

Marching On.

We are glad to see the movement for the consolidation of school districts going forward.

Table with columns: No., Personal, Land. Rows include Brush College, Cherry Dale, Wild Rose, North Center, Marietta, Hogrefe.

Wedding.

Mr. A. N. Stuber, from St. Joseph, Mo., and Minnie R. Sommer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Sommer, were united in marriage Wednesday, March 10th.

After receiving congratulations the couple was marched into the dining room led by the pastor, where a beautiful dinner was served.

The bride is well known in this community and the groom is one of the finest young men of his neighborhood.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nic. Stuber, from St. Joseph, Mo.; parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sommer and daughter, Alma; from Cosby, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Schneider and son, Raymond; from Cosby, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sommer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Christ Sommer and son, Georgia; Alford Sommer, Frank Sommer, Walter Sommer, Nellie Sommer, Anna Sommer, Edwin Sommer, Leo Sommer, Herman and Lena Sommer.

We Only Half Live

One of Portland's oldest residents is Dr. Mary Anna Thompson. She is 90 years of age. To her experience as a wife and mother she has added that of physician.

To a representative of a newspaper she recited the other day the lesson she had learned during her long mortal span.

She said: None of us begin to get out of life what we should because we do not put enough into it. We only half live. We are bulldozed by fear of death or bound down by outworn creeds or beliefs. We are blinded by prejudice.

Another great hindrance in getting all out of life is, in Dr. Thompson's philosophy, the lack of self control. This leads not only to the outrage of the finer feelings of others but to brutality and degeneracy.

She sounded a vital note when she said there is too little training of girls for motherhood and boys for fatherhood.

In their hands is the body, brain and soul of the men and women that are to come after them. Shall it be a brain unspiced by lust and dissipation, a mind that can think and act and a nervous system true as a dial to the demands that will be made upon it.

In the words of David Starr Jordan: Will you, boy of the twentieth century, let him come as a man among men in his time, or will you throw away his inheritance before he has had the chance to touch it?

Summing it all up Dr. Thompson says, "Life means service to others." More than this, true life can only be attained and achieved by repeated service. It is expressed in these verses by Wordsworth:

Best not in hope want's ley chain to throw By casual boons and formal charities; Learn to be just, just through impartial law; For as ye may, erect and equalize; And what ye cannot reach by statute, draw Each from his fountain of self-sacrifice.

Easter Sale.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will hold their annual Easter sale and bake sale at the Deacon and Moore rooms in the Van-Buren block, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25.

The Death of Harry Emerson.

I took you to God, my precious boy, In your innocent boyhood, And asked Him to make you pure and true, Brave, and kind, and good.

You heard my prayers for you, for my boy, And made him a noble life, A loyal son, husband, brother, friend, The joy of a cherished wife.

You gave your heart to the Savior my boy, In the morning of young manhood, And "The way of the cross led home" Where your waiting Savior stood.

Now I give thee back, Dear Lord, my boy, And thank thee that thou didst send To us for a time, this child, who is thine, Through the ages that never end.

In sorrow and loneliness for my boy I turn O Father, to thee, When thou didst give thy Son, to die for us, On darkest Calvary.

By S. V. G., Los Angeles, California.

Death of J. L. Gornel.

Our Craig correspondent announces the death of John L. Gornel, which occurred at his home in Craig, Sunday last, March 11th, being his birth day.

He came to Holt county in 1865, locating in the Whig Valley settlement, and in 1882 he removed to Union township, where he has since resided. He married Sarah C. Ungles, in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1862, who with six children survive; these are: Mrs. Bettie Massie, of Clay township; James, who resides in Kansas; John D. and Charles L., of Craig, and S. D. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Craig Presbyterian church, the interment being in the New Liberty cemetery.

Sunday School Field Notes.

The Sunday school tour as planned with our state workers, Sterling L. Williams, came to a close last Wednesday night. As a result of the work of this tour we are confident we may count on ten newly organized classes, four new cradle rolls, two home departments, and several teacher training classes.

At each point visited were found earnest, eager people desirous to know more of the great forward movement.

Lewis township is alive and showed it in Oregon by the organizations effected during the two meetings held there.

