

PURELY PERSONAL

John Akers made a business trip to Weldon Tuesday afternoon.

John Akers had business at Lamoni Monday evening.

W. L. Barry had business at Davis City last Friday evening.

Mrs. Alice Marble was visiting in this city Monday afternoon.

B. E. Akers, of Decatur City, had business in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Ev. Hook, of Corydon, was a visitor in this city last Friday.

E. S. Grimes, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city Monday.

R. I. Benefield had business at Blytheedale, Mo., last Saturday.

Mrs. Orel Estes went to Cainsville last Thursday on business.

Noah Green, of Van Wert was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Flora, of Davis City, was visiting in this city last Saturday.

S. L. Wood, of Davis City, had business in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. C. Knoll, of Grand River, was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

Miss Loda Surber, of Decatur City, was visiting in this city Monday.

Miss Maud Huston, of Pleasanton, was a visitor in this city last Friday.

Mrs. Lelah Keller, of Van Wert, was a visitor in this city Monday.

M. E. Wasson made a business trip to Cainsville Tuesday evening.

Mort Shell, of Decatur City, had business in this city last Saturday.

Miss Leah Teale, of Davis City, was visiting in this city last Friday.

Floyd Thompson, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city last Friday.

John Fulton was visiting with friends at Kellerton last Friday evening.

Miss Bessie Smith, of Van Wert, was visiting in this city last Saturday.

Miss Gladys Rogers, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Blackman, of Blockley, was a visitor in this city last Thursday.

R. L. Simpson, of Hayes, S. D., was a visitor in this city last Thursday.

Mrs. Latta Hagan, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. Tincie Shelton, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

S. P. Rogers, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Sullivan, of Garden Grove, was a visitor in this city Monday.

W. M. Akers, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Lola Keller, of Kingston, was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

A. C. Mintoyne, of Ridgeway, Mo., was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

H. C. Watson, of Decatur, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.

Ernest Coffin went to Davis City Monday to visit a few days with relatives.

L. A. Brown, of Davis City, was transacting business in this city last Friday.

S. A. Edwards, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.

C. R. Riley, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.

Miss Frances Gardner, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city last Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Lane, of Woodland, returned last Friday from a few days visit at the home of her sons in Des Moines.

Miss Ollie Fulton went to Kellerton Friday to visit a few days with friends.

Mrs. Mary Turner went to Weldon Saturday to spend Christmas with friends.

Floyd Coder was visiting with friends at Davis City last Friday evening.

Grissom Grimes was visiting at his home in Davis City Tuesday evening.

Charles White, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cudney, of Lamoni, were visitors in this city Monday.

W. E. Truman, of Bushnell, Ill., was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

J. E. Sutherland, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.

H. A. Wilson, of Humeston, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday.

Mrs. John Robertson, of Davis City, was visiting in this city last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gaultier, of Lamoni, were visitors in this city last Thursday.

Dr. J. H. Robinson, the well known Davis City druggist, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday.

Mrs. Israel Post, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Marble, of Davis City, was a visitor in this city Monday afternoon.

James W. Hurst and son, White, were Decatur City visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Brown left Friday for a visit with relatives and friends at Humeston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grandstaff visited over Christmas with relatives at Lamoni.

Mrs. G. G. Grimes, of Davis City, was visiting with friends in this city last Friday.

Chas. A. Griffin, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.

Miss Agnes Pickens went to Davis City Thursday for a short visit with her parents.

W. F. Wadsworth, of Long Creek township, had business in this city last Friday.

Mrs. Will Lorey and children left Saturday for a visit with friends in St. Joe, Mo.

Miss Cecil Flora, of Davis City, was visiting with friends in this city last Saturday.

John Frazier was visiting with relatives and old friends at Davis City Monday.

Hale Lorey went to Pleasanton last Thursday to visit a few days with relatives.

Allan Ramsey, of near Van Wert, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday.

C. B. Simpson went to Davis City Thursday evening to visit a few days with relatives.

Frank Gardner, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday.

Miss Josie Cooney left Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives at Ft. Madison.

Mrs. Orel Estes returned last Thursday evening from a short visit at Decatur City.

A. T. Weldon, of northwest of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city last Friday.

Abe Bellamy returned Tuesday from a few days visit with relatives at Garden Grove.

Miss Lottie Vanderpool went to Thayer, Iowa, Saturday, for a holiday visit with relatives.

Taylor Vannett left Friday for Norwalk, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Nellie Flick went to Cainsville Saturday to visit over Christmas with home folks.

J. Wesley Chew, the Pleasanton banker, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. Maria Gray went to Akron, Mo., Saturday to spend the holidays at the home of her son.

J. H. Aldredge returned Saturday evening from spending a few days at Sioux City on business.

Mrs. S. Driscoll and daughter, Dora, of Pleasanton, were visitors in this city last Thursday.

