. E. B. Porter last week.

Mrs. Harlan Hefner was down from Delaware Sunday.

The M. E. Aid Society will serve a supper at the G. A. R. hall on Wednesday evening, May 13. Every body come.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Mrs. Charles Ruple, of Oelwein, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wolfe, and sister, Mrs. C. L. Adams.

In spite of the cold, disagreeable weather last Friday, we had a good crowd at the social and spent a very pleasant evening, as is always the case when anything is going on at the C. L. Adams home.

Mrs. Fred Kaltenbach is on the sick list.

Had a small blaze in our vicinity last Saturday. The residence of Charlie Smith caught fire and only for the assistance of the neighbors, who worked hard and extinguished the flames before the arrival of the fire department, it would have burned to the ground.

Rev. Easign delivered a very able discourse to his North Manchester congregation Sunday afternoon. If you like to listen to a good sermon, come out Sunday, May 17.

Mrs. Hattie Stock, of Waterloo, is visiting her relatives, Mrs. L. June and Mrs. Chas. Scott.

Mrs. Charles Johnson entertained the N. M. W. C. last Friday. The day was stormy but 24 of the members were present. The program was fine, especially Mrs. Julia Brownell's poem entitled "A Woman's War Memory." An elegant dinner was served and all went home declaring Mrs. Johnson was a royal entertainer.

Charles Barnd is moving into the A. B. Bruce residence.

Andrew Abbott and wife went to Dundee Tuesday to attend the funeral of their nephew, Mrs. Alcott's son.

EAD'S GROVE.

Miss Emily Ridenour of Colesburg visited at S. E. Way's on Saturday.

Geo. Martin had a barn-raising here on Friday. There was a large crowd.

Fred Timm and family were Sunday visitors at Fred Moser's east of Greeley.

Henry Holthaus and family visited at Al Burbridge's Sunday.

Corn planting has begun in spite of the cold weather.

Bertha Retherford was shopping in Greeley on Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Edmunds and daughters, Mina and Opal visited at Sam Culbertson's on Friday.

Will Rutherford and mother took dinner with W. A. Funk and wife at Sunday.

ONEIDA.

Arthur Conger and wife spent Sunday at Delaware with her sister Mrs. Kaester.

Geo. Parker of Earlville was in town Sunday.

Miss Ruby Boone spent a few days the past week at her home in Edgewood.

Jas. Smock of Almar was here the fore part of the week.

Oliver Pedycoart attended the home talent play at Manchester Monday.

Rev. Young of Earlville preached at this place last Sunday.

Mr. Carver, wife and baby spent a few days the past week in Dyersville the guests of relatives.

J. U. Rector was a Manchester visitor Monday.

Mr. White and daughter of Thorpe spent Wednesday with Mrs. Chas. Kimber.

Mr. Claus of Manchester was a business caller here Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Cox and daughter, Adelia spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Howe.

THORPE.

Grandpa Retz passed away at his home in Lamont Iowa of old age this Saturday Morning May 6th.

Mrs. Dan Sark called on Mrs. Charlie Daisy last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammie Stone took the train at Thorpe for Lamont.

Willie Smith of Elizabeth, Illinois is spending a few days with his parents at Thorpe.

Earl Truer and Ben Zimmers at dinner at Dan Sark's last Sunday.

Charlie Sedrick and wife and children and Will Smith and wife at Sunday dinner with Ammie Stones.

George Thorpe is treating his buildings to a new coat of paint.

Miss Mable Parsons spent Sunday with her friend Vive Heger.

Mrs. Fred Wonsieghton called on Mrs. Perry Smith one day last week.

Bell Hendershot called on Mrs. Herm Sabin Thursday afternoon.

About one hundred and fifty men took in the barn raising at George Martine last Thursday and none of them went home dry.

Ben Sark took the train for Oneida Saturday Morning.

Mrs. Dan Sark spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. Wonsieghton.

DELAWARE.

Mrs. Lux of Hopkinton was in town Monday.

Mrs. Nels Anderson and Miss Esther Orberg were calling on friends in Manchester Wednesday.

Miss Ellen Larson of Waterloo was home for a week's vacation.

J. W. Benda and Miss Amy Mortenson were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. We wish them success in their married life.

Mrs. Ray has moved to her new home at Marion.

The school board met Monday evening. Miss Rimmer of Delhi

was elected for the intermediate room and Maggie Glew for the primary.

R. Brower was in Manchester Wednesday.

C. A. Pierce of Manchester was in town Thursday.

Messames Miller of Fayette and Ricker of Waterloo, cousin and aunt of E. R. Leamon, were his guests Wednesday.

W. Smarzo of New York city was the guest of E. E. Mittlestadt Friday.

Miss Morris called on friends in Manchester Friday.

T. H. Lynch of Delhi took charge of the Milwaukee station Monday.

METHODISTS IN COUNCIL

General Conference is in Session at Baltimore. First Session is in progress.

With hymns of praise and prayers for divine guidance the twenty-fifth delegated session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was begun at the Lyric in Baltimore, Md.

