

LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

SHORT TALES CONCERNING PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

THE VICINITY OF OTTUMWA IN BRIEF

Births, Deaths, Marriages, Movements of Your Acquaintances as Chronicled by Courier's Staff of Correspondents Who Know Whereof They Speak.

Birmingham.

Birmingham, Dec. 15.—J. S. Ragsdale made a business trip of several days to Eldon last week looking after his farm located near that place.

Miss Nellie Countryman departed last Thursday for Eureka, Utah, where she will make an extended visit with her brother, Dr. C. C. Countryman, and wife.

Frank Morse and family are moving to the farm recently rented near Eldon.

Miss Mary Lindsay of Garnet, Kan., has been visiting her sister Annie for several weeks and will remain with relative and friends until January.

Mrs. H. Barnes left Thursday for Rockville, Okla., to spend several months visiting her daughter, Mrs. Benj. Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Loomis left last Thursday for Garden City, Kan., to visit their son John and family. They will visit other points in Kansas before they return.

The third number of the lecture course, the Madrigal Ladies Quartet, was given at the opera house Wednesday evening. The evening was unpleasant, but the audience good and entertainment excellent.

Mrs. Nanna Hughes and daughter, Fannie, have gone to Fort Madison for a stay of several weeks with the former's sister.

Albert Moss of Fort Madison, was in town one day last week visiting his brother. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. Fannie Moss.

Miss Scott of Ohio, is visiting at the Parks here.

Miss Mary Topping has returned to her home after a visit of several weeks in Oklahoma.

The house occupied by Fred Cramer and family and owned by W. A. Parker was discovered to be on fire Sunday evening but the flames were soon extinguished.

Elmer Winslow shipped a car of horses to Eldon last week.

Ed McMillan, who is employed by the Lewis Manufacturing Company of Fairbairn, attended the entertainment Wednesday evening.

The Women's Missionary society of the M. E. church will give a program and serve lunch at the home of Mrs. J. V. Clark Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Skinner have left for Chicago.

LEGAL.

Notice of Change of Articles of Incorporation.

Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the Lewis Manufacturing Company of Iowa have duly made certain changes in the articles of incorporation of said company by increasing the capital stock thereof from ten hundred thousand dollars to three hundred thousand dollars and by increasing the limit of its indebtedness to a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the total capital stock.

The names of said corporation is the "Lewis Manufacturing Company of Iowa" and its principal place of business is Ottumwa, Iowa.

Second. The general nature of the business to be transacted is manufacturing and dealing in agricultural implements, as stated in the original articles.

Third. The amount of capital stock authorized is three hundred thousand dollars. Two hundred thousand dollars thereof has been fully paid and the increased sum of one hundred thousand dollars is to be paid for at the rate of ten percent on the divided profits now owned by said company.

Fourth. The corporate term of this company commenced on November 9, 1902, and will expire on November 9, 1922.

Fifth. The affairs of the corporation are to be conducted by its officers and by a board of nine directors. The officers of the corporation are a president, vice president, secretary and auditor. The directors are to be elected by a vote of the stockholders at the annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in October of each year. The officers are to be elected by a vote of the directors at a meeting held thereafter on the same day.

Sixth. The highest amount of indebtedness to which the corporation may be indebted at any time is two-thirds of its capital stock.

Seventh. The private property of the stockholders is to be exempt from corporate debts.

Dated Ottumwa, Iowa, December 1, 1903. JOSEPH DAIN, President. J. T. BACKWORTH, Vice President. PAUL HARBERT, Secretary. CALVIN MANNING, Auditor.

Highway Notice.

To Carpenters, G. W. Warren, and all whom it may concern: The commissioners appointed to view, and if required, to establish a highway known as the H. J. Israel, et al., road, commencing at the center of section 15, township 21 N., range 12, west 5th p. n., in Wapello county, Iowa, running thence north 240 rods and terminating at the intersection of the highway, have reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damages, must be filed in the auditor's office on or before noon of the 3rd day of February, A. D., 1904, or such highway will be established without reference thereto.

Witness my hand this 21 day of December, 1903. J. H. HAMMOND, Auditor of Wapello County, Iowa.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1903, the undersigned was appointed by the clerk of the district court of Wapello county, Iowa, administrator-executor of the estate of Lucinda E. Carnes, deceased, late of said county. All persons indebted to said estate will make payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against the same will present them, legally authenticated to said court for allowance. Dated December 8, 1903.

