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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

bright were at Geo. Arganbright's in Fremont Sunday.

Geo. Ross of New Albion, was an over Sunday visitor with James Burgess.

Mrs. Hattie Funk and daughter Rita spent Sunday at the home of M. Triplett.

G. W. Akerman of Fremont was a Butler caller Tuesday.

Cleve Clark is getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Darner's baby, who has been very sick, is a little better. Mrs. McKelvey of Ottumwa, Mrs. Darner's mother, has been with them since Friday.

Loren Lantz and J. C. Kennell were in Fremont Sunday evening.

Nearly everyone has something like the grip.

Earl Berkenbine of Keb, spent Sunday at the Chas. Crawford home.

Miss Edie Feltz came from Hom Grinnell Saturday where she has been attending Iowa college, to spend the holidays.

Wm. Sisco and family of Cedar spent Tuesday at Ed Tobin's.

Mr. Clark and James Van Winkle from near Eddyville, came over Tuesday to visit relatives.

E. Curtis' sale Tuesday was well attended and everything sold well.

Chariton.

Chariton, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson went to Osceola last evening for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Raiston spent Sunday in Abbia with their daughter, Mrs. Lulu Downs.

Arthur Ketchum and Roy Moore spent Sunday in Osceola.

The new Burlington freight depot is nearing completion and when finished the company will have much better advantages for handling its increased freight.

Fred Bartholomew returned to Minneapolis last evening after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Bartholomew. Fred has a position with the Minneapolis Journal as assistant reporter.

The fire department was called to the residence of Rev. Aughey yesterday morning where there was a blaze in the second story which had caught from the first. The fire was confined to a closet where there was a great deal of wearing apparel that was destroyed. There was some damage to the house, caused by smoke and water.

Miss Anna Holmes has arrived from Omaha for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Carlson.

Will Joffe of Pueblo, Colo., is spending a few days in Lincoln township with his parents.

George Tout of Ottumwa is a guest for a few days at the home of his father, "Uncle" Tout.

Mrs. Levi Fluke and Miss Margie Fluke returned Saturday from Osceola.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Eckfelt returned to Ottumwa this morning after a visit with Mr. Eckfelt's parents who reside in this city.

Albia.

Albia, Dec. 28.—Mrs. John E. Duncan died this morning at 4 o'clock. Her death was caused by heart trouble and was very sudden. She had not been feeling well for some weeks but had been ill only a few days. The funeral services will be held at the family home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock after which the remains will be interred in the Oak View cemetery.

The clerk of the district court issued a marriage license Saturday to Geo. E. Duncan, aged 28, and Miss Etta L. Peper, both of Albia. They were married at noon Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. Winthrop Allison, and left for Chicago on No. 6 at 12 o'clock on their wedding tour.

James C. Catter, who was formerly in business at this place, but who is now located in Fremont, Neb., was visiting relatives and friends in Albia yesterday.

Mrs. Ed L. Ramsey, who has been suffering from asthma and heart trouble, is a little better this morning.

Drakeville.

Drakeville, Dec. 24.—Miss Kate De Haven fell on her way home from church Sunday evening and broke her wrist.

Master Kenneth Bunten went to Centerville Monday to spend Christmas with his uncle, A. H. Boles, and wife.

Henry Irelan and wife of Keokuk, arrived Monday to spend the holidays with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bunten are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, born Wednesday.

Mrs. Hattie Smith of Eldon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Bunten.

W. T. Tannehill was a business visitor in Bloomfield Monday.

A box social was given at the Fidelity school house Saturday night.

James McCormack and family spent Sunday with Oscar Galpin and wife.

Mrs. Humphrey will leave Thursday for Mystic to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Will J. Christian and other relatives.

Rev. Reagan filled his appointment at the Christian church here last Sunday.

Fred Clark of Keokuk is visiting at home.

Frank McVey and wife are visiting in Numa this week.

Bobbtown.

