

County Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DYERSVILLE

John Goedken has returned from Bancroft where he had been to make improvements on his farm.

John Willenborg and family of Petersburg were here Wednesday visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Willenborg.

Mrs. John Forckenbrock visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holbrook at Manchester this week.

Miss Maggie Sassen of Petersburg visited friends in Dyersville Wednesday.

Peter and daughter were in Dubuque Saturday visiting with relatives and friends.

Jos. Osterhaus of Petersburg was in Dyersville on business Friday.

Frank G. Goedken and his sister, Miss Emma of near Petersburg were in this city Monday.

J. H. Krapfl has resumed his duties at the Emporium department store after a week's vacation.

Mr. Bernard White of Southport was here on business last Tuesday. We are glad to note that his wife who has been quite sick of late is improving. He intends to take her to the Springs as soon as she is possibly able to make the trip.

Mr. George Kramer and his sisters, Misses Rose and Josie, and Miss Kate Moreland went to Coleburg last Sunday where they visited at the Moreland home.

James Brunkan of Northfork township unloaded a new Hummingbird thresher equipped with a Sateley stacker and Wood Bros. steel feeder, Monday. Mr. Brunkan expects to begin threshing in about two weeks.

Squire Adam Hofer of New Vienna was here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. P. A. Lippert went to Earlville last Tuesday where she is visiting her relative, George Eichacker, who is quite ill. He was not expected to live the first of the week but is now reported some better.

Mr. H. H. Scherbring of near Petersburg was quite painfully injured while at work in the hay field on his farm last week. His fingers were caught in a hay rope and quite badly mangled.

Misses Ella Binning and Lulu Rolfe of Oneida spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Nellie Binning. They were accompanied home Sunday by Messrs. Reuben and Orr Rolfe, and Will Bogue who also spent Sunday at the C. H. Binning home.—Commercial.

RYAN

John Dolphin transacted business in Cedar Rapids Tuesday.

Chas. Prabel went to Chicago Monday with a car load of cattle.

Miss Lela Donnelly went to Lamont today on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Abbott.

John Beacom returned the first of the week from a trip to South Dakota.

Mrs. Uhl returned this morning to her home at Strawberry Point after a visit with relatives here.

Miss Anna McDonald returned home last evening from Dubuque for a short vacation. She is receiving training for a nurse at Mercy hospital.

Mrs. J. A. Richie and son, of Oil City, Pennsylvania, are here on a visit to the former's father, S. S. Squires and family.

Clem Keegan, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Keegan, took a fall down a high flight of stairs at their home Tuesday but escaped with a few bruises.

Mrs. B. W. Grems, of Manchester, and her sister-in-law, Miss Blanche Grems, of Fredericksburg, Iowa, were guests of Mrs. Wm. Donnelly and family here yesterday.

R. A. Barry is at Farley this week assisting in invoicing the drug stock of his uncle, the late John Barry.

Work was commenced today on the new addition to the Lutheran parsonage. B. H. Magril has the contract.

G. M. Beacom, of Tipton, Iowa, and John Ryan, of Cedar Rapids, are guests of Mrs. M. Beacom and family this week.

E. G. Houston has accepted a position as clerk in the Fair store at Cedar Rapids and left yesterday for that place to begin work.

Elmer is a first class clerk, makes friends readily and is well posted on the retail trade. His family will remain in Ryan for the present at least.

J. N. Gloden left this morning for Cedar Rapids where he has secured a position as floor walker in the Fair store. His many friends here wish him success.

One of the saddest funerals that ever occurred in this vicinity took place at Castle Grove last Monday when the remains of Thos. Supple were laid to rest. The deceased was taken to Dubuque for treatment a couple of weeks ago and for a few days his condition showed marked signs of improvement, but she gradually grew worse and passed away Friday afternoon. The deceased was a kind and loving mother, a noble christian woman and died a happy death. Besides the husband eleven small children, four of them under two years of age are deprived of a mother's tender care. The funeral was one of the largest ever held at Castle Grove. Mass was celebrated by her pastor, Rev. M. S. Murphy, and a touching sermon was delivered by Rev. Doche, of Cascade. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the sorrowing family.—Reporter.

