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WITH SUPPLEMENT.

—There was, apparently, quite an apathy at the Grant Club banquet at Des Moines Saturday evening toward Benjamins.

—Whenever you read the name of a Federal appointee, and the State is not given, put him down from Indiana, and you will be safe.

—"I don't take dinner at the White House," says Col. Dudley. Brother Ben is inclined to be in a very forgetful mood.

—Last week's "New York Independent"—Centennial number—has over 50 articles on "Washington," besides some half dozen editorial notes on this dead, nay, living hero.

—The entire National Guard of New York and Pennsylvania were massed at the New York celebration. They were found to be equipped for instant service in the field.

—No paper more intelligently devotes itself to its local field than the Newton "Journal." Its columns constantly teem with news of the town and county, and it contributes immensely to the value of that section.

—The Bloomfield "Democrat" announces that John Bruce has been appointed from Bloomfield to the railway mail service, and goes on the fast mail. He has been connected with the schools there, and is an excellent young man.

—Just twenty-three years ago last Thursday L. W. Myers took possession of the Wapello "Republican." Mr. Myers has always made that paper assume a positive tone in its editorial columns and ably discussed the issues of the times.

—The policy of keeping the convicts in New York State prison idle has been abandoned. Besides keeping the men in 'aziness and unhealthfulnes, it caused many of them to become insane. One of God's best blessings to men is that of daily toil.

—A certain town in Iowa furnished three California boomers two years ago, each with considerable money. Their condition, aside from experience, is as follows: One is driving a beer wagon, one keeps a bar as a clerk, and one is a clerk in a cheap hotel. Further particulars can be had at Marshalltown.

—The Washington "Press" says of a good fellow: John A. Donnell, our old district attorney, is doing well in Los Angeles, being deputy prosecuting attorney, at $1,500 a year, with the privilege to practice outside. One of his short, crisp speeches at the Harrison ratification "took" first rate and shoved him to the fore.

—Creston is talking up a hay palace, as an attraction this fall. The idea was probably suggested by the Sioux City corn palace, and that idea came from the coal palace pageant gotten up here, and not carried out for the reason that the coal could not be built up to stay for any length of time. We have the coal in mighty blocks, but it will quickly exfoliate under the action of the atmosphere.

—Gen. Clinton B. Fisk has renounced his allegiance to the Prohibition party. It is necessary, he says, for all true temperance men to work with the Republican party in order to achieve practical results—a fact that a man of his intelligence ought to have perceived some time ago. New Jersey and Connecticut would have been Republican but for the movement headed by Gen. Fisk.

—Governor Larrabee did the proper thing in reappointing Mr. J. H. Pickett of this city, as member of the Pharmacy Commission for another three years, beginning April 23d. Mr. Pickett's record in the past, as president, has been most commendable. He fully comprehends the letter and spirit of the law governing the Board and its provisions are carried out without fear or favor.

—An extract from the letter of Col. Dudley to Samuel Van Pelt, of Anderson, Indiana, reads as follows:

"Perhaps there is no one in the country who has done as much for Gen. Harrison during the last twenty years as I have, but because our Democratic friends down in Indianapolis have started the hue and cry on me, Brother Ben does not seem to feel that he can afford to recognize me as an acquaintance, and consequently I don't take dinner at the White House as might be expected. I have not been inside the White House since Cleveland's inauguration, a little over four years ago."

As quite appropos to the occasion, one William Shakespeare wrote some years ago:

"'Tis a common proof
That lowliness is young ambition's ladder
Whereto the climber upward throws his face;
But when he once attains the upmost round,
He then to the ladder turns his back,
Looks in the clouds, scorning the several degrees
By which he did ascend."

—Bishop Huntington, speaking of the modern church, makes great complaint of the evil influence of commercial and political forces. The church under such influences, he declares, is growing proud, sensuous, luxurious and selfish. Commercial forces are pushing their way into the church and spirituality is oozing out. The shrewd business men get the positions of vestrymen and trustees. So also the rich occupy the best seats, while the poor sit in the corners. He wants pew renting dispensed with. Any system that puts cash ahead of piety, and business tact before godliness, he holds to be sin. So, after all, it is not agnosticism and science that are doing the mischief, but pride and luxurious worship of the dollar. The Bishop speaks the truth.

—On Saturday evening we met a gentleman just returned from Oklahoma, and his story is that of a sight-seer only, but it was full of sorrow. The greater portion of the people who have sought homesteads are very poor. Hundreds are there with scarcely a dollar ahead to support the family during the coming season, and there is no work for them. Some of the land, with plenty of rain, will raise good crops, but the record is against them. The hot winds, and scarcity of water, make it a very uncertain land for the farmer. When the land was sold by Indians, they let the worst end of the territory go. A little later on the big cattle men will buy up the claims for a song, and use them for grazing, for which they will be good—but ten acres there will not produce as much as one acre in Iowa. To all who have gone there expecting the rosy tales of the boomers to prove true, there will come the bitterness of deep disapointment. The fact is," said the talker, "this wild craze will come back with greatly increased appreciation for Iowa and its grand soil, and will put everything forward on a better basis. Of course these very poor fellows can't get back, and will have to be helped, but out of the great plenty of Iowa starvation for them can be avoided."

