

THE LOCAL NEWS OF DELAWARE COUNTY

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST WEEK GATHERED BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

A WEEKLY HISTORY TERSELY TOLD

Interesting Compilation of Items of Moment Throughout the County.

RYAN.

The students from the various colleges and high schools are home for Christmas.

Messrs. Riley, Dolphin, McElliot, Ryan and Lyness, of St. Joseph's College; Miss Edna King, of the Visitation School; Helen McElliot and Francis Mangold, of the Presentation of Dubuque, Charles Dugan, of the Brothers' School at Dyersville, among those here for two weeks before returning to their school duties.

Miss Jessie Maley spent Wednesday in Ryan and while here visited at the Ward home.

Mrs. Catherine Houlihan, of Mason City, was in Ryan on business during the week and while here she visited her relatives.

Mrs. Ervin McCloud visited with her son, Edgar, and family, in the county last week.

Mrs. Thompson, mother of Gus Thompson, has so far recovered from her recent illness as to be able to be around again.

R. M. Merriam was mixed up in an automobile accident the other day which might have been serious.

He was driving through the street to the depot when his auto in some way tipped to one side and almost turned over. Something unusual for R. M. to be tussling with the auto.

Little Miss Drayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Drayton, was quite ill last week.

Mrs. Mary was being quite ill for the past few days, a fact her friends regret very much.

Mrs. Frank Foley visited relatives in Anamosa last week.

W. H. Ward and R. M. Merriam were in Manchester recently.

Mrs. John Sheppard was a visitor in Cedar Rapids recently.

Dennis Drummy was recently called to Masonville on account of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. O'Connor.

Mrs. Edgar McCloud was shaken up considerably in an auto accident last Thursday.

Glen Houston is behind the counter in Ward's drug store during vacation.

Charles Worley and Gus Thompson spent Wednesday in Marion, the latter remaining over in Cedar Rapids to visit friends and attend to business connected with the lumber yard here.

John Hynes, Sr., was a Cedar Rapids visitor Saturday.

James McCree received word recently from Dubuque that his cousin, Mike McCullough, had died there on Saturday. Mr. McCree attended the funeral. The deceased at one time owned the Gannon farm and it passed from his hands into those of the present owner, Patrick Devine.

Margaret Ward transacted business in Manchester one day last week.

The many friends here of Mrs. F. Kionus will regret to learn of her serious illness at her home in Manchester. Her daughter, Mrs. Donnelly, was called to Manchester last Friday.

James Dugan and wife were in Cedar Rapids Saturday and while there took the opportunity of seeing his brother, John, who is in Mercy hospital after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

James and Arthur Lyness were in the Farlor City Saturday.

John Hines, who is working in a factory in Kansas City getting acquainted with the mysteries of the auto to business, is at home to spend Christmas.

Marle Thompson and Harlan Merriam, of the Manchester High School, are at home to spend the holidays.

P. F. McElliot was a Cedar Rapids business visitor on last Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Doan and daughter, of Prairieburg, visited friends in Ryan Wednesday.

George Smith and family and Mrs. Rosa Summers were Manchester visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. Gleason, of Akron, Iowa, was a visitor at the Sullivan home here and also with the Sullivans in Hazel Green.

Ed Mangold and family will soon

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move into the house which they have recently erected. It is equipped with all that is modern.

Mrs. Gorham spent a day with her friends in Manchester recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy attended the Davis funeral at Hopkinton last week.

Mrs. J. W. Tarleton was a Manchester caller last Wednesday.

Charles Arnold was a county seat caller recently.

The infant, child of Mr. and Mrs. George Schly passed away Tuesday, December 16, after an illness of about one week. The remains were taken to Cedar Rapids for interment.

Mrs. A. Guthrie and children visited at the Guthrie home in Cedar Rapids last week.

Mrs. M. English was a Manchester shopper Wednesday.

Will Volker went to Chicago recently with a carload of stock.

Father Malloy visited his brother, Dr. Malloy, at Fairbanks recently.

Mrs. T. P. Turner, Mrs. Ed. Goss and Flora Burtis spent a day in Cedar Rapids last week.

John Beacom, of Cedar Rapids, was here on business recently.