LAMONT

Mrs. E. H. Hoyt is visiting with friends in Chicago for a few weeks during Mr. Hoyt's absence in Dakota.

Mrs. Klonus returned to her home in Manchester Sunday after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Abbott and family.

Mrs. John Anderson of Manchester was called here Tuesday to be at the bedside of her father who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Ivis of Dubuque and Misses Lottie and Gretchen Scharpf of Bassett, Ia., were guests of the Kleinsorge, Ehrke and Krensel families the first of the week.

Those from here who attended the funeral of Ross Porter at Manchester on Monday were E. S. Covels, Mart Fowler, Geo. Blackburn, G. C. Hawley, Robt. McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. E. May.

E. H. Hoyt and Dr. Gratiot of Dubuque went to Webster, South Dakota, last week for an extended fishing trip among the lakes of that vicinity. While there will be guests of Fred Denton, editor of the South Dakota Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormack of Manchester were guests of A. G. Williams and wife on their way home from a visit in Nebraska.

A. G. Williams returned Tuesday from Valentine, Neb., where he has 410 acres of land much higher than when he bought.

E. S. Pike, a former merchant of Masonville, was in the city Monday with a view to locating here in the banking business if sufficiently encouraged. The situation here did not seem to demand another institution to handle the people's money and he will no doubt look elsewhere for a location. He received no encouragement from the business men of town who are all loyal friends of the bank here and would not care to see another bank open.

W. A. Abbott, Elmer Hesper, J. F. Carr and L. Kyle automobile to Strawberry Point last Thursday to witness the ball game between that team and Winthrop. The game resulted in a shut-out for the visiting team the score being 3 to 0. The Winthrop team never got to first base.

Rev. H. P. Langridge left on Friday for Manchester to join his family in a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. His description of the destruction wrought by the terrible storm of a few weeks ago is of interest to those who have not seen its effects. He says the hail stripped every leaf from the trees and the crops were totally destroyed. Some stock was killed by the hail stones.—Leader.

EDGEWOOD

B. W. Shepard and son Grant were here from Greeley Tuesday, on a short business trip.

Mrs. John Curran and two daughters, Lulu and Charlotte, of Greeley visited relatives here the first of the week.

Alex Porter and wife drove from Strawberry Point Tuesday, and spent the day with Hawley Alger and wife.

Mrs. Leo Dolly came up from Manchester Monday morning for a day's visit with her mother, Mrs. H. T. Smith, and family.

Miss Marie Fletcher of London, Canada, and Mrs. Verda Boehm and two children of Greeley are guests of their cousin, H. M. Barr.

R. E. Firman and wife and son Claude left here Monday morning for a two weeks' visit with relatives at Waterloo and Plainfield.

W. E. Richards and wife of Manchester were visitors at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. N. Smith, Sunday. They came up in their automobile and were compelled to remain over night on account of the hard rain.—Journal.

HOPKINTON

Miss Yillie Guthrie visited several days last week with Marion friend.

Hazel Tibbitts spent a few days of the past week visiting with Mrs. Lewis Keith, near Cascade.

At the recent annual meeting of the school board, F. C. Reeve was re-elected secretary of the board for another year. He has already acceptably filled that position for ten years.

The Cedar Rapids Republican states that Arthur West was taken Tuesday to the state hospital at Knoxville for treatment. He is a cigar fiend and it is proposed to try a cure on him. Young West has been smoking since he was a small boy, becoming a cigar smoker of the most detestable form.

Charles Hess, a young man of Dyersville, sustained a broken back by falling off a load of hay last week. He was working for a farmer near New Vienna.

Grandma Ratcliff, who lives with her son, John Ratcliff, in South Hopkinton had a fall Monday by which she broke one of the small bones in her leg below the knee. Mrs. Ratcliff is far advanced in years and it is fortunate that her injury is not of a more serious nature.—Leader.