Bobbtown, Dec. 24.—Isaac Hadley, who had his leg broken some time ago, is improving rapidly.

Rev. Heckard of South Court street, was a business caller at the Goat ranch Monday.

Rev. Walker of Huckleberry avenue was transacting business in the south part of town recently.

A number of the young folks were royally entertained at the home of Ernest Buchholz last Saturday evening.

Jonah Simmons was transacting business on Highland avenue Monday.

John Wood was a pleasant caller at the Simons home Tuesday.

Austin Simmons is improving slowly.

M. Snook spent Tuesday with relatives north of Ottumwa.

Mr. Elliot of Hazel Dell, called at the Snook home Saturday.

N. English made a trip to Ottumwa the first of the week.

Vol. Courtney, who has the grip, is better.

Joe Walker was in Ottumwa Saturday.

Henry Arnold was a business caller in Ottumwa recently.

M. Snook and son John have returned from Davis county, where they have been spending a few days with relatives.

Butler.

Butler, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newt and daughters, Ettie and Nettie, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mullenix and children took dinner at the A. L. Githens home in Fremont last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arganbright of Fremont were at Albert Clark's Friday.

John Watts of Hedrick, was at H. A. Watts' home one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robertson, and Miss Ella Burgess and May Arganbright were at Geo. Arganbright's in Fremont Sunday.

Meeting Postponed.

Hospital Soliciting Committee to Meet Thursday Evening.

The meeting of all the hospital soliciting committees was called for Tuesday evening, December 29, has been postponed because of the Y. M. C. A. Star Course entertainment till Thursday evening, December 31. A full representation of all committees is desired. The meeting will be held in the office of J. H. Merrill on East Second street.

Charged with Murder.

Burned Gloves Lead to Illinois Man's Arrest.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—A man giving his name as Peter Doewski has been arrested at Streator on the charge of being connected with a mysterious murder at Monmouth. The partially cremated body of an unknown man was found in the Woods near Monmouth. It was so badly charred that identification was impossible. Doewski was identified by the burned finger tips of his gloves.

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MARKETS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Visible Supply.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—The visible supply of grain today, compared with last year, is as follows: Wheat, 36,358,000 bushels, 49,678,000 a year ago; corn, 57,288,000 today, 71,120,000 a year ago; oats, 8,830,000 today, 5,959,000 a year ago.

Chicago Live Stock Market.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Receipts—Cattle—25,000; strong. Good to prime, \$5.00@5.75; poor to medium, \$3.25@5.00; stockers, \$1.75@4.00; cows, \$1.50@4.00.
Hogs—Receipts, 29,000; 10c to 15c higher. Mixed butchers, \$4.60@4.95; good to choice heavy, \$4.65@4.85; rough heavy, \$4.50@4.65; light, \$4.35@4.70; bulk sales, \$4.80@4.75.
Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; strong. Sheep, \$2.75@4.00; lambs, \$4.00@5.75.

Chicago Produce Market.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 90c; No. 3 red, 86@89c; No. 2 hard, 78@81c; No. 3 hard, 71@77c; Dec. 81c; May opened, 83c@84c; highest, 84c; lowest, 83c; closing, 84c@84c.
Corn—No. 2, No. 2 white, 42c@43c; No. 3, 42c@42c; No. 2 yellow, 44c@45c; No. 3 yellow, 44c@44c; Dec. 41c; May opened, 44c@44c; highest, 45c; lowest, 44c; closing, 45c.
Oats—No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 34c; No. 2 white, 35@39c; No. 3 white, 35@37c; No. 4 white, 33@35c; standard, 37c@37c; Dec. 35c; May opened, 37c; highest, 37c@38c; lowest, 37c; closing, 37c@37c.
Pork—Jan., \$12.20; May, \$12.55.
Lard—Jan., \$6.70@6.72; May, \$6.92.
Ribs—Jan., \$6.30; May, \$6.57@6.60.
Rye—Dec., 52c.
Timothy, \$2.87.
Clover, \$11.25.
Barley—Cash, 35@58c.
Flax, 93c@1.00.

