

# County Correspondence.

## THORPE.

A. O. Stone and family called on John White and wife Saturday evening.

Charles Barr returned from Rochester, Minnesota, where he received treatment from Mayo Brothers.

Fred Barr and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl.

John Robertson called on A. O. Stone and wife Thursday.

Fred Gifford and his best girl were calling in Thorpe Sunday evening.

Frank Curler of Oneida is cutting his sister's wood, Mrs. H. A. Jeffries.

Hank Faber visited with his mother-in-law Sunday, Mrs. Charlie Daisley.

John Stone returned to his home in Missouri after visiting some time with his parents, sisters and brothers.

Bell Henderson called on Mrs. P. Smith last Sunday.

Earl Jeffries visited with his friend, Chester Stone, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dan Sark and daughter Kitay and Mrs. Perry Smith and Bell Henderson called on Sidney Simons and wife last Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Woulton visited at the George Keith home.

Amie Stone, wife and two sons called on John Robertson and wife Wednesday evening.

## EAD'S GROVE.

Several of the young people from here attended the dance at Greeley on Friday evening.

Wayne Lash and wife visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Fisher on Saturday.

Horace Barger, who has been attending school at Highland Park college, Des Moines, visited friends in this vicinity the latter part of the week.

Some of our boys are taking advantage of the Agricultural Short Course at Manchester this week.

Did you get a valentine?

Will Goldsworthy and Josie and the Fisher and wife were Manchester visitors on Friday.

Joe Fowler and Harry Ward are practicing the arts of woodcraft. And although they do not hold a certificate of membership in the M. W. A. they are making the "chips and splinters fly" in a manner becoming to a typical modern woodman.

Ray Kellogg was made acquainted with the Woodman mysteries last Monday night.

The sick have all recovered and are all on full feed again.

Jennie Timm and Stella Clate, who are attending school at Epworth seminary visited home folks over Sunday.

## NORTH MANCHESTER.

Mrs. Thomas Vasser of Platte, So. Dakota, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wolfe and sister, Mrs. C. L. Adams.

Mrs. Charlie Beard is very sick again with a second attack of the influenza.

A very nice program was well rendered by the children of the North Manchester schools Friday afternoon. Rev. Ensign gave a very interesting talk to the children. About twenty-five visitors were present. The school house was beautifully decorated with flags in honor of our departed hero. Much credit is due to the teachers, Misses Cook and Miller, for the manner in which the little ones were drilled.

Fred Kaltenbach is on the sick list. Mrs. Pete Faber and mother, Mrs. Sherrer spent Saturday with Mrs. Les Atkinson on their way home from Monticello, where they have been to attend the funeral of Mr. Sherrer's mother, who was 83 years of age.

Mrs. C. L. Adams entertained the Ladies Aid society Thursday afternoon. A work meeting was planned for February 25 at the home of Mrs. Evans. Bring your thimble as there is a quilt to be quilted. After the meeting very nice refreshments were served. Our next regular meeting is at the home of Mrs. Kate Purvis, March 11.

We are soon to lose another of our neighbors. Henry Waldo in tends to move into town the first of March as it is far for him to walk to his meals. We are sorry to lose him.

Donald, the young son of Fred Skinner, has been quite sick with a hard cold.

Mrs. Millett is not much improved.

## COLESBURG.

H. J. Birkholz of New Vienna was in town Saturday looking after business at his photographic studio.

H. A. Taylor, representing the catalogue department of Butler Brothers of Chicago, was interviewing our merchants Thursday.

Misses Nellie and Elsie-Jones went to Greeley Friday afternoon to remain over Sunday with home folks.

Miss Marie Grimes returned to Epworth Tuesday.

John Lansing is reported quite sick at his home south of town. He is suffering from a severe attack of influenza. His many friends hope for a speedy improvement in his condition.

Miss Kate Moreland came home from Dyersville Friday on account of the serious illness of her father, J. B. Moreland.

A number of our young people attended a masquerade ball at Elkport Friday night.

