

County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.

The stork has been extremely busy in these parts the past week and has left at least three families here jubilant over his mission. His first visit, if we are rightly informed, was at the J. Tyrell home on Sunday of last week when he placed under their care a little girl. His next mission was at the George Ellis home the following day when he also presented them with a charming little miss. It is their first-born and the fond parents are gleeful over the event. On Wednesday morning he stopped at the Alvren Stone home and gave them, we presume, the last one he had taken out on his trip, also a daughter, the first arrival that is remarkable for its timeliness, weighing 2-1/2 pounds. To these parties concerned we wish the heartiest of congratulations.

Carpenters are busy on the upper floor of the Bank building, making it into office rooms which, when completed, will be as handy and desirable as any one could wish.

Miss Flossie Stone was at Elkader last week attending teachers' examinations.

Ella Funk was visiting relatives at Manchester a couple of days last week.

Harvey Kane, the man who recently purchased the Jack Stone restaurant took possession of the same last week. Mr. Stone, we understand will move on the Haddenman farm recently purchased when spring comes.

The Edgewood orchestra were at Earlville Friday night where they played for a dance at that place.

R. J. Bixby returned home from Waucoma Thursday night where he had gone the day before to act as a judge in an oratorical contest held at that place that night.

Ed Putz had Lawrence Funk took a pleasure trip to Winthrop one day last week.

F. T. Pilkington enjoyed a visit from his sister, Mrs. Lovett, last week.

Blanch Way, who has been visiting at Fayette has returned home.

J. B. Funk returned to his home near Lemmon, South Dakota, after a visit of several weeks with his mother and many friends.

Ike Thurn returned home from Dubuque Thursday morning where he had gone for an operation on one of his legs. The doctors removed a piece of glass about half an inch long and narrow, tapering in width. Mr. Thurn did not know the trouble, but can now distinctly recall an accident he had last spring by a fall he took and landed in a lot of broken glass. He feels considerably relieved and we sincerely hope he will be as well as usual soon.

There will be a dance in the Opera House next Friday night, February 4th. Music by the home orchestra.

Quite a number from here attended the Rossow sale last Wednesday. Everything, it is said, sold at fairly reasonable figures.

Mrs. John Funk and son, Stephen, who have been visiting the former's sister at Cedar Rapids returned home Friday morning.

Byron Peet was given a birthday surprise at his home last Monday. The event being his fifty-first birthday. Relatives and near neighbors were in attendance.

Waucoma was down Thursday night to play a return game of basket ball with the high school team of that place. The game was the most exciting and closely contested one of the season. At the close of the second half the game stood 13 to 14 in Waucoma's favor with a basket throw in Edgewood's favor. The basket was made and the game tied. Consequently they continued the game which resulted in the game team making two baskets successfully, while their opponents were unable to score. The boys feel jubilant over their success and are to be congratulated on their hard night's work.

Mr. Royden, formerly a business man of this place was visiting at the J. W. Forward home last week.

Frank Fisher who has been in the West for the past several years returned home last week for a brief visit under the parental roof.

J. J. Schacherer and wife were in Manchester traders last week one day.

A party of young folks were entertained at the Anton Funk home last Thursday night, where a very pleasant evening was spent and an enjoyable time had by those in attendance.

Ferd Schultz, Jr. and his mother were in Manchester last Tuesday.

Earl Sharp made a business trip to Manchester one day last week.

Miss Tressa Elliott came home Monday morning from an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolridge.

Mrs. Chas. Smith went to Edgewood Monday morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Ed Whipple and family a few days.

Mr. Hosier, an aged resident and an old soldier died at his home in this city last Monday evening at five o'clock after a lingering illness of several months duration. The funeral services were held at Ashbury last Thursday. Rev. Hubbell of this place was in attendance.

Dr. Fitzgerald of Elkport was a professional caller here Tuesday.

Miss Belle Smith of Strawberry Point visited her sister, Mrs. Dr. E. Hanson one day last week.

Myron Stone was an Elkader visitor Tuesday.

Claud Firman attended teacher's examination at Elkader last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whipple spent from Monday until Thursday with their son in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Chas. Todd spent Sunday under the parental roof in Greeley.

John Wathem and two children are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Greeley have been managing the Whipple House during the latter's absence.

Mr. Freeman of Fayette was here Thursday to attend Mr. Hosier's funeral.

