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NEWS FROM NEAR BY

Daily Doings of Some of Ottumwa's Close Neighbors.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL

Everything From Joyous Births to the Philosophical Observation of Sages, Are Chronicled by the Courier's Special Correspondents.

their hall Tuesday afternoon with a large number present. This is one of the most flourishing societies in the city and deserves much credit for doing so much good by helping so many worthy families. Mrs. Gene Baker has returned from Chicago and reports a most enjoyable visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. C. R. Kirk entertained at cards Tuesday afternoon. There were about thirty-six present. The prize, a silver spoon, was won by Mrs. J. A. Penick. Miss Willa Brown won second prize, a deck of cards. The refreshments were both dainty and plentiful. The house, although a bower of beauty in itself, was made still more so by beautiful decoration of sweet peas and nasturtiums. Mrs. Kirk was assisted by Mrs. Ed. Jones. The out of town guests were Miss Wells, of Des Moines, and Mrs. Cochran, of Burlington.

BLOOMFIELD.

Bloomfield, July 25.—E. T. Mathews, who purchased the Higbee hardware store some time ago filed a petition in bankruptcy at Keokuk on Saturday. One creditor arriving here on Friday made arbitrary demands for payment that he was unable to meet, as it is now harvest time and few sales are made. On account of this creditor's threats Mr. Mathews thought it best to have all creditors paid than to have a trial and have preference over others. Mr. Mathews has only been in business a little over a year and had no experience in that line. The stock was purchased mostly on time and with borrowed money. Competition is strong as there are two other hardware stores in the city. Mr. Mathews had hoped to get through the dull season believing that the fall trade would help him to square accounts. This sudden demand changed his purpose and he concluded to turn his property over to his creditors. He hesitated to take this plan but it seemed the only honest way to meet the situation and deal justly with all creditors. Mr. Mathews was an honest and industrious citizen, who has a host of friends in this community. Mrs. Demming, the aged mother of Mrs. J. W. Barker, died Sunday after a long illness, at the age of 85 years. The remains were taken to Manchester, in Bureau county, for burial, on Monday. Ed Bruce, while engaged in repairing a brick building on the east side Monday morning, was struck on the head by a falling brick and was badly injured. Miss Jessie Mills and Miss Stevens returned Saturday from Pittsburg where they have spent the past two weeks visiting Miss Mills' cousin, Orin Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, of Van Buren county, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Carroll. Miss Grace Davis entertained a party of young people Saturday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Sheaffer. The party was given in honor of Mrs. Carrie and Miss Grace Elisha, of Unionville, Mrs. Edie Roope, of Indiana, Mrs. Jim Pinkerton, of Cromwell, and Miss Jennie Hathaway, of Waterloo, spent several days at the home of Mrs. Stanley Hathaway. Mrs. Pinkerton returned home on Monday and Mr. Hathaway left at the same time for Mt. Pleasant to visit his brother, Will Hathaway. Miss Hathaway and Mrs. Pinkerton are sisters, who were formerly of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dupree were the guests of friends in Pulaski on Sunday. Miss Jennie McFadden is taking a two weeks' vacation from her position as clerk in C. D. Fortune's dry goods store.

ALBIA.

