

Little Knoll.

(Delayed.)
This looks more like winter.
Miss Katie Ripple and Harry Finkbone were calling at Frank Ward's Friday night.
Misses Clara and Mary Ward and brother Francis were skating Sunday. They say the ice is fine.
Miss Genevieve Fogleman visited over Sunday with her teacher, Miss Freestone.
Miss Lelah Fogleman and Oscar Parsons spent Sunday at Freestone's.
Maude Hembrey, Lelah and Genevieve and Raymond Fogleman were absent from school at the Wells Monday.
Newt Finkbone started for Osceola Friday evening about 4 o'clock, where they will stop over Sunday. They drove with a team and buggy.
Glen Cress called at Fred Hembrey's Sunday evening.
Clyde Hembrey who has been in the hospital at Leon, returned home this week.
Joe Jones' house burned last Monday morning.
Oliver Freestone was in these parts Monday.
Miss Prudence Hembrey is visiting home folks this week and for the Christmas vacation.
Charles Kelley and family visited at F. W. Hembrey's Sunday.
The preacher who is preaching at Maple Grove got a few joiners to the Methodist church.
F. E. Wills went to Leon Sunday.
Harve Weldon was in these parts Sunday.
Roy Harger was over at Fred Cress Jr.'s Saturday night to assist him a while with a sick horse.
There are quite a few from this vicinity going to attend the Christmas program at Wells school, Dec. 23.
Francis Ward spent the Sunday at Wells.
The contest at Leon has been postponed but we don't know just when it will come off.
Miss Isabel Freestone who was visiting at home Saturday and Sunday returned to her school Monday morning.
The Hickory Grove items proved all right and we wish to see some more of them.

Elm Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright entertained several of the young folks Christmas night. Oysters and home made candy were served. All report a good time.
Mrs. George Hamilton and Grandma Prather visited at F. H. Prather's Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bright visited at the Buck Moore home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hamilton spent Saturday night with Don Moore and wife.
Miss Emma Warnock is visiting home folks during holidays.
There were several from here attended the Christmas tree at Lineville.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright went to Powersville Sunday to visit a few days with Mrs. Bright's mother, Mrs. Jacobs.
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hampton called on Eugene Drake and wife Sunday evening.
Tom Spencer and Henry Prather visited at Charlie Bright's Sunday.
There will be prayer meeting every Sunday night at Elm. Everybody is invited to attend.
Miss Minnie Bright who has been going to school at Oskaloosa, is visiting home folks during holidays.
Those who visited at the Lew Warnock home Christmas were Frank Warnock and family and Miss Bessie Hinds.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore spent Sunday at Milt Moore's. Mrs. Moore is very sick.

Fairview.

Mrs. Edward Bright and Aunt Lizzy Hill, also Mrs. Don Moore spent Friday of last week at Jim Ely's.
Quite a snow storm fell in this vicinity Saturday.
Bon Moore hauled corn for J. B. Hollinger last week.
Oscar Vaughn and wife called on Pete Vaughn one day last week.
Reno Willis has purchased the Bill Selby place.
The meetings at Elm are still in progress with quite a number of conversions.
Miss Lizzie Hill is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Edward Bright.
Pete Vaughn and family had business at Pleasanton Thursday of last week.
Ross Moore is visiting his brother, Don.
Mrs. Lee Spencer visited friends at Leon a few days last week.
Mrs. Willis Dillon called on Mrs. Jim Ely one day last week.
Quite a number from here attended the Mollenstien call Friday of last week.
Cam Trembley called on H. E. Bright one day last week.
Pat Hampton and wife, Oliver Bright and wife and Mrs. Crumm had business at Leon one day last week.
Lee Spencer delivered turkeys to Pleasanton one day last week.
There was a prayer meeting at Morgan Wednesday night.

Charm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakesley and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spencer took dinner at Mrs. G. W. Blakesley's Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn were Lineville callers Wednesday.
Jim Flynn took the train for Keokuk Wednesday where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Frank Delaney and friends there.
Nellie Dale came down from Des Moines Wednesday to visit over Sunday with home folks, returning Friday.
R. D. Owens took hogs to Lineville Wednesday for Jim Flynn.
Willie Beasley came home and also Charley Mahoney.
Elmer Clymer is working for John Flynn.
Mrs. Gertie Potter had a Christmas tree for the little folks.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Griffin were shopping in Leon Tuesday.

LeRoy.