W. A. CARNES, Executor.

Notice—Proof of Will.

State of Iowa, Wapello County, ss. To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given, that an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Johann Johann, deceased, was this day produced, opened and read by the undersigned, and that I have fixed Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904, as the day for hearing proof in relation thereto.

Witness my official signature with the seal of said court hereto affixed, this 30th day of November, 1903. Clerk of District Court.

When You Come

TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADING BE SURE YOU SEE THE SPLENDID ARRAY OF CRYSTAL TABLE WARE AND FANCY CONFECTIONS AND OTHER NICE THINGS AT

605 SOUTH ST. VAN DYKE'S To Be Sure

SOUTH SIDE.

Lebanon, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Orsa Davis and little son Earl, of Egypt, spent the day Wednesday at Glen Wilson's.

Oliver Pettit, of Lebanon, and sister, Mrs. Mary Coffman, of Milton, spent a few days last week with their brother, Silas Pettit, at Granger, Mo.

Glen Brooks and wife, of Eldon, are visitors with friends.

Mrs. William Whitcomb spent Thursday with Miss Mary McComb.

Mrs. Jessie Dushong and daughter, Miss Bennie Lane, who has been spending the past year in Des Moines, came this week for a two months' visit with Mrs. Dushong's brother, Roy Pickett, south of town.

Silas Humphrey delivered cattle to the Snodgrass brothers Friday at Milton.

Mrs. Jesse Davis, south of town, was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. G. B. Humphrey, Wednesday.

Silas Humphrey and son and George Chaffee were in Milton Friday.

Meeting closed Saturday night at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Salem, Dec. 15.—Emma, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, had one leg frost-bitten Wednesday by the cellar door falling on it.

J. W. Holland will give an entertainment at the Congregational church on the evening of Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlisle are the proud parents of a little daughter. High school alumni held a business meeting at the home of Prof. Hill Friday evening.

Miss Hoyt, evangelist singer of Grinnell, is assisting in the series of meetings at the Episcopalian church.

Salem public schools will close Friday for two weeks' vacation.

The members of the M. E. Sunday school are preparing a program which will be rendered Christmas eve, after which a beautiful Christmas tree will be decorated.

Mrs. F. S. Hill is spending this week with relatives at Albia.

Prof. Edwards of Penn college, Okla., preached at the Friends' church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Rhoda Wilmoth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Miller Beckley at Memphis, Mo.

J. T. Ingram went to Burlington Wednesday and returned Friday.

Milton, Dec. 15.—J. H. Gray and G. W. Ball are improving their residences.

A. C. Jolley, G. W. Bell, W. A. Linabery and B. Rowland have put in gas lights.

Supervisor Ferguson of Mt. Sterling was in town recently.

Oran Davis has rented his farm west of town and will move to St. John, Kan.

J. C. Murdock is visiting at Albia.

Mrs. Addie Van Fleet is quite seriously sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jockman Blanchard.

Martin Kays, son of George Kays met with quite an accident recently. He was playing with a cartridge and upon touching it off it struck him full in the eye. Dr. L. P. Summers was called and rendered medical aid and found the sight not injured.

W. A. Henderson of Washington visited his brother, J. M. Henderson, last week.

The M. P. church has made some interior improvement.

Chariton, Dec. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobson left yesterday for Elgin, Ill., where they will reside for the present. Mr. Hobson will fit him-

self for a new home. Harry Blanchard went to Norwood yesterday, where he will spend a few days at the home of Thomas Ashby.

W. A. Wire of Belinda was in the city yesterday on business.

The many friends of A. J. Holmes were glad to see him out again yesterday after being confined in the hospital several weeks on account of illness.

Miss Florence Mason and brother of Newburn were in the city yesterday.

Miss Nellie Hanlin was in Albia yesterday attending the funeral of her friend, Mrs. Mitchem, who was killed in the Sunday railroad accident near Albia.

G. L. Prebble, a prosperous farmer of Benton township, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Scott of Corydon were guests at the home of C. F. Gartin Tuesday.

A. W. Adams, aged 50, and N. E. Day, aged 44, were given a marriage certificate yesterday.

The funeral services of the late Jacob Cortelyou were held from the M. E. church this morning at 10:30 o'clock conducted by the family pastor, Rev. B. F. Miller. The remains were laid to rest in the Chariton cemetery near Miss Agnes Clark of Newton came yesterday for a few days' visit with friends in the city.

