

County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.

Doc Coolidge and family accompanied by his brother-in-law, George Barr and family, visited with Mrs. Mary Balluff and family at Strawberry Point recently. Mrs. Balluff has been very sick lately, but they report her better at this writing.

Miss Ella Funk entertained a number of her friends at her home last Sunday night.

We understand that Mr. John Thurn, residing north of town was a Sunday evening visitor at the John Schacherer home near Greeley. What's the attraction?

Chas. Amling and wife were at Manchester one day last week.

Jos. Schacherer Jr. was a Sunday evening visitor at the J. B. Putz home.

Elmer Boone and family have again moved on their farm near Elkport after a three years residence in our town.

The Thurn was a business caller at Manchester recently.

Frank Schacherer was seen driving out of town Sunday night. It seems as if he's hitting the roads to ward Communion quite often of late. We wonder if he will soon quit bawling it?

Miss Gertrude Balluff of Strawberry Point has been spending the past week in this vicinity visiting her numerous friends and relatives.

Francis Funk has gone to Littleport, where he has procured a few days work cutting wood.

Earl Sharp and wife have moved on the Worthy Robinson farm south of town.

Mr. Lamphere and wife have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs moved in to the house vacated by Mr. Ineson, the tinsmith. Mr. Burgins, who will conduct a meat market in our town in the near future, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Lamphere.

Henry Barr and wife attended the funeral of the former's uncle at Thorpe last Tuesday. The burial took place in Manchester.

Chas. Clute has moved onto the farm he purchased of his brother, R. Clute, sometime ago. Francis Schultz has occupied the farm of Chas. Clute.

The Lester Burgins sale was well attended. Everything sold for good prices as report has it rumored.

There is strong talk of having a nightclub in town this season.

Dr. Hanson and wife were Strawberry Point visitors Sunday.

Will Duncan is employed in the Burgin's meat market.

H. F. Beyer left for Dakota last week looking after business interests.

Dr. Kirkpatrick and wife are occupying the Evelyn Noble home, which the latter recently vacated.

A. Rosenbaum, the landlord of Hotel Richards, suffered a stroke of paralysis sometime ago and is reported critically ill.

Edgewood's Fayette students, Duane Rosenkrans, Fred Flenniken and Frank Beyer, are home with the mumps. Mumps has become the rage of the age at the university.

Blaine Robins was a passenger to Greeley Friday night, where he took in the dance.

Prof. Haney, Principal of the Edgewood High school, received the sad intelligence of his father's death in southern Illinois, last week.

The old folk's dance at the Opera house last Wednesday night was well attended. The orchestra did better than was anticipated. "Red Wing" seemed to be one of their favorite pieces.

Last Thursday the farmers again called a meeting to further perfect the co-operative creamery company. They have now received the required number of signers needed to push the enterprise ahead. They have gone as far as to elect officers: as follows: president, C. H. Bassett; vice-president, L. D. Zahradt; secretary, Worthy Robinson; treasurer, Frank Weiland; manager, Henry Heiser, board of directors, George Ash, Henry Fenstermaker, John Rhines, Anton Funk, Chas. Heiser and Dick Phelps. The officers will at once have the organization of this association recorded with the Auditor of State at Des Moines before further steps are taken. As soon as this has been done drastic efforts will follow to site a location, erect a building, and get it into operation as soon as possible. Farmers who have not taken a share in this company as yet will have an opportunity to do so until May 1st, by seeing Secretary Robinson.

Mike Everetts is reported on the sick list.

Lee Peet, a former resident of this place, is back visiting old-time friends.

It seems as if our city is doomed to be wiped from the map. The latest fated building was Hotel Richards. Fire was discovered in the basement of the named building on the partition between the cellar and sample room. Its origin was a very mysterious affair, but indications go to show that it might have been of incendiary possibility. Timely assistance and a few pails of water soon quenched the flames before any of the main structure became enveloped. Editor Peet has for some time been trying to influence our citizens to the importance of installing a complete system of waterworks. We hope that this recent scare may rouse to a deeper degree the interest of our citizens, in the way that Mr. Peet advocates.

