

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Interest Items as Reported by Our Correspondents from Surrounding Towns and Townships.

Peasanton

Ivan Beach shipped hogs Tuesday. J. B. Tye had business in Saline Monday between trains.

A. E. Kils, of Leon, was here Monday and Tuesday on business. A traveling cloak and overcoat salesman had a two day's sale Monday and Tuesday at J. C. Earley's store, but only a few sales were made.

Carl, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bicknell is on the sick list. A. M. Haag spent Thursday and Friday of last week in St. Charles and Des Moines.

No Thanksgiving services were held in Peasanton last Thursday. Rev. Williams filled Rev. Quick's appointment at the C. U. chapel Sunday night.

The county bridge force came in Saturday evening to Sunday at home. Mrs. Joe Workman, of Lineville, was over visiting her niece, Mrs. G. B. Keshlear a part of last week.

This cold spell has for the present stopped the painting on the South side of the bridge. Prof. Jackson spent Thanksgiving in Leon with mother and other friends. The school board gave him Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Covington and Mrs. G. B. Keshlear were Leon visitors last Wednesday. The largest receipts of hogs from a distance for the season was Monday. Among those from Morgan township were David Galpin, Henry Perkins, Ned Dillon and M. C. Gammill.

Work on the Methodist church is progressing well. The sills are put in place and most of the frame material is cut ready to put up. Mrs. D. J. Hullinger is reported improving and on a fair way to recovery.

Geo. Lefollet, of the east side, came down from Leon Monday to visit a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. Spencer, of Leon, the father of Mrs. Edwards, is assisting Ed. Whittington in painting the C. U. chapel.

W. G., and Miss Cozy Keshlear came in Friday night from Kansas City, via Lineville. Our little city was cast into a gloom of sorrow and surprise Friday when it was reported that one of our most enterprising merchants and citizens, G. B. Keshlear, had died at his home that morning at 5:45 o'clock.

His mother, brother and daughter, at Kansas City, and friends in neighboring towns were at once notified by wire. Undertaker Teale came over from Davis City in the afternoon to embalm the corpse for burial Sunday. See obituary in another column.

Dr. L. M. Lovett, of Lineville, had professional business here two days last week. Mrs. Lucy Keshlear informs us the business, formerly under the name of Buck Keshlear & Co., will continue under her management, and respectfully requests all old customers to continue their patronage with her. Geo. Franklin, former popular clerk, will be retained.

Miss Alice Gammill, of Leon, was here a part of last week visiting her niece, Miss Hattie Cozad and other friends. Mrs. C. W. Barr, of Spring Valley, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Keshlear.

Dr. Richardson had business in Leon one day last week. Austin Mark transacted business at the county capital Monday. Miss Kate Ogden was here one day last week shopping.

Dr. Dufl, of Leon City, passed through here Saturday on his way to Saline, where he was called on professional business. Mrs. Ed Patterson, of Saline, is attending the Dr. Crofford sanitarium at Lamoni. Her health is improved very much since she went there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cornett are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. F. Dufl, of Princeton, this week. Their son Chas. has taken charge of the mail route between here and Spring Valley, during "Uncle Bob's" absence.

J. M. Willis and Mrs. S. P. Rogers returned Saturday morning from Cainsville where they had been in attendance at the poultry show. Mr. Willis reports seeing some very fine chickens. He sold a young cockerel for ten dollars and was offered twenty dollars for another but would not take it, deciding there was more money in raising fine chickens. If more attention was paid to poultry and the milk cows on the farm, more wants could be supplied.

Mrs. Keshlear, mother of the late G. B. Keshlear, departed for her Kansas City home Monday, accompanied by her son W. G. Joe Keshlear and wife went via Lineville. Miss Cozy will remain with her mother for awhile.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnson, of Richmond Ind., has been treated with that all-time since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acted like magic with me. My foot was swollen and pained me very much, but one good application of Chamberlain's relieved me."

Orphan Ridge. Mrs. Tom Harp is sick at this writing. C. M. Mitchell, of Leon, moved down on the ridge being tired of city life. Amos Brazleton, had business in Leon Sunday.

Taylor Vannell, was out buying sheep Saturday. He expects to feed a car load this winter. Clark McCnelly, of Crown, is on the ridge visiting his friends and relatives. He expects to return in a few days.

The hop was well attended Wednesday night and everybody reports having a good time. A. Vannell delivered hogs at Leon Saturday.

Several from this place attended the big dance at Finkboner's Tuesday night. C. M. Mitchell and Tom Harp are cutting corn for Jacob Butts. E. Housh was on the ridge last week buying corn.