Then further did Oregon show an interest when she sent to Forest City, the following day, the greatest wealth she possesses,—her girls and boys. Some thirty-two teen age girls and boys met in separate, then in joint conferences and a more enthusiastic bunch you never saw.

Earth's future glory and its hopes and joys lie in the hands and hearts of our girls and boys.

The World is theirs. To do with as they will. The World is theirs. For final results of life must be put into their outstretched hands.

The mighty issues of our changing lands, In earth's great House they soon must take their place.

A Glory or a Menace to their race? Which shall it be Men and Women? We must learn to see things as well as people in general with a balanced brain and not with our prejudices.

From Forest City we went to Bigelow where good conference work was had as so many took active part.

The Sabbath Day was spent in Lincoln township. It is wonderful how the earnest teachers and children are building for sturdy manhood and true womanhood in the little town of Corning. It was truly good to be there: The great beauty of this meeting was the number of children at each of these sessions. They were delighted to be in the meetings and were attentive throughout. Look to Corning for further developments. Such attention will never go unrequited.

On Monday, Craig was visited and we there found workers anxious for a clearer vision of the movement. We had to forego the country appointments owing to the impassable condition of the roads.

At Mound City there was an afternoon and a night's session, both of which were well attended. At this point special interest was centered in class organization.

The county officers now understand better the needs of individual schools and are thus enabled to map out a definite course of work.

Fellow workers aim to keep in line! Sult you like men. He brave, Be loyal.

God is your Guide and Leader! Follow Him!

HOLT COUNTY FIELD SECRETARY, S. S. Association.

To My Friends.

I hereby announce myself as a contestant in the Piano Contest at Kreek & Hassens, and respectfully solicit your votes.

News From Craig.

—Charles M. Walts is a member of the Federal grand jury this week in St. Joseph.

—Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Sellers are visiting the home folks of Mrs. Sellers, near Oregon, this week.

—Mrs. Clark McCall, of Westboro, whose husband represents Atchison county in our legislature, was a visitor with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Ward, Friday. We learned that Rep. McCall has developed tuberculosis while at Jefferson City and is in Arizona under the advice of physicians.

—The mud conditions are not improving very fast. People are yet having a very hard time coming to town. Wagons are drawn by four horses in order to get anywhere and under such conditions farmers are not very sanguine about coming to town and hauling home any more than they absolutely are necessitated to haul.

—Mr. William M. Hughes, of the Britt Chautauqua Company of Lincoln, and Rev. F. P. Brewster interviewed our people last Thursday and completed the securing of the requisite number of signers to the guarantee contract. That means that Craig is yet progressive and will be in the front next year with one of the best Chautauqua programs in the country anywhere.

—Mrs. William A. Sharp was taken to the hospital in St. Joseph last Friday. She was suffering with "Bright's disease" brought about by being too energetic when she should have been resting. The physicians are fighting against an operation, but think that one will probably be necessary. While her case is serious, it is not thought that any great danger will result. The many friends of Mrs. Sharp are hoping and praying for her immediate recovery.

The Modern Woodmen here are enjoying a period of extreme prosperity. Up to and including last Monday night they have initiated twenty one into the "forests of brotherly love."

The degree work of this team is nearly perfect and the officiating neighbors seem to have the ritual work memorized perfectly. The floor work and team work is bridging out the fine points of the ritual so much that praises of the oldest members are unattained. There are more to come and the neighbors are working to the end that we may enjoy a Woodman picnic this summer worth while.

The Craig school board voted to submit a proposition to the voters of the several school districts, 15 add to the Craig school district all of Brush College, Cherry Dale, Wild Rose, North Center, Marietta and Hogrefe. All these districts will be asked to vote on the proposition at the next annual meeting. The consolidation of these districts with Craig will be of mutual benefit to all concerned. It will give all a better facility for teaching their children at home until they are ready for the University and do it in a much cheaper way. It is proposed to maintain schools in the districts where it is necessary to further the best interests of the scholars.