Miss Laura Funk was unable to attend school last week owing to a siege of sickness.

Mrs. Milton Alcorn visited in Manchester last week.

John Heiser of Strawberry Point was a business caller here last week.

On last Wednesday, at Manchester occurred the marriage of Levi Brown of this place and Miss Grace Landis of Greeley. We extend congratulations.

Mr. C. Turner has moved west of the Quaker Mill and Mr. Rhines

has moved into his own house which Mr. Turner vacated.

Mrs. M. E. Trenchard left Saturday for a few days visit with her daughter in Waterloo.

Mr. Smith of Dundee has moved into Geo. Skinner's house formerly owned by Mr. Butterfield.

The friends of Mrs. Atkinson gave her a surprise last Saturday evening, it being her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Strawberry Point were down and also Mrs. Smith of St. Louis, a sister of Mrs. Davis. Everybody had a nice time as they always do at the Atkinson home.

Mrs. Charlie Johnson entertained at dinner a party of ladies Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Kate Purvis.

Mrs. Lee and son, Earl; Mrs. Jackson and son, Geo. Geo. Potter and those little girls left Wednesday for Washington to make their homes. Mr. Lee and Mr. Jackson expect to follow soon.

ONEIDA.

Mrs. Susie Breckon of Manchester spent several days the past week at the Joshua Breckon home.

Miss Ethel Dunham of Manchester spent Thursday at the J. B. Dunham home.

Arthur Le Fever of Earlville was in town Friday.

Mrs. Archie Legg spent Thursday at Manchester.

Mrs. C. F. Kimber visited relatives in Strawberry Point several days the past week.

Mrs. Jas. Hood and Mrs. Irvin Lewis attended the bazaar at Greeley Thursday.

The Hickory Grove school will give a pie social at the school house March 19. The ladies to furnish a pie which will be sold to the highest bidder. A program will also be given.

Miss Frances Speck returned to her home at Delhi Saturday after spending a month at the F. H. Dunham home.

George Eckart of Delhi was in town Saturday.

THORPE.

Grandma Robertson returned home from Nebraska, where she spent the winter visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Plank and husband.

Mable Pearson has been assisting Mrs. Winatower with her house work for some time.

Mrs. George Martin is on the sick list.

Mrs. R. Works was in Manchester Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dalsey were in Manchester on business.

Dr. May of Manchester called on Mrs. George Martin.

Mrs. Perry Smith called on Mrs. R. White Thursday.

Milo Olson is spending a few days with J. Chambers and wife.

Mrs. George Kaltenbach and two sons of Murdo, South Dakota, visited with Perry Smith and wife Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Wainwright and daughter, Gladys spent Wednesday with Mrs. Herman Schain.

Mrs. Jeffries and son were in Manchester shopping Thursday.

Mrs. Gurney called on Mrs. Fred Wainwright Sunday.

Allice Billhorn is working for Mrs. Delbert Clark.

Mrs. Charlie Daisy called on Mrs. Dick White Monday afternoon.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mrs. R. E. Grommon and sons, Charles and Clair, spent Sunday last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young.

The Misses Edith and Minnie Shepard were shopping in Manchester Tuesday of last week.

Harry Conner had business in Manchester Monday of last week.

The Misses Mattie Morgan and Elvira Hartman were Delhi callers last Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Grommon spent last Friday with Mrs. J. W. Hartman.

FAD'S GROVE.

Henry Helthaus and family were Sunday visitors at J. T. Fowler's.

Lem Harris and Jim Garlowe were in Manchester last Tuesday.

Lew Frenness visited at Ike Fisher's last week.

Henry Parkman and wife took dinner at John Hector's last Sunday.