At the first sitting, which began at 10 a. m. and lasted a little more than two hours, the formal ceremonies of the opening were gone through and organization was effected, leaving everything in readiness for the vast amount of business that is expected to come before the body for disposition.

Land's Fines Hitways.

Judge Landis at Chicago fined six railroads \$13,150 in the aggregate for violating the "twenty-eight-hour law," the roads being the Rock Island, Illinois Central, St. Paul, Santa Fe, Northwestern and Burlington. Later in the day he got the Wisconsin and "soaked" the Chicago and Northwestern \$100 and costs for violating the safety appliance law. The first six railroads were fined in ninety-five cases.

Prince Eulenburg Arrested.

Prince Philip of Eulenburg has been placed under actual arrest and taken to Berlin from his castle. The charge is unrespectable and grows out of the Harden case. The prince is a brilliant man and was once the Kaiser's confidential friend.

Paper Trust Probe.

The house committee investigating the paper trust paid a visit to a paper mill at Corinth, N. Y., and was told that the total wage increase in ten years for hands in paper mills is between 60 and 75 per cent.

Gas Explosion Kills Four.

A kitchen gas stove at St. Johnsbury, Vt., exploded, killing Mrs. John Wilson, Mary Lee (aged sixteen), and Sarah and John Wilson, children of Mrs. Wilson.

A SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE.

Universal Distrust of Strangers in the Russian Empire.

"The usefulness of the czar's chief of police depends on his amount of suspicion and his alertness in putting it into active use," says Thomas Stevens in a book entitled "Through Russia on a Mustang." "It is suspicion everywhere."

"For several weeks," says the author, "I was thrown in daily intimate contact with Satcha, my traveling companion. He was a transparent, warm-hearted young fellow, but from first to last he never ceased to regard me with suspicion."

"At one village he lost his passport. Ten hours later after I had helped an official to let him proceed he confessed in a burst of confidence that he had believed I had destroyed the passport in order to get rid of him. All day he had nursed his suspicion, unsuspected by me, until I had unwittingly cleared myself by my bribe to the police."

"Among the peasants suspicion takes curious forms. In a general way I was always under the ban of distrust. By the men I was regarded as a secret agent of the government, by the women as a wizard. The host of an inn who had nursed me so long with care that I did not clear out and leave him unpaid. He would even give sly peeps into my room at night."

"I was always being suspected of trying to pass counterfeit money."

"What makes them so long with the change? I asked Satcha once."

"They are afraid the money bad."

"Well, the change is only 30 kopecks. We will not wait any longer."

"We would never do. Then they will be sure to get it."

"The length of time I was kept waiting for change for a receipt depended on the denomination of the bill. For a two ruble note the host would be satisfied with the verdict of two or three other capable financiers. A five ruble note meant extraordinary precautions and consultations with half the experts of the village."

Appreciated the Beautiful.

That it is not always well to put on one's dowdiest garments when one goes to visit the poor is the moral of a story told in an English magazine recently. There were two philanthropists, according to the tale, one a professional and the other an amateur. The professional had arranged to take the amateur to a gathering of slum dwellers in the east end of London. At the appointed hour the amateur who happens to be a duchess and a great beauty, appeared at the house of her friend, a dazzling apparition in court dress, tapers and jewels. "Oh, my dear," gasped the professional, falling helplessly into the nearest chair, "don't you know that we are going to one of the lowest and most squalid slums? I can't promise that you will bring any of that back with you." But the beauty only laughed.

"That's a right," she said. "I quite understand you. Poor people love beautiful things. Their children especially are captivated with fine dresses and feathers. Just wait and you will see." And the professional did see. Those poor, half-starved, half-naked slum dwellers had eyes for no one but the dazzling young beauty who had done them the infinite honor of coming to see them in her most beautiful frock and jewels.

He Gets Too Many.

"My John, you haven't a particle of tact!"

"What have I done now?"

"Asking Mr. Hamfat to dinner and telling him you will give him a good roast! And he a second rate actor!"—Baltimore American.

One Way.

Husband—I don't know how much of yourself you give to your wife. You know how much you can afford, don't you? Husband—Why, yes, wife.—Then give me as much more as you can spare.—Illustrated Bits.

Ancient Posters. It is probably the general impression that posters and handbills are modern inventions, but it has been discovered that the ancient Romans practiced this method of advertising. In digging at Herculaneum there was brought to light a pillar covered with bills, one on top of another. The paste used to stick them was made of gum arabic. The bills, when separated and examined, were found to be programmes and announcements of public meetings and even election proclamations.

Hopelessly Inevitable. "So Meier has gone to smash, I hear."

"Yes; even if he had been a giraffe one could have said with truth that he was up to his ears in debt."—Meggendorfer Blatter.

The Ups and Downers. "The cups and saucers," was the prompt reply.

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To Begin With. "Now, my children, what is an abso-

lutely necessary for family prayers?" Boy—a family—Harper's Weekly.