Albia, July 25.—Condemnation proceedings have been commenced to secure title to pieces of Albia property that are wanted for right of way purposes for the Wabash. It is the property of W. A. Gray and J. N. Massey that will be condemned. All other property in the city and between Albia and Hilton was secured by the right of way act. Mr. Gallagher, the parties could not agree on the price of the two pieces in question and the usual proceedings will be gone through. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Woolsey and son Hugh, arrived in the city from Las Animas, Col., yesterday afternoon, and will be guests of their parents for a few weeks. Prof. Hollingworth is in Centerville this week, where he is assisting in the normal that is now in session there. Miss Mae Hartsuek departed yesterday morning for a month's vacation and will accompany relatives in the northern part of the state. Miss Anna Anderson, a Monroe county young lady who has been teaching school at Mystic, left Monday for Centerville, where she will attend normal. She will go from there to Mystic to take up her work for the season. The democrats of this county will hold their county convention next Saturday, and there primaries were held last Saturday evening to select delegates to the meeting. There is some confusion among the fusion forces to know whom to nominate for the various offices in the county. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clark, of Osceola, are in the city on a visit to friends. They are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Taunton and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sholly. They will prolong their visit for some days. Dr. W. E. Moore, of Derby, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson over Sunday. The ladies composing the I. L. club showed their appreciation of one of their members the past week, the party being Mrs. J. M. Bass, who was moving into a new residence property. The members went to the new home and assisted in sewing carpets and making other labors. Refreshments were served and they had a pleasant afternoon.

ELDON.

Eldon, July 25.—A party of married people enjoyed a picnic Sunday up the river at old camp McKinley. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nicklin, Mr. and Mrs. Van McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fry, and Ed. Moore, son of Seth Moore, died at his home north of town Saturday morning and was buried yesterday. While standing in a crowd listening to a street fakir last evening Brakeman Frank Dets was robbed of a gold watch and chain, valued at \$50. Fred Isabelle and family left this morning on their western trip. They went from here to Des Moines, Omaha

and Lincoln, from there to Denver and Colorado Springs, where they will spend most of their time. They will return by way of Topeka and Horton, Kan. They will be absent thirty days. Percy and Herbert Walton returned to their home at Washington, after a visit with Miss Edith Norton. Frank Callen, who is employed at Winterset, in a drug store, is home for a few days. Switman Ab. Sheridan is off duty on account of sickness. Mrs. Jns. Dalzell is visiting her sister in the country this week. Eldon, July 26.—News reached here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Goff, who has for the past four years been a resident of Mississippi, but was formerly a resident of Washington township. The news of her death was quite a shock here as the family was well and favorably known throughout this vicinity.

HEDRICK.