Verna Reinburg and Margie Robinson transacted business in Ryan Saturday.

George O'Brien is visiting relatives in Independence.

Mrs. Hilla Towne and daughter, Leone, were Cedar Rapids callers on Tuesday.

Mrs. O'Brien was in Dubuque Monday, doing some shopping.

Will Underwood spent Sunday with his family, returning to Waverly on Monday.

Mrs. George Johnson and her mother, Mrs. Maurice Behan, were in Manchester one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Casey are the parents of a little girl, born Monday.

Mrs. Dennis Drummy has the sympathy of her many friends in this vicinity on account of the death of her father, Mr. O'Connor, who died at his home near Masonville Saturday evening.

James Anderson, who has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mangold for nine years, has embarked for himself now. He is working for P. F. McElliot.

The convent school here will close for vacation this week.

Dave McElliot spent Tuesday in Dubuque.

Devine Bros. were in Cedar Rapids on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rosefield were in Cedar Rapids visiting friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dugan were in Dubuque and Dyersville on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith were Saturday and Sunday visitors in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan were guests for a few days recently of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crowley, pioneers of Castle Grove.

Miss Lizie Lockwood, who teaches the Sullivan school and who had a Christmas tree and program Monday, closed school for one week and will spend that time with her mother at Dyersville.

Mrs. Allen Haight, who has had serious trouble with one of her eyes and who has been taking medical treatment, is much better, a "act her numerous friends are pleased to learn.

George Johnson and Thomas Flanagan, who are head carpenters at Maple Park, near Chicago, will eat Christmas turkey with home folks.

COLESBURG.

Happy New Year to all friends and readers of the Democrat.

School closed Friday for the holiday vacation of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Barnhart and little Miss Dorothy, of Webster City, are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

G. A. Dodge was called to Oneida Saturday by the death of his mother, which occurred that morning at the home of her son, Dick Dodge. She was quite an aged lady and had been in feeble health of body and mind for a long time.

Rev. Minogue was here during the week to see George Flynn, one of his parishioners, who is quite low with cancer of the face. Mass was held at the Catholic church Friday morning.

Miss Zita Costigan went to Blooming Prairie, Minnesota on Friday to remain with relatives during the holiday season.

Miss Winnie Gull is at home to spend the holiday vacation. She is a student at the U. B. college at Toledo Iowa.

Mrs. Rachel Morley has been seriously ill during the week.

Miss Floy Robinson is with home friends at Edgewood for the holidays.

Miss Marie Grimes is at home for the holidays from her school work at Manchester.

son, Craig, of Goldfield, Iowa, arrived Saturday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Craig, and will be guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. P. D. Peck has been confined to her room by illness during the past week.

Minnehaha Chapter, No. 344, O. E. S., held election of officers Thursday night, the majority of the present officers being re-elected. It would certainly bring encouragement to any dying church to hear him speak.

Dr. Reed's address was "Education for the Farmer". Every farmer should at least have a good common school education, especially along the lines of scientific agriculture. It is not possible to give any where near the thoughts and ideas of interest which were given in these addresses and it was regretted that the audiences were not larger.

Miss Cora Ricketts returned home Saturday evening for the holiday vacation.

E. F. Main and wife and E. M. Hucker and wife were in Monticello the first of the week.

The Methodist afternoon social was held Wednesday with Mrs. Zollar.

Mrs. Charles Williamson and two daughters of West Union are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sophia Johnson.

There was a large audience present in the Presbyterian church Sabbath evening to listen to the beautiful Christmas cantata given by a chorus of sixteen.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, of Council Bluffs, are visiting at the Fred Wall home.

The Ladies' Aid society cleared nearly \$62 at their bazaar at the church Thursday.

Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Blaisdell and Mrs. Hubbell, of Manchester attended the chicken picnic at the church Thursday.

Margaret Croyle, Dorothy Clute and Mrs. J. B. Dunham were shopping in Dubuque Friday.

Mrs. O. Jenks and Florence Connell were Greeley visitors Wednesday.