The young ladies club entertained their friends at the home of Miss Gertrude Bolsinger Wednesday evening. A most delightful time is reported. An appetizing supper was served by Mrs. Bolsinger.

Mrs. Mae Platte will be hostess to the Twentieth Century Review club, Tuesday afternoon, February 15.

A letter from E. W. Kene of Aberdeen, South Dakota, states that they have recently been released from a three weeks quarantine on account of small pox in the family. Mrs. Kene being the victim. Their many friends at Colesburg are pleased to know that the other members of the family escaped the disease and that Mrs.

Knee recovered nicely from it.

The Lincoln and Valentine social at the W. H. Bush home on Friday evening was largely attended. The spacious rooms overflowing with a jolly, good-natured crowd. The rooms were tastefully decorated with appropriate emblems. A musical and literary program was given much to the enjoyment of all present. The crowd felt especially grateful to Mrs. L. Max well for several numbers of vocal and instrumental music. In fact it was an all around enjoyable evening and the guests are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Bush for the hospitality of their home.

Miss Lillian Dittmer expects to go to Manchester Monday to take Domestic Science at the Short Course, now in session there.

Prof. Wisdom was an over Sunday visitor with home friends.

F. A. Grimes transacted business in Dubuque and at various points in Wisconsin during the week.

The primary and intermediate departments of our schools gave a joint Lincoln and Washington program Friday afternoon, February 12. The room was resplendent in decorations of the national colors—bunting, flags, shields, etc., while pictures of the heroes of the day were everywhere in evidence. The program was the best of a like nature that has ever been given in our schools and called forth the hearty applause of the large number of visitors present. The pupils showed evidence of careful training and took their parts in a happy way. Many were the tributes they paid in verse and song to the great men, whose birth anniversaries they were commemorating. It is a beautiful way to instill patriotism and love of heroes into the hearts and minds of the young. Much credit is due the teachers, Misses Jones and Moore for the success of the program. A collection of the school work was on exhibition and was examined by the visitors at the close of the exercises.

This was very creditable also and was favorably commented upon all sides. We would suggest that parents visit the schools in their regular work and thus encourage teachers and pupils.

## BAILEY'S FORD.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Joslin and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Dutton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kartern.

Chas. Grapes and family were over Sunday visitors with relatives near Masonville.

Chas. Haight and family visited at Frank Kartern's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Claus were in Delhi Thursday.

Roy Grannon has business in Delhi Wednesday.

We are in receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Mr. W. J. Claus and Miss Anna Yelden. Mr. Claus is well and favorably known, having lived from childhood among us. The bride we have never met. Congratulations.

Thursday, the eleventh, about thirty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kartern, gathered at their home to enjoy a social time before the move to their new home. Dinner was served and everybody reported a good time.

Jas. Sheppard had business in Manchester last Thursday.

J. W. Hartman had business in Lamont the latter part of last week.

## ONEIDA.

A. Hackbarth of Delhi bought several cars of grain here the past week.

Mr. Legg of Manchester was here on business the first of the week.

Mr. Kirchbeck of Delaware was in town Monday.

Miss Nettie Arbuckle of Waterloo spent Friday with her friend Mrs. F. H. Daubham.

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Mrs. Mait Wilson went to Anamosa last week to the hospital, where she submitted to an operation.

Mrs. Davison of Cedar Rapids is visiting Mrs. Phillip at the hotel.

Mrs. Beels entertained quite a number of young ladies last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Cora Rickotts spent last Thursday and Friday in Dubuque.

It is reported that R. A. Wallace has purchased the residence of H. H. Wheeler.

Dr. Lewis Dunlap left Thursday morning for Grand Forks North Dakota.

Rev. Dwello and wife of State Center were visitors last week at Walter Doan's.

February 12th, Lincoln's birthday, an address was given in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Robert Brown of Waterloo.

Now that competition has made oil cheaper will not some one who owns the wind mill in the stock yards invest in enough to stop its terrible wailing, groaning and shrieking. It is enough to make one think there are myriads of lost spirits around that can find no rest in heaven above or earth beneath.