L. A. Durrell had business at Decatur Friday. We understand Timan Johnson has purchased the Clark Fairall farm, consideration being \$2200. A. Vannell is offering a liberal reward for the person who took his axe and never brought it home.

Announcement. To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, which will be known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents, drug store or mail. The liquid form embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a mucous and healthy condition.

Davis City.

Winter is here which is to be regretted on account of the scarcity of water. Thanksgiving was celebrated here by services at the school house by Rev. Rusk and at the L. D. S. church by Elder Salyards, of Lamoni.

Mrs. Emma Bowman and family spent Thanksgiving at Leon with her son Dr. Bowman. Mrs. Horace McClaren, and sister Cora Sylvester went to Creston to eat Thanksgiving turkey with friends.

Orville Frazer took dinner with his parents in Des Moines Thanksgiving. Ed Van Beek came from Ottumwa to enjoy Thanksgiving cheer with his parents.

Mrs. Musser came home week before last from an extended visit with relatives in Tennessee. Mrs. Brown, of Leon, visited Mrs. Emma Bowman Monday.

John Allen moved on his father's farm at Bethany Junction, last Tuesday. Mr. Broome is at home for a short vacation.

A. A. Hemrich, of Chariton, was visiting friends in our town last week. Mary Arnold began a term of school at the Liberty school house Monday.

Mrs. Scott, of Byrdsdale, Missouri, visited with her uncle Carter Scott's family this week. Grandma Caldwell is reported quite sick again.

L. O. Ewing and family, of Lamoni, spent Thanksgiving at his brother's home in Tennessee. The startling announcement of the sudden death of G. B. Keshlear, of Peasanton, was received Friday morning.

We have not been able to procure an obituary. It will undoubtedly come from Peasanton for the Recorder. His funeral was held at the Union church Sunday p. m. under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. He had been for years a merchant of Davis City therefore he was widely known. His family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire city.

Grandma Keshlear, of Kansas City, arrived at James Keshlear's last Saturday to attend the funeral of her son Buck. She is over eighty years of age. George Bates has moved his family to a farm near Decatur.

Woodland

Mrs. Dick Baker is at Clarinda, visiting her husband. Our merchants have been doing a thriving business since the snow. Some sneaks pushed in a window of Freeman's restaurant and helped themselves Saturday night.

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We refund 10c for every package of Putnam Fadeless Dye that fails to give satisfaction. Monroe Drug Co., Unionville, Mo. Sold by W. A. Alexander, L. Van Wertden.

Fairlyland

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Harve Fry and Ora Irving were caring wood for J. Sharp, Tuesday. Mrs. Cora Fry visited at M. C. Fry's Thanksgiving. H. D. Fry transacted business in Van Wert Monday.

D. L. Robins sold a cow to Mr. Anderson Tuesday. W. D. Fry had a shooting match last Wednesday.

Van Wert.

The cold weather the last few days makes people think of Christmas. The K. of P.'s held their annual supper Thanksgiving night and a pleasant time was enjoyed in by those present. The gentlemen of the lodge themselves took the responsibility of serving the supper and did quite well.

J. W. Long and wife, of Center township, were visiting old friends in Van Wert, last Monday and Tuesday and attended the supper at D. Strong's. We were pleased to see such a large crowd at Mr. Strong's sale. It was a fine day and things brought good prices. We heard a great many people say that if they owned John Strong's fine farm they would not leave it to go to any other state in the Union.

M. P. Garber made a trip to Hopeville with a load of buck-wheat flour last Monday. Mr. Sissel, of DeKalb, made a business trip to Leon Saturday.

Miss Ila Anderson, went to Des Moines, Friday to visit friends. Married, at the residence of Mr. Stearns east of town last Tuesday, Miss Edith Stearns and Mr. Ebenezer Pierce two of Van Wert's most accomplished young people. The bride is a lady of rare ability in church work and has taught school successfully in this county for several years. The groom is a very intelligent and successful farmer and has a fine new home, one and one-half miles south of town where the happy couple expect to go to housekeeping.

The Van Wert band went out in the evening and serenaded them and were royally received. Mr. J. W. Moore, of Crown, passed through Van Wert Saturday evening.

Henry Hoadly arrived home from Joplin, Missouri, this week. Willie Diekmann, of Crown, had business in our town Friday.

The Van Wert band concert Thursday evening was a peculiar success. The program was concerned but did not have a very large audience on account of the inclement weather. There is a talk of repeating it in the near future for the benefit of those who did not get to come.