EARLVILLE

Mrs. George Staehle sr. and daughter, Mrs. Bertha Bender, are visiting at the home of her son, Albert, who resides at Burt, Kosciusko county.

Preparations for the 11th annual harvest carnival are progressing nicely and the event which is enjoyed by pretty much of the population of Delaware county, promises to be the best yet held. There will be an industrial trial parade for which the carnival is noted and which in former years could not be surpassed by a town of its size. The Earlville band will furnish music and be assisted by some of the best musicians that can be secured. The day will be filled with all kinds of amusements including comedy acrobats in knock about stunts, slack wire artists, magicians, aerialists, ball games, sports, contests, vaudeville shows etc. Hon. Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, republican

nominee for Congress from the third district, will be speaker of the day. A steam merry-go-round will be on the grounds and be entertainment for the children. Everybody is invited to come to Earlville, Aug. 20th, and meet their friends and neighbors and enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

A very good game of base ball was played at Athletic park last Monday afternoon between Earlville and Hopkinton and resulted in a victory for the locals by a score of 4 to 3.

Will Catron and wife and son, Lawrence, of Minneapolis are visiting their relatives.

A basket social given under the auspices of the M. E. church at the home of Mrs. George Ham last Tuesday evening was very largely attended and much enjoyed. The proceeds amounted to \$50.

Mrs. D. F. Laxson and daughter, Irma, are visiting relatives at Canton, S. D.

W. Catron of Table Grove, Ill. is visiting his brother, I. A. G. Catron. He is 90 years old and is hale and hearty and made the trip alone.

Mrs. John Dunlap of Cedar Rapids spent part of the week at the home of Mrs. Jesse Matthews.

Station agent Lynch attended the Shriners meeting at Minneapolis last week.

T. O. Eaton and wife of Deer Lodge, Montana, are expected this week to visit relatives.

The Earlville base ball team played a game at Manchester Friday and were victorious having won by a score of 4 to 1.

A dance will be held at the opera house on Monday evening, July 20, for the benefit of the base ball team. Carpenters orchestra will furnish the inspiration.

Laura Werkmeister and her guest, Mrs. Peter Krispang of Chicago were over Sunday guests of DuBuque friends.

Mrs. Henry Wesche and wife have returned from an extended visit in Wisconsin and western Iowa.

The famous cross country base ball team said to be the fastest amateur team in the state of Illinois, who are touring the country for the fifth year will play in Earlville with the locals on Thursday, July 20th. This probably will be one of the best games played in the county this summer and a large crowd should witness the game.

The Earlville Womens club held their annual picnic at Garretts Mill Friday afternoon and indulged in a bounteous picnic supper and a general merry making.

Mrs. T. Wilson sr. of Manchester is visiting Mrs. John C. Wood.

EAD'S GROVE

This summer will be long remembered for its high winds and heavy rains. On Monday afternoon the wind blew down a new hog house for Wm. Hennessy and we got the heaviest rain of the season on Thursday night.

Fred Timm was in Guttenberg on Monday.

Frank Seeley is helping J. M. Retherford through the haying season.

Josie Goldsworthy does not improve very rapidly and is still very sick.

The Misses Bertha Retherford and Rena Marshall visited at Frank Way's on Friday.

Clarence Tinke of Guttenberg is working for J. T. Fowler this week.

Aunt Sarah Waters has returned from a visit with relatives at Waterloo.

Mary Bagley is working at Wm Goldsworthy's.

ONEIDA

Clarence Lighty of Elkport was a Sunday visitor at this place.

Ethel Breckon spent several days last week at the home of her friend, Mrs. Roy Morse, at Strawberry Point.

Mrs. Chas. Kimber and daughter Henrietta returned home Wednesday from a week's visit with home folks at Thorpe.

Bert Haight and wife and daughter Ellen spent several days in Delhi visiting friends the past week.

Mrs. Guy Smith and two children and Mrs. J. B. Smith and Adelaide Haight went to Delhi Monday to attend the birthday party of Mrs. J. B. Smith's mother, who was 88 years old.