Hedrick, July 25.—Lieutenant John Morrison, of the Third United States cavalry, a son of Hon. and Mrs. John Morrison, of this city, has been ordered to the Philippine Islands and he will sail from Seattle about Aug. 10. John Foster, J. T. Brooks, John Morrison, M. Speck, T. Kenyon, Jos. Merrifield, Wade Kilgus and several others are at Sigourney today attending the republican county convention. Tee Curtis, a former resident of Hedrick, died at his home near Pekin Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young and Wald Young left today for Colorado Springs, where they will spend a two weeks' vacation. Sigourney, July 25.—A marriage license has been issued to John Gilbert and Mary Wickencamp. John Needham has returned home from his trip throughout the west. Charley Jones still continues sick, and little hopes of his speedy recovery are entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Westenhaver, of near Kinross, are visiting at County Superintendent Gemmill's. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards, yesterday afternoon, a boy, Charles is all smiles. Belknap, July 25.—J. W. Bolwar and Sam Wells were in Ottumwa on business Tuesday. Mrs. John Riley was seriously ill last week but is improving now. J. M. Thompson and sons, Owen and Harry, were Ottumwa visitors Wednesday. Mrs. Henry Yanke and little daughter Hazel and Mrs. Will Tulk and little son Earl left Thursday for a visit with relatives at West Grove, returning home Sunday evening. Little Wanetta Putman was on the sick list last week. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rominger and daughter Nora left Friday night for Kansas City from which place Mr. and Mrs. Rominger will leave for Nettleton, Mo., where they will visit Mrs. Rominger's brothers, Dr. Paschal and Reuben Hargrove. Miss Nora has returned to resume her studies at the Normal. Ed Reeves and baby, of Bloomfield, visited at the W. Doud home the latter part of last week. Mrs. J. B. Lafferty and daughter, Olive, of Alexis, Ill., are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. A. Patterson, and family. O. Housely, of Drakeville, left here last night for Humeson. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Toole are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son, born to them Friday night. Dr. J. L. McKee left Saturday for Lincoln, Neb., with a view to locating, it is rumored. Miss Ola Wells visited on Soap Creek with her sister, Mrs. Jno. Eberline. Chesley Puckett was taken quite ill Friday from applying carbolic acid, which had not been sufficiently diluted, to his limbs to cure poison, from which he had been suffering. Dr. J. Swinney, of Bloomfield, was called in and rendered assistance. Yes Winters, who had also been suffering from poison, was also given treatment by Dr. Swinney. Both gentlemen have recovered from the poison. Mrs. Jesse McCreary and sons, Harry and Harley, of Bloomfield, were visitors at the T. G. Davis and G. H. Hughes homes last week. Chesley Puckett and wife visited with relatives on Soap Creek Sunday. Miss Mattie Myers of Eldon, visited with Mrs. Samuel Myers and children over Sunday. A township Sunday school convention will be held at the M. E. church Sunday, August 6. All Sunday schools are cordially invited to participate in the exercises. J. W. Miller was an Ottumwa visitor Saturday. Mrs. N. E. Kirkendall, of Bloomfield, was the guest Sunday of Mrs. W. M. Williams. Ed. Patterson, wife and children, and their guests visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Patterson, of near Drakeville. Miss Iva Baird, of Ottumwa, visited here last week at the Marion Eberline and William Puckett homes. She left here for the home of her brother, Walter, who resides near Floris, where she will visit for some time. Mrs. Coffey, of Carlton, Mo., visited here Saturday with Mrs. J. W. Johnson, and both went to Bloomfield Sunday, where they visited with Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. Chas. Pettit. Mr. and Mrs. John Toney, of Bloomfield, were visitors here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, of Dodge City, Kan., Mrs. W. R. Gibson, and Miss Myrtle Monroe, of Bloomfield, visited here with friends Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Hart expect to return soon to their home at Dodge City. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Hart's sister, Miss Myrtle Monroe, who will visit with them a while. Mrs. F. C. Cree accompanied her niece, Miss Millie Breeding, to Ottumwa Wednesday. Millie will visit at her former home, Malvern, for a few weeks. Some of the young people from here attended the basket meeting at Dunville, Sunday. George W. Ware left Tuesday evening on Rock Island train No. 16 for Keosauqua and other points. Chas. Woods, of Moulton, is shaking hands with old friends. Boone McCormick was a Floris man Sunday. Miss Maude McCormick's

most agreeable surprise Saturday, in honor of her birthday party. Maude had gone to bed, and returning about 9:30 p. m. found the house filled with folks. She was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents. Present were: Misses Corda, Myers and Jimmie Bolwar, Ollie Jennings, Hattie Thompson, Allie Morris, Ella Munn and Bessie Green; Messrs. O. W. Blankenship, G. W. Ware, S. C. Sharon, Lockersmith, Allen Thompson, Jennings, Elva Beadle, Ed Martin, J. W. J. Burns, John Cameron, Boone Medcalf and T. D. Munn. Social converse, music and games were the order of the evening. All departed at a late hour feeling that a very pleasant time had been spent. Mrs. Combs, of Bloomfield, visited with relatives Sunday. Chesley Puckett lost his buggy purchasing one more gentle and in his use. White Elm, July 26.—Harvest is along and the farmers are reaping a good crop of hay. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harryman and Mrs. W. C. J. Vandevere and family. Over and wife are visiting in Bloomfield this week. Mrs. Annie Schlottter Sunday evening a few days with her son at that place. J. E. Likenfeiler left Tuesday for his home in Coffeyville, Kan., having spent some time with relatives here. The blood, of Denova, was the guest of Miss Blanche Percival over Sunday. An ice cream festival was given at the Christian church last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Sabbath school. A short program was rendered and ice cream and cake were served. Hon. W. S. Allen, of Birmingham, was a business caller Monday. Prof. Paeker and wife and Rev. Paul McBeth and wife were Mt. Pleasant callers Saturday. Miss Lizzie Harlan, of Ottumwa, visited with friends at this place Sunday. Earl Lindsey, who has been in Keokuk for the past two months, returned to his home at this place Monday. Mrs. Belle Benn, of Farmington, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson. Mr. Harlan and daughter of Mt. Pleasant called in town Sunday. Dr. Allen, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday here.