1789—100—1889.

April 30, 1889, commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Presidency of the United States—the induction of George Washington to that high office, at New York, with but little pomp or glorious circumstance of parade.

The war of the revolution had been successful. The struggles, sufferings and sacrifices of the men and women of that day had been crowned with the glory of self-government, and under the providence of God the American republic was launched out on its career, freighted with the hopes of the world, and its liberties disenthralled from the bondage of kingship.

Wise as was the leadership of the fathers, the rough buffetings of war soon compassed the young republic about, but on land and on sea the courage of her sons was sufficient for defence and gallant enough to win victory, and to firmly establish the fact that the republic had been born for all time and was not to be snuffed out by any power militant.

What wonderful steps in the progress of the world have given measure and thrill by the impulse of the young Republic!

Here was found that liberty of thought, of person, of conscience, that permitted the mind to range every degree of discovery and experiment, and here it was that the human race has made its greatest march to the goal of better days and higher development.

Here it was that the greatest impetus was given to that general education which has made the masses that people our prairies and valleys the most intelligent.

Here it was that the immortal declaration of Jefferson,—"that all men were endowed with certain inalienable rights," was given a definition amid the clanking of chains dropped from the slave, and the blot taken from the escutcheon of liberty!

Here it was that the struggle for liberty saw the bloodiest war of modern days, and to-day sees a country happy and re-united, strong in the hearts of its people, and the wonder of the world and of history.

With what great gratification all the people should rejoice! How rich the blessings that have been vouchsafed us as a nation! How rosy that future for establishment of our social fabric! How, with thankful hearts, should each one address himself to the task of doing his duty as a citizen, to make this great future before all the coming of the golden age, with all its glory and all its grand elevation of all the people to the higher and better paths.

THE SCHOOLS AND THE DAY.

The common school system is distinctly American. It is the outgrowth of the American system of government and constitution. Therefore it is fit that the children of the public school, everywhere, should join in duly celebrating the inauguration of the constitutional form of government represented by the Presidency.

It is right and most proper that the children of the public school should be deeply impressed with the solemn import of the day and its lessons.

It signalizes to every child the establishment of that theory of government that each is equal in it management; to each lies open the way to the highest preferment in all its walks, and that good citizenship is the highest and best title to consideration, and that the gaudy trappings of heraldic pomp are nothing in comparison with the plain, solid, honest American democracy.

As a crown to the liberties of the people, protected by wise and liberal legislation, stands the common school system. The richest blessing upon it, and all!

"IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR."

The Bloomfield "Republican" has the following explanatory note on the movements of our distinguished friend, the General: "Gen. Weaver, accompanied by his son Abe, and James Scoles and L. T. Hatton, left for Oklahoma last Wednesday. The two latter gentlemen, who are ex-soldiers, went at the General's personal solicitation, and were promised a situation on the "ground floor" of a town site scheme. It is this: Weaver claims to stand in with the officials of the Santa Fe road, who have guaranteed to him and his partners adjoining claims on the line of their road, with the understanding that when they as homesteaders have proved up and secured titles to their land, a town site is to be laid off and the company and land holders are to jointly share the proceeds. Weaver was anxious to get ex-soldiers into the scheme, so that at the end of one year, they would have secured their land and be ready for the town site operation. The thing looks feasible, but there's going to be many a slip of one kind and another, down in that country."

THE GREAT GRANT.

Saturday, April 27, was the birthday of Grant, now resting in death on the banks of the Hudson in an unmonumented tomb. But Grant needs no tomb. In the hearts of the American people and in the memory of the world Grant is deathless.

In the providence of God how wonderfully great and successful the service Grant rendered to his country!

With what sublime courage did he plan and lead the armies to the glorious end, and with what patriotic statesmanship did he occupy the executive chair for eight years!

And with what hate and malevolent spirit was he pursued by the tongue of slander—as a dower right of his greatness!

How the puny maligners were swept into oblivion forever in the sorrow and the glory that came in jointure from Mount McGregor, where he lay down and slept with his fathers!

The memory of Grant should and will live forever with our people. The younger generation may never appreciate his invaluable service to the land that now blesses them with the riches of constitutional liberty, but to his name and memory they owe the loving adoration of patriotic men and women.

THAT MICHIGANDER, ALGER.

