

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.

CHARITON.

Chariton, Nov. 16.—M. M. Hinton, one of Melrose's hustling newspaper men, was calling on old friends in the city Tuesday.

Tuesday night was the first night scheduled for the great meteoric display in the heavens, and accordingly Mrs. Dewey invited a few of her friends to a watch party. The guests managed to pass the time most pleasantly, with cards and social conversation, until about 2:30, when they concluded the atmosphere was too cloudy to witness it even should it take place, and they returned to their homes.

Master Elmer Harp, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harp, met with a very severe accident on Tuesday. He was leading a horse to water, when it became frightened and started to rear, jerking him against the fence and breaking his arm below the elbow. The fracture was soon reduced and he is getting along nicely, but he will be laid up for a couple of weeks.

James Walton and wife, of Milo, are spending a few days in the city with Mrs. Walter's sister, Mrs. John Oldacre.

There has been a change made in the yard force at the depot. Frank Weed, who has been working as night yardmaster, has been promoted to the position of day switchman, and Fred Savasole has taken his place in the yards at night.

Quite an enjoyable little party of twelve or fifteen met with Mrs. Chas. Carlson, of Lincoln township, Tuesday night, and indulged in a waltz party. They waited until about 1:30 looking for the sky to clear off so they could see the meteoric display that was to have taken place. But for the fact that Mrs. Carlson provided light refreshments the party would have become very weary. As it was they were all very sleepy and declare all the stars in the heavens could fall, and they would not watch another night.

The funeral services of John Mauk, who enlisted in the First Colorado regiment in the Philippine war and who served throughout the campaign and died on the transport Ohio on his way home, were conducted from the family residence in Whiteoak township, Tuesday. It was one of the greatest funerals that was ever seen in Chariton.

Rev. Ormond, of the Presbyterian church conducted the funeral, and during the course of his remarks read a letter from the Red Cross nurse, who cared for the soldier on the transport, telling of his patient suffering and true Christian courage. The members of Company H, Fifth regiment, Iowa volunteers, were present at the funeral and the soldier was buried in true military style, wrapped in the colors he braved death to defend. John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mauk, one of the most highly respected families in this county, and was himself a boy of sterling worth and mainly character. He was 37 years old and was raised in Lucas county. He went to Colorado about three years ago and it was from there he enlisted in Company I, First Colorado volunteers. He was well and favorably known in Lucas county for his many, many, virtuous traits, and his friends sincerely mourn his death, made doubly sad by the fact that in a few short days he would have been safely home once more.

The southeast corner of the square was the scene of a disgraceful scuffle between a young fellow by the name of Shelton and a new comer in the city, staying with D. C. Robbins. It seems that Shelton and a gang of toughs were standing on the corner, as is their custom, when the young fellow passed and they began making remarks and "guying" him. He resented this and young Shelton took it up. They were having a lively time of it, both being badly beaten up, when citizens interfered and separated them. Such scenes are getting to be almost nightly occurrences in town, and it is a shame the officers cannot be around on such occasions to break them up and preserve the peace and quietude of the city.

The Chariton fire department has decided to give another annual banquet, and bills are out announcing the event for Dec. 5, at the Armory. The committee appointed is from the hose and ladder company; S. W. Rea, C. W. Slottengren and Lloyd Penick; engine company, N. Leinen, D. E. Lewis and C. W. Johnson. The ladies committee for the supper is: Mrs. C. E. Howard, Mrs. J. E. Bentley and Mrs. Geo. Von Behren. These banquets are great social events of the season, and with these committees the affair should be a grand success.

BLOOMFIELD.

Bloomfield, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgemoor, who have been spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lester, left Tuesday for Ottumwa where they will visit relatives for a short time and will then continue the trip to Chicago and return to this city for a short time before returning.

50 doz extra well made boys' knoe pants worth 25c, only 15c  
100 doz. 10 oz. cotton flannel mittens, pair 5c  
Men's double front and back underwear, pair 25c  
Children's extra quality fleeced, from 9c

Ladies' gents' and children's hosiery in great variety, wool and fleeced lined.

THE FAIR. 118 Main. Ladies' gents' and children's boots and shoes, the kind that will wear and give you satisfaction.

ing to their home in Abercrombie, Montana. Mrs. Margaret Beel, of Bishop, Cal., is visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gibbon, W. W. Wishard and other relatives.