Those from out of town who attended the bazaar on Thursday were Mrs. A. B. Holbert and sons, Louis and Fred, Mrs. B. Baker, Mrs. G. L. Baker, Mrs. Holthaus, Mrs. H. Sherman, Mrs. Kreumple, Mrs. Thos. Cole and daughter Helen, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Wroughten, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hennessey, Mrs. Canine, Mrs. A. C. Maercham and Mrs. L. A. Schneider, Greeley; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Diesch and daughter, Pearl, Mrs. Elias Faust, Mrs. Frank Faust, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kuenle, Mrs. Ed Strickland, Mrs. Seth Miller, Mrs. Fred Perkins and two children, of Almorai; and Mr. Frank Gibbs and mother, of Earlville.

Miss Ada Bradley spent several days with her friend, Pearl Diesch, at Almorai.

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C. B. McKean of Monticello and his son, Rev. E. L. McKean, of Pine City, Minnesota, were in town on Monday.

Mrs. T. M. Byerly of Delhi visited Tuesday at the home of her nephew, D. C. Oehler.

Miss Nettie Mullin is at home from Delaware for the holiday vacation.

The funeral service of W. S. Davis, who formerly resided near here, was held Tuesday in the Methodist church. Mr. Davis had been in ill health for a year and a great sufferer. He was born in Warren county, New Jersey, October 22, 1837. He came west at the age of 21 years to Aurora, Ill. In 1863 he was married to Miss Margaret Perry. To them three children were born, Edward, Mrs. Belle Davis Hardy and Miss Clara E. Davis, all of whom live in Los Angeles, California. In 1880 Mr. Davis moved to Hopkinton, where his wife died. In 1883 he was married to Mrs. Nancy Marshall who survives him. In 1889 they moved to a farm near Marcus and four years ago they moved to Marcus where his death occurred. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Challice from the text selected by Mr. Davis previous to his death from John 14-2. "In my father's house are many mansions." Those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Charles Marshall, Denver, Col., T. J. Squires, Holton, Kansas; S. S. Squires and family and Fred Tracey and wife of Ryan.

Mrs. Clow and daughter of Traer are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porter.

W. F. Garvin and W. V. Keith have a \$2000 contract for road work near Elkader in Clayton county.

They have the machinery and experience to make a success of the work and expect to move up there and commence work at once.

The Clio club have on sale at several places of business Red Cross seals which are being used extensively on Christmas packages.

The funds received are used in the fight against tuberculosis and the commission received by the club will be used in civic work in which they have been interested for several years.

The Country Church Life conference which commenced on Sabbath was continued during Monday. In the morning the session was held in the Presbyterian church and was opened with prayer by Rev. Coleman of the Covenanter church. President Reed gave a short account of the meetings held in Jones county. Prof. Laughlin of Lenox college gave a very interesting talk upon soils and how to improve unproductive lands. Miss Aris of the domestic science department of Lenox also gave a very interesting paper on "The Making of a Country Home". A picnic dinner was served at noon in the basement. The afternoon meeting was held in the Methodist church and was opened by Rev. Challice, who gave a few notes on a conference at Fayette. Rev. Matthew McNutt gave an account of the reviving of a country church near DuPage, which could not support a pastor but in ten years had become a prosperous one and had built a large commodious church and its young people were all interested in its different departments. It would certainly bring encouragement to any dying church to hear him speak.

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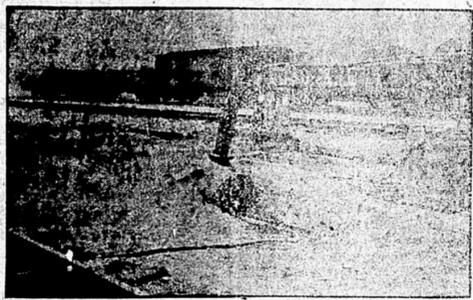
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CONCRETING IN WINTER

Farmers Can Use Spare Time in Cold Weather to Good Advantage by Doing Concrete Work Then. Must Be Done Properly, However, to Avoid Damage by Freezing.



According to the engineering magazines, a number of big buildings were built, during the winter of 1912, of reinforced concrete. Of course, as every farmer knows, concrete is damaged by freezing. On the other hand if the contractor can safely and profitably build during the winter months he would save time and money for himself and for the capitalists who were erecting large office buildings.