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SEYMOUR.

Seymour, July 26.—Rev. John Winterbourne, his wife and two children and Mrs. Bertha Nolte and baby are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winterbourne. Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Thomas spent Sunday with Sam Shannon near Unionville, Mo. Clyde Duncan and Grace Robinson, of Cincinnati, spent Sunday with Seymour friends. Miss Kate Albertson, of Corydon, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Mrs. Rose Ford. S. A. Graham is spending a few days in business here Friday. The royal reception given by the Epworth League in the park Saturday evening was a success in every way. Miss Gertie Robinson, of Cincinnati, is visiting with Miss Verda Riggs this week.

WOOLSON.

Woolson, July 26.—We are having fine harvest weather. Oats are all in the shock with a considerable amount of hay to put up yet. W. R. Hadley was in Pleasant Plain on business last Friday. Mr. McPeck, of Fairfield, was in Woolson lately on business. Floyd Mills is still quite poorly with inflammatory rheumatism. Henry Blunk is suffering from an injury caused by having a pitchfork stuck in his hand. Aunt Freda, of Nebraska, filled the Friends' pulpit here last Sabbath. He is accompanied by his wife. The Misses Martha and Vida Young were Fairfield visitors last Wednesday. Jerry Coffin, of Pleasant Plain, Sunday in this neighborhood. The blackberry crop is a good one up to date. Mrs. Ella Moore and daughter Linnie accompanied by Arthur Wood, all of Fairfield, were visiting in these parts lately. Leone Turnbull is visiting in Ringgold county with relatives. Pearl Bottorf has organized a class here in this neighborhood. Mrs. Maggie Yates is sick with heart trouble. Mr. McFarland buried an infant recently. Wm. Quackenbush went to Chicago the first of last week with a load of hogs. Aunt Nette Wendeshall is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Edwards, at Pleasant Plain. Miss Ethyl M. Edwards, of Pleasant Plain, was visiting at the Shelley home last Saturday. Mrs. Essie Martin, of Oskaloosa, is visiting with her friend, Mrs. Lida Hlatt.

DALHONAGA.

Dalhonaga, July 27.—Mrs. Cora Conolly and baby, of Hedrick, are spending the hot summer weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lowen. Messrs. Hariman and Swanson filled the pulpit here last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Hastie. Mrs. McCoy, of Chariton, accompanied by her little grand daughter, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lida Robinson. Misses Carolin and other relatives have been visiting in this vicinity. J. A. Stearns was in this vicinity Sunday evening. Chas. Wood, of Moulton, is shaking hands with old friends. Boone McCormick was a Floris man Sunday. Miss Maude McCormick's

pected before harvest began. The corn, potatoes and blackberries were well benefited by a good rain. Shields & Douglass, of Dudley, are operating the stone quarry on Mr. Johnson's farm, west of town. They load the stone on the cars at Chillicothe to be used for the orders. Fred Hill has finished up his farm work for the present. While resting preparatory to going to work on the railroad, he is amusing himself fishing, and is making a success of it. Mrs. Ed Nye and her mother, Mrs. Allen drove to Ottumwa, Tuesday. The fourth quarterly conference and meeting on this charge will be held in Columbia charge, next Saturday and Sunday, July 29-30. Preaching Saturday at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. D. C. Smith, the presiding elder, followed by the conference business. Love feast meeting Sunday, 10 a. m. Sermon by Rev. D. C. Smith, 11 a. m., followed by the sacramental service. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Hooper at 3 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend each of the services, and any who wish to do so may bring their dinner with them and lunch at the church yard under the shade trees. Paul Eagerstrom has recovered from his fall.