This city was visited Monday night by a severe electric storm, accompanied by a heavy rainfall. About 1 o'clock, the storm having subsided to such an extent as to permit one to think of courting sleep, the fire alarm was heard. People hurried to the street to find the sky heavily overcast, rain falling, lightning flashing and no signs of fire anywhere. Tuesday morning the fire seekers were informed that Judge Sloan had ordered the alarm sounded to awaken the people that they might see the meteoric shower. It is sufficient to say that under the existing circumstances the meteors were not visible.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Bloomfield lodge, No. 23, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in this city Monday, Nov. 20. A banquet will be given at 12 o'clock to the visiting brothers and their wives. The repast will be served at the M. E. church and will be prepared by the ladies of that church. An excellent program has been prepared and will be given at the court house at 11:30 p. m. Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of the guests which are expected to number at least 500.

R. B. Caraway returned Tuesday from Greenwood, Minn., where he has spent the past three months at the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert Wilson. Mrs. Henry Caraway returned Tuesday from Canton, Ill., where she has spent the past month or more with relatives.

ELDON.

Eldon, Nov. 16.—P. C. Kibler made a business trip to Ottumwa yesterday.

Mrs. Lawrence, of Des Moines, passed through our city last night, enroute to Trenton, where she will attend the funeral of Engineer Frank Glover.

Marshall Roberts was in Ottumwa on business yesterday.

Conductor Kavanaugh is running on Nos. 11 and 12 during the absence of Conductor Walker.

Miss Carrie Lyod was an Ottumwa visitor yesterday.

Engineer Matt Ribyn passed through Eldon today enroute to Valley Junction. Mr. Ribyn is the engineer who was so badly injured in the K. D. wreck last summer.

Fireman Fred James has been transferred to the run between Harrington and Horton.

Ben Trov left last night for Trenton to attend the funeral of Engineer Glover.

Frank Peters, of Ottumwa, was in Eldon on business yesterday.

Clarence Hope is on the sick list this week.

Smith Brookhart, of Washington, visited with C. W. Phelps the first of the week.

J. W. Dunning left yesterday for Chillicothe, where he has purchased a drug store.

Wm. Knouff was a Fairfield visitor yesterday.

Miss M. Vass returned to her home Tuesday, after a short visit with Eldon relatives.

Prof. Daniels has accepted a position with Hillis Bros. & McCrary.

Last night at the K. P. hall the girls were given a return party by the young men. Among those present from out of town were Misses Hodgson of Pleasant Plain, May Shearwood of Trenton, Mo., and Florence Palmer of Ottumwa. Music was furnished by Prof. Safely's orchestra.

Mrs. Al Gray was an Ottumwa visitor yesterday.

Miss Hodgson, of Pleasant Plain, is visiting friends in our city.

Ben Fehr made a business trip to Ottumwa, yesterday.

Miss Florence Palmer, of Ottumwa, is visiting with Miss Grace Griffiths.

Mrs. Harrington was an Ottumwa visitor yesterday.

Mrs. C. Fumcy is visiting friends in Leado.

Attorneys Tomlinson and Stafford were Ottumwa visitors yesterday.

Robert Shields, of Washington, was an Eldon visitor yesterday.

Wilson Taylor was in Ottumwa on business yesterday.

Claim Agents Truesdale and Mathers were in town on business yesterday.

C. Brown, of Valley Junction, is an Eldon visitor today.

J. W. Walker was a Trenton visitor yesterday.

AMADOR.

Amador, Nov. 16.—Lawrence Baker is having some hay baled this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Shields were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith Sunday.

Ira Hanning commenced school at Harlan last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McTearling spent Monday with relatives at this place.

Joe Proctor is working for Bert Wilkinson.

Just Received, A New Assortment of Battenberg work in Center Pieces, Etc. x x x x

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Character and Reputation

giving time as we have never prepared before; but more of this in good time. The great NOW offers you buying chances that claim your immediate attention. We've planned for some quick stock moving during the next few days.

This store possesses both CHARACTER it makes for itself. REPUTATION comes from you. That the store's reputation is good is evidenced by a satisfied and steadily increasing patronage. There's a foreshadowing of coming events which will be of interest to you. The intangible of a month ago now takes definite shape. Christmastide looms up with all its trade possibilities, we're preparing for the gift-giving time as we have never prepared before; but more of this in good time. The great NOW offers you buying chances that claim your immediate attention. We've planned for some quick stock moving during the next few days.

READ WHAT FOLLOWS

NOTE THE PRICES.