Mr. Lindu, of the firm of Prance & Lindu, of Laclede, was in town Saturday on business. We notice a fine new barn being built on George Smith's farm south of town. Glad to see our good citizens improving and prospering.

A SURE CURE FOR COUGH.

Twenty-five years' Constant Use With- out Interruption. The first indication of cough is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by W. A. Alexander, Druggist.

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Grand River.

We had a little winter Saturday and Sunday which will remind everyone to prepare for winter. We have had a very fine fall for all kinds of work and cannot find a fault at any time. Thanksgiving was duly observed here and many turkeys mourn the loss of some of their number. Presiding Elder Thompson of the Methodist church delivered a very interesting sermon Thursday evening and also Friday evening. Take it all in all we have had a fine year and have much to be thankful for. We have been blessed with good crops, fine weather and good health, winter has put off his coming which has been a help to all and will do much to alleviate the suffering all over our country especially the poor and needy, who our Savior said we would have always with us and no doubt meant that they should be in their misfortune objects of our sympathy and shewers of our prosperity.

Let us be thankful for the best of the worst and we will never be disappointed, ever remembering that honesty industry and economy in themselves will bring us prosperity and happiness. We see by example around us that hard labor is the way of the transgressor that he flee from the land of his youth in the night; vainly endeavoring to escape the consequences of their sins, but as Cain's life will follow them.

Life is a volume. From our lot to old age. Each year is a chapter. Each day is a page. Let us be careful what we write on the page and each year of our lives will be a year of thanksgiving and when the grim old man of death comes he will find us ready to make a change from bodily to spiritual realities without a sigh and exulting anticipations to hear that welcome salutation, well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.

R. W. Pray is building a new house in the east part of town. J. S. Davidson and wife and Doc Cole returned from Texas last week and are well pleased with the country. Mr. G. W. Adams has a farm here and two of his sons have been there and have had and done well in their new home. All kinds of vegetables are up and will be ready for the Christmas market and also strawberries. Mr. Davidson thinks he has a fine farm and likes the climate that Pat Goin and J. Landis who went later are not back yet but are pleased with the spring appearing scenes there, while winter is just commencing here.

W. C. Overholzer's new restaurant is almost completed and will be run by John Edwards. Nora Overholzer returned from Tingley last week where she had been visiting her brother John and family.

W. B. and George Snyder are working on the farm here at Clarinda. They are experienced hands and know how to lay rails. Mr. Brammer, who bought the dray business of Jim Hopkins is giving good service.

J. H. Jennings and wife, Mrs. M. Ginn and son Ralph and sister's ate turkey with S. C. Jennings. Tom Dillon ate turkey with R. W. Boeger Thanksgiving.

J. H. Crues and family took dinner with Henry Wyon Thursday and were quite well as usual. He and his brother with Henry Rauch. So he said he was frozen before he got to Mr. Rauch's but had a jolly Thanksgiving both places.

Homer Griffin does most of the feeding while his father is gone, quite a job for a little fellow but nothing goes hungry where he feeds. John Burkart, who is attending the State Normal at Cedar Falls, is at home for Christmas.

Several of our young men were at Leon Sunday. Jacob Baily died very suddenly Sunday morning of heart failure. Mr. Baily was an old and respected citizen who will be greatly missed. Several children and a large circle of friends are left to mourn his death.

We were surprised to hear of the death of Buck Keshlear, of Peasanton. He was a bustling merchant, who will be greatly missed by a host of friends all over the county. He was a son-in-law to G. W. Barr, recently elected member of the Board of Supervisors.

Erastus Wadsworth who has been sick so long died last Thursday night and was laid to rest in the Young cemetery. Brother Wadsworth was a faithful member of the Baptist church always and a true and devoted citizen. He was one of those men who shined by his life and that he possessed some of the Christ spirit. He leaves a wife, two daughters, a son, parents, three brothers and numerous friends to mourn his loss. But his heavenly Father and time will heal all sorrow and make all things new. Brother Wadsworth left his family in good circumstances so far as this world's goods are concerned but left them a far better legacy of good deeds that will be worthy of imitation; the only legacy that can take along after death and is of untold value here, to say nothing of its crowning glory in the eternal to come. Surely the prize of peace eternal a wealth him and his enfranchised spirit has heard the welcome words, well done good and faithful servant, come up higher.

Frank Worden and wife, of Weldon, were here last Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. J. Bradshaw and Mrs. B. Bay. Mrs. Worden's mother and sister. They attended church Sunday evening and returned home Tuesday.

