# CORRESPONDENCE.

### Orphan Ridge.

(Delayed.)

The storm Saturday night caught some of our farmers not very well prepared.

Mrs. Jacob Butts went to Davis City Friday.

Fred and Wid Jones called on the Barlean boys Sunday.

John Wesley returned Monday to his home in Des Moines after working all summer on the county road gang for A. J. Fulton.

C. A. Hatfield called on J. H. McNelly Sunday.

Lon Fulton, of Davis City, came up Friday and looked over his fine farm. He may conclude to move on it the coming spring.

C. A. Hatfield and Joe Barlean had business at Leon Monday.

Jacob Piper went to Omaha on business Monday.

Word from Amos Brazelton, a former Eden boy, who went to North Dakota last spring, is that he likes that country fine. He had a good wheat crop which made 30 bushels to the acre.

Will Barlean and Charley Hatfield called on Joe Dobson Saturday night.

Gilbert Johnson, of Davis City, is working for W. M. Smith this week.

Harrison Frazier and a horse buyer from Leon were in these parts Tuesday, and bought a fine horse of A. C. Brazelton.

### Kilgore.

(Delayed.)

Mrs. J. H. Stover spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Harve McDaniel.

Mrs. S. B. Latta and son Lawrence spent a few days last week at Wm. Robison's.

Mike Griffin had business in this vicinity one day last week.

W. A. Moore was a Leon caller Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Melvin Hullinger and children spent a few days last week with her parents, Wm. Smith and wife, of Eden township.

Miss Briggaman is assisting Mrs. J. H. McDaniel with her housework.

Miss Elsie Hamilton is staying at Wm. Smith's.

Miss Julia Horney was on the sick list last week.

Alma Poole had business in Davis City Thursday.

Quite a number called to see Uncle Billy Robison last week. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is slowly improving.

### Eden.

(Delayed.)

Nellie Smith departed one day last week for Montana.

Mabel Briggaman is assisting Mrs. Harve McDaniel with her house work.

Dennis Ingram called on Lee Horney Saturday afternoon.

Ray Marvin made a business trip to Leon Saturday.

B. F. Robison spent a few days last week with his father, Wm. Robison.

Bert Ingram spent Saturday with Ott Ingram.

### Hexamethylenetetramine,

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. Bell & Robinson.

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## NEW POSTAL CARDS NEXT YEAR.

### The Issue of 1910 Will Contain A Number of Interesting Innovations.

Designs for the new postal cards to be issued by the government have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The cards will be furnished to the postoffice department by the government printing office, in accordance with a contract effective on January 1, 1910.

On the ordinary card the head of McKinley will appear, as now, but a much better likeness has been selected. On the new small card, intended for index purposes, and for social correspondence, a likeness of President Lincoln will appear. The 2-cent international card will bear a portrait of General Grant.

An innovation has been made for the double, or reply, post card. On the first half will appear a portrait of George Washington, while the stamp on the second, or reply, half will be a likeness of Martha Washington. The borders of the stamps on all of the cards will be diversified in design. On all the cards the words "Postal Card," required by the Universal Postal Union convention, will appear on the borders of the stamp, and not, as now, as a separate inscription.

The paper to be used is the best for the purpose yet manufactured. It will be more attractive than the paper used in the present cards and will take ink better than the paper now employed.

## CURES REMOVE DOUBT ABOUT ECZEMA CURE.

### Read What Your Druggist Says About Oil of Wintergreen Compound.

Druggist L. P. Van Werden submits the following to the readers of The Leon Reporter:

For several years we have announced, with our recommendation, that we had found a positive cure for eczema; a simple skin wash, oil of wintergreen compounded with other healing ingredients.

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Nearly every time when a man says "everybody knows me" he is mistaken.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

Here since winter has begun so many people are complaining of rheumatism. Is it because they are getting old?

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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# AN ANONYMOUS NOTE

By HELEN V. TURNER.

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The theatrical manager received a card on which was engraved "Jules Nostand."

The manager tapped a bell. An attendant appeared and was directed to admit the visitor. The latter entered with a roll of manuscript.

"M. Rostand," said the manager, advancing effusively and taking both hands of the visitor in his, "I am delighted to see you."

"Pardon, sir; you have mistaken the name. It is Nostand, not Rostand. I am not the author of 'Cyrano de Bergerac.'"

"No; you are not, but you are a nephew of the celebrated Rostand and have come from Paris to America incognito to dispose of a play written under the guidance of your uncle."

The visitor stood looking in astonishment at the manager, then said:

"May I ask how you became aware of that?"