## LENOX COLLEGE.

A new book case has been put in the library in which to put the 1000 volumes which have been presented to the college.

Miss Ethel Grossman of the class of '07 is visiting friends in town. She is a teacher in the public schools in Wyoming.

The lecture Wednesday evening by Booth Lowry was listened to by a full house. His subject was along a new line of thought of undeveloped people and was interesting and helpful and his humorous bits were not cheats.

Thursday was the day of prayer for schools and colleges. The exercises at the chapel were opened with the reading of the scriptures by Rev. Foster of the Covenant church, prayer by Rev. Stevens of the M. E. church and the address was given by Rev. Sanford, pastor of the Westminster church of Waterloo. It was a stirring appeal not only to students but to all who heard him to make their lives count for something worth while. After chapel Mr. Sanford met with the Christian associations and at 7:30 preached in the Presbyterian church.

Friday evening a reception was given to the Christian associations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wallace.

Prof. Bridenthal and Messrs. Berners, Welch, Acheson and Doollittle attended the state Y. M. C. A. convention at Des Moines last week.

## EARLVILLE.

Mrs. Melissa Stoner is visiting in Waterloo.

C. A. Kendall was a Dubuque visitor over Sunday.

The E. W. C. were entertained at the home of Miss Laura Werkmeister Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis and Miss Nell Robinson entertained a large party of friends at a Valentine's Somerset party Friday evening. A most enjoyable time is reported by those who were present.

Mrs. J. G. Hersey and daughter Grace left Thursday afternoon for Cedar Falls where Mrs. Hersey will remain for a few weeks. Miss Grace returned from there to Minneapolis.

Mrs. John Cook is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Caro Millen-Hammond of Lawton, Oklahoma, visited friends and relatives in town last week.

Arthur Ede of Courtney, North Dakota, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jane Ede.

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Doollittle.

MASONVILLE.

Jas. Morris of Waterloo was a business visitor here last week.

John Elsbery and Miss Carrie Briggman were married last Wednesday at the home of Will Elsbery in Prairie. The couple took a wedding trip to Chicago.

Eddie O'Hagan, who is attending St. Joseph's college, Dubuque, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Geo. Johnston of Coffin's Grove died at her home last Wednesday. Interment took place Friday in Coffin's Grove cemetery.

The Great Western Accident Insurance company's agent was here Thursday adjusting some claims.

A surprise party was held at the home of H. E. Robinson last Thursday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pope, who will soon move to Manchester.

Chas. O'Connor of Dubuque was a business visitor here last Friday.

Mrs. F. K. Smith of Manchester was visiting friends here last week.

A Mr. Barclay from Illinois is moving onto the Davis farm east of town this week.

Delbert Blanchard, who purchased the Schottmiller farm last fall, has sold the same recently to Perry Davis for \$100 per acre.

The dance given here last Friday night was attended by forty-three couples and all had a good time.

The M. W. A. had a large attendance at their meeting last Saturday night. Two candidates were initiated and an oyster supper was served at Griffin's hotel after the exercises.

Jud Lane, F. H. Childs, Miss Bridget Nolan and E. F. Mulvehill were visitors to Manchester Monday.

There will be a grand display of millinery at the residence of Miss Maude Moore Wednesday evening, February 24th. The ladies are requested to bring their old hats and trimmings and have them trimmed in the latest fashion. Gentlemen trimmers will be on hand from Paris with the latest fashions. Ladies are requested to bring baskets with supper for two and in return will have a beautiful hat. Mark you—gentlemen trimmers. Come, don't forget the date and place. Everybody come and laugh.

Eugene Frith of Dubuque was a business caller here Monday.

Rev. J. J. Hanley of Monti was a caller here Monday.

## Helping Him On.

The somewhat elderly but still handsome and well preserved bachelor had long been an admirer of the young lady, but never had dared to tell her so. At last, however, he mustered courage to say:

"Miss Jessie, I wish I were twenty years younger."