George Thompson and Miss Olive Godden were married on Wednesday, March 3rd. We thought the bachelor's life would be too strenuous for George.

Ella Culbertson visited at Jas. Fowler's on Friday.

J. M. Rehertford marketed goods at Greeley on Friday.

Quite a number from this way attended the cemetery dinner at Greeley on Thursday.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

There was an oyster dinner at George Coot's Friday.

Joe and Sadie Fowler and Will Ruth attended the dance at Greeley on Friday night.

There was not many movers in this neighborhood this spring. Fred Timm moved south of Manchester and Cleve Carroll moved onto the Fishel farm vacated by Timm.

Wm. Rutherford was in Coleburg and Elkport Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Belkaap go to Arkansas this week to make their home.

Ward White fell and broke his leg last Monday evening and will be confined to the house for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jaklin are visiting relatives in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Your correspondent read with great pleasure the article, "Auld Lang Sine" in last week's Democrat written by Mary Dunham Grinnell, she being the writer's first school teacher away back in the summer of 65, in the little school house at Stony Point.

HOPKINTON.

The little daughter of Mr. Stoddard has been very sick the past week with pneumonia, but is getting better.

Mrs. Van Swearingen came down from Strawberry Point Monday evening to spend the week at F. C. Barker's.

E. M. Hucker and wife visited in Dubuque last week.

R. A. Walla moved this week to the house purchased of I. T. Wilson on College Avenue and Mr. Wilson moved to his house on West Main street, where he will live until he can erect one on his farm just west of town.

Roy Prentice returns to the U. I. U. today, having recovered from the mumps.

The Twentieth Century Review Club met with Mrs. Laura Prentice, Tuesday afternoon for their annual business meeting. Mrs. Mayme Adams was elected president and Mrs. Margaret Smith secretary for the ensuing year. Other important business was transacted. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Smith.

O. P. DeLong had the misfortune to fall Saturday evening while attempting to walk from his chair to

Florence Woodward last week.

A very pleasant dinner party was held at the home of Mrs. Hooking last Tuesday.

Mrs. F. C. Barker went to Chicago last Tuesday to purchase her spring stock of millinery.

The Methodist people have sold their parsonage to Mrs. Thomas Chambers and will at once erect a new building on the lot on the east side of their church.

Robert McNeil left Monday for Texas to look up some land which he owns there.

The basket ball game Thursday evening between Hopkinton High school and Cedar Rapids Y. M. C. A. boys was won by the home team 16 to 10.

Mrs. Parkhill returned Friday night from Dubuque where she had been to see her son, Elliott, who was then in the hospital.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. Stark took place Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Robb.

Mrs. Miller from Andrew, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. M. Dunlap.

John Mellenger and wife of Huron, S. D. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Mellenger.

An entertainment and basket social was held in the school house east of town last Friday evening.

A play was given also a debate. The entertainers were the young people of that neighborhood and the proceeds will go to get suits for the base ball team. About twenty-five young people went out from here.

Mr. Henry Wheelless left last week for the west. He will spend some time in both S. Dakota and Colorado.

Mr. Walter Johnson is visiting at the Joseph home.

LENOX COLLEGE.

Jessie and Herman Dunlap and Gena Minkler went to Sioux City Wednesday to attend the state Oratorical contest which is held at Morningside.

Mrs. Pitt of Oelwein visited her daughter at Lenox last week.

Misses McDonald and Livingston of Center Junction entered college last Monday for the rest of the year.

Rev. Jerome McGlade, one of Lenox Alumni, who has been preaching for several years at Portland, Oregon, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Princeton, Ill.

News has also been received from another graduate of Lenox. Dr. James McKean of Ching Mai Laos, who has been for quite a number of years a missionary in that far off land.

Elliott Parkhill returned Saturday evening from Dubuque. His arm is much better.

Rev. and Mrs. Rogers, both of the class '08 came out from Evanston last Monday. Mrs. Rogers will visit some time at her mother's, Mrs. H. Wheelless.