Rev. Wolever filled his appointment at the Methodist church last Sunday evening and notwithstanding the first snow of the season, he had a fair sized audience, who were good listeners and did the church very well. His sermon for it was a good one well delivered in a practical way. He said in his remarks that the Lord chasteneth those whom he loves, so with a parent but he thought there were too many homes run down by the children and the parents. How often is this true and the old home is ruined and sometimes entirely lost. Services will be held here next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. immediately after Sunday school as projected meeting will begin a second week next Sunday evening we predict money good will be done as the preacher will do his part.

Frank Boyd has become a subscriber and will read the REPORTER. Frank knows a good thing when he sees it. Do you?

Sunday school is preparing to celebrate Christmas and through the influence of some good Samaritans there will be no charge for once, bless God so that the poor can celebrate the birth of our Savior as well as the rest. Let us see that the children of the poor will not think that Santa Claus only comes to the rich, this can be done if all will help just a little. God will bless those who help to carry on the good work without charge at the door and everyone will contribute something for they will see that this is the Christ-like way to celebrate Christmas.

Mrs. L. A. Brenner and son Lester left last week for Wyoming. Mr. Brenner and Wirt Beck took her to Murray where she took the night train. Mr. Brenner would hold goods for his father-in-law Mr. Henry Binnick. Mrs. Alice Bay recently bought the property that Mr. Brenner vacated of Henry Binnick Jr. and will occupy in the near future.

Grand River

The bridge across the river east of town is now ready for teams. The Baptist pulpit was filled Sunday by Rev. Hamilton. Protracted meeting will continue this week and next. Rev. Edwards will be here to help after this week but is now engaged at the Pleasant Valley church.

Rev. Douglas, of Murray, was here visiting J. M. Stone and family the first of the week. Seven car loads of stock were shipped out here Tuesday morning. Fred Ansey is here from Freemont county but will soon return.

Jack Wadsworth returned to Nebraska Saturday. Nora—You can't expect to do away with face blemishes in a week's time. Keep on taking Rocky Mountain Tea. You'll have a lovely complexion. Ask your druggist.

Garden Grove

Saturday December 2, the County Culture Club, celebrated the fourth anniversary of the organization of the club at the home of Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Jones, southeast of town. A large company gathered and a pleasant time is reported.

Last Friday afternoon the Leon and Garden Grove teams played a game of football but this afternoon the two teams were very closely matched and it is said to have been one of the best games played here this season. The score resulted, Garden Grove, 6, Leon 0.

A medicine show exhibited here all of last week, but did not draw very large houses and we learned did not sell a great deal of medicine. This class of shows have apparently seen better days.

Born to Mr and Mrs. Wayne Sunday Dec. 3, a boy. Prof. R. A. Barkness and wife, of Lamoni; visited in Garden Grove a few days the past week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parrish.

Union Thanksgiving services were held at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening, Rev. Woodruff preaching the sermon. Rev. Allen Judd, of Des Moines preached at the Episcopal Church last Sunday morning and evening.

Ike Kidwiler left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Des Moines and other places. J. P. Jordan, of Des Moines, spent Sunday in Garden Grove. Bob and Eva McGinley, showed at the opera house Monday evening to a fair sized audience.

Dr. Greenman, of Chariton, spent Saturday with friends in Garden Grove. The house of Mr. Carter, north of town was destroyed by fire last Thursday night.

Mrs. W. S. Johnson and children visited at Leon Saturday. Mr. Needham, of Chicago, came out last Wednesday for a visit with his wife's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Needham returned home with him Thursday.

Geo. Gill, of Oklahoma, came last Saturday for a short visit with his wife, J. E. Gill; he was on his way home from a trip to Dakota. Owing to the storm last Sunday evening the prospect for a congregation seemed pretty poor. And so the Methodist church in Garden Grove joined forces and had a fair attendance.

Notice—Life insurance companies will reduce the rate 35 per cent. to all who agree to use Rocky Mountain Tea. A year's measure, 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

No resident of Iowa, who desires to keep his property in this city, who is not completing his education at the Baptist college, at Pella, was in this city between trains Monday. The protracted meetings at the M. E. church continue to grow in interest and power, quite a number have manifested a desire to lead a Christian life. During the past week the meetings have been among the best of the series. The Rev. and Mrs. Slawson, the sweet gospel singers, will continue to assist the pastor over Sunday next. On Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock Mrs. Slawson will conduct a meeting for young people. You are cordially invited to attend.