Ed the teachers' meeting and spelling at Monterey. Miss Nannie Newton won the first spelling prize, and Ray Fouts in elphering.

S. A. Hopkins went to Ed Button's Monday on business.

M. Dabney was in Bloomfield on business recently.

Charles Davidson, who has been visiting in this neighborhood, will work in the packing house.

Mrs. H. L. Morgan is very low with pneumonia fever.

E. F. Fisher's baby is on the sick list.

O. W. Wisdom was in Bloomfield Monday on business.

The son of Jake Hart has been very sick.

Pleasant Hill, Dec. 16.—Rural Route No. 2 will start January 15 from Selma.

William Baldwin has been shipping quite a good many hogs from Selma.

Quite a good many attended Ed McCullie's sale last week. Everything went for good prices.

Rev. Seeger preached a good sermon Sunday night at the M. E. church in Selma.

William Dooley was in Eldon Tuesday.

Bidwell, Dec. 16.—George Johnston and family visited Thursday at the Newton Johnston home in Chillicothe.

Mrs. David Grooms of Chillicothe returned home Thursday after a brief visit with relatives here.

Dr. Maxwell of Keokuk was called to this city this week to see George W. Meredith, who is critically ill of paralysis.

John Agerson and Miss Gertrude Fuller were married in Keosauqua on Monday. They are both young people of this city and have many friends here, who wish for them an abundance of prosperity.

Brown McDonald returned to his home here Monday from Quincy, Ill., on account of sickness.

The windows for the new Baptist church are being put in place.

Mrs. Kirk Meek entertained the members of the Etanopoh High Life club after home last Tuesday evening.

A. G. Roberts was a business visitor in Farmington Friday.

Sigourney, Dec. 16.—M. A. Harrod of this place was married in Ottumwa to Mrs. S. E. Welch, by the Rev. R. L. Peterson, pastor of the W. M. M. E. church, December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Harrod arrived in Sigourney Friday evening from their wedding trip.

Elmer Rose and family of Pleasant Home, were pleasantly entertained at C. R. Chisman's Friday.

Miss Cora Dewey of Ottumwa visited Sunday evening at the P. R. Brooks' home.

Ray Gosney of South Ottumwa, spent Sunday with his brother Albert.

Mr. Chas. of Ottumwa was a visitor here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joan Rodgers of Ottumwa were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. John Lock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grooms of South Ottumwa, are visiting this week with relatives.

A Christmas tree in connection with a fine program will be given at the Christianizing church Thursday evening, December 24, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. All are cordially invited.

Winchester, Dec. 16.—A delightful evening was spent Monday, Dec. 14, at U. S. Calhoun's, east of town. A large crowd was in attendance and carrols and other games were played until a late hour. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McLain were guests at Irving Williams' last Sunday.

This evening there will be an oyster supper at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hastings. They are royal entertainers and a good time will be enjoyed.

Thomas Williams' family is still afflicted with typhoid. Miss Florence is not able to be out yet.

Hayesville, Dec. 16.—A large number of people attended Mr. Stroud's sale last week.

Rev. Verne Pike filled the pulpit here last Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gilliland visited the parental Wiseman home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes are the proud parents of a new daughter, Mrs. Katie Lee Hayes has been quite sick for a few days, but is better at present.

Rev. Verne Pike, Guy Overture, Misses Minnie Crabb, Belle Stonebraker and Grace Duree took dinner at the U. Wiseman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fredrickson, Misses Jessie Jacobs and Emma Horton called on Mr. Malveia Utterback Monday evening.

A number of Hayesville people attended preaching services at Lancaster Sunday.

Ross Beale was in town Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Herman called on Mrs. J. Duras one day last week.

Rev. Verne Pike and Guy Overture were entertained at the H. A. Crabbe home Sunday evening.

Preparations for the Christmas eve service are about completed.

Bobtown, Dec. 16.—Charles Haren sold and delivered twenty head of three year old steers Monday to the Morrell packing house. The average weight of each was 1,400 pounds, bringing Mr. Haren \$61.50 per head.

Levi Wood is on the sick list. John Simmons and John Wood attended the Shields sale Tuesday.

August Simmons and Rev. Heckert and Rev. Walker and Henry Arnold were pleasant callers at the News office Monday.