If Dress Goods Interest You (And they should interest you at these prices), then you'll carefully note the news concerning the following lots, its a profit stripped offering and you'll be quick to recognize it as such. All wool Tricots in all shades at 25c

A big line of novelty mixtures at 25c

Some very choice things amongst a big assortment of fancy goods at 38c

Some of the best styles you ever saw, all new goods, at 50c

Venetian suitings, 54 inches wide, at 1.25 and 98c

40 inch Cheviots, desirable and up-to-date, at 50c

Big variety of vicuna and golf plaids for skirtings. 98c

The Fitness of Furs (There is no gain saying the fact that furs are very popular this season, especially the small furs, such as collarettes and scarfs. They are popular as to price as well as to quality.)

Something nice in seal and chinchilla collarettes at 3.98

A nice astrachan collarette, the proper curl, at 5.98

Stone marten stoles at 3.98

A lot of black coney muffs at 58c

Some better ones at 75c

A good electric seal muff at 1.48

Some pretty far sets for children in angora, grey, crimmer, white lamb and chinchilla at 1.98, 1.89 and 1.48

Fifty-two Styles of Black Crepons (At the roll call this morning many styles are presented. Remembering the beauties of last year's showing, you will marvel at the resources and originality that have made this season's styles surpass all predecessors. A result contributed to in part by the daring use of chenille, spangles and jet.)

Black crepons in mohair and wool, 28 designs at these prices, 2.50, 2.25, 2.00, 1.75, 1.50, 1.25 and 98c

Black crepons of silk and wool, 24 designs at these prices, 3.25, 3.00, 2.75, 2.50, 2.25, 2.00, 1.75, 1.50 and 1.25

Winter Underwear (This stock gains your confidence and keeps it by reason of giving you honest value—dollar for dollar. It may do to ignore quality in something, but not in underwear. You'll find good honest stuff here that will give satisfaction in the wearing. Then the prices are right, too.)

Heavy cotton fleece vests and pants for women, at 25c

A special 50c garment for women, offered at 39c

Children's wool vests, at 12c

Union suits for children, at 25c

Union suits for women, at 50c

Men's fleece lined shirts and drawers, the best ever offered at 50c

Must Mention the Jackets (We buy these goods from reputable manufacturers who refund the money and take the garments back, if they do not prove as represented. We extend the same guarantee to you, and we say that better or more stylish garments never left this house.)

Well made good wearing jackets neatly trimmed at 2.98

Stylish neatly trimmed, well made, richly lined and perfect fitting jackets, the best values ever offered at 10.00, 8.50 and 5.98

Then comes the novelties for which but little more is asked: Rich quality of plush in a 27 inch long cape neatly trimmed in fur at 5.00

Better grades in plush capes that you'll find difficulty to match at 10.00 and 7.50

Ready made suits for ladies at 4.98

Something particularly nice in ladies' suits, grey or brown strictly man tailored. 12 50

Ready made skirts in big variety.

Dainty Accessories (Perhaps nothing has contributed more towards of Dress, making the Ottumwa Store a favorite among the ladies than the fact that they are sure to find here the latest in the dainty accessories which go far in giving a charm and finish to dress. Satin Stocks, Fancy Yokings, Set Belts, Pompadour Combs, Hair Ornaments set in brilliants, Buckles, Clasps, Sashes, Collars, Cuffs, Etc.)

Table Linens (The linen closets are likely to need replenishing before Thanksgiving day. Forehanded folks will be investigating next week. We are showing tempting lines of every sort—beautiful damask, worthy of the most prominent occasions. But not all are expensive—some very pretty linens are modestly priced.)

54-inch turkey red table linen at 18c

A line of pretty styles in cream damask, at 25c

Cream damask, 64 inches wide, beautiful designs, at 50c

Rich patterns in bleached damask, 72 inches wide, at 75c

Linens huck towels, at 10c

Linens huck towels, extra large, at 16c

Handkfs. (If you realize the importance of getting linen you'll buy your Handkfs. at a store where you are sure to get linen—and that's Cullen's.)

Pretty styles in women's Hdks. from 5c

A special line of Hdks., embroidered corners, at 8c

Then we have all sorts of Hdks., Irish linen, 12c to 50c

French \$1.00 and 1.25

Silks. (If you come good and early you'll get first pick of a lot of fancy silks worth 65c to 75c for 50c. If we should buy more we should have to pay more than we ask you to pay us. Its just another of our fortunate buys. Other good lots at 78c and 98c.)

Waists for Winter Wear (Properly made, properly fitted, and priced at dressmakers charges. These are all wool with fitted linings, plain and trimmed. Will just mention three lots.)