Saturday evening the Grant Club, of Des Moines, had for its distinguished guest General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, and a splendid reception was given him by the many hundred Republicans present from all portions of the state.

In the address that Gen. Alger made, he spoke with soldierly bluntness and plainness on all the leading questions of the day, and spoke in such a way as to immensely please the audience that gathered about the banquetting board.

We confess to a great liking for the gallant Michigander. His personality is such as to impress one with the idea that he represents the elements of fidelity, push, and progress. We could understand why he is so strong with the Republicans of Michigan, and why they were willing to do anything for him that could be asked.

The more you know of the history of the man the more you will increase your admiration for him. As a soldier he has a record of greatest brilliancy; as a citizen, none surpass him in enterprise; as one appreciating the woes of the unfortunate, his munificent charities in his own state speak for themselves; and as an all around, every day American citizen he fills the measure to completeness.

An open confession is always good—and we confess to a great liking for Russell A. Alger.

"A Grave Yard for Suckers."

W. M. Jackson, brother of M. L. Jackson, of this city, writes to the Knoxville Express his impression of Oklahoma in the following way:

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS, April 10. (Northern Headquarters for Oklahoma Fools.)

ED. EXPRESS: Got here this forenoon on my way to Galveston, Texas. Had to stop here and have been looking things up a little. Arkansas City is a surprise to me. It is a beautiful place. They have buildings here that would do credit to any city. A fine $75,000 hotel is just being completed, a $40,000 opera house, and as fine a lot of business houses as you will find in a city of 50,000 inhabitants.

But Oklahoma! Oh, God! this is northern headquarters for fools, and for once I feel acquainted with everybody.

Tell the poor of Marion county to stay where they are; tell those that have a little money to keep it; tell the rich that this country is full of money sharks. From where I am sitting I can see the northern line of the Nation, and it is a solid wall of tents from here to the line—poor, misguided fools with and without families, most of them without a dollar. Every train brings more of them, every wagon road is lined with them, every footpath swarms with them. There is a man here now for every acre of good land in Oklahoma. If you do not hear of the worst suffering in Oklahoma before snow flies that you ever heard of in any country, you can set me down for a bigger fool than an Oklahomalite—and I would hate to be called that.

I go from here to Purcell in the southern border of Oklahoma. They tell me that Purcell has more boomers than this place.

Tell Marion county people to stay at home. One acre there is worth 160 in Oklahoma, if a man wants to make a living. There are two kinds of fish here, suckers and sharks. It is a paradise for sharks, but a graveyard for suckers.

Yours,
W. M. JACKSON.

Distillery and College.

Mr. George R. Lee, formerly editor of this paper, but now of the Belle Plaine "Union," writes this pleasant sketch of his recent visit here:

* * Having been resolved out of house and home we went down to Oskaloosa. This is our old home. Thirty- four years ago this fall we drove in there in a stage coach after a continuous ride of 66 hours from Burlington. It was one of those times when men paid seven cents a mile, carried a rail and helped pry the coach out of the mud.

Oskaloosa was about as much of a town then as Belle Plaine is now. The principal business was Roop's distillery, where 10 cent a bushel corn was turned into 50 cent a gallon whisky. Roop made a mint of money, built what was then a palace of a residence, an immense barn, and kept a retinue of employees. The barn has tumbled down, the house has since been a place of more or less disreputable character, and its former occupants are scattered to the four winds. The distillery has long since been dismantled of its mash tubs and worm, and now the wheels go round in it in the more honorable process of making flour. Yet, if every brick in its wall were a brick of solid gold, all could not compensate for the misery caused by the millions of gallons of whisky made there. Away back in the fifties a college was founded there, and the irrepressible conflict began between the distillery and the school. The result we have told. Oskaloosa today is a city of churches, colleges and schools. What it would have been had the distillery conquered we leave you to imagine. But, this was not intended as a temperance lecture or historical sketch.

There as a boy and man for 30 years we made friends. Is it wonder, then, that it is recreation to go there? Some of the men in business 30 years ago are still selling goods. They are patriarchs in all that pertains to the town.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following instruments have been filed for record in the office of the County Recorder, since our last report:

CITY PROPERTY.