"I was informed by an anonymous note."

"Parbleu! It was agreed between my uncle and myself that I should come over here and offer my play for what it is intrinsically worth. Unless you will give me your promise not to betray my identity my plan has failed."

"You need not go further with your work. I am ready to make you an offer for it."

"I prefer that it shall stand on its merits."

"It shall. If it is not worthy of production it shall not be placed by me on the boards. I take especial pride in giving to the public only such plays as seem to me to be meritorious."

"But you said you were ready to make me an offer for mine."

"Certainly. I knew that your uncle would not consent to your offering an inferior play and that no work could be inferior which he had supervised."

The visitor, who had meanwhile been invited to take a seat, sat tapping the roll in his hand with his fingers. He was evidently dissatisfied with the turn the affair had taken.

"Come, M. Rostand, or Nostand, if you prefer," he continued. "I will take your play home with me tonight, read it and give you an answer tomorrow. I pledge you my word that if I think it will not be acceptable to the public I shall decline it and you shall be free to offer it where you like, I agreeing to keep your secret."

"Since you already possess that secret," replied the author, with evident reluctance, "I can do nothing but what you propose. I therefore leave my manuscript with you till tomorrow morning at—what hour?"

"Ten o'clock. Nine if you prefer it."

"I will call at 10. I shall rely upon you to ignore me and my uncle's reputation in the matter and produce my play only if you consider it meritorious."

"Certainly."

"Remember that my own name, Nostand, must be published as the author, not that of my uncle."

The manager stroked his beard complacently and looked at the author through a pair of shrewd, twinkling eyes.

"It's the play I want," he said, "not the name."

The author withdrew, while the manager, returning to his desk, opened a drawer and took out a printed form of contract, the blank spaces of which he proceeded to fill. Then he unlocked a safe, put M. Nostand's manuscript within its steel doors, shot the bolts and, taking up his hat and cane, left the theater.

The next morning at 10 o'clock the manager was in his office awaiting a call from M. Nostand. At 11 o'clock, when he had not appeared, the brew of the man who had flattered himself that he had secured a prize began to darken. But, remembering that he had the play locked in his safe, his complacency returned to him. At 11:30 the author was announced. He was received with distinguished consideration. The manager handed him the contract he had prepared.

"What's this?" asked the author, glancing at the document.

"You think," said the manager, "that $5,000 advance payment is not enough. Very well, I will make it $10,000."

"Ten thousand," repeated M. Nostand in amazement.

"And the royalty I will double as well."

"Do you consider my poor efforts worth so much?"

"Certainly. It is the work of an expert."

"How do you judge of that."

"As an expert. It is plain that the scenario received an enormous amount of attention before a word of the dialogue was written, though the dialogue shows the influence of the author of 'Cyrano.' The play will be a grand success."

"Where is the manuscript?"

"Never mind the manuscript. Let us proceed to business. Read the contract?"

"The manuscript!" cried the author impatiently. The manager unlocked his safe and produced it. Seizing it, the author tore off the wrapper and showed only blank pages.

"You are the man," he said, "who a year ago received a play from me. You have never read it to this day, and I have not been able to secure its return. I have played this trick to show that you buy plays simply on the name of the author. I wrote the anonymous letter giving myself away. My name is neither Rostand nor Nostand; it is Jones."

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### Original Notice.

In the district court of Decatur county, Iowa, January term, A. D., 1909.

Marie Buffum, plaintiff, against J. M. Buffum, defendant.

To said defendant:

You are hereby notified that on or before the 7th day of December, A. D., 1909, there will be on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of Decatur county, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff aforesaid, claiming of you a divorce from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of desertion and cruel and inhuman treatment.

Affidavit of non-residence and for service by publication as by law provided is on file.

(For further particulars see petition.)

You are also notified that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the term of said district court of Decatur county, to be held on the 17th day of January, A. D., 1910, a default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered theron.

Amos P. Olsen,
16-4t. Attorney for plaintiff.

### Pretty Thin.

"My dear," said a thin little Brighton man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman down in Devonshire who goes out and chops wood with her husband."

"Well, what of it? I think she could easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."

The thin man laid down his paper with a sigh that sounded like the squeak of a penny whistle.—London Answers.

### This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Bell & Robinson.

### Below the Peg.

The phrase "take down a peg" sprung into life with King Edgar. He made it a law to cure the Saxons of their intemperate habits. He had marks, or "pegs," put in their huge drinking cups, above which they dared not pour their liquor under a heavy penalty. So the expression was to lessen a man's self esteem just as the liquor was kept down by a peg

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### Too Sudden.

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