Ferd Minkler and family of Delhi came up Thursday morning for short visit.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick spent Thursday at the DeForest Alcorn home.

Frank Alcorn went to Davenport Friday night to visit his two sisters, Mrs. Chancey Williams and Miss Magie Alcorn.

Duane Rosenkrans, Fred Flenniken and Earl Woolridge and Frank Beyer came down from Fayette Friday night to remain over Sunday with home folks.

Last Saturday was a big day in Edgewood there being a joint meeting of Clayton and Delaware county teachers. A large number were in attendance and an efficient program rendered.

Geo. W. Lynde was born at Machias, N. Y., May 15, 1856, and was united in marriage to Miss Flora Densmore March 1, 1882. To this union was born two daughters and two sons of whom only the two sons survive. The wife is now in a sanitarium for cancer treatment and owing to her critical condition has not been informed of the husband's death.

Previous to the families removal to Iowa 6 years ago their home was at Ithaca, New York, where the father followed the carpenter trade as he has done since coming here. Mr. Lynde has always been kind, and considerate of the feelings of others and this part of his nature has won him respect. He was buried in the cemetery east of town. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. B. Soule. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Woolridge of Edgewood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson last week.

Mr. E. J. Wintomberg visited her parents in Epworth last week.

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The W. C. T. U. met Friday with Mrs. A. L. Martin.

Perry Wheelless is caring for a sprained ankle.

Will Dennison was an over Sunday visitor at his home in Onslow.

Mrs. F. M. Wheeler visited her daughter in Lamont last week.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church took a sleigh ride out in the country to George Brazleton's last Wednesday where they sewed about twenty pounds of car rag, and also enjoyed a most excellent dinner prepared by Mrs. Brazleton.

Hopkinton basket ball team played the Academy boys Thursday evening won the game 53 to 15.

S. P. Carter has purchased the business of Hotel Hopkinton of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Philipp. Mr. and Mrs. Carter will take possession March 1st and we are sure the reputation the hotel has had in past years will be maintained by the new proprietor and his wife. Mr. Philipp has purchased a lot of Mrs. Margaret Tibbitts and will erect a residence in the coming season.

Mrs. Mary Grant and Mary McColey of Correctionville visited at the home of Robert Gray last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Weld of Iowa City visited over Sunday with the families of the Doan brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry May in Edgewood Thursday.

Ed Robinson was in Manchester on Tuesday.

Albert Tomlinson of Boston was visiting his old friend, Jim Fowler last week. Mr. Tomlinson's parents used to live on the old Way place.

THORPE.
Mrs. D. Sarks has been visiting her son-in-law, H. A. Kane for the past week. Mr. Kane recently purchased the Jack Stone restaurant in Edgewood.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Fred Wendel last Wednesday.

Geo. Fuller and wife of Chicago, who have been visiting John Robertson for a few days returned home yesterday.

Willie Smith is now operating near Dubuque.

The 3 o'clock passenger was delayed for some time Tuesday, on account of a small wreck, which happened near Dundee.

John Robertson will start for Chicago Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray are visiting at P. M. Smith's.

Leo Sullivan called on Chester Stone Sunday.

We are all glad to hear that Uncle Charley White is rapidly improving.

The dance at Thorpe Monday was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith were in Manchester Monday.

A large crowd attended the grab bag at Thorpe Thursday night, the proceeds being \$11.75.

DELHI.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dolley have gone to Texas for a several weeks visit.

Roy Powell was home from Cedar Rapids to spend Sunday with his mother.

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interesting in the short course and domestic science course, which begins Monday January 31st.

Grace Hardy met with a painful accident Saturday afternoon. A merry crowd of little girls were coming down the hill just this side of I. T. Wilsons when the sled on which she sat turned, throwing her against a telephone pole breaking her leg below the knee.

Mrs. Van Swearingen came down from Strawberry Point the last of the week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Barker.

The Eastern Star had an installation of officers last Friday evening.

Prof. Tyler and wife, Miss Byam, Miss Metts, Miss Ferguson of the Hopkinton public schools and Miss Willard and Miss Guthrie from Sand Spring and Miss Tanison from the Joseph district attended the teachers association at Edgewood last Saturday.

LENOX COLLEGE.
James McNeilly, who went home Monday to recuperate from his illness, returned to school Friday.

Arthur Fraebert has been out of school the past week on account of illness.