H. E. and Blanche F. Owen to Josephine Conaway, warranty to lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 8, old plat, New Sharon	75 00
Phœbe Quaintance to J. W. Bowdle, warranty to lot 6, block 12, o. p. New Sharon	200 00
Jesse Hiatt to J. W. Bowdle, warranty to lots 3 and 4, block 1, Hiatt's addition New Sharon	650 00
Jos. W. and Nancy J. Bowdle to Emma Kramer, warranty to lot 6, block 12, o. p. New Sharon	125 00
C. H. and Hattie M. Kramer to J. W. Bowdle, warranty to 8½ lots 5 and 6, block 11, o. p. New Sharon	125 00
Isaiah rnd Addie Bowdle to Emma Kramer, warranty to lot 5, block 12, o. p. New Sharon	125 00
Josie N. and Oakley Little to Anna A. Ferry, warranty to lot 5, block 5, Loughridge & Cassiday's addition, Oskaloosa	475 00
Charles and Elizabeth C. Hutchinson to Nancy J. Tiffin, warranty to lots 3 and 4, block 1, Street's addition, Oskaloosa	100 00
John F. Lacey to D. D. Martin, warranty to lot 25 in Lacey's addition to Oskaloosa	150 00
Job Williams and wife to E. A. Winder, quit claim to lots 5 and 6, block 4, Winder's first addition to the town of New Sharon	50 00
Ezbon C. Kisor and wife to Wm. Lewis, warranty to e 20 ft, lot 7, block 7, o. p., New Sharon	100 00
Philip and Maggie Ehrenhard to Christian Weil, warranty to lot 4, block 14, o. p. Fremont	60 00
Wm. Lewis to John T. Nelson, warranty to e 20 ft, lot 7, block 7, o. p., New Sharon	200 00
Eliza D. Cook, executrix to J. F. and L. B. Trager, lots 1, 2, and 3, block 3, Snell's addition to New Sharon	100 00

RAILWAY LANDS.

L. L. and Ida M. Kentfield to Elva Kentfield, warranty to ¼, e ¾, s½, ne¼, n w¼, and ¼, e¾, n½, se¼, sw¼, section 10, township 74, range 16	400 00
F. D. Coryell and wife to N. C. Alden, warranty to 125 acres lying in w½, nw ¼ and w½, e½, nw¼, section 28 and s w¼, sw¼, section 21, township 75, range 15	5625 00

OUR MAHASKA REPORTS.

Gleanings by Herald Reporters.

Spring Creek.

Corn planting is the watchword among our farmers at present.

Carlton Barr was the first to finish planting corn in this neck of the woods.

Harvey Williams has got through with the manure, so he just let his wife have them. It's strange how good some men are to their wives, isn't it?

Charley Elwood has laid off his rheumatism and has turned granger a while so they say. "Well, we believe it for he wears hay-seed in his hair."

Mr. and Mrs. Crookham, accompanied by their jovial daughter Nella, visited in this vicinity last week.

The social held at Mrs. Elwood's last Saturday evening, was a success. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves hugely. The attraction of the evening was Mrs. Elwood playing the "country gent."

Mrs. Anna Hellings has been doing some very fine work in the line of dressmaking. Mrs. H. is a success in the business and the ladies in this vicinity are beginning to find it out.

Miss Jennie Clark, one of Oskaloosa's fashionable dressmakers, attended the social at Mrs. Elwood's last week.

Silas Osborn, a brother of Barton Osborn, from Rossville, Kansas, has been visiting in this vicinity the past week. He thinks of locating in Eddyville.

James Comstock, who has been to Mount Pleasant for medical treatment for some time past, will return soon and will accompany his mother to California.

Grant Flowers is expecting a brother to see him from Ohio.

Oh yes! we had almost forgotten, Mrs. Polly Nelson has three hundred young chickens and the crop is not half harvested yet.

Will Brackney's horse that was so badly injured is almost able to work again.

Some of our sister correspondents talk of their teachers as resuming or assuming hostilities. Now our school marms are not hostile, but are as docile as lambs and as quiet as kittens.

April 27. I. X. PECT.

Wright.

J. Votaw was thrown from his road cart recently, and badly hook up.

Charley Crozier has a brand new boy at his house. Charley stands high now.

Add Tennis and wife have gone to housekeeping.

Miss Laura Doolittle, of Fremont, was in the neighborhood Friday, canvassing for "Social Dynamite," a very readable book.

The Misses Browns of Fremont visited Maple Grove school Friday.

Miss Shipley at Maple Grove is making extensive preparations for the observance of Arbor Day.

A. Craft, one of our enterprising farmers, has so arranged his barn that his horses can go up in the hay mow. For particulars enquire of J. Votaw.

We spent an hour recently at Cedar with the "Nasby at the corners," J. N. Endicott was as busy as a bee, counting eggs, weighing butter and waiting on customers, assisted by his son Neutz.

James Baldwin, of Grand Island, Nebraska, spent the Sabbath with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Wright.

Thos. Stephenson's team ran away with the harrow last week, but did little damage.

A carpet rat sewing at Oser Votaw Thursday. All invited.

There is promise of an abundant fruit crop.

April 29. JUMBO.

Rose Hill.