The funeral of J. L. Gornel was held at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Interment was had at the New Liberty cemetery. John Lewis Gornel was born in Ross county, Ohio, March 14, 1831, and died at his home in Craig, March 11, 1915; making his age exactly eighty-one years. He came to Holt county in 1865 and settled in the Whig Valley neighborhood, near where Maitland is now located. He was a prosperous man in his early years, accumulating a great deal of property. About 1877 he moved near Craig and engaged in extensive stock-raising and farming. Early in life he contracted the rheumatism, which debilitated him so much that for the past twenty years he has been unable to take a very active part in the business world. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church in this city for thirty-eight years, doing his part in forwarding the Kingdom in the hearts of men? He is the father of five boys and two girls, all of whom but one girl live to mourn his departure.

GOOD-ENOUGH.

New Point and Vicinity.

—Perry Hoswell and wife visited at Spencer Hoswell's, Sunday.

—Robert Hoswell and family took dinner at the home of Lyde Bender, Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Hoswell have both been on the sick list. Dr. Wood was called Tuesday.

—Mrs. Robert Hoswell went to help her daughter, Mrs. Clara Stevenson, settle in her new home.

—Ruth Carson and Helen Cain were quite sick the latter part of last week. Both are much better now.

—Retta Boswell returned Saturday night from Ed Narans', where she has been sewing for two weeks.

—Mary Terry went to Will Stevenson's, Thursday, to take care of Mrs. Wampler, his mother, who is very sick.

—Orrah Boswell came home Saturday night for a short visit. He has a cleaning and pressing establishment in Mound City.

—Dr. Wood called to see C. Hardman, Saturday night. Mr. Hardman was very sick with gripe-pneumonia and other complications. Later—Mr. Hardman is very little better.

Nemo.

Between Cities.

—The Hulatt family spent Tuesday of last week at the St. Allen home in Oregon.

—The S. T. Hulatt family are having the Farmers' Phone installed in their home.

—C. O. Sinclair and family visited on Monday at the home of Mrs. Sinclair's father, Thomas Foley.

—Mrs. Gertrude Shanks returned home Tuesday from a week's visit in Oregon with her sister, Mrs. St. Allen and family.

—The new boy at the Thomas Kreek home has been named Thomas Ellsworth, Junior, and is enjoying the best of health.

—Mrs. F. A. Blum, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Kreek, for the past two weeks, returned to her home at Wichita, Kansas, Friday morning, accompanied by her two little boys, Fred and Edwin.

Burr Oak.

—Miss Ella Hopper spent Saturday at the Bowles home.

—Mr. Vince Hopper was quite ill with a gripe, last week.

—Master Dwight Pilkington was quite sick, the first of last week.

—Perry, Roy and Harvey Stone spent Sunday at the S. W. Anno home.

—Miss Lou Sinclair is working at the Chester Hitz home, north of Fortescue.

—Geo. Cotten and wife are the proud parents of a son, born March 4th, 1915.

—Miller Biachly and family and Sid Eads spent Sunday with H. A. Bowles and family.

—Mrs. John C. Hinkle has been having a hard struggle with pneumonia fever, for the past two weeks.

—Clay Moser, Will Tom and Perry Stone, and S. W. and Jesse Anno interviewed a big hog for H. A. Bowles, Tuesday.

—Kess and Nora Eads returned home Saturday from the home of their uncle, George Cotten, where they had been spending the past week.

Benton.

Delayed letter, March 12, 1915.

—There's not much doing at Benton now. Those sick in the last two weeks are nearly all convalescent.

—Will Murray has moved to the Mrs. Ella Hutton farm, and children are in school here. A welcome to them.

—Charles Owens and family, who lost their home by fire, on the old Lamb place, are staying with Mrs. Owen's mother, Mrs. Woods, in this neighborhood.

—Robert Emerson and wife, who had a severe attack of gripe, are much better; also Gerald Andier; Gale, Paul and Donald Emerson, John Ferguson and wife, Master John Fields and little Mildred Minshall.

—After having no mail since Wednesday the people of this neighborhood were surely pleased when Harry Hitz brought the mail Saturday for every one near, and Cassino Peters did the same on Monday. We hope to have the mail regularly now, as the roads are being broken, and spring is coming.