In all wool ladies' cloth at 1.12

In mohair at 1.98

In mercerized sateen at 1.00

Blankets and Quilts. (Blanket-time is here to stay all winter. We great it by turning the blanket stock into a department of public comfort within easy reach of small pocketbooks.)

10-4 cotton fleeces blankets per pair at 48c

Home made comforts, large size at 1.50

Slumber robes, large, soft, warm, at 1.38

All wool plaid blankets at 3.98

Hosiery. (Every pair a catalogue of good qualities—comfort, assured good wear, coolness, fast color and generous value. As to the last observe:)

Children's fast black, fleeced hose, all sizes, 12c

Ladies' fast black fleeced hose at 12c

Heavy silk fleeced hose for ladies at 25c

Some attractive styles in ladies' fancy hose, 75c, 50c, 38c and 25c

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souri at work and was taken ill. Mr. Hardman, the man for whom he was working, had to bring him home. He died in a few hours after arriving.

J. E. Spence is putting a brick walk down in front of his residence. The work on the new brick is being finished as rapidly as possible.

The marriage of Mrs. Cless and Mr. Thornton occurred last Wednesday. She was 72 years old and he 75. They left on Thursday morning for their future home in Albia, or near there.

Wm. Gail, of Moulton, and Miss Mae Rhodes were married last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents in this city.

Mrs. Dora Boyd was in Pulaski one day last week on business.

J. J. Rhodes was in Keosauqua one day last week.

Jasper Smith is moving to his new house.

SELMA.

Selma, Nov. 16.—W. E. Baldwin sold 500 sheep to a man at Pleasant, and John Black and Van Baldwin drove them there Friday.

Mrs. George Noble, of Des Moines, is here visiting her father, 'Squire Pepper.

George Baker is quarrying out some fine building stone.

Mr. Dunning has quit teaching school here to engage in business, in the mercantile line, at Chillicothe.

Gilbert Bros. saw mill on the Gardner farm will soon be in operation.

Coal is being mined from two banks here, one on the farm of Capt. Hinkle and one on the farm of P. Bishop.

Hugh Gardner is expected home from Arizona in a few days.

Windsor Sutton is making improvements on his property here.

Mrs. M. Hancy, of Eldon, visited Mrs. P. E. Black, Tuesday.

Chas. Ransom is employed in a wagon factory at Fairfield.

J. F. Nedrow has sold his residence property here to E. B. Stump, and Mr. Nedrow will soon move into the house he bought of S. C. Ellis. Mr. Stump will move into his new purchase.

'Squire Pepper has been plastering and improving his home property lately.

ORMANVILLE.

Ormanville, Nov. 17.—Henry Huffman, of our city, aged 87, passed away last Tuesday. He came to Iowa in 1835. He was the father of thirteen children, seven having preceded him to the beyond. The six surviving are Mrs. Elizabeth Jonson of Nebraska, Mrs. Susannah Martin of Ottumwa, Peter H. Huffman of Oskaloosa, John, Fred and William Huffman of Ottumwa.

Annerne Wyatt is dangerously ill of diphtheria.

Mrs. Steve Overturf has the typhoid malarial fever.

in our city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Thomas, a cousin of the former and a niece of the latter.

Those recently entertained at the Van-Winkle were Messrs. and Messrs. James W. Wyatt, Jefferson Randolph, James M. Bailey, Mrs. Will Wells and son Harry, of Montour, Miss Jennie Boyce, Mrs. Albert George.

J. T. Woods is the possessor of a new fountain well.

Miss Blanche Wright, of Batavia, is the principal of our new graded school.

Miss Minnie Jackson has returned from Bladensburg, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. McMaisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Overturf and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Orman are rejoicing over the lovely little girls that St. Peter left to their care.

Howard McReynolds is seriously ill. On Nov. 5, Miss Sadie Schartz and Earl Myers and Miss Ellen Downing and Eliza Tillotson were married. All join in wishing them success in life.

Albert George has moved to South Ottumwa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton and son Willie entertained a few evenings since the following named persons at an oyster supper: Mrs. Hamilton and daughters, Myrtle, Code and Lillie, Tom and Stella Dandolph, and Al Duke of Bloomfield, Misses Blanche Wright, Delphia, Clela and Charlie Overturf, Bertha, Berry, Myra Howk, Ella and Olive Eakin, Rebecca Orman, Mrs. Wm. Dorn, Messrs. Bert Horak, Ira Berry, Walter and Lawrence Orman, Charles and Albert Eakin, Chas. Moss, Will Hamilton, Frank Eakin.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson is the guest today of Mrs. Maggie Hunt.