Grand River

To California in Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars via the Chicago, Great Western to Kansas City and the Santa Fe Route to Los Angeles and Southern California, the true winter route, avoiding cold weather and snow blockades. Commencing Monday, October 23, and on every Monday following, one of these new Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars will leave Des Moines at 8:45 p. m., via the Chicago, Great Western for Los Angeles and southern California via Kansas City, and reaching Los Angeles the following Friday morning, thus avoiding all Sunday travel. These tours are personally conducted by an experienced railway official, who accompanies the train to its destination. The cars are well equipped for a long journey and are as comfortable as the Pullman Sleepers while the price is only \$8.50 for a double berth, less than half the price in the Standard Sleepers. For full information inquire of any Chicago Great Western agent, or address E. H. Lord, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, 113 Adams street, Chicago.

Cut Flowers. Where and how to get them. We grow and cut hundreds of roses, carnations, lilies and other flowers daily, and furnish floral decorations for all occasions of all kinds. Write or wire your order. Send for prices. We pay express charges.

KEMBLE FLORAL CO., Oskaloosa, Iowa

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice in Leon, Iowa, for the week ending November 11, 1899: Mr. Robert Gooden, Mr. J. H. Pittman.

Daily Paper \$1.00 a Year. The Des Moines Daily News is sent to mail subscribers for \$1.00 a year, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for three months, 25 cents a month. The Daily News is a member of the Associated Press and publishes all the news of Iowa and the world condensed for the busy readers. Finest and earliest war news, congressional and legislative news, telegraphic markets and all the features of a metropolitan newspaper. Address NEWS, Des Moines, Iowa.

MORTUARY.

GEORGE B. KESHLER. All our former readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper, The Iowa Homestead, its Special Farmers' Institute editions, The Poultry Farmer and the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Journal. These four publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add for local, county and general news our own paper and make the price for the five for one year \$1.70. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The four papers named which we club with our own are well known throughout the west and command themselves to the reader's favorable attention upon mere mention. The Homestead is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the West. The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer published in the country; The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Journal is the special advocate of farmers' co-operative associations and the Special Farmers' Institute editions for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer.

was born in Plank Hill, Jackson county, Mo., June 20th, 1856, where he lived with his parents until at the age of 15 years, when he came to Decatur county, Iowa, with Wm. Davis, who, after a short time, built a store which was the nucleus of what is now Davis City; he was employed as clerk, where, by close application, industry, honesty and business integrity, he gained the confidence of all who knew him. A short time after commencing in the store, Wm. Bowman was taken into co-partnership with Mr. Davis, the firm name being Davis & Bowman, and a Buck salesman; and after one or two more changes in the firm name and within about the same number of years the firm heading changed to Bowman & Keshlear, and then to G. B. Keshlear a short time afterwards, and continuing in a successful business until the spring of '97 when he sold his merchandise interests and moved to Des Moines with his family, where he had purchased another stock of goods, which not proving satisfactory, he again sold and purchased a stock in Jefferson, Ia., and having an opportunity for trading a part of same at a good profit, moved with the remainder of his goods to this place last April, in the meantime buying and selling a large quantity of hardware and groceries, which business he has conducted successfully until his death Friday morning at 5:45 o'clock, Dec. 1st, 1899, after an illness of only a few weeks with cerebral hemorrhage. He had eaten heartily the upper table the evening before, afterwards going into the sitting room, sat down and began conversing with the family, and then taking a paper began to read, but did not read but a little until he complained of a severe pain in his head; so intense was the suffering, that he caused himself and retired for the evening. About midnight he vomited, and again shortly afterwards, but with considerable effort and retching, from which he never regained consciousness, passing quietly away at 5:17 o'clock, November 30, 1899, when he breathed his last. Medical aid, loving hands and a dutiful wife's affections did everything within their power to bring about a change for the better, but to no avail; the death angel claimed the soul at 5:45 o'clock, Sunday morning a large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains in funeral procession to Davis City where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Geo. E. Mitchell, a pastor, after which the remains were in charge of the Masonic Fraternity, of which order he was an ardent member, having attained the high degree of Templarism; and with their beautiful ceremonies repaired to the cemetery with the body and deposited it in mother earth to return at 17th of November, 1899. In 1891 he united with the M. E. church at Davis City, and until a few years later when he moved away, was a consistent member, giving freely to his pastor and for all charitable purposes and tried to lead a life which would be acceptable to his Maker. As we know him he was kind, genial, charitable, loving and courteous to all, never indulging in any