The farmer, especially the corn belt farmer, often has lots of spare time on his hands during the winter months. He may take a trip to Chicago and attend the International Live Stock Show, after which he sort of settles down for the winter. This is a good time to study up on advanced methods of farming, but it is no reason why he should not follow the example of the big contractors, in Chicago and New York, and construct a few useful articles of concrete.

According to the technical magazines these are the essential points to be considered when concreting in winter. First, the bank run gravel must be separated into two piles, by the use of a sand screen; preferably these piles should be placed after grading and screening indoors. The gravel will very likely be frozen with many hard lumps. It must first be heated and the frost taken out of the material. This is accomplished as shown in the picture, by using part of an old boiler—a piece of old iron

pipe, etc., and piling the gravel over the top. In the railway construction work, illustrated, pipes were run through the fire so that the cold water which flowed from the faucet or water plug through one pipe (an ordinary kettle would accomplish the same purpose) was heated, and forced by pressure into the barrel. The warm water in the barrel was used to mix the cement, sand and gravel. The sand and gravel were first heated on top of a piece of old iron pipe or boiler a wood fire being built in it. Then the sand and gravel was screened through a quarter inch screen. Everything up to a quarter of an inch in size being called sand and the material from one-fourth inch up to 1/2 inches being used for gravel. Then a 1/2 inch mix was used, one cubic foot of one sack of Portland cement, two cubic feet of sand and three cubic feet of gravel. The work was protected for four or five days and by that time the concrete had set sufficiently so it would not be damaged by freezing. In the case of fence posts, for example, this warm sand and gravel could be brought inside the barn and mixed there with the hot water. In ordinary weather the temperature in the barn would be above freezing point and after five days or a week the fence posts could be taken outside, laid on the ground and by spring time they would be well cured. Of course they would have to be put where cattle could not tramp on them.

"TOO MUCH HAY!"

M. L. Mosher, Agent, Clinton Co., Iowa, Tells of Success of a Clinton Co. Farmer with Alfalfa.

(National Crop Improvement Service.) The alfalfa which was sown on ground, which was put into proper condition has come on nicely, considering the very dry season which we have had.

The alfalfa which was sown on the field which had been neglected throughout the summer is only up a little ways and stands very little show of living through the winter.

Mr. Frank McDermott living 3 miles northwest of Clinton seeded 5 acres of alfalfa in August, 1912. The ground was summer fallowed throughout the season, the weeds being kept down and a good mulch retained. Four or five tons of finely ground limestone per acre were distributed and worked into the surface. At seeding time early in August the ground was thoroughly inoculated with dirt from a sweet clover patch. After the ground was frozen in the winter, the

field was covered with a rather thick dressing of straw manure. In the spring the straw was raked up and baled off so that it would not be hauled up with the first crop of hay. This five acre field produced 22 tons of hay from the first two cuttings during the season of 1913. The third crop which would have made at least one ton per acre was left on the ground. When asked why he did not cut it, Mr. McDermott said "That he had so much hay now that he didn't care to bother with it and thought that he would leave the entire crop on the ground for winter protection."

Kansas Philosopher. A reporter for the Globe asked an Atchison man for an item the other day. "Well," the man replied, "I did hear several interesting things, but will not repeat them. It is not because I don't want to help you, but it is because I don't believe nine-tenths of what I hear. I don't exactly distrust mankind, but I don't believe what people say, I'm sorry to say. It is not because people are crooked, but because they are careless."—Kansas City Star.

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Advertisement for Eclipse Lumber Co., E. B. Bolander, Mgr. Features include: 'A SURE THING!', 'Jack Frost is here. Winter is sure to follow. Have YOU your WINTER COAL. If not phone 117 at once so we can get it to you before the storm.', 'Eclipse Lumber Co., E. B. BOLANDER, Mgr. PHONE 117'.

Advertisement for Manchester Flour Mills. Features include: 'City Office over Postoffice, Phone 110.', 'The season for Buckwheat Flour and Corn Meal is here. Brands of flour manufactured—White Pearl and Idol. If your grocer will not supply you, order direct from us. Orders left at the office will receive prompt attention.', 'Jos. Hutchinson Owner, C. A. Pierce In Charge of Office'.

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