Mrs. Robert Fishel and grandson, Carl Dewey, of Manchester were business callers here the first of the week.

Mrs. Edith Mangold of New York was in town Wednesday en route to Manchester where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patman.

Mrs. J. Z. Benedict and children of Monticello were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. B. Stevens of Sycamore, Illinois, is visiting at the Geo. and James Cox homes.

Will Nessler, wife and children of Dubuque are visiting at the Chas. Napier home.

Mrs. Levi Kaster and daughter of Delaware and Mrs. Edgar Talmadge of Dubuque were in town Friday.

Mrs. Myrtle Lickish of Arlington and Miss Grace Smock of Edgewood are visiting their sister, Mrs. Hod Coon.

Mrs. Susie Breckon and daughter Margaret of Manchester are visiting at the J. Breckon home.

DELIHI

A company of twenty or more enjoyed a moonlight picnic at Hartwick Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie Loomis and twin boys of Center Junction were guests at Alex Young's last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson celebrated her 88th birthday last week Monday a large number of her friends were invited for the evening. Ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Conner of Dixon is assisting in the depot.

The medical association were entertained Wednesday at this place by Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Wintenberg.

J. J. King has given up the deal with S. Strickler for his harness

shop and will remain in Illinois. Chas. Wilson of Red Lodge, Montana, is visiting his mother and other friends at this place.

Dr. E. W. Warner's team ran away Wednesday. His little son was thrown from the buggy but not injured. The buggy was a wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Arkansas are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. G. Adams.

Bert Steiman was in Anamosa Wednesday.

Albert Meister is in Wisconsin on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Towler of Westgate visited at the home of their son Edward last week.

Henry Wilcox was here from Chicago last week to see his brother Hiram, who is very sick.

E. B. and H. H. Porter went to Manchester Sunday to attend the funeral of L. M. Davis.

Miss Myrtle Carpenter of Cedar Rapids is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Cromwell.

J. W. Scott was down from Manchester Saturday to see a horse of J. W. Swinburne, which was badly injured while in the pasture.

Misses Eliza and Jessie Burton were Manchester visitors Saturday.

The M. E. Aid society meets on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. B. Doolittle.

T. H. Lynch was down from Delaware Sunday.

The regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge on Saturday evening the following officers were elected for the coming six months: Noble grand, Jessie Sutton; vice grand, J. C. Reed; recording secretary, J. W. Swinburne; treasurer, A. N. Billings; warden, D. F. Jones; conductor, H. W. Swinburne; inside guard, J. D. Keith; R. S. to N. G., A. Sherman; L. S. to N. G., E. B. Porter; chaplain, E. H. Fleming.

Mrs. Henry Oehler and her daughter, Miss Addie, of Dyersville are guests of F. M. Byerly and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly, Mrs. Henry Oehler and Misses Addie and May Oehler were guests of Hopkinton friends Sunday.

BAILEYS FORD

Mrs. Wm. Kaster visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kramer, last Wednesday.

Frank Kasten and son Bert had business in Manchester Tuesday last week.

R. W. Heath and wife of Redondo, California, are visiting with relatives and friends in this neighborhood.

Chas. Grapes had business in Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. Mable Talmadge, who has been visiting with her parents, Wm. Kaster and wife, returned to her home in Dubuque Friday.

Miss Nellie Grapes spent part of last week at the home of her brother, Chas. Grapes.

G. B. Davis and wife were in Manchester last Thursday.

Chas. Grapes and Roy Grooman had business in Delhi last Friday.

Wm. Pettion and son Clarence were in Manchester Wednesday.

ONEIDA School Notes.

Vacation! Yes, the time when the teacher is busy in preparation for the work of the coming school year. Really the teacher has no vacation as is commonly supposed.

To be sure she does not have to go to the building each day and conduct the recitations and study periods and superintend the playground but she has to think it all out in advance for a nine months session.