J. W. Doak came in from one of the leading breeding barns in Ohio, last Thursday night, by special train from Washington, Iowa, with two fine horses, one a splendid three-year-old, dark colored French draft weighing 1,600 pounds; he is a very large boned, and as well proportioned horse as one ever sees in a life time. The other is a jet black five-year-old Clydesdale, weighing about 1,700 pounds. Now with "Kep Dowrie," and the new horse "Dutchmore Bob," the Clyde stock is complete, and the French draft is well represented by "Duke D'Cramont," "white "Midnight," a splendid trotter, comes in for a large share of the honors as a roadster; this gives the farmers of this and adjoining townships a better choice than any other breeding barn can in this part of the state. Call and see Mr. D.'s latest importation and judge for yourselves.

Miss Maime Stump, who has been making her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. N. Caldwell and family for the past year, left for her home at Colorado Springs, last Thursday.

W. E. Hart, wife and Mrs. Brill, all of your city, were down visiting last Friday and Saturday, with Milo Bump and wife.

Rev. Ross, of Fairfield, preached at the Christian church Saturday evening. The Sunday morning sermon was preached by the State evangelist, Rev. Wilson, of Brighton.

One of the ablest and most convincing sermons that we have heard for a long time, was preached last Sunday evening by Rev. C. E. Harroun, from the twelfth chapter, first and severses of Hebrews.

R. C. Harris and son living west of Oskaloosa, spent one day last week at the Rose Hill farm, looking at the stock.

Mrs. Maggie Thomas, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ollie Doak.

Muchakinock.

Easter Sunday, we listened to a very able sermon on the resurrection, delivered by Rev. W. H. H. Pillsbury, also the beautiful solo, sung by Miss Katharine McNeill, which had a very pleasant effect, and brought thoughts of bygones into our memory. In coming home, at Excelsior, we listened to about a dozen singing, assisted by some musical instruments, endeavoring to create an excitement or a revival. At the above two places the modes of worship were very different: one was full of instruction and elevating in its nature; the other only affected the feeling. We have attended many of the revival meetings held in this vicinity the last six months, and they have produced the following thoughts: That there are modern revivals, which are superficial, more noisy than deep, affecting rather the nerves than the heart and head. Revivals are necessary revolutions—accountable, perhaps on settled moral laws. The Christian world requires brushing up occasionally. Mankind are prone to become overoccupied with the naked exigencies of life to become lost in the whirl of business and cares of the present; and so to neglect the shadowy realities which lie ahead and beyond. A revival, which calls us back to the sense of our position and destiny is a kind of necessary phenomenon. It may be rough and wrong, like a thunderstorm, but so long as it is clear as the moral and spiritual atmosphere, and opens a serener vision, it should be regarded as a timely blessing. But real revivalism has its limits and characteristics. It must have faith and enlightment on its side. It must remodel the sentiment and the character, and must affect the head and the heart. There are also influences which are injurious to the weak, as in the stomach; and there are hot-beds to produce such influences. By their fruits and permanency you know them.

D. W. Jinkins has removed his house, and is rebuilding it here.

O. S. Swick, yardmaster, is making preparations towards building a new house.

A certain man told us the other day that he thought surely that he would be recognized by the present administration. We inquired "have you presented your claim?" "I have," was his reply. "But I find myself similar to the 'impotent man.' I have no man, when the water is troubled to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

Mrs. John Thomas is here from Washington Territory, visiting with relatives and friends.

G.

Spring Creek.

John Nelson is afflicted with rheumatism.

We noticed some of Oskaloosa's ladies and gentlemen out fishing in this part of the country last Sunday.

Mr. McWilliams and wife of Mauch Chunk, visited with their cousin Flowers last Saturday.

Mr. Lindley lost one of his fine Polled Angus cattle last week, by trying to lead it behind a wagon.

The Misses Vande Linden, of your city, visited in this vicinity last Sunday.

Hurrah! We are to have a new railroad. The Iowa Central is building a short line from the main road to their coal beds.

The gentleman who have been burning a charcoal pit on Mr. Kirkpatrick's place, has disposed of nearly all his coal to home consumers.

The new railroad bridge work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

A large number of our citizens attended the Centennial exercises at Oskaloosa.

I. Q. POET.

Excelsior.

James Biggins and Tom Rodgers left Thursday for Colorado.

The mines were not worked Tuesday and Wednesday, giving our boys an opportunity to attend the temperance convention at Oskaloosa, and hear Bishop Newman give his popular lecture, which was reported a grand affair.

Miss L. Minkley, the temperance orator, addressed the Band of Hope in the M. E. church last Sunday afternoon. In the evening she delivered her popular lecture, subject, "Building up Character." The church was crowded to overflowing. At the close of the lecture, Miss Minkley gave one of her own composition, entitled "The Crooked House." As Sister Minkley makes no charge for her service, a public collection was taken up which amounted to $8.25. Miss May Bowden presided at the organ; Mrs. Gear chorister.

Mrs. James Gillispie left Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Durham county, England. We wish her a pleasant voyage and safe arrival.