"Why so?" she asked.

"Because then I should be bold enough perhaps to ask you to marry me."

With a charming smile she shook her head.

"I should have to tell you no, Mr. Baxter," she said. "If you were twenty years younger you would be—er—a great deal too young for me."

He took the hint—and a little while later the young lady too.

## Not So Exacting.

"So you're a butcher now?"

"Yes," explained the former dry goods clerk. "The ladies don't like to match spareribs or steak."—Kansas City Journal.

## Is a chameleon becomes blind it loses its power to change its hue and remains a blackish color.

Where Chess Is Most Popular.

Games may come and games may go, but chess will never be lost its popularity. Nowhere else is it so popular as it is in the village of Strobeck, near Halberstadt, in Prussian Saxony. Some time in the eleventh century Count Gumbelin, held a prisoner in a stone tower in the village, amused himself by carrying a set of chessmen and teaching the game to his jailers. The tower, which still stands, is known as the Chess tower. The jailers taught the game to their friends, who were so pleased with it that they devoted all their spare time to practice. This delight in chess continues to the present in Strobeck. Every person plays. The village hotel is called the Chess Inn, tournaments are held every year, and prizes are given to the best players. If a young man goes to an adjoining village for a wife who cannot play chess he must pay a fine, to be used toward the expenses of the next tournament. This subtle ordinance has spread a knowledge of the game among the young ladies of all the surrounding villages.

Bruges.

What is the right pronunciation of this word? It is usually pronounced by English people as if it were French, with a soft, syllabic 'g' and in one syllable. Is there any justification for this? In the first place, why is it not Anglicized, like Waterloo? And if not English, why French? Why not Flemish? In Bruges itself, you do not hear the French pronunciation. It is the Flemish—Bruga. Ask at the station if this is Bruges (a la Française), and they will hardly understand you. They will say, "It is Bruya." In Longfellow's "Carillon" and also in "The Bell" by Bruges, the word has two syllables. Is this intended to be read with the Flemish pronunciation (Bruga) or in the English fashion (to rhyme, say, with "subterfuges")? It cannot be the French. It may be said that an American poet is no guide for English people, but the word also occurs, I believe, in one of Browning's poems (I cannot remember which) with two syllables.—London Notes and Queries.

Orchestral Oversights.

The snare drummer happened to catch a selection that called for the use of half a dozen or more instruments. To make the shift from one to another he had to hustle in a fashion that might have impressed persons sitting near. When he had finished the drum's operation he was puffing and blowing and the perspiration was coming out in streams. A man just outside the orchestra rail leaned forward and, pointing to the score, remarked:

"That was good work, old man, but you missed one place."

"I did!" responded the drummer in surprise. "Why, I thought I played everything that came my way."

"No," the other resumed, "you didn't do everything, and I saw the leader glance at you. Right there, in the middle of that measure, is a place where it says you should have gone down cellar and shaken the furnace, and you didn't pay any attention to it!"—Providence Journal.

The Eccentrics.

"I understand the Newsies are having trouble," remarked the spinster boarder. "Some people take her part, and some others side with him."

"And I suppose," growled the senile haired bachelor at the paternal exordium of the mahogany, "there are a few eccentric people who mind their own business?"—Chicago News.

His Conundrum.

"What is the difference," asked the man with the erratic eyebrows, "between a tall, stout man whose wife has purchased for him a pale pink smoking jacket with yellow failings and a pocket that is utterly out of convenient reach at a dry goods store like in the store of his dry goods?"

"Christmas, after having put up the chest for two weeks because he had to attend half a dozen bridge parties and a large, jovial Russian musician who has been captured of the troops."

"The man with the erratic eyebrows repeated the query, and the other man of course, refused to answer, saying that if he replied to hypothetical questions he must demand an expert's fee."

"Oh, well," explained the man with the erratic eyebrows, "it is simple enough. One pays for the present and the other pays for the peasant."—Chicago Post.

A Martyr to the Fox.