—Mr. Kuhner was unable to teach last week, as he was sick with la-gripe. Mrs. Kuhner, who is an experienced teacher, taught in his place Wednesday and Thursday. The snow storm was so bad all day, only six pupils were present (one girl.) A neighbor came for Mrs. Kuhner with a horse in the evening, that being the only way possible to get over the roads. School was dismissed until Monday, when Mr. Kuhner was able to take his place as usual.

—A letter from Miss Lulu Inter-mill, at Haxtum, Colo., tells us that her sister, Mrs. Hutton, is in some better health. We are glad to know this. She also writes that her brother, Bert, left a short time ago for Washington. She tells of the robbing of the bank, which is in one corner of their store building. The assistant cashier (a fine Christian young man) was shot and killed and the robber got away with between \$3,000 and \$5,000. He was overtaken and the money recovered, excepting a few dollars. They have had quite a severe winter at Haxtum, and a lot of snow.

VERITAS.

Kindly Words.

Capt. J. F. Hatton, of Opelika, was in town, last week with his wife. He brought her from Oregon, Mo., some time since. We met her for the first time. She is quite an accomplished and refined lady. She did not change her name as she was already a Mrs. Hatton. She says she likes the name. Capt. Hatton and lady are the happiest couple seen on our street since Col. John Carver came from the Waco Cotton Palace with the prize he captured. Capt. Hatton takes the Review and says he could spare any of them better than the Review. Capt. Hatton is one of our most prosperous enterprising and best informed farmers, and we are sure with such a helpmate as he has he will accomplish even more in the future.—Murchison, (Texas), Review, March 12th.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 21

JONATHAN AND HIS ARMOR-BEARER.

LEVIN 1:1-17; 2:1-17; 3:1-17; 4:1-17; 5:1-17; 6:1-17; 7:1-17; 8:1-17; 9:1-17; 10:1-17; 11:1-17; 12:1-17; 13:1-17; 14:1-17; 15:1-17; 16:1-17; 17:1-17.

Samuel's review of his life of integrity, his charge to the Israelites, God's testimony of displeasure over their persistent desire to have a king, and Samuel's words of comfort and assurance as found in chapter 12, form an interesting connection with last Sunday's lesson. In chapter 13 we have the record of Israel again in distress and of Saul's folly in his assuming the priestly office (vv. 13, 14).

1. Saul's Distress, vv. 1-4. That Saul's disobedience, just indicated, had incurred God's displeasure, we know. It evidently had its effect upon the people also, for his army had dwindled during the intervening fifteen or eighteen years, from 250,000 (ch. 11:3) to a feeble 600 (v. 2). They were further handicapped by a lack of weapons (ch. 12:13-21). Described by Jehovah as "Saul, Jehovah's priest," and by nearly all of his enthusiastic subjects (ch. 11:22) Saul was "in the uttermost part of Gibeah" holding under a pomegranate tree (vv. 11, 22 and 13:5). This may refer to his being at Hittun (Judges 20:15-17). In this treatment Saul's name is given as present, thus bringing up the outward form of worship. This term, "Saul's priest," is also used in the account of the Philistines' capture of the ark (1 Sam. 7:1). The priestly office, then, was a high honor and a great responsibility. The priestly office was a high honor and a great responsibility. The priestly office was a high honor and a great responsibility.

2. Saul's Folly, vv. 5-14. Saul's folly in assuming the priestly office is clearly shown in his taking the "ephod" and "teraphim" (v. 5). The "ephod" was a sacred garment worn by the high priest, and the "teraphim" were household idols. Saul's action was a direct violation of God's command (Ex. 22:17-19). The result was that Saul's army was defeated by the Philistines (ch. 13:2-14).

3. Saul's Defeat, vv. 15-17. Saul's defeat by the Philistines is a clear illustration of the consequences of disobedience. The Philistines were a powerful nation, and Saul's army was no match for them. The result was that Saul and his sons were killed, and the kingdom of Israel was given to David (ch. 14:1-20).

4. Jonathan's Faith, vv. 1-17. Jonathan's faith in God is a beautiful example for all of us. He was the only one of Saul's sons who remained loyal to God. He was a brave and noble man, and his faith in God was the source of his strength. His faith in God was the source of his strength. His faith in God was the source of his strength.