April 28. CITIZEN.

Mauch Chunk.

Wm. Pike and Z. Stevens are putting in tileing this spring.

Mrs. Geo. McMains is on the sick list at present.

Mr. Kirk. of Roseville, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Iowa Sharp is spending a few days with her sister at Z. Stevens'.

Rev. Guthrie preached at the Darland schoolhouse Sunday morning and evening.

Will H. Ogborn, of New Sharon, is canvassing this township for a book entitled "Wild beasts, birds and reptiles of the world," with the story of their capture. He has already secured one among the best lists of names ever secured in the township. The book is highly recommended by professors, editors and county superintendent.

April 29. HIAWATHA.

Flint.

Considerable corn has already been planted.

Grass and small grain never looked better at this time of year.

We have a fine prospect for fruit, and in fact everything bids fair for a fine crop.

Ford Hull lost a fine Norman mare some time ago, and came near losing another one last week.

Mumps are yet in full blast.

There are several cases of scarlet fever at Success. The school has been closed for the past two weeks.

Miss Bobbit is weilding the rod at Prairie.

Mrs. Ezra Smith was elected superintendent of Sabbath-school at Hall last Sunday.

Mark Dysart's barn is nearly completed.

FLINT.

Tioga.

Wm. Fletcher, of Indiana, is a visitor at the Worrick residence. He is a brother of Mrs. E. E. Worrick's whom she has not seen since she was eighteen years old.

M. R. Wharton, of Keokuk county, was a caller in your city last Saturday.

E. N. Rathburn, the operator at Tioga, was in attendance at the operators lodge in your city the 27th or 28th of last month.

The Tioga base ball club met and organized with the following officers: Milton Taylor, captain; George Burrows, treasurer and W. C. Wharton, secretary. They will meet again next Saturday afternoon. The ground cost the boys quite a sum. No playing will be allowed on sunday. Everybody is invited to attend; as the game will be conducted in the right manner.

Albert Booter is conducting the school at No. 4, of Keokuk county, and is giving entire satisfaction.

Miss Mary Tanner is visiting in Delta.

W. C. Wharton and wife Sundayed at the Worrick home.

Mr. Williams preaches at the Taylor school house next Sunday.

W. m. Shurtz is able to be at work again.

Godfrey Taylor has Indiana relatives visiting at his home.

O. B.

Cedar.

The weather is too cool for corn planting, but the farmers are all in the same.

I took a drive this morning and in a distance of 4 miles I saw 2 planters going. T. J. Howard finished planting Friday.

Phil Swayze, one of our most enterprising farmers, has laid 230 rods of tile this spring, and E. Ferguson, another man who knows the worth of tiling, put in 80 rods of 3 inch tile to give Swayze an outlet. This in connection with tile previously laid thoroughly drains 120 acres of land. W. T. Charnock did the work with his big steam ditcher.

Notwithstanding the low price of potatoes, farmers are not discouraged, but are planting about the usual amount.

The oat crop looks exceedingly well and a large crop has been sown.

Rev. A. Latimer preached one of his most interesting sermons here Sunday, subject "The Death and Resurrection of Christ." After the services he took up a public collection for the Dakota sufferers, which amounted to $15.

Our Sabbath school is in a very prosperous condition. It is largely attended and a good interest taken by all. C. Bradley, our superintendent, is the right man in the right place.

J. N. Endicott is giving his store a general dressing up with a bright coat of paint, which adds much to the general appearance of the place. J. N. is a rustier and a fair square dealer, and that is why we see so many teams tied up around the store. He told me he hauled eggs from 500 to 800 dozen eggs per week.

Mrs. T. J. Casto our accommodating agent at this place, reports to us that 8 car loads of stock and one of oats were shipped from here last week.

Health is very good here. I am glad to note that I have not a single case of sickness to report.

STEVE.

The prayer meeting has been changed from Thursday evening to sunday evening, and there is quite an interest taken in these meetings. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and help in trying to lift up humanity to a higher life.

Miss Frank McCarroll, of your city, was here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Gruber, Sunday.

INVESTIGATOR.

White Oak.

Planting corn is all the rage with the farmers. Small grain and meadows look well. The ground is in splendid condition. Fruit is all right thus far.

Miss Mancie Stump, niece of Mrs. A. N. Caldwell, started for her home in Colorado last Thursday. She will stop off at Greenwood, Neb., and visit relatives for a couple of weeks. Mamie has been making her home at A. N. Caldwell's for the last year and a half. Her many friends wish her a safe journey to her home in the far west.

Joseph Douglas and family Sundayed with Silas Douglas.

A. C. Linsley and family Sundayed with father and mother Linsley.

J. D. Karnahan and family were Sunday visitors with Jas. Ross.

Sol Morgan has a very sick little boy.