She is also carefully and conscientiously considering the inclination, the ability, the capacity, the individuality, the likes and dislikes, the environment, the home influence, the associations and the possibilities of each and every child that is to come under her care and training.

She is studiously thinking of how to arrange the program, of the new games for the play grounds, the newest methods in teaching and how they will apply to her scholars and school to be effective, the things to be done to improve and beautify the school-grounds, of how to procure necessary apparatus and library for the school and of many more things that are required to manage a school home of anywhere from ten to forty restless, active, interested boys and girls so that all things shall work together for the best good of the individual as well as of the whole.

And this is not all. The live teacher attends the Institute two weeks, takes several educational Journals, and belongs to the Reading Circle all of which must receive concentration of mind and energy as well as no small expense of time and labor and money.

Do you wonder that at times her energies seem well nigh exhausted and she longs to get away to the woods or mountains for rest which means recuperation and to be created anew. And she ought so to do.

And how are the children spending their vacation? They should be as free as the birds in the sunshine and the air with those duties and pleasures thrown in such as every child loves and every well-regulated home furnishes.

We do not approve of idlers during the vacation period any more than we do during school period. It begets the wrong kind of characters for future citizenship and is the cause of some of the frictions in the school-room.

Miss Florence Connell is the happy possessor of the New Art and Industrial School Supplies consisting of a Chautauqua adjustable desk and blackboard, instruction book and magazine all of which is very fine equipment correlating with the day school. We are glad to note that mothers are uniting their efforts and assisting the teachers in many ways through federations and clubs in many places.

And we want to publicly thank the Kensington club of Oneida for ten dollars with which to "start a library and for such use as the school is in need." It being the first ex-

pression of this kind, the school is doubly appreciative.

We were so jealous of some of our sister schools who have had funds from socials, and secured large numbers of books for their libraries as well as several encyclopedias. We know of one not very far away that has three secured in this way.

Whatever a community does for its children not only enlarges and enriches each home therein but the entire community.

Jennie Boardman is helping Mrs. Conger in the restaurant.

As a result of complying with the wishes of the Redpath Chautauqua System last spring Dora Dickson and Adelaide Haight each received a season ticket and George Cox, Florence Connell, Florence Napier, Jennie Otto, and Howard Boardman, Agnes Dickson and Rose Voecker each received a ticket for Tuesday. All of which are complimentary.

It pays, my fellow teachers, to do a little extra work and bother without hope of reward or pay. I believe the language classes will try the "hardest kind" to improve more next year on account of the benefit and enjoyment received this year. Yes and extra effort they put forth to write about something of which they previously knew nothing. And they will want to go to the Chautauqua worse than ever which is worth while for every boy and girl in the county. It is in the right direction and adjusts the mind toward proper thinking.

Adelaide Haight has returned home after an extended visit with relatives and friends at Delhi and Coggon.

Howard Boardman is in the employ of the C. G. W. R. R. as water carrier. He intends to have a Chautauqua desk too.

George Cox is visiting an uncle at Independence.

The school-house is being painted white which adds to its appearance. Now when the evergreens get large enough to form a background you'll look nice.

A chickadee nested and reared its young in the branches of one of the Scotch pines, the very top only 3 feet from the ground. Although small everything we have set out is growing. And now we must get about it and complete our arbor. All the telephone poles lying about and unusable wire have been secured by the teacher. Thanks to Mr. Dunn the president of the phone company.

Mr. Hood has kindly moved around the fruit trees and now we can see them. The alumnus had is doing its best and the gladiolus sent by Miss Field of Page Co. are thriving.

Next week, the editor willing, we will let him publish a letter by a twelve year old scholar of how the Fairview school of Page county spent Arbor day. It is in the "Journal" and is so like the way we do I am sure you will like to read it.

So goodbye to this time with the hoping that you are all enjoying your vacation.

Illinois Second in Coal.

Washington, July 20.—Illinois produced in 1907, according to official figures, just over 21,237,746 short tons of coal, with a net value of \$54,857,382, establishing a new record. This was an increase of 1,570,200 short tons in quantity over 1906 and of \$9,924,320 in value. This increase advanced Illinois to the second place among coal producing states, a position it had held from 1883 to 1914 when it was supplanted by West Virginia.