The Clayonian society received on Saturday a fine large rug for their hall.

President Reed returned the last of the week from an eastern trip.

Miss Grace Laxon was an over Sunday visitor at her home in Earlville and was accompanied by Misses Edith Anderson and Beatrice Parkhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Atchison of Cascade were here for several days to see their daughter who has been among the sick ones.

A very interesting meeting was held in the Presbyterian church Sabbath evening and addresses were given by Paul Melrose, Miss Edith McFarland and Prof. B. Benthall, who belong to the professors, who have pledged themselves to go as foreign missionaries. These young people brought release from the great Rochester convention. There are two more members of the senior class who belong to this movement.

Next Friday evening will be given the fourth number of the Y. M. C. Z. course. The Ramos Spanish orchestra which comes highly recommended.

DELAWARE.
Mr. Thompson of Hopkinton spent over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Clara Fear.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coate were shopping in Manchester Friday.

Miss Norma Ester who has been working at Independence, spent over Sunday with her father, Mr. W. F. Esler.

H. H. Johnson attended the teachers meeting at Edgewood Saturday.

The social hour club surprised W. Roloff last Wednesday evening in honor of his 37th birthday. Those present was the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. Malgren, and Miss Emma Thygeson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hokenson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Littlefield, Mrs. Pansy Griffin, Mr. Carl Roloff, Mrs. W. Luchterhand, Miss Phena Wendt and Mr. P. Larson and son Edwin.

Mr. Moore of Wadena visited with friends and relatives in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Lew Davis visited relatives in Manchester over Thursday.

Miss Gertrude and Rose Holdridge and Mr. Clarence Reed visited Miss Griffin Tuesday evening.

Mr. Lew Davis visited friends in Masonville Thursday.

Mrs. Rose Merrick of Earlville visited her sister, Mrs. Herb Carty, Monday.

A. W. Sackett purchased E. P. Oats horse.

Miss Letta Sutton is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Herb Carty visited relatives in Earlville Tuesday.

COLESBURG.
Did you see the comet?

The last number of the League Entertainment Course will be given Saturday evening, February 12th. This number is a musical and will be rendered by a trio—two ladies and a gentleman. Remember the date and be on hand.

Edith, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Aertson was painfully burned on the face and arm Friday morning. She was playing about the room when she stumbled and fell against the stove. The burns are not deep and are healing nicely.

Mrs. Frank Steedman left Tuesday for her home at Wadena, Minnesota, after spending a month here with her mother and other friends.

The new altar for the Catholic church arrived the first of the week, and has been placed in position. It is a fine altar, and adds much to the appearance of the church.

Mrs. Ed Krempel was in Dubuque during the week to see her brother, Mr. Hoathaus who is in Finley hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

The Epworth League will give a social Tuesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Aertson.

Mrs. Conrad Schneck and daughter Miss Alma Schneck and Mrs. Henry Schneck of Garber, were in the city Thursday evening to attend installation of Officers of Minnehaha Chapter, No. 344, O. E. S. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: W. M., Margaret Smith; V. P., W. H. Eppens; A. M., Mary Rea; Secy., Margaret Smith; Treasurer, A. W. Rea; Comd., Lena Mowland; Associate Comd., Anna Peck; Adm., Mary Coon; Ruth, Pearl Walters; Esther, Fannie Bush; Martha, Effie Jacobs; Elect, Mattie Walker; Warden, Lon Bush; Sentinel, W. E. Shaffer. After the work luncheon was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Mrs. Philip Stullinger is numbered among the sick. Here's hoping she may soon be better.

Prof. Wisdom and Misses Mabel Moore and Mabel True were at Edgewood Saturday to attend the Teacher's association.

Our people were rudely awakened from their peaceful slumbers Friday morning by an alarm of fire. Old Hans' man, Mr. Haug, was on fire has caught, supposedly, in the upper story, and the flames were beyond control when first discovered. A large number were soon on the scene and worked faithfully to save the adjacent buildings, by heaping snow upon and around them. The stillness of the night was most fortunate, otherwise it would have been impossible to confine the fire to one building. The shop and contents were a total loss, including Mr. Haug's automobile, upon which he had been making repairs during the winter. He carried an insurance of \$3500 on all, which will fall considerably short of covering the entire loss. W. C. Kirchock of Delaware happened along Friday morning and adjusted the loss. Mr. Haug's friends are truly sorry on account of his loss. He talks of re-building, using hollow brick for the structure and cement for floor.