Sabbath school at the White Oak church every Sunday at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., and at the Free Methodist church at 9 o'clock A. M.

J. H. Douglas put up the tombstones to the following graves last week: H. Pettichord, Geo. Davis and Frank Carpenter, at the White Oak cemetery.

A. J. Burgess has been entertaining a sore hand for a few days; but is some better at this writing.

Tom Conner Post G. A. R., will meet on Saturday evening, May 11. Would like if all members would be present, as arrangements will be made at that time for memorial services on the 30th of May. Visiting comrades are cordially invited to be present.

J. W. Douglas has been plastering for J. N. Wymore near Rose Hill, and will plaster some this week for R. E. Wymore, of the Pacific House, Rose Hill.

R. F. Sheeley purchased a span of mules a few days ago of the Hostetter estate, and would like to engage the service of an expert horse trainer to break them to ride. None need apply unless they understand their business.

Geo. Stout & Son, of Rose Hill, are introducing the Russell Patent Fence in these parts. A. C. Linsley bought a farm right, and likes the fence very well.

Young chickens and greens will soon be ripe. Garden sass looks well. Everybody happy, except Democrats.

April 30. SKIRMISHER.

Olivet.

Fruit of all kinds promises an abundant yield.

Corn planting is being postponed for warmer weather.

W. H. Blakely Jr., came down from Pella last week to make final arrangements for the public library, for which he recently canvassed the neighborhood.

Mrs. Butler is suffering with remittent fever, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Oswandel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oswandel, of Jefferson township, attended Sabbath school and preaching at Olivet last Sabbath.

Will Robertson is enjoying the use of a new buggy.

A fire ran through the timber about two miles southwest of town last Saturday evening. This is not the first time such a thing has occurred in that region this season. We did not learn the cause, but think it should be investigated and future work of the kind prevented for it not only ruins the timber but with the high wind of Saturday evening other property was greatly endangered.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL GOSSIP

From Thursday's Daily.

L. A. Swearingen is home from a six weeks' tour of the south and southwest, which has been of pleasure and profit to him in many ways.

Mrs. E. F. Duer and Master Roy, who have spent very pleasantly several weeks at the Craig home here depart this evening for their home in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Jos. Jones, Jr., with a car load of buggies and spring wagons of the Jones manfacture, departed to-day for western Iowa, going direct to Shelby, where they have an agency.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. C. M. Dodson returned home last evening from a pleasant visit of four weeks with friends and relatives in Omaha, Neb.

Miss Ella White, of New Paris, Ohio, arrived in the city to-day, and will visit with her brother, Chas. S. White, for a couple of months.

Dr. C. G. Owen has returned from a five weeks visit to Unionville, Mo., whither he went for treatment of cancer upon the lip. The operation was a successful one, and the unwelcome intruder was removed.

J. F. McLaughlin, day operator at this station for the Central Iowa, has resigned his position here, and accepted one in Minneapolis, whither he will go next week. Who will succeed him here is not known yet.

The Sigourney "Review" in speaking of the death of Mrs. Crowder, says: "She was well known to many of the people of this county, the family having resided in Springfield for a number of years. She was a most excellent woman, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew her. The bereaved husband and daughter have the sympathy of all in their affliction."

From Saturdays Daily.

Hon. E. Clark, of Iowa City, has been in the city on business during the week, and returned home this morning.

H. W. McNeill came in from Seattle one day this week, and has since been looking after business and seeing friends.

W. A. Durfee is home from a visit and rest in the west, which has been to him very pleasant and beneficial.

G. L. Kissick, of Albia, but formerly of this city, was in the metropolis yesterday on business and pleasure combined.

Mr. Newhall and family, who have been at Eldon for the past six months, has returned and will make their home here. We are glad to see father and mother Newhall back again.

J. J. Stanley, of Paine & Stanley, while working with ice yesterday, had the misfortune to let a large chunk fall on his hand, breaking the forefinger on his left-hand, and bruising him up generally.

Rev. I. P. Teter, of the Simpson Methodist church, addressed the Odd Fellows of Ottumwa last evening. of his speech the *Democrat* of that city has these kind words: "Mr. Teter's address was on the principles and duties of Odd Fellowship, and was treated in his own inimitable manner. The audience were with him from the start and round after round of applause greeted his happy points. Space alone prevents the elaboration of his salient points, for his speech was well worthy of being not only printed, but read, remembered and acted upon."

From Monday's Daily.

Supt. and Mrs. Coombs are booked to return this week from California.

Judge and Mrs. Gibbs are in occupancy of "The Elms" again, and a great shady porch invites friends to rest.

Mrs. J. H. Given come down from Des Moines last evening to visit her aged daughter here on East High.

Treasurer D. M. Gilchrist, Auditor J. R. Baer, Recorder C. G. Byram and Clerk Frank E. Smith were down to Fremont Saturday evening.