KIRKVILLE.

Kirkville, July 27.—Fred McNaair was in town Monday on business. W. T. Percy spent Saturday evening and Sunday at home, after an absence of two weeks on the road. Eli Harshman, who lives about five miles west of town on the Edlyville road, met with a severe accident Monday afternoon. He was shelling corn with a power sheller for J. N. Barker and in trying to remove a cob from the elevator the index finger of his right hand was caught by one of the elevator boxes and carried up and was severely cut and bruised. He was brought to the office of Dr. Hill, who, with the assistance of Dr. Abegg, dressed the wound. It is possible that the finger will have to be amputated yet, for if it heals up as it is it will be useless. Mrs. Sadie Castle and Mrs. Maggie Castle, of Ottumwa, were here Monday calling on Kirkville friends. Messrs. Joe Vest and A. L. Stoner, of Ottumwa, rode up on their wheels Monday and paid their best respects to one of the best little towns in Iowa. Winches, Kirkpatrick, wife and children, of Winchester, Kan., were over Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Cole. Corn is making a rapid growth, but it is needing some rain. John Cole, who is in the employ of the Sullivan Machine Works company, is now in Chicago but will go in a few days to Pennsylvania, to superintend some work.

FLORIS.

Floris, July 27.—Mrs. Byrd Wallace, of Belknap, was here last Wednesday to visit her little son, who has been quite sick. The Misses O'Connell, of Eldon, are visiting at the home of R. T. Davies. Sheriff Young took Wm. Brooks, of this place, to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. It is said by a great many that his mental affliction was caused by overwork. Miss Maude St. George has returned from a few months' visit in Illinois. William Pearson, of this city, returned from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Moulton, Wednesday. T. N. Conner made a business trip to Eldon last Thursday. Mrs. Amanda Blough, of Kansas City, and Miss Lillie Blough, of Palaski, are visiting at the home of Allen Plank, in this city. Patrick Davies, Dr. Parker, Jake Carter, Charles Harward, Jr. and Will Rouch took the excursion train Saturday for Kansas City. Messrs. Davies and Parker stopping off at Trenton, Mo. Mr. Carr will go on from Kansas City to Moquette, Mo. The other four returned Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. C. C. Clegg has bought the restaurant formerly owned by Jake Carr. Quite a number from this place attended a basket meeting at Donville, Sunday.

FREMONT.

Fremont, July 27.—Miss Mollie Cannon was an Oskaloosa caller Tuesday. J. L. Caves was on the sick list Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kennel visited at the D. K. Unsfer home at Wright Sunday. Mrs. and Mrs. Kelley, of Lacy, visited with their daughter, Mrs. Morgan, over Sunday. J. R. Dale, J. T. Fox, C. Beale, Abby Palmer and J. L. Caves went fishing Friday afternoon, bringing home several pounds of fish. Mrs. E. K. Porter has returned home from Iowa City, where she visited with Mr. Porter's mother. Barry Aldridge was a business caller to Oskaloosa Saturday. Miss Florence Roof went to Fairfield Thursday to visit with her brother, Don, who is employed at that place. He returned home with her Saturday night and spent Sunday with his parents. A number of young people went to the Philliphi home southwest of town Thursday night for a moonlight picnic on the lawn. Ice cream and cake were abundant and all had a good time. C. W. Fellers has been on the sick list for the past week but is reported better. Misses Grace and Inez Baker, of New Sharon, are visiting at the home of S. R. Canon and family. J. L. Caves sustained serious injuries while raking hay Tuesday afternoon. His team became frightened and ran away. Mr. Caves fell off the rake and in front of it where the teeth caught him and dragged him a long distance till the rake struck a fence post and the horses became loosened from it. Mr. Caves was picked up insensible and carried to Dr. Krout's office where some frightful wounds on his head and face were dressed. His right cheek was literally torn loose. Mr. Caves is now resting as well as could be expected.