Mrs. C. R. Riley and son, Charles, of Decatur City, was visiting in this city Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Winfield Cash went to Decatur City Tuesday afternoon for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson was a passenger Saturday for Saline to visit a few days with relatives.

Miss Florence Garton returned Thursday from a short visit with her sister at Garden Grove.

Miss Anna McDaniel, of near Blockley, visited over Christmas with friends in this city.

Harry Lemley went to Lamoni Friday evening where he visited over Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jenks went to Osceola Monday to visit a few days at the home of his mother.

Mrs. I. N. McPherrin went to Albia Saturday and visited over Christmas with relatives in that city.

Editor Grant Mallory and wife of the Davis City News, were visitors in this city last Thursday.

M. S. Jones and wife went to Clarinda Friday afternoon to visit over Christmas with friends.

Miss Zora Cummins, who is teaching near Van Wert, came home Saturday to spend the holidays.

J. W. Gochenour, of east of this city, went to Van Wert Tuesday, for a short visit with relatives.

Harry Sell returned Tuesday to Centerville after visiting over Sunday at his home in this city.

Lewis Rhoades went to Tuskeego Saturday evening to visit over Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. Fulton, of southwest of town went to Thayer Saturday to visit a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stark went to Norwalk Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Stark's parents.

Frank Lillard, of Garden Grove, was a visitor in this city a couple of days the first of the week.

Mr. John M. Bittner, of Grand Island, Neb., is a guest at the home of John Dale, west of this city.

Mrs. J. J. Minor went to Blockley Friday to visit a few days at the home of her son, John Minor.

Mrs. W. N. Price went to Grand River last Thursday to visit a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss Eloise Finley, of Chicago, is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. T. S. Arnold, in this city.

Mrs. George Young and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Garden Grove, spent a few hours in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. George Conwell and daughter, Miss Marie, of Grand River, were visitors in this city Tuesday.

Geo. F. Wolever, of Weldon, came down Monday evening to look after some business matters in this city.

L. A. Offield returned Tuesday from Ottumwa, where he had been visiting for a week with relatives.

Arthur Martin, of near this city, left Saturday to spend the holidays at the home of his father in Boone.

Fred Fisher and family went to Decatur City Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Bessie Millard returned Saturday to her home at Leslie after a stay of several weeks in this city.

Miss Anna Hoadley, of Garden Grove, came Monday for a short visit with her friend, Miss Fern Pryor.

Mrs. R. M. Grandstaff, of Des Moines, came Monday to visit a few days with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Clyde Pickering, of Decatur City, came Saturday to visit over Christmas with relatives in this city.

Lloyd Hill and family went to Davis City Saturday to visit a few days with relatives in that vicinity.

Mrs. Jane Johnson went to Bethany, Mo., Saturday where she is spending the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Swanson departed Saturday afternoon for a holiday visit at her former home in Monmouth, Ill.

Mrs. George Virden and daughter, Miss Julia, of near Decatur City, were visitors in this city Tuesday.

Miss Zilpha Davenport left Wednesday morning for a visit of several weeks with an aunt at Sabetha, Kas.

Mrs. Geo. L. Jackson, of Moline, Ill., came in Tuesday evening to visit a few days with friends in this city.

Miss Himena Hoffman, who is a student at Simpson College, Indianola, came home last Thursday to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman.

Miss Hallie Moore went to Osceola Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Bryant.

Miss Myrtle Newlin, of Woodland, returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Des Moines.

Miss Hazel Lionberger and little sister Lucille, went to Corydon Friday to visit over Christmas with friends.

Miss Ora Sankey came home from Iowa City Tuesday evening for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Hacker went to Van Wert Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of her father, J. F. Hacker.

H. G. Scott and wife, of Kellerton, are visiting today in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wallace.

Miss Lucy Lindsey, who is teaching near this city, went to her home at Davis City Friday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Masterson, of Shenandoah, came Saturday evening for a holiday visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. L. M. Smith and baby went to their former home at Tingley Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. H. E. Hughes and children, of north of Leon, left Saturday for Albia to spend the holidays visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Fisher and baby and Miss Florence Oney, of Mt. Ayr, visited over Christmas with relatives in this city.

C. G. Biddison returned last Thursday from a few days visit at the home of his brother, A. Biddison, at Cainsville.

Miss Ethel Gatchell, of Omaha, came Saturday evening for a holiday visit with relatives and friends in this city.

T. H. Schenk returned Monday afternoon to Decatur City, after spending Christmas with his family in this city.

Miss Anna Radnich, of Davis City, came Thursday and visited a couple of days at the home of Mrs. S. Varga in this city.

Miss Lucy Kenyon, of Bethany, Mo., came Monday afternoon to visit a few days with her friend, Miss Edith Harris.

