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DAVIS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY REGULAR MEETINGS THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Goldizen

Dear Members & Friends

Here it is the end of the year and the end of the century. We're all another year older and hopefully wiser. Hope Y2K is kind to you.

Our group has worked at improving our library collection this year. We have had to add some new security measures (not new to anyone who has researched in bigger libraries). The problem with materials taking flight has not seemed to solve itself so we are now asking people who use the library room to bring in only a notebook and pencils. It was too easy to carry things off in a satchel or briefcase. We have lost a few family histories that were given to the Genealogy Society by members. These members have since passed away making it almost impossible to replace the materials. I will ask one more time—if you have “borrowed” something from the library collection please return it. No questions asked, no mention of the incident again. If we find out who is doing this other steps will be taken to make our collection unavailable to you. Now back to what positive things we have done. We have purchased several new books, magazines and family histories to increase our collection. Some of the material is on areas around Davis Co., some of it is materials on migration patterns and some is basic family history guides. All of it is bound to help you in your research.

In December we held the Annual Meeting for the Society with reelection of officers. The members voted to re-elect the same officers as we have had this year. They are listed at the top of this page. We will have to re-adjust the by-laws a little bit but we will do that this spring. It was also voted on to discontinue having meeting in January and February—these months are typically cold and snowy. The next regular meeting will be in March 2000.

This last issue of the last year of this century is again dedicated to newspaper articles taken from Davis County newspapers of the year 1899. You should go to the library and just start looking through our notebooks of newspaper clippings. Some are indexed and some are not. If you would like to volunteer to index a notebook or two contact Dorothy Goldizen or me. It really is a lot of fun.

Start your New Year off by planning a trip (short or long—near or far) to do research. Maybe you can finally finish that family history for publication or start an in-depth research project. It's time to get moving before we rust in place.

D. Sue Spilman, Chapter President

No meetings in January and February

GLEANINGS FROM 1882 DAVIS COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