BLAKESBURG.

Blakesburg, July 27.—Married, at the Epworth church on Monday, July 17, Melvin Anderson to Miss Gertrude Wilson. Mr. Anderson is a most popular young man, and the bride is one of Blakesburg's fairest young women. Dr. C. N. Udell spent part of last week in Des Moines. The Epworth League social held here Saturday evening in the lawn here was a decided success. Quite a

number of people from the country attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. L. W. Garrison, Leyi West, Merritt Tinsley and Frank Hardy attended the republican convention in Ottumwa last Saturday. Chickens are making themselves rather plenty around town at present. A few well directed loads of joshaw would no doubt have a salutary effect on them. Joshua Hadley and daughter, of Richland, visited with Milton Hadley last week. Carey Inskeep, of Ottumwa, was in town Thursday on business. Tom Thompson delivered a fine bunch of cattle to the Morrell packing house last Saturday. Roscoe Smith left Monday for Centerville where he will attend the Appanoose county normal. Herman Snow, living over in Monroe county, is being prominently mentioned for the republican candidate for representative in that county. Mr. Snow is one of our best citizens and would make an efficient representative. Mrs. Amelia Van Cleave, died Tuesday after a lingering illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Naler. M. H. Abernathy returned Tuesday from Chicago.

NORTH ENGLISH.

North English, July 27.—Prof. E. H. McMillan writes from Los Angeles, Cal., that he is greatly enjoying his vacation at that place. C. L. Smith is spending this week in Chillicothe, Mo. T. M. Clevenger and wife, of Marengo, are visiting at the parental Clark Mahannah home. Miss Lola Oldaker, of Kinross, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Beulah Lindaur. Prof. Clarence McCracken and wife returned Monday night to their home in Mechanicsville. Mrs. Dan, of Des Moines, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Mahannah. H. Fluncky and daughter Daisy, spent Monday in Marengo. Mrs. Eletha Darland, of Des Moines, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Thomas.

COMPETINE.

Competine, July 27.—Stephen Phelps and daughter Nellie, of Hastings, Neb., are visiting relatives here. H. L. and Mrs. Scott were Ottumwa visitors Thursday. S. E. Wright has a new buggy. John Lineveaver is visiting friends near Hayesville. Miss Irma Krout called on friends here yesterday. Mrs. David Sterling is still unable to be about. James Burnough is on the sick list. "Doc" Powell has purchased the stock of goods owned by S. B. Rogers and will conduct a general grocery store in the same building. Charles Mick was in town yesterday. Mrs. J. B. Krout, of Fremont, visited Tuesday at the home of J. P. and Mrs. Hawthorne. Miss Maude Hagan, of Hedrick, was a recent caller here. Prof. A. McMillan is spending the week with his parents. Wm. Wright delivered a car load of hogs at Pekin Friday. Miss Anna Halberg is visiting at the home of J. W. and Mrs. Sylvester. J. C. Hawthorne has a new carriage. Hon. G. W. Dickens, Adam Decker, J. W. Sylvester, A. B. Phelps, E. Moore and T. Dickery were in attendance at the republican convention Saturday. J. M. Fleener was a business caller here Tuesday. Rev. Orr Campbell, of Oskaloosa, preached an able and scholarly sermon to a large audience here Monday evening.

CHEQUEST.

Chequest, July 27.—The farmers are all enjoying a warm hay harvest. Frank Horn and Tom Moore, of Leona, were in this section Tuesday buying horses. Waldo Harrayman, C. C. Rambo, John and A. E. McCullough were in Keosauqua Monday on business. Quite a number of the teachers are attending normal at Keosauqua, which convened Monday, July 24. C. C. Rambo and A. E. McCullough, two well to do farmers, purchased new vehicles while in Keosauqua last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harryman and son, F. S., and family visited at the Sam Morrow home near Douds last Sabbath.