George Gordon and A. Past of Sorghum Ridge were in Ottumwa on business Monday.

Dan Slinn of Pickel avenue, was visiting at the home of Mart Smith Monday.

Mark, Dec. 16.—C. J. Spurgeon delivered forty-one turkeys in Bloomfield Monday which brought him \$90.

Rev. Stend preached here Sunday evening.

R. W. Wisdom was in Bloomfield Monday with boxes.

Several of the young people attended

made. The state officers had less trouble with Keb than any local in Iowa this year.

W. H. Holmes of Danville, Ill., was a business caller in the city Thursday.

Thos. Carey was in Ottumwa Monday and secured the adoption papers for the little girl he has recently taken into his family.

Dr. J. A. Hull reports a great deal of sickness in town this week, largely among the children.

Mrs. Jenkin Richards spent Friday in Ottumwa.

Wm. H. Wilson of Nebraska was a business caller in this city on last Friday.

The young folks enjoyed a dance in the city hall on last Saturday night.

Thomas Evans returned Friday from a visit to Ohio.

Joseph Truman, Jr., spent Sunday in Ottumwa.

Charles Emberlin of Keosauqua, Ill., secured work here this week. Mr. Emberling will move his family here as soon as he can get a house.

The school board for this township met Saturday and appointed Samuel Kitterman trustee officer for this precinct.

The miners at their regular meeting Thursday night appointed Roger Griffith to represent them at the national convention to be held in Indianapolis, January 18.

Jas. Pritchard of Des Moines secured work here this week.

Jas. Wilson of Baxter was a business caller in town on last Saturday.

Mr. Shevlin, superintendent of the mines, spent Sunday in Bloomfield.

Edward Fowler, manager of the mines, was in town on Saturday. In a conversation with the Courier's reporter he stated that the coal trade is good. Mr. Fowler is a great admirer of the joint movement between the operators and miners as it establishes peace between the two interested parties.

Soap Creek, Dec. 16.—Marion Overturn was a business caller in Bloomfield Friday.

J. A. Coffman was a Beknap caller Saturday evening.

This vicinity was visited by a sleet and snow storm last Friday night and Saturday.

Mrs. Moss of Ottumwa, visited at home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Sample and two daughters, Cora and Norma, and Martha Pugh visited with Mrs. Shepherd last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moss and children visited with Mrs. Moss' mother, Dr. Harry Sample called on Ernest Bennett Sunday.

Ora Sample visited with his uncle, R. T. Sample, Sunday.

Wm. Shepherd was a caller at Bennett Sunday.

Harry Sample made a trip to Ottumwa Monday.

Ray Shepherd went to Bloomfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Sample and two daughters, Martha Pugh and Lizzie Coffman, were in Bloomfield last Tuesday.

Accident Causes Death. Hunter Shot By Companion Dies From Wound.

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 16.—John Miller, aged 30 years, who lived about four miles southwest of Salem, was fatally wounded Saturday afternoon while out rabbit hunting with Wm. Bates. Bates had been on top of a brush pile trying to scare out a rabbit. As the rabbit came out he turned to shoot it, but fell on top of the brush, accidentally discharging his gun. The load of shot struck Miller, who was about ten feet away, in the abdomen. He died about twelve hours later.

TODAY'S MARKETS. This market is furnished by Wear & Grain Co., Chicago, E. C. French, Suite 18, Hofmann building, Agents.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. Dec. 78 78 77 78 1/2. May 81 81 80 81 1/2. July 76 76 75 76 1/2.

Corn—Dec. 41 41 40 41 1/2. May 43 43 42 43 1/2. July 43 43 42 43 1/2.

Port—Dec. 35 35 34 35 1/2. May 36 36 35 36 1/2. July 37 37 36 37 1/2.

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Northwestern Receipts. Duluth—Today, 50; last week, 85; last year, 12.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat, 31 cars; corn, 77 cars; oats, 58 cars.

Wheat, 75 cars; corn, 135 cars; oats, 100 cars.

Primary Receipts. Wheat—Today, 245,000 bushels, and last year, 652,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 422,000 bushels, and last year, 793,000 bushels.

Shipments. Wheat—Today, 245,000 bushels, and last year, 220,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 128,000 bushels, and last year, 265,000 bushels.

Hog Market. Receipts today, 60,000; left over, 6,000; times today, 48,000; official receipts yesterday, 37,000.

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