Deputy sheriff F. L. Lorey and wife went to Pleasanton Saturday where they visited over Christmas with relatives.

Aubrey Hebenner went to Gravity Friday afternoon to spend Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Dodge, of Chicago, came Friday to spend the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Gardner.

Mrs. F. Varga was called to Omaha Tuesday afternoon by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Gatchell.

Mrs. Arthur Adkins and children, of Davis City, came Saturday for a visit at the home of Sheriff J. E. Andrew and wife.

Miss Josephine Chase, who is teaching near Crown, came home Saturday to spend the holiday week with her mother.

Mrs. Asbury Johnson returned to her home at Shenandoah Tuesday after visiting a few days with relatives in this city.

Perry Albaugh, of Des Moines, came Saturday to visit a few days in this city at the home of his brother, J. E. Albaugh.

Mrs. T. L. Cox, of near Davis City, and daughter, Mrs. H. T. Cox, of Osceola, were visitors in this city Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Leeper returned Monday afternoon from Pleasanton where she spent Christmas visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Lulu Lovell returned Tuesday evening to her home at Lamoni after spending a few days with her sister in this city.

Gib Turner, the well known banker of Kellerton, came over Sunday and visited until Monday evening with friends in this city.

Mrs. Charles Bullard, of Pleasanton, came Friday to visit a few days at the home of her father, Tarlton Fulton, in this city.

W. J. Strange and family went to Blockley Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chastain, of Eden township, went to Des Moines last Thursday to visit over Christmas with their parents.

O. W. Bennett and sister, Miss Olive Bennett, of Woodland, went to Tingley Friday to visit over the holidays with friends.

Mrs. Doss McDowell went to Davis City Thursday evening to visit a few days at the home of her father-in-law, J. W. McDowell.

Misses Bessie and Lola Bright went to Decatur City Saturday to visit over Christmas with their mother, Mrs. T. B. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Meegan, of Cainsville, were in Leon last Saturday being on their way to St. Joe to spend the holidays.

Miss Marie McClaran, who is attending the Leon High School, went to her home at Decatur City Friday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Martha Clark went to Garden Grove Friday where she visited over Christmas with friends in that vicinity and at High Point.

Miss Jessie Taylor, of Cainsville, was in Leon last Saturday, being enroute to Rockville, Mo., to spend the holidays with friends.

A. L. Howard, who is employed in a printing office at Indianola, came Saturday to visit over Christmas with his family in this city.

Mrs. Henry Fulton and daughter, Clara, of Ottumwa, came Monday to visit a few days with relatives in this city and vicinity.

Miss Madaline Ghormley, of Des Moines, came last Thursday evening to spend the holidays with numerous friends in this city.

Joe Kriddlebaugh, of Chariton, came down Monday and visited a couple of days in this city with his friend, John Hurst.

W. A. Griffith, of Chicago, came Friday to join his wife, who is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Harris, in this city.

Mrs. J. W. Scott, of north of town, went to Davis City Friday evening to visit over Christmas at the home of her son, Arthur Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cline left Saturday afternoon for Memphis, Mo., where they spent Christmas with relatives and old friends.

Mrs. M. E. Grandstaff and daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. M. Grandstaff, went to Davis City Tuesday to visit a few days with relatives.

M. M. Turpen and wife, of Lamoni, were in Leon Tuesday, being on their way home from a visit with friends at Corydon.

Wallace and Walter Officer went to Van Wert Tuesday afternoon to visit a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Arney.

Mrs. H. H. Schenk and little grand daughter went to Decatur City Tuesday afternoon to visit a few days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Barry, of Bethany, Mo., were over Christmas visitors at the home of his brother, W. L. Barry, in this city.

J. P. Fisher, of near Lineville, was in Leon Saturday, being on his way to Cainsville to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

K. P. Baker, of Woodland, took the train here Thursday for Denver, Colorado, where he visited over Christmas with his brother.

Mrs. Frank Binning, of near Kingston, came Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Cox, in this city.

Cols. Buchanan & Watchbaugh went to Osceola Friday and spent a couple of days in that city auctioneering off a stock of goods.

Miss Florence Moorehead went to Humeston Friday afternoon where she will spend the holiday vacation visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Clara Landphair, of Lamoni, was in Leon Tuesday afternoon, returning from a visit at the home of her mother in Pleasanton.

Mrs. M. Walker returned Monday evening to Lamoni after a short visit in this city at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Ackerley.

Miss Cora Hardinger, who is attending the Leon High School, went to her home at Davis City Friday evening to spend the holidays.

William Thomas, of Grand River, came Saturday evening to spend Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. G. Springer, in this city.

Forest Grimes went to Pleasanton Monday to visit a few days at the homes of his aunts, Mrs. J. W. Chew and Mrs. C. M. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffines returned Tuesday evening from a three weeks visit with relatives at Otego, Kansas, and Plattsmouth, Neb.

