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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.

Checks, who was arrested in Ottumwa yesterday by Detective Harrison. Checks was brought to Albia last night and lodged in jail. As yet the revolver in his possession have not been identified.

Chequest.

Chequest, Dec. 23.—Mr. Steckle of Bloomfield, who owns a farm in this place, sold it last week to a party at Milton.

J. E. Shaffer visited friends at Otley, Des Moines several days last week and accompanied his grover home to spend his vacation. The son has been attending Drake university this winter.

Mr. Bearing's sale last Thursday was largely attended and everything sold at high prices. Mr. Bearing and family left Saturday for Chicago, where they will make their home.

Mr. Skinner and family, who bought the Bearing farm, moved onto it Monday.

Al Carter, who is employed in a store at Douds, was confined to his home here several days last week by sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Plowman were called to near Leado Saturday evening by the sudden serious illness of their son Harley.

W. H. Harryman attended the meeting of the Douds-Leado Savings bank at Douds Tuesday.

West Van Buren, Dec. 23.—Harley Plowman is reported to be quite sick.

W. H. Sair began a series of meetings at the Baptist church on Monday night.

Mr. Harper of Fairfield was through here Tuesday.

Douds, Dec. 23.—W. M. Walker of Keosauqua, was in town on legal business Monday.

G. M. Morrow was a business visitor in Ottumwa Monday.

Tilden Cade and Miss Maude Pool will be united in marriage Thursday, December 24, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pool, two miles south of Leado.

Will S. Kelton of Hocking, who has been visiting with friends in this vicinity the last few days, returned home Tuesday.

Eddyville, Dec. 23.—Died, at 11 o'clock Sunday night, Dec. 20, the home of her parents at Lakota, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miner, of typhoid fever, from which the child had suffered for over a month.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon with interment in Davis cemetery. The Miner family came to Lakota from Kansas some time ago. Mrs. Miner being daughter of Mrs. Webster of that locality. Two of the other children have been sick with typhoid. This is the third death at Lakota the past fall and winter from typhoid fever, but the disease is thought to have about run its course.

A. L. Carson's 120 acre farm, six miles southeast of town, in the vicinity of Hickory, was sold Tuesday to Wilbur C. Kepple, Mr. and Mrs. Kepple are the couple who were married here just before Thanksgiving and have been occupying the Hartman residence during the absence of Mrs. Kepple. Mr. Kepple will at once build a house and barn on the farm and will occupy the same. The price paid for the farm was \$40 per acre, which foots up \$4,800.

The local board of the Iowa Children's Home society of Des Moines, held a meeting at the F. W. Fais home Sunday afternoon, 2-30 and elected officers and selected a board for 1904.

In selecting the board for 1904, the object has been to have at least two representatives from each of the churches here. The officers selected were: President, W. G. Berry, Christian church; vice president, C. B. Fisher, Baptist church; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Bellamy Fais, Congregational church. The following is a list of those who have been selected for the board, but as some of them were not present it is not known whether or not they will accept. Dick Barnett and Mrs. W. D. Odem, Christian church; Mrs. Wm. Allbaugh, Baptist; Mrs. T. W. Lynch and Mrs. N. E. Schaefer, Congregational; W. E. Shinn and Mrs. R. J. Oldham, Methodist Episcopal church; B. B. Bealer and Mrs. Jas. Witt, Seven Day Adventist. Persons having clothing, fruit, vegetables, etc. for the home, are same to members of the board, and articles will be forwarded to the home. Another meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, January 3, at Fais home, and the board will meet once a month afterward. The local officers placed a child in the Fred Rhoads' home on Grays creek, some time ago. The child was taken on trial and final papers have not yet been made out.

Eddyville, Rebekah lodge, No. 186, will install the following officers the first meeting night in January: W. G. Miss Anna Briggs; V. G. Mrs. Jesse Swan; secretary, Miss Ida A. Welch; recorder, Miss Mabel Johnson; financial recorder, Miss Lizzie Oldham; B. S. to N. G. Mrs. W. A. Waughman; L. S. to N. G. Mrs. F. W. Schaefer; L. B. to V. G. Mrs. A. E. McGaugh; chaplain, Mrs. Eva Beer; readers, Miss Dollie Davis; conductress, Miss Clara Hartman; A. G. Miss Grace Hartman; O. G. Mrs. Wm. Allison; S. G. organist, Miss Anna Waughman.