COLEBURG.

A son and heir was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wellemeyer.

"Grandpa" Merten smiles broadly in consequence.

This is March weather and no mistake. Neither is it a mistake about the roads being muddy.

Wm. Adams went to Dyeraville Saturday, where he remained over Sunday as a guest at the Henry Wordehoff home.

W. S. Page has gone on a visit with his friends at Des Moines and his daughter at Webster City.

Norman Bolsinger and Miss Edna Craig were united in marriage Wednesday, March 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Craig in this city.

A company of about thirty guests assembled to witness the ceremony.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. J. W. Platte, the bride and groom entered the parlor where they were met by the officiating clergyman, Rev. Cassidy and Rev. Gifford. After the reading of an impressive scripture lesson by Rev. Gifford, Rev. Cassidy spoke the words which made the twin one.

Congratulations over, the guests were invited to the dining room, where a sumptuous feast was served in three courses, including all the delicacies of the season. The table decorations were very small, carnations and ferns. The time was then given over to social pleasures and the afternoon passed all too quickly. Many presents were received of things both useful and ornamental. We came near leaving out the most important part, as in the mind, we hear sound one say, "Well, but how about the bride dressing?" We hasten to reply "Very becomingly in white satin and carrying a lovely bouquet of bride's roses." This marriage unites the lives of two most worthy ones and we bespeak for Mr. and Mrs. Bolsinger a life of happiness and prosperity. They will live on their farm at Jefferson, it is hoped by their friends, long and happily. "So mote it be."

Coleburg has had two distinguished visitors during the week, L. A. Koecker and Frank Moreland of the U. S. Navy, who are having a ten days furlough. Mr. Koecker is from the battleship Minnesota, with headquarters now at Norfolk, Virginia.

While Mr. Moreland is drumming on the band the New Jersey, who is here here a few days. Mr. Koecker left Sunday to spend the remainder of his furlough with home friends at Odebolt, Iowa.

J. A. Bush has been confined to his home by illness for several days past—a victim of stomach trouble.

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O. P. DeLong had the misfortune to fall Saturday evening while attempting to walk from his chair to

the table during a brief absence of Mrs. De Long from the house. He received a cut above the eye by striking against the door, which however is not considered serious.

MASONVILLE.

Rev. John Nolan of Dubuque was a Masonville visitor last Friday.

Wm. Harwick is entertaining friends from Stockton, Illinois.

The Illinois Central Oasts Special stopped here a short while Monday evening whilst a brief address was listened to by a few farmers.

Hermie Heffernan, who has been here the past week, has started on the road as traveling salesman for a Dubuque firm.

Mrs. Margaret Raders visited with her sister, Mrs. Ryan at Delaware, the fore part of last week.

Miss Bridget Nolan was on the alling list last week.

Tom Slaughter of Winthrop was a business caller here last Wednesday.

Joe Webber was a business visitor to Independence last Wednesday.

Fire broke out in Frank Soder's house last Wednesday and but for prompt assistance his home would have been entirely consumed in a short time. The fire originated in the floor under the range.

Hank Utey was a Dubuque visitor last Thursday. He also took a trip through Wisconsin.

J. Slattery, collector for the Dubuque Times-Journal was a business visitor here last Thursday.

D. M. Ryan of Middlefield has moved onto the P. McGraw farm, west of town last week.

Pat Devine of Ryan was visiting friends here a few days last week.

Den McGraw shipped two carloads of cattle here Monday.

Harry Colson has rented the Schottmiller farm near town and he and his family moved onto it last week. Harry is going to try his hand at farming this year.

Our new depot agent, F. E. Conca and family, arrived here last week from Waverly and are occupying the house vacated by Jas. Duffy.

Will Welch was a passenger to Dubuque Monday, where he will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

F. H. Childs was re-elected school director last Monday evening for the ensuing year.

Phil Fritz and wife have moved onto the John Belli farm near town and will farm the same this year.