The young folks held a musicale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Leonard last evening.

Mrs. Howard McCarty has rented Thomas Hill, of Bloomfield.

Abe Teters has sold his property to Geo. Bennett has fitted up a new blacksmith shop on Market street.

Miss Lizzie McCona was a visitor at E. S. Berry's recently.

Geo. Hydon has moved into Mrs. Zylphia Eyre's property on East Moore street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds and daughter Lillie were viewing their new coal mine last week and were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Wyatt and Miss Boyce.

Mrs. G. M. Thomas, Mrs. Fannie Wells and son Harry were royally entertained Thursday at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Beirley.

Walter Hawkins was accidentally shot by some unknown person but not fatally.

Boone Shadley is our new justice of the peace.

OTTUMWA SEWERS.

Dr. Herrick Says We Need a Better System.

NOT ALL CATCHBASINS HAVE TRAPS.

The Double System is Offered in Lieu of a Better or More Expensive Scheme—Cost of Improvement May be Assessed to Abutting Property.

The sewerage system of the city of Ottumwa is not as perfect as it might be, but just at the present time the sewer fund is at a low ebb, and the prospects for improvements are not very flattering. Yet the health of a community is of more importance than money, and if the proper funds are not forthcoming with which to make such improvements, demanded in the interests of good sanitation, then the proper thing to do is to bond the city. This method of raising money in municipalities is not the most desirable, neither does the tax payer look with approval upon it, but sometimes it is the only means toward an end and must occasionally be resorted to.

Dr. J. F. Herrick, physician to the board of health, when asked today in regard to the sewerage system of the city and whether or not he had a better plan than the one now in use, said:

"I have no well matured plan in mind that would take the place of the system now in use in Ottumwa that would be within reach of the municipality's finances. I have a better plan in mind, however, that, briefly, is this: The sewers are all large ones at the present time, and all of the manholes are provided with traps to prevent the foul gas escaping, and many of them, especially on the hills, emit noxious vapors that are disease breeders. Our sewers must carry off the surface water and sewage from vaults, but they are so large that water cannot be kept floating in them at all times, and consequently some of the matter must lodge in the pipes, offending the olfactory nerves, and endangering the health of the people living near the manhole. I have in mind a system used in Omaha and other large cities that works very well, and we are getting rapidly to the point when we will need something of the kind. It is the double sewerage system. Large pipes or brick conduits are used exclusively to carry off the surface water during heavy rains, the manholes being provided with traps that would effectually prevent the escape of noxious gases, should any matter, by some chance, lodge in the sewer to generate it. Smaller pipes are provided to carry the waste from closets, and these pipes are without manholes. When the same sewers carry surface water and foul

sewerage the system is said to be 'combined.' The separate system on the plan in this plan, the old ones may be used for the carriage of surface water, but in an entirely new work a single system of sewers, provided with storm overflows to relieve them of part of the rainfall during exceptionally heavy showers, would probably be preferred, but since sewers should in all cases be water tight, they do not form suitable collectors of subsoll water. The manholes in the business district and on West Second street are provided with traps that, when flushed with water, to a certain extent prevent the escape of foul odors, but during dry weather the water in the trap evaporates and its usefulness for the purpose for which it was intended is practically nullified."

The depletion of the sewer fund need not stand in the way of the construction of the double sewer system, or any other that would prove beneficial, provided the city council saw fit to do the work, or the people along a certain street desired the improvement. The city ordinance governing the matter is as follows:

"They (the city council) shall have power to provide for the making, reconstruction and repair of sewers and catch basins, in any street, highway, avenue, alley, public ground or market place within the limits of said city, and may, by ordinance divide said city into such sewer districts as the council may determine, numbering them consecutively, or the entire city may be included in one district; but such construction or reconstruction shall not be ordered made until three-fourths of all members of the council shall assent by voting thereto, unless the same shall be petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the linear front feet of the property abutting on such sewer, and a majority of the owners of adjacent property benefited thereby and liable to assessment therefor; but a majority of the council may provide for their repairs."

There were twenty-two deaths in the city last month from typhoid fever alone; it may be the direct cause of a majority of these was not directly due to the imperfect sewer system, but it is safe to assume that some of them were, and that being the case the need of the improvement is great. The plan as herein outlined is not intended to take the place of a perfect system, but