Mrs. C. B. Talbott went to Osceola Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Talbott also went the first of the week.

Mrs. J. H. Stanley departed Friday for Marysville, Mo., to visit during the holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Penisten.

Mr. A. R. Williams, a real estate agent of Chariton, was a business visitor in this city last Thursday and favored us with a pleasant call.

Louie Hurst, of J. H. Merrill & Co., Ottumwa, came Saturday for a short holiday vacation with his father and many friends in this city.

Mrs. Minnie Zornes, of Grimes, Iowa, came Monday evening to visit a few days at the home of her father, J. H. Evans, in this city.

Raymond Hurst, who is attending college at Ames, arrived Thursday to spend the holiday vacation with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Staley, of Des Moines, came Monday for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Staley's sister, Mrs. Ross Sanders.

Mrs. Mamie Cain, of St. Joe, came Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie Jeffries, near this city.

Mrs. Margaret Waight and little daughter, of Humeston, came Friday evening to spend a week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jas. W. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Vogt returned Tuesday evening from Lincoln, Neb., for a short visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mark, of Kirksville, Mo., were in Leon last Friday, being on their way to Lamoni to spend the holidays with relatives.

T. J. Smith and family, of Lamoni, came Saturday and visited over Christmas in this city at the home of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Fred Teale.

Banker E. O. Stearns and M. F. Thompson, of Van Wert, were business visitors in this city Monday, coming down in Mr. Stearns' auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barquist, of Des Moines, are spending the holidays in this city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ogden.

J. B. Marrs, of Saline, Mo., was in this city last Friday, coming up to meet his wife and family, who had been visiting with relatives at Tarkio, Mo.

Claude Robinson returned Monday afternoon from Davis City where he spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson.

R. H. Brad, of Davis City, spent a couple of days in this city on business the latter part of last week, going from here to Pleasanton Friday.

Misses Edna Brownell and Mabel and Ethel Tapscott, of Lamoni, came Tuesday afternoon for a few days visit with young friends in this city.

Mrs. H. Tullie Cox, of Osceola, came Saturday to make a holiday visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cox, southwest of this city.

Miss Ruby Greenslate, who was visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Andrew, in this city, left Saturday for her home in Omaha, Neb.

Miss Lottie Cozad, of Marshalltown, arrived Saturday noon for a holiday visit in this city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cozad.

Miss Winnie Rhoades returned Monday from a short visit at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mandrew Holland, at Garden Grove.

Mrs. E. W. Williams, of Davis City, spent a few hours in this city last Thursday while enroute home from a visit with relatives at Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. West, of Chicago, came Saturday to spend a few days in this city at the home of Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ogden.

Mart Pickering and family returned Monday from Garden Grove, where they spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Trister.

Mrs. Fred Epperley and baby went to Davis City Friday to visit over Christmas at the home of her parents. Mr. Epperley also went down Sunday.

Dr. J. W. Rowell, wife and son, Edgar, went to Afton Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. N. W. Rowell.

Ed. H. Sharp, wife and daughter, Miss Margaret McKlveen, went to Bethany, Mo., Saturday to visit over Christmas at the home of Mr. Sharp's parents.

H. E. Kendall returned Thursday to his home at Derby after a few days visit at the home of his father-in-law, O. H. Reynolds, southwest of Leon.

Francis Varga, who is a student at the State University at Iowa City, came home Friday to spend the holiday vacation with his parents in this city.

Lew Gillham, the popular clerk at Oglivie & Gardner's grocery left Monday for a few days visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Miller, in Bedford.

Dr. T. S. Duff and family, of Cainsville, came up Saturday and visited over Christmas in this city at the home of Mrs. Duff's sister, Mrs. P. F. Kopp.

Miss Veta McClaran, of Pleasanton, who is attending college in Des Moines, passed through here Saturday going home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Port Bowsher, of Lamoni, came Saturday and visited over Sunday in this city at the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowsher.

David Thomas returned Monday to his home near Grand River after visiting over Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. G. Springer, in this city.

Charles Drury returned Monday to his home in Des Moines after spending Christmas in this city at the home of his father-in-law, Jas. Allen. Mr. Drury, who accompanied him to this city will remain for a few days visit with her parents.

Friends of this store have good reasons to feel elated over this year's splendid showing.

Your kindly criticisms and helpful suggestions have been the means of bringing this business up to its present high standing.

With your continued assistance still greater progress is assured for the coming year.

It would be a great pleasure to be able to thank each of you personally, to tell you how much your efforts are appreciated.

The kindly interest you have taken in the affairs of this store will surely bear fruit during the coming twelve months--in better equipment, better service and better merchandising methods.

To show improvement from month to month is the ambition of the store's force.

HURST BROS.

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