Will Behan narrowly escaped being killed last Thursday evening by being kicked by a horse. It appears Mr. Behan was about to feed a team which were tied in a double stall with a pole hung between. Upon entering from the rear one of the animals kicked striking the pole which struck Mr. Behan on the cheek knocking him senseless. He was carried to the house, where he remained unconscious for several hours, but is now able to be around again. If the pole had struck him a trifle higher, he in all probability would have been killed.

DIFFERENT STYLES. How Meredith and Browning Might Describe the Same Incident.

If Browning and George Meredith were describing the same act they might both be obscure, but their obscurities would be entirely different. Suppose, for instance, they were describing even so prosaic and material an act as a man being knocked downstairs by another man to whom he had given the lie. Meredith's description would refer to something which an ordinary observer would not see or at least could not describe. It might be a sudden sense of anarchy in the brain of the assaulter or a stupefaction and stunned serenity in that of the object of the assault.

He might write: "Wainwood's men vary in veracity" brought the baronet's arm up. He felt the doors of his brain burst and Wainwood a swift, unaccompanied by himself through all accompanied with a clarity as of the annihilated."

Meredith, in other words, would speak queerly because he was describing queer mental experiences. But Browning might simply be describing the material incident of the man being knocked downstairs, and his description would run:

What then? "You lie" and doormat below stairs.

This is not subtle, but merely a kind of insane swiftness.—Gilbert K. Chesterton.

BEARDED LADIES.

A Parisian Showman Says They Are Quite Numerous.

An Englishwoman who confesses to a mild mania for attending the street fairs common in and around Paris says that she is always impressed by the extraordinary number of bearded ladies among the attractions.

"I was inclined to think that they were fakes," she says in the London Gentleman, "but when I discovered that they were quite genuine my surprise at this wonderful supply of phenomena grew stronger. And when a few days ago I saw at the fair in the Avenue d'Orleans a lady exhibited with a long flowing beard I could no longer withhold my curiosity."

"I applied for information to a gentleman well known in the showman world and who acts as a kind of agent to the people owning shows, supplying them with the necessary goods, human and otherwise. This gentleman appeared surprised at my question."

"Bearded ladies!" he exclaimed. "I can find as many as I like. You have no idea how many women, if they liked, could rival men as regards whiskers and mustaches. But they are not anxious to enter into that kind of competition."

Winged Burglars. Buchner in his "Psychic Life of Animals" speaks of thievish bees which, in order to save themselves a trouble of working, attack well stocked hives in masses, kill the sentinels and the inhabitants, rob the hives and carry off the provisions.

After repeated enterprises of this description they acquire a taste for robbery and violence. They recruit whole companies, which get more and more numerous, and finally they form regular colonies of brigand bees. But it is a still more curious fact that these brigand bees can be produced artificially by giving working bees a mixture of honey and brandy to drink. The bees soon acquire a taste for the beverage, which has the same effect upon them as upon man.

They become ill disposed and irritable and lose all desire for work, and finally, when they begin to feel hungry they attack and plunder the well stocked hives.

One Reason. There may be two reasons for a thing, both equally true, and it may be the height of folly to attribute the effect to both. A gentleman to whom art was a strange thing asked a friend to whom the ways of its votaries were more familiar.

"Why does Conner stand off and half shut his eyes when he looks at the pictures he is painting? I was in his studio the other day, and he made me do it too."

"That's simply explained," replied the other. "Did you ever try to look at them near to, with your eyes wide open? Well, don't. You can't stand it."—Youth's Companion.

Didn't Wait For It. A couple of Scotch ministers were taking dinner together one summer day in a little man in the highlands. It was the Sabbath day, the weather was beautiful, and the bubbling streams were full of trout and the woods full of summer birds. One turned to the other and said:

"Mon, don't ye often feel tempted on these beautiful Sundays to go out fishing?"