Several invitations have been received here, from the Imperial Club of Ottumwa to attend their May party to be given at the new Ballingall House on Friday evening, May 3.

John Van der Mast, of the Monroe "Mirror," was in town to-day, and was given the freedom of the city, which John enjoyed but under guard. John gives Monroe a clean, strong local paper, and keeps it up to the highest line of Republican duty.

Rev. F. W. Evans, of Knoville, formerly of the First M. E. church of this city, was a welcome caller at these headquarters this morning. Rev. Evans addressed the Odd Fellows of Spencer Friday at their anniversary celebration and was on his way home. Yesterday he occupied the pulpit of the Simpson M. E. church here, while Rev. Teter officiated in Knoxville.

The Louisville "Republican" has this census item that interests many friends of the fond papa here: "Mr. George W. Hinsey, the genial and clever proprietor of the popular English Kitchen, is the happy father of a pair of brand new boys, born last Tuesday, 23d inst. The little fellows weighed over 8 and a half pounds each, and Doctor Wm. Bailey, the attending physician, pronounces them as fine twins as he ever saw. Mother and babes are doing well."

From Tuesday's Daily.

Dr. Vance, of Eddyville, was in the city to-day enjoying the Centennial celebration.

Wm. Burnside will leave to-morrow for an extended visit with friends in Riverside.

J. H. Pickett and family expect to occupy the John R. Barnes property on South Market Street soon.

John R. Barnes and family will soon occupy their new home on North Third Street, recently purchased by Mr. Barnes.

Dr. Hare went over to Iowa City this morning, when he will deliver a course of lectures before the Dental Department of the State University.

Spirit Lake *Beacon*: "Mrs. W. H. Rice and family will depart for Oskaloosa this evening, where the head of the family has been for some months and has a home ready to receive them."

Mrs. H. P. Weaver last evening received a telegram announcing the serious illness of her father, Mr. B. Severe, of Palmyra, Nebraska, and departed on the evening train to attend his bedside.

Miss Laura Minkler, who spoke last year for several local unions, with pleasing acceptance, is in the county again, and will speak at Bloomfield church at 10 A. M., May 5, and at Givin the same evening, and at Knoxville Junction Monday evening, May 6. We bespeak for her good audiences.

From Wednesday's Daily.

"The list" for the May party may be found at Green & Huntley's.

Messrs. H. L. and Nate Spencer and W. A. Durfee were west bound at noon.

Attorney O. N. Downs was called to New Sharon yesterday on legal business.

Archie Cox, of Marshalltown, was in the city last evening. So also was Charlie Cole, of the same city.

The Rev. J. E. Snowden, of Le Mars, finds a welcome greeting at the hands of very many of his old friends.

E. M. Young, travelling freight agent of the north division of the Central, was doing business in the city to-day.

The funeral of the late Mother Loring took place from her son's residence this forenoon, and was largely attended.

Major Eugene Rice and wife, of Sioux City, are here on a brief visit to the Rice camp. Time is putting the gray on Eugene, to make up for wearing the blue.

Dr. Smith, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, an owner of large real estate interests in that city and also in Ottumwa, Iowa, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Downs on First avenue east, yesterday.

Supt. and Mrs. Coombs returned this morning from their California flying tour, and they say that their eyes were never blessed with anything handsomer than Iowa is just now. They are welcomed back by all most heartily.

The committee of the Board of Education having the matter in charge have selected Judge Seevers to deliver the annual address before the graduating class of the High School, and he has accepted the task. It may be taken as certain that the address will be one of the greatest worth.

On Monday evening Mrs. W. W. Haskell, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Gleason, gave a lunch party to about forty of their lady friends, and the evening passed very pleasantly. Only one lone, lorn representative of Adam was present for a short time—the ladies having the whole entertainment to themselves save that brief invasion.

Dr. D. A. Hoffman started off at noon to-day for a season of rest and play, going by way of Des Moines. He will take magnetic ablutions at Colfax and there make his program for the future trip. This is the first time for twenty-eight years that Dr. Hoffman has gone off for rest and play, and he certainly has deserved the present one. He takes muscular rheumatism with him as a companion.

Miss May Miller will assist Miss Nash in room No. 1, at Second Ward. While the room is overcrowded, yet all will in this way be accommodated. About 80 are now enrolled in that room.

Last week the Burlington School Board made a proposition, through the pupils of the High School to the patrons, that the time of session for same be changed. According to the old schedule the school hours were the same as ours are now. The proposition was that the noon hour was to be reduced to a half hour recess and school dismissed at 2:15. The parents were so largely in favor of the change that it was at once ordered. This gives time for lunch and exercise at noon, yet gives at least half the afternoon to pupil and teacher at such a time that it can be profitably used.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued by the clerk since our last