A fox can climb almost as well as a cat and will often be found climbing trees and on the top of ivy covered walls. High walls covered with ivy often surround private residences in hunting districts. One of these domains walls caused the tragic death of a hound in the south of Ireland a few years ago. There was a belt of trees with thickish undergrowth close up to the wall, and the hounds were running a tired fox hard through this belt. Suddenly the cry ceased; there were the unmistakable growling and worrying which proclaim a kill. The master jumped off his horse and pushed his way through the undergrowth. On getting to the pack, instead of finding a dead fox he saw to his horror one of the best hounds torn to pieces. It was easy to understand what had happened. The fox had got over the wall by the help of some ivy, and the hound had tried to jump over after him, but, falling back among the others, had been killed before they realized their mistake.—London Standard.

The End of the Chase.

Two ladies, friends of the superintendent, were visiting a hospital for the insane. During the noon meal the superintendent remarked that the door of the violent ward was being repaired and that the guards would have to be unusually watchful until it was finished. After dinner the ladies went for a stroll down the beautiful lawn leading up to the main building. Suddenly they heard footsteps as of some one running behind them and were horrified on looking around to see a disheveled, wild eyed man pursuing them. One of the women quietly stepped to the side of the road. The other, screaming at the top of her voice, ran down the road with the man close upon her heels. At last, spent with running and gasping with fright, crouching in anticipation of the blow which she was expecting, she waited her fate. The man, panting and grinning, tapped her lightly on the shoulder and said:

"Tag! You're it!"—Cleveland Leader.

Quite a Difference.

First Comedian—What's the difference between a beautiful young girl and a codfish? Second Comedian—Give it up. First Comedian—One has a chance to become a fall bride and the other to become a ball fried.—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE RIVER NILE.

Ancient Greeks and the Process of Sterilizing Water.

The ancient Greeks already recommended the use of sterilized water. Rufus of Ephesus, in the first century of this era, taught that "all water from rivers and ponds is bad except that from the Nile. Water from rivers which flow through unhealthy soil, stagnant water and that which flows near public bathing places is harmful. The best water is that which has been boiled in baked earthenware vessels, cooled and then heated a second time before drinking."

This hygienic prescription was intended both for healthy and sick people, since it was applied to the armies.

"During marches and in camps pits must be dug successively from the highest point to the lowest level of the place. These holes should be filled with clay such as is used for making pottery and the water should be made to percolate through it. The water will leave all its impurities in these pits."

It may be inquired how the ancient Greeks, knowing the processes of sterilization and filtration of water which they applied to that of the most impure rivers, should have drunk without precautions the water of the Nile, which our microscopes allow us to declare "sound," but which in appearance the most worthy of suspicion of all and is so soundly, so yellow, that it resembles wine.—Gazette des Eaux.

## THE BASILISK.

How the Fabulous Monster Was Pictured by Ancient Writers.

The basilisk was the most famous of the many fabulous monsters of the medieval folklore. According to the popular notion, it was hatched by a toad from an egg laid by the cock of the common barnyard fowl. In the ancient picture books it was usually represented as an eight limbed serpent or dragon, sometimes with and sometimes without wings. Its name is derived from basiliscos, meaning a little king, and was applied because the creature was figured with a circle of white spots on its head which much resembled a crown. The cockatrice, a species of basilisk, besides having a crown, possessed a comb which was an exact counterpart of the cock's.

Pliny assures us that the basilisk had a voice which struck terror to the hearts of men, beasts and serpents. The Bible classes it with the lion, the serpent and the dragon as one of the most formidable creatures. Old writers—Pliny, Bascho and others—say that its bite was mortal in every case, that its breath was suffocating and that no plant would grow in the vicinity of its lair. Its dead body was often suspended in bellies to prevent swallows from building there.

His Defense.

Cobble—You certainly have a good cook. By the way, where do you get your servants? Stone—From our neighbors. When we hear of a good one among them we offer her more money to come with us. Cobble—But, my dear fellow, is that honorable? Stone—Why not? Can you develop a sense of honor with a poor digestion?—Life.

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