"Na, na," said the other. "I never feel tempted. I just gang."

Plenty of Him. "What sort of man is Jinks?" The impression you get of Jinks depends on the circumstances under which you meet him. If you're there to collect money you won't like him. But if you're there to pay money he seems a lovely character."

His Way Out of It. "He don't give nuthin' to the church now?" "No. Somebody told him the Bible says salvation is 'free,' an' he says fuz he'll from him to dispute the Scriptures."—Atlanta Constitution.

Liberty exists in proportion to whole some restraint.—Webster.

The Way He Felt About It. While several young ladies were discussing novel plans for a church bazaar a new member of the committee proposed to have the pastor's photograph reproduced on pillow tops and "chance" them off. All the girls voiced their approval at once, but when the plan was suggested to the pastor he objected.

"I really cannot consent," said he. "I've been sat on enough as it is."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Secondhand. "Can't I go out into the back yard and play in the garden, mamma?" "Certainly not, child. You must stay in and study your nature books."—Life.

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless.—Paley.

Writing For Money. "I hear your wife is an author. Does she write for money?" "Breen—I never receive a letter from her that she writes for anything else."—Town Topics.

RAILROAD STORIES.

The Man Who Paid the Conductor and the Name on the Ticket.

An old time traveling man was talking of experiences of former days on the road. "Frequently," said this traveler, "I journeyed to Cincinnati. The fare from my city to that place was then about \$3.25. I saved something by handing the conductor \$2 in cash. One day there was an excursion, and I bought a round trip ticket for \$1.25 or \$1.50—I've forgotten the exact amount, but that circumstance need not trouble me. The ticket was handed this ticket to the conductor as he tore off the return coupon he looked at me and in a voice betraying how deeply he was hurt he remarked, 'My young friend, don't you know that I can afford to haul you much cheaper than this company can?'"

"On another occasion, when in Chicago, a colored man met me at the entrance of the station, asked me where I was going and offered to sell me a ticket for \$1. The ticket was to Louisville, but I was only going to Indianapolis. Cheap enough."

"When the conductor came along to take up my ticket he asked me my name. It was usual to write one's name on the ticket. I gave him the name of the conductor. I told him my name was on the ticket. He grinned as he handed it back and asked me to look at it and say if that was my name. I looked. The name on the ticket was 'Mary Fishburne,' I grinned again, somewhat sarcastically, but he took the ticket."—Pittsburg Press.

SNORING. One of the Evils We Acquire With Our Civilization.

It is a truism that no one ever heard of a snoring savage. In fact, if the wild man of the woods and plains does not sleep quietly he runs the risk of being discovered by his enemy, and the scalp of the snorer would soon adorn the belt of his crafty and more quietly sleeping adversary. With civilization, however, we have changed all this. The impure air of our sleeping rooms induces all manner of catarrhal affections. The nasal passages are the first to become affected. Instead of warming the inspired air on its way to the lungs and removing from it the dangerous impurities which it is loaded the nose becomes obstructed. A part of the air enters and escapes by the mouth. The veil of the palate vibrates between the two currents, that through the mouth and the one still passing through the partially closed nostrils—like a torn sail in the wind. The snore, then, means that the sleeper's mouth is partially open, that his nose is partially closed and that his lungs are in danger from the air not being properly warmed and purified. From the continued operation of these causes—the increase of impure air in sleeping rooms and permitting habitual snorers to escape killing and scolding—some scientists have predicted that in the future all men (and all women, too) will snore. It goes along with decay of the teeth and baldness.—Health.

Natural Kindness. At an out of the way railroad junction a traveler found a fine old hen, but with only two minutes to spare before his train left, "I'll take a cup of coffee," he said to the young woman in charge of the restaurant. "I've no time for anything else."

"You can take the time you want, sir," said the young woman cordially. "You look at this bill of fare, and I'll telephone to the