Mrs. Carrie Dronenburg of Plattsburg, Mo., has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. B. McNeese, since Friday, and will remain till after the holidays.

J. E. Jamison, south of town, had his head and shoulder injured in a runaway Tuesday afternoon, which rendered him unconscious for a time, but it is thought the accident will not result seriously.

A literary and debating society was organized at Charter Oak, north of town, recently, and the first meeting will be held Christmas night. The debate will be: "Resolved that the Bible is not absolutely necessary to the formation of laws."

Walter Logan is the leader of the debate on the affirmative side, and Jas. S. Barnett leads the negative side. The officers of the society are: Jas. B. Barnett, president; Jack Barrett, vice president; Walter Logan, secretary; Frank Ogden, treasurer; Scott Williams, marshal; Phillip Foster, deputy; Miss Gertrude Ogden, editor; Johnny McKim, janitor. All invited to attend.

Miss Maude Richards returned Monday afternoon from Red Oak where she has been visiting relatives the past week.

Luther Acuff, who has been working at the Lost Creek Mines since last May, returned to his home at Bolivar, Mo., Monday.

Miss Eessie Swift, who has been attending Drake university at Des Moines, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Howe.

Roy Lafferty returned Saturday from Albia, where he has been working for some time. He will remain for the holidays.

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—Clarence Hope and daughter will spend Christmas with their parents here.

Mrs. Ray Moore of Ottumwa arrived last week to remain until after Christmas with relatives. Mr. Moore will join her here to spend Christmas.

A. L. Winslow is suffering from a severe attack of influenza and is unable to leave his home.

Ed McMillen of Fairfield spent Sunday at home.

John Price and wife, formerly Miss Lulu Elliott, living northwest of town, welcomed a little daughter to their home Thursday.

The M. E. Sunday school will have a Christmas entertainment and an old fashioned Christmas tree in the church on Christmas evening.

December 14 being the fifth wedding anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. Skinner, they issued invitations to a number of their friends to assist in celebrating their wooden wedding. Progressive flinch was played and the prize, a burnt-wood picture frame, was won by Mrs. W. G. Skinner, consolation by Mrs. J. W. Hope. Unique score cards of small burnt-wood bells were used. The invitations were also burnt on wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harlan of Stockport, who in town last week, returned to their home at Burlington on Monday.

Bert Smith, night operator for the Burlington road at Port Madison, is absent on sick leave and is visiting his parents at home.

The schools closed Friday with special exercises for a two weeks' vacation. Principal Fish will spend his vacation in Iowa City. Miss Nellie Morris is in East Des Moines. Cook is in Ft. Sterling.

Principal Fish and Miss Carrie Cook entertained their pupils with a flinch party at the home of Mrs. Francis Hope, Thursday evening. Refreshments were served and a happy time enjoyed by the young people.

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FOR SALE—JEFFERSON COUNTY stock farm, 157 acres, half mile of depot, fair buildings, 100 acres plow land, rest blue grass, timber, pasture, good springs \$48 per acre. Susan Carlson, Rome, Iowa.

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PUBLIC SALE—I WILL OFFER AT PUBLIC auction at my residence, three miles north and one-half mile west of Agency, and 3 1/2 miles northeast of Ottumwa, on Saturday, December 26, 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property: Fourteen head of horses, consisting of gray horse 7 years old, weight 1,400; bay horse, 8 and 10 years old, weight 2,500; bay mare, 9 years old, weight 1,100; span of brood mares, 9 years old, weight 1,200 and 1,400; Two Geldings, 5 years old, weight 1,000 and 1,100; two-year-old colt, two yearling colts, two spring colts. Thirty-one head of cattle, consisting of milk cow, seven yearling heifers, yearling bull, twenty-two yearling calves (twenty-one steers, one heifer). Thirty-five head of hogs, consisting of fifteen brood sows, twenty spring sows; implements, etc. Ten-horse-power Sandwich corn sheller, McCormick corn blender, lumber wagon, half sled, iron cultivators, and other articles. Terms, 12 months' credit on sums over \$5, on bankable note, drawing 8 per cent interest from date if not paid when due. 6 per cent discount for cash. Sums of \$5 and under, cash. C. W. Dixon, W. H. Cooper, auctioneer.

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