AMADOR.

Amador, July 27.—Farmers of this section will soon be through harvesting if favorable weather continues. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith is reported quite ill. Mrs. Vesta Smith visited Tuesday with relatives at Prairie Chapel. Misses Mabel Hendrickson and Glen Gairlinghouse spent Tuesday night with Maud Wellman. There will be a basket meeting at Russell Chapel on Sunday, July 30. Protracted meeting during the ensuing week. There will also be an ice cream supper on Thursday night, July 28. Miss Nettie Sponser and Mrs. Ida Springer spent Wednesday at the home of George Myers. Earl and Lawrence Myers are working for Lawrence Baker this week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larue, of Ottumwa, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson. T. Hanning was in Blakesburg on business Monday. Asa Shields marketed some fat hogs at Blakesburg Saturday. A number of young people from Amador attended the ice cream supper at Blakesburg Saturday night, and report a very pleasant time. Messrs. Andrews and Adkinson are digging a well for Peter Schwartz this week.

MILTON.

Milton, July 27.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beatty are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy. Mayor L. L. Hotchkiss has been very ill but at this writing is some better. Mrs. Margaret Russell, who had the misfortune last winter to fall and break her leg, fell again last Saturday evening spraining her knee, which will confine her to her bed for some time. Grandma Tatman visited in town over Sunday. Rev. M. V. Higbee and wife left last Monday morning for a visit with Mr. Higbee's parents in Fairfield. Miss Ethel Jaek has returned home after an extended visit in the country. Snodgrass brothers shipped 106 head

of cattle from this place last Sunday to Chicago. Wm. Snodgrass went with them. W. D. Russell is remodeling his house. A. D. Jolley has treated his house to a fresh coat of paint. Misses Minnie and Blanche Badgley visited friends in Keosauqua last week. Miss Carrie Craven has returned from Montana where she has been teaching for the past two years. Frank Cooley, wife and daughter Ruth, visited in Bloomfield over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith and Master Herod Fulton were in Pulaski last Saturday on business. Mr. Jack and family and Mr. Watts and wife went to the country one day this week to gather blackberries. E. Irish, of Keosauqua, was in town the first of the week transacting business.

HIGHLAND CENTER.

Highland Center, July 27.—Mrs. T. B. Nelson, of Farmington, returned home Monday after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Anthony. G. W. Bender received word Saturday that his brother-in-law, Lee Curtis, from near Pekin, in Keokuk county, is beyond. The funeral was held Sunday at the Rock Creek church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Anthony returned to her home Friday evening much improved in health, having received treatment at the Ottumwa hospital. George Mullenix, west of town, had quite an experience with a runaway team one day last week. While he was cutting oats someone fired a gun nearby, causing the team to run. Barlism was administered to three candidates Sunday evening at the Highland Baptist church. H. A. Cross and family leave today for a visit with friends at Hopeville. Revs. Byrum and Spears filled their appointments at this place Sunday. Harry A. Baker Packwood was born January 9, 1831, in Keokuk county, Iowa, where Hedrick now stands. She was married to Wm. Packwood March 3, 1869, in Afton, Marion county, coming with her husband to Wapello county, where they have since resided. To this union were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom were present at the time of her death, July 21, 1899. She was conscientious to the last and many times expressed her desire to depart this life that she might sit with Him in whom she had placed her trust. The funeral services were held at the church Sunday at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Cross, assisted by Rev. Ingham. The remains were laid to rest in the McCormick cemetery at this place.

Reports Are Flattering.

Des Moines, July 25.—The reports being daily filed by Deputy Labor Commissioner Wilson show a more remarkable increase in business during the year 1898, than they at first indicated. Out of twenty reports received yesterday, not one was found that did not show a net increase in business of over 33 per cent and many showed as high as 50 per cent.

THEY ALL DEMAND IT

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