Package Containing \$1,000 Missing.

Des Moines, Ia., July 20.—A package containing \$1,000 was found near the Adams Express company. It was one of three identical packages. The two others reached their destination without mishap. Detectives are at work on the case but no clues have been obtained. It is understood that the package was consigned by a Des Moines bank to an outside address and that it was either lost or stolen.

Two Murderers Electrocutted.

Ostling, N. Y., July 20.—Charles H. Rogers and Angelo Landiero, murderers, were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison early in the day. Two contacts were given in each case. Rogers was the first taken to the chair. His execution was without special incident. In the case of Landiero a bright flame from the electrodes at his head was noticed, after the first contact, and an odor of burning hair prevailed the room.

Bank Messenger Robbed.

Cincinnati, O., July 20.—Checks and currency aggregating \$2,000 were stolen by a well-dressed stranger at the First National bank here from John Rooney, a messenger of the Adams Express company. Later the checks were found in a waste paper box on the sidewalk near the bank, but the thief escaped with about \$200 in currency.

Earth Shocks Scare Oklahomans.

Fort Reno, Okla., July 20.—Earthquake shocks early in the morning alarmed residents of the Piedmont district, which lies between Fort Reno and Guthrie. The shocks continued for several seconds and were followed by heavy rains.

Plot to Kill the Shah.

St. Petersburg, July 20.—A special dispatch received here from Tehran says that several arrests have been made at Lakhoff in connection with the discovery of a plot to kill the Shah of Persia.

Tainted Diamonds.

The lapidary was about to cut the tail of a tadpole shaped yellow diamond.

"The chances are," he said, "that this fellow will turn white from terror when I split him. If he does his value will go up 200 per cent."

The lapidary set his steel knife in position. He prepared to strike on the knife's back the momentous blow.

"With me luck," he said.

And the hammer fell. The amputated tail dropped into the box underneath, and, lo, the yellow diamond that had been split was now quite white.

"The yellow taint," the cutter explained, "was only in the tail. Yet the taint was reflected all through the stone, and this made it seem of a uniform yellow throughout. Now the taint is gone, and our yellow diamond is a pure white one."

"The miracle happens fairly often," Philadelphia Bulletin.

How a Hat is Sized.

C. writes: "But the size of a hat is calculated on a curious principle. It is the length plus the breadth divided by 2. Thus a head 8 1/2 inches long and 6 1/2 inches broad would require a hat size of 14 1/2 divided by 2, which is 7 1/4—Gladstone's size."

Your correspondent C. is perfectly right in his description of the curious way in which the size of a hat is obtained, writes G.; but his sample dimensions are slightly misleading. Such an "oval" as 8 1/2 inches by 6 1/2 inches would scarcely be met with twice in a lifetime. The normal difference between the length and width (technically called the "oval") is invariably through the gullet of sizes 1 1/2 inches. Thus an ordinary 7 1/4 hat would measure 7 1/2 inches long and 6 inches wide and a 7 3/4 (four sizes bigger) 8 inches long and 6 1/2 inches wide. The longest head I have measured in many thousands was 8 1/2 by 7 1/2, which is the equivalent of a 2 1/2 inch oval. Needless to say, the inside of the hat was the shape of a canoe.—Manchester Guardian.

It Did Not Work.

Mrs. Billings was installing the new clock, a maiden from Finland, to whom the kitchen contrivances of America were new and wonderful. "This, Ina," said the lady, indicating a perforated wooden board that hung against the kitchen wall, "is the order list. See, it says 'butter, eggs, sugar, coffee, tea, molasses'—everything that we need to eat. Whenever we are out of any of those things all you need to do is to place one of these little pegs in the box opposite the name and the things will be ordered."

Mrs. Billings is not a methodical housekeeper. There were several consecutive days when she completely forgot the existence of the order list in the kitchen, but Ina labored with it faithfully.