5. Jonathan's Victory, vv. 1-17. Jonathan's victory over the Philistines is a clear illustration of the power of God. Jonathan's faith in God was the source of his strength. His faith in God was the source of his strength. His faith in God was the source of his strength.

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HIS FOLLY

By GRACE KERRIGAN.

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"Dan going to get married?" repeated Mrs. Archer in response to an inquisitive neighbor. "No, indeed, Mrs. Blake! Dan's never kept company with a girl in his life—not but what I want him to get married if he can find the right girl; but certainly I would know, if anyone did!"

"Of course you would," agreed Mrs. Blake, "but it seems so queer for him to be building a bungalow up there on his lot, spending every spare minute of his time on it, and doing every stitch of work himself—unless he was going to live in it. Perhaps he will rent it" with happy inspiration.

Mrs. Archer shook her head. "He says not if you'll promise not to breathe a word, Mrs. Blake—"

"Of course I won't!" interrupted Mrs. Blake excitedly.

"Well—he says he's going to have the home ready, and when the right girl comes along, then he'll get married! It's a foolish thing to do, but Dan is a good boy, and if he enjoys building a nest before he finds a mate, why, I can't complain!" Mrs. Archer laughed comfortably.

"No—indeed!" replied Mrs. Blake, "and then hastening her departure she transmitted far and wide the intelligence of Dan Archer's purpose in building the little brown bungalow on the hill west of his father's house.

And before another day had dawned the good people of Crystal Brook were chattering over Dan Archer's "folly," as they called his undertaking.

So Archer's folly became rather a joke in the village, but Dan Archer knew nothing of it. How would he have dared to let the words of the steady-going young man who met about his nest building so emphatically without a thought as to the absurdity of his assertion.

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On the evening when Dan turned away from the window and re-entered the fire, then he prepared for bed, leaving a lighted lantern in the window of the living room.

"It's a bad night outside," he murmured.

While the little village slept under the drifting mantle of snow, a horse and sleigh moved slowly through the road that led from the next village. Occasionally the horse stopped and breathed heavily and once it almost fell in its tracks.

"Uncle Nathan, I'm afraid that Sorrel can't go much farther," quavered a girl's sweet voice.

"Are you very near the doctor's, Folly?" The old man's voice sounded muffled from his thick wrappings of woollen comforter.

"I'm afraid I don't know!" and this time the girl's voice held a note of despair. "We are off the main road and I can't see a thing—ah, there is a light! Let us turn toward it—there must be a house. If we can reach it, perhaps we can send for a doctor from there."

The wind tore her words into fragments, but the old man understood, so he crept down among the fur robes while Folly urged the horse to greater efforts. At last Sorrel totted up a steep hill and finally dropped exhausted between the shafts with the guiding light only a few feet distant.

"It's a house on a hill," explained Felicia, as she helped her uncle from the sleigh.

The Delntry lived in the adjoining village of Upton Center and the only physician in the village had been called away on an urgent case, so that when Uncle Nathan cut himself with an ax as Felicia could only bind up the wound as best she might and then bundling the old man into a sleigh, strive to reach Crystal Brook, three miles away.

By daylight Uncle Nathan had been made very comfortable, and the doctor having taken his departure Mrs. Archer took the weary girl down to the farmhouse and tucked her Sorrel, went back to keep vigil by the injured man.

Dan came down to breakfast with Felicia, and his heart quickened as he saw that she was quite as beautiful as he had thought her the night before.

When Mrs. Archer learned that Uncle Nathan called his niece "Folly," she immediately confided the fact to Dan, and added the information that his neighbors called Dan's bungalow by the nickname of "Archer's Folly."

"Archer's Folly!" chuckled Dan, with dancing eyes. "That sounds pretty good to me, mother!" And his mother marveled at his meaning, while Dan added to himself: "I wonder if she would mind being called 'Archer's Folly?'"

He asked her one day, and her answer was so satisfactory that they set about planning how the bungalow should be furnished.

"I am so glad you saved it till I came," laughed Folly, while they planned. "I knew you would come some day," declared Dan contentedly.