Miss Inez Brown has closed her school at Progress and will return to Nebraska this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amberg of Edgewood and C. Putz and wife of Elkport were guests at the H. W. Putz home on Thursday.

Spencer Smith was treated to a postal shower on Saturday, January 29th, his eleventh birthday. He received over one hundred postals, for which he wishes to thank his friends.

Over sixty dollars were realized by the Cemetery association from dinner and supper served Saturday.

Word has been received by relatives here that Mr. J. H. Kneeb, who has been a patient in the hospital at Independence for several years, is now falling fast and can not long survive.

A number of Colesburgers attended the masquerade ball at Elkport Friday night.

The Aid society of the U. B. church met with Mrs. Charles Berkman, Wednesday in attendance.

Several ladies from town Mrs. Charles Smith is recovering from her recent severe illness. Her friends are pleased to note this.

\$20,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS
FORMER LIEUT. GOV. SHERMAN FLAYS DEEP WATERWAY.
Ridiculous Idea That Inland Water Routes Would Reduce Railroad Rates.

New York, Feb. 1.—Better to use \$20,000,000 bond issue for good roads than deep waterways is the plan advocated by former Lieut. Gov. Sherman in an address delivered before the Automobile Club of America at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. Sherman spoke in part, as follows: "The deep inland waterway schemes are aquatic dreams. Visions of gulf steamers majestically riding fresh water waves through western cornfields are baseless fabric 'o' bond issues of millions. The only realities visible at the end of such experiences are written souvenirs bearing the tax collector's genuine signature.

"The long taxes are the most jealously guarded of all governmental powers. Suddenly a loud clamor arises that the government and the state shovel mud out of our inland rivers. 'Tighten up as we are about taxes, we voted to buy the most colossal gold brick ever handed out to Illinois. If the state legislature would keep us from embarking on the unknown sea of public expenditure for such purposes it would safeguard the state general treasury for past offenses, if any, and forgiveness for the future could be given by the people.

"Its promoters disguise the concealed taxation by calling the movement a means of lowering railroad rates. The taxes regulate by creating competition in a delusion. Farmers who have been sensitive about hard country road taxes seem to have overlooked this movement. The \$20,000,000 lately voted and sought to be used to scoop out an endless avalanche of mud in Illinois would build 4,000 miles of hard roads at \$5,000 per mile. More than ten country roads reaching from the north end of Illinois to the southernmost tip could be built with it. The repair and maintenance cost is less than inland waterways. How many votes would a \$20,000,000 bond issue to run a hard road along inland farms have got?"

BALLOT-STUFFING NOT NEW
Old Colonial Records Show Act Was Attempted in 1655—The Punishment.

It is not necessary to give up our pious faith in the superior political morality of our forefathers when we learn that even in the first generation of Bostonians was found a ballot stuffer.

The same record which reveals this break records also its instant repudiation and punishment. It was on the fourteenth day of January, 1655, 25 years after the settlement of Boston, and according to the quaint records preserved of the king's chapel, that a referendum was held as to whether a part of the land should be alienated.

The old chronicler runs: "The inhabitants proceeded to bring in their votes, and when the door of the Hall receiving 'em at the door of the Hall they observed one of the inhabitants, viz. John Pigeon, to put in about a dozen with the word Yea wrote on all 'em, being charged with so doing he acknowledged it, and was thereupon Ordered by the Moderator to pay a Fine of Five Pounds for putting in the settlement of Boston according to the more than One Vote according to Law, and the Moderator thereupon declared to the inhabitants that they must draw and bring in their Votes again in Manner as before directed, and the inhabitants accordingly withdrew and the Votes being brought in and sorted it appeared that there were Four Hundred and two votes and that there was two hundred and five Yea's and one hundred and ninety-seven Nays."—Boston Transcript.

GHOUHS MENACE FLOOD VICTIMS

Lawlessness and Danger of Pestilence Become Issues.

TEN LOOTERS ARE KILLED

Buildings in Paris Are Collapsing as Waters Recede—Authorities Are Fighting Against Epidemic of Disease.

Paris, Feb. 1.—With the recession of the waters of the Seine, Paris is beginning to feel the after effects of the flood. The pavement on the corner of the Rue St. Lazare and the Rue Caumartin has subsided several feet.