Miss Cleo Kirkwood of Charlton, is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Mae Ross.
Ed Monroe, of near Garden Grove, was a passenger from here for Osceola Monday of last week.
Ralph Woods of near Leslie, visited with friends here Friday night and Saturday.
John Kellow and Miss Julia were united in marriage Tuesday evening at the M. E. parsonage at Garden Grove.
A very interesting program was given at the M. E. church by the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools Christmas eve.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Falkenburg of Keokuk, are visiting with friends here.
Mr. and Mrs. Amasy Davis of Weldon, spent Christmas with their son, Bart Davis and family.
Miss Mabel Garwood of Osceola, visited a few days last week at the Elliott Wells home.
Harry Calhoun was in Osceola Saturday.
Edgar Sullivan was a passenger for Cambria Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tedford of Grand River, visited last week at the C. L. Culver home.
The young people of this vicinity were royally entertained at the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tait Saturday evening. Delicious refreshments were served and all enjoyed the evening until a late hour.
Mrs. Sherrow and daughter, Lois, of Weldon visited Thursday with the former's sister, Mrs. Alda Silvers and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Richards and little son visited at the W. P. Richards home Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Alda Roe and children spent Christmas with their father, Robert Roe.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trap and son, Charles, were guests at the Newt Heath home Christmas day.

Van Wert.

Another Christmas day is gone, and was well enjoyed by everyone.
There was a large crowd attended both churches Christmas eve, there being a good program at each place.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Briner and family spent Christmas with home folks near Grand River.
Mrs. Mote returned home Saturday evening from an extended visit in Shenandoah with relatives. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Parson and little son.
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McKee and daughter Ruth are visiting relatives in Nebraska and Kansas.
Mrs. Harry Trauple visited over Sunday in Osceola with her sister, Mrs. Linder.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hall went to Grand River Thursday to eat Christmas dinner with home folks. Mr. Hall returning in the evening and Mrs. Hall remaining until Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson are home spending the holidays.
F. E. Delk was over from Weldon Tuesday on business.
Miss Tallman returned to Des Moines Thursday after several days visit at the home of her uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Tallman.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanLaar of Grand River, visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hall last week and patronized our photographer H. O. Tuttle, while here.
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hall and family of Weldon took Christmas dinner at the T. S. Stearns home.
Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Cornell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Saylor and Mr. Saylor's Sunday school class to a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Mr. Saylor's class made the highest percentage over last month.

Burr Oak Ridge.

Willard, Roy and George Chastain spent Christmas at Davis City with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. McCalla.
Iva Horney was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Harley Fitch, the past week.
Oda Vanderpool and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett Sunday.
There was a large crowd at the Catholic services Sunday.
School commenced again at East Eden Monday after a week's vacation.
Zona Housh and family spent Sunday at W. A. Johnson's.
George Osborn, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was the guest of his brother Jim a few days the past week.
C. E. Chastain and family spent a very pleasant day at Gill Vanderpool's Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Trisler of Garden Grove, spent a few days last week at her brother, Frank Still's. Elza Smith and family were also Sunday visitors at Mr. Still's.
John Frosts were Sunday visitors at Bid Frost's.
Miss Florence Barry spent Sunday at home.

Fairview.

Several of the young folks enjoyed themselves at the home of Oliver Bright one evening last week.
Prayer meeting at Morgan every night.
Albert Willis and daughter, Mrs. Riley Hatfield had business at Lineville one day last week.
Marice Bright and wife spent Friday of last week with Eddie Bright and wife.
Lester Hamilton and wife spent Saturday night with Don Moore and wife.
The protracted meetings closed at Elm church Sunday night with quite a number of conversions.
Mrs. Harry Merrick visited a few days last week with her parents, Lee Spencer and family.
Those who spent Christmas at P. A. Bright's were, Don Moore and wife, Mrs. Blanche Dobson and daughter, Frank Bright and wife, Eddie Bright and wife, Miss Lizzie Hill and Jim Larkins.
Ross Moore returned to his work Wednesday of last week where he has been visiting with his brother, Don.

REPORTER FOR SALE BILLS.

Lonesome Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Maynard spent a few days last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDaniel.
Those who spent Christmas with Mrs. E. A. Little and family were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Little and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Evans and family, Mrs. George Evans, Zack McDaniel and Floyd Webster.
Mrs. Walter Blakesley visited a few days last week with her parents in Leon.
Mr. Andy Hubbard of Hastings, Neb., came the latter part of the week to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hubbard.
Clarence Waller and family spent a few days last week with his brother, Roy Waller and family.
John Evans and family spent Christmas at the John Frost home.
There was a Christmas tree at Fred Potter's Wednesday evening, and a pleasant evening was spent by all.
J. F. Bruny and Edgar White spent Sunday at Lige Evans'.
Misses Ella and Katie Grogan of Leon, visited over Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Mike Griffin, returning home Saturday.
Mrs. Kate Sullivan is visiting with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Griffin.
Floyd Webster and Minnie Evans spent Sunday afternoon at the T. A. Webster home.
Misses Minnie and Vesta Evans visited Friday at J. B. McDaniels'.
Miss Clara Hall is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. Sherm Davis.
Jasper Record and family and Mrs. Wayne Gammon spent Sunday night at Tade Griffin's.
Misses Minnie, Vesta and Ossie Evans and George McDaniel visited the Brush College school Friday afternoon.
Mart Davis and family spent Sunday with Sherm Davis and family.
Mrs. J. O. Garner and daughter Greta spent Saturday with Mrs. Willis Frost.
Mary Flynn was shopping in Leon Saturday.