Chicago Butter and Egg Market.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Butter, steady. Creameries, 16@23c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs, easy, 26@27c.

Chicago Poultry Market.
Chicago, Dec. 28.—Poultry, firm. Turkeys, 12c@13c; chickens, 8c@9c; springs, 9c.

New York Butter and Egg Market.
New York, Dec. 28.—Butter, steady. Extra creamy, 23c; common to choice, 15@22c; held, 15@20c.

St. Louis Produce Market.
St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Cash, nominal; May, 82c@82c.
Corn—Cash, 45c; May, 43c.
Oats—Cash, 30c; May, 35c.

IOWANS IN SCANDAL.
Two former Bedford Families Furnish Sensation at St. Joseph, Mo.
St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—H. G. Edmondson, a real estate dealer, was found in a room with Mrs. G. W. Grote in a South St. Joseph hotel today and was fatally shot by the woman's husband, who is a building contractor. Grote used a shotgun and fired through the panel of the door. Grote's wife accompanied the injured man to a hospital. The Grotes and Edmondsons came here recently from Bedford, Ia.

Wherever selfishness creeps in love is stung.

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.

Agency.

Agency, Dec. 24.—At the meeting of General E. F. Winslow post, No. 107, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past commander, E. T. Allen; senior commander, Wm. Reeves; junior commander, G. W. Creath; surgeon, J. L. McKown; chaplain, J. G. Hawkins; quartermaster, H. E. Humbert; adjutant, Dr. M. L. Davis; officer of the day, G. L. Nye; officer of the guard, J. Ankrom; delegate to department encampment, G. W. Creath; alternate delegate, William Reeve.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Creamer of Arkansas, are here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Martin of Fullerton, Neb., are visiting at D. Newell's.

Miss Mattie Green is ill.

Mrs. J. T. McMinn, who has been very sick, is better.

Miss Helen Beall, teacher in the grammar school, is very sick. The public schools close this evening until January 4.

Dudley.

Dudley, Dec. 24.—Joe Stevens returned home Saturday after a visit with relatives at Pleasantville.

Claud Baker and Allie Anderson are home from Des Moines, where they have been attending school.

Miss Bertha Arnold made a short visit with relatives in Ottumwa last week.

Mrs. E. L. Peterson and daughter Helen were in Ottumwa last Saturday.

Chas. L. Swanson delivered hogs at Chillicothe Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Anderson was a passenger on No. 10 Monday for Ottumwa.

Pleasant Home.

Pleasant Home, Dec. 24.—Geo. McVey was a business caller at the Hagarty home Saturday.

A. L. Younk and family are visiting friends in this vicinity.

T. M. Brooks was an Ottumwa business visitor Wednesday.

Richard Swinney was calling in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. S. J. Peden went to Ottumwa friends and relatives.

The coal drillers are at work on the Martin Smith farm.

A. E. Albert was a Floris business caller Tuesday.

The Pleasant Grove school closed Friday for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. F. M. Brooks is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Munterville.

Munterville, Dec. 24.—Charley Johnson, who was taken sick so suddenly last week, is now improving, although he is very weak and unable to leave the house.

The Dudley and Munterville Telephone company has made arrangements to build a single wire line from Munterville to Dudley, to connect the Munterville switchboard with the Eddyville switchboard, which will be another great convenience for the subscribers of the Munterville switchboard, and shows the advantages and inducements to other lines which are waiting to go to some central, and it will not be long before the Munterville switchboard will run a wire to

Martinsburg.

Martinsburg, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Eystone were transacting business in Ottumwa Monday.

Dr. Moore was called to Richland Tuesday to attend Mrs. Glenn Dutton, who is ill.

George Brown and Miss Susie Summers were in Hedrick Tuesday evening.

M. B. Glass of Lancaster, visited

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