A house collapsed on the Rue Lecourbe shortly after it had been evacuated by the tenants. On the Rue des Entrepreneurs a huge gap was opened under the ceiling of several houses and the whole of the ground floor of a house on the Impasse de l'Eglise is undermined. Several fissures have opened in the Quai d'Orsay.

Collapsing buildings and streets, however, are not the most serious problems confronting the authorities. Lawlessness and danger of pestilence have become the issues of the moment. Ghouls are taking advantage of chaotic conditions to plunder boldly the bodies of the dead. Reports tell of half a score of looters shot and killed by soldiers.

The feeling against the Apaches was demonstrated in various dramatic instances of pursuit in rowboats. Battles between looters and pursuers were fought. The looters were shot dead and two others hanged to lamp posts as a warning.

Epidemic Is Feared.
The authorities are devoting all efforts to preventing a general epidemic of the flu which has been due to house canvases being made and the people are warned not to re-occupy rooms which have been flooded until the quarters have been disinfected.

As the deposits of mud left by the waters are removed from the houses a quarantine will be plentifully used and the floors and walls cleaned and white-washed or painted.

The principal danger is from typhoid, the germs of which may be received through the digestive channels if the impure water is drunk.

American Relief Increasing.
Women of the French nobility are playing a prominent part in the work of relief. Donations from America are materially swelling the relief fund.

Among the numerous sums subscribed direct from the United States are \$20,000 from the Standard Oil Company, \$10,000 from Speyer & Co., and \$5,000 from Frank J. Gould. The newspapers at Paris have already raised more than \$50,000 and turned this sum over to the relief societies.

It is estimated by the fluvial department that it will take at least two weeks for the river to get down to its normal level. The fall now is at the rate of about a quarter of an inch an hour. The weather continues favorable and the temperature is slightly lower.

A concerted effort is being made to restore the telegraph, cable and telephone lines and reestablishment of the now paralyzed railroad communication. There is no prospect of restoring the electric light and power systems this week.

Trains on the Orleans line are now reaching Paris by a branch line from Savigny, near which place there were two accidents in which 17 persons were injured.

News from the outskirts is more hopeful. Thousands of refugees from Gennevilliers, Villeneuve and Colombes are at Henieres, where the authorities are at the moment busy endeavoring to provide for them. Paris is running out of coal.

TRY TO MURDER U. S. CONSUL

Representative at Managua, Nicaragua, Is Attacked on Street by Would-Be Assassin.

Managua, Feb. 1.—United States Vice Consul Caldera had a narrow escape from death when he was attacked on the street between his office and his home by a man with a dagger in his right hand. The would-be assassin rushed for the vice consul, who dodged the man and drew his revolver. When the assassin saw that Caldera was armed he fled.

The police attempt to minimize the incident by calling it an attempted hold-up, but guards have been stationed at Caldera's office.

LITTLE MONEY IN OSTRICHES

Australian Raisers of Beautifully Feathered Birds Get Small Returns for Their Work.

The first attempt to raise ostriches in Australia was made by Mr. Malcolm, who in 1880 brought 100 young birds from South Africa to South Australia, where the former year the parliament of South Australia enacted a law which granted to the first person who should exhibit 250 ostriches more than one year old about 2,400 acres of land suitable for ostrich farming.

The conditions were satisfied by the South Australian Ostrich Company, which was founded in 1886 with a capital of \$75,000. The company received land near Port Augusta on Spencer Bay, but in spite of this assistance the company has never paid a dividend, although it now possesses 1,100 ostriches, all of which were imported from South Africa. There is a still larger ostrich farm on the shore of Lake Albert, and smaller farms are scattered through the colony.

In New South Wales ostrich farming was first attempted in 1877, by Barracuff, who imported six pairs of ostriches from northern Africa, and now possesses 84 birds.

Queensland and Victoria possess only small ostrich farms, which have not produced very encouraging results. In all there are now about 2,000 ostriches in Australia. The inferior feathers are used at home and the more valuable ones are exported, chiefly to Germany.—Scientific American.

ice Box Repaired.
"Hub!" sneers a plate of ice cream to the piece of limburger cheese. "You needn't give yourself such airs. Didn't you see in the papers where there are a million microbes to each drop of ice cream?"
"I did," retorts the limburger.
"That's nothing. Compared to me you are a sparsely settled territory."

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