Springdale.

Nye Woodard sawed wood for John Hanner Monday.
Misses Lois, Eliza and Rosetta Millsap and Eva Edwards were shopping in Leon Tuesday.
Punch Wells and family attended the Christmas tree at Maple Grove Wednesday evening.
John Hanner and daughter Louva left Wednesday for a week's visit at Stuart, Iowa, with his mother, and brother.
Mr. and Mrs. George Hale and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tenney, south of Decatur.
Ralph Roberts has been quite sick this week with the grippe, but is better at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Horner and children were business visitors in town Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross and children were visiting Sunday at the Hanner home.
Tom Williams and family, Will Williams and family and Mrs. Harriett Williams visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and family.

Sand Creek No. 2.

D. A. Williams, wife and children and Belle Sellers called on Mr. and Mrs. Henderson last Wednesday.
Nelson Smith and children called on G. W. Smith Sunday.
Solomon Smith visited a few days with his brother and sister, F. W. Sellers and wife.
Noah Green and family, F. W. Sellers and wife spent Christmas at the home of Geo. Smith.
Belle Sellers visited at F. W. Cash's Sunday.
Mrs. Allen Andrew and children, from near Kellerton, visited her sister, Mrs. Fred Cash Sunday.
Mrs. George Smith and son Frank are spending the holidays visiting relatives at Fremont, Neb.
F. W. Sellers was a Decatur caller Monday.
Fred Alley has returned home after spending several days at Akron, Mo., on business.
Pete Ellars made a flying trip to Davis City Saturday.
Mrs. Alf Miller called on her sister, Mrs. Frank Dobson, one day last week.

Green Valley.

Church was well attended at Tennessee Sunday evening.
Elmer Ritter called at Allen Ramsey's Sunday evening.
Those who called at Francis Spray's Sunday were Albert Spray and family, Marion Spray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Spray and son Thurman, Aunt Armina and Tom Edwards, Uncle Elric Ramsey and Mrs. Allen Ramsey and daughter Ada.
Amy Ramsey spent Christmas vacation with home folks.
Newman Edwards and family called at Lavisa Edwards' Sunday.
Dr. Sells of Osceola, was called to Francis Spray's Sunday morning to see Mr. Spray's father who is quite sick.
Miss Leila Edwards who is attending school at Murray spent Christmas at home.
Rev. Rhodes will still continue the meetings at Tennessee this week.
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Brush College.

Mrs. Jim Still and children and Mrs. Ike Evans of Leon, left one day last week for Villisca to visit with relatives.
Italpo Frost and wife spent Christmas with David Hubbard and family.
Mrs. Walter Blakesley spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Evans of Leon.
John and Herbert Hubbard had business in Leon Saturday.
Z. T. Newcomer visited a few days last week with Mart Davis.
Misses Kate and Ella Grogan of Leon, spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Mike Griffin.
Rolla Craig and wife and little son Claud of near Pleasanton, visited Sunday with J. N. Still and family.
Andy Hubbard of Hansen, Neb., is visiting this week with his folks.
Miss Nellie Dale of Des Moines, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dale.
Floyd Webster spent Sunday with Zack McDaniel.
Ralph Frost and wife visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Frost of near Leon.
Willie Mahoney had business in Leon Monday.
Miss Mary O'Boyle of Boothtown, visited Sunday with Mrs. Mike Griffin.
Iowa School Statistics.
The department of public instruction has just completed the annual directory of Iowa schools. From this it is found that the schools of Iowa cost last year \$16,442,528, of which \$9,614,221 went to pay the salaries of teachers. The pay of teachers has been slightly increased and last year the average for the 27,432 teachers employed was \$83.20 for the males each month, and \$49.91 for the females. The average number of days taught was 174. The number of school houses in use is 13,858, and their value over \$30,000,000. The school population was found to be 671,016, the total enrollment in schools 507,845, and the average daily attendance 369,374.

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Booze fighters possessing automobiles should be careful. The secretary of state has announced his intention to revoke immediately licenses of anyone complained of as having driven an automobile while intoxicated. The Des Moines papers say that Wednesday the secretary received an appeal from a woman asking that her husband's license be revoked to prevent his driving a car while intoxicated. On a similar complaint last week Secretary Allen revoked a license.

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In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County. In Probate.
In the matter of the estate of George Bason, deceased.
To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as administrator of the estate of George Bason, late of Decatur County, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.
Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1913.
LUTHER BASON,
Administrator of said estate.

Original Notice.

In the District Court of Decatur County, Iowa, January Term, A. D. 1914.
Thomas T. Johnston plaintiff, vs. Iowa M. Johnston defendant.
To Said Defendant:
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the District Court of Decatur County, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff aforesaid, claiming a divorce from you on the grounds of desertion and for costs and other equitable relief.
For full particulars see petition on file.
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 26th day of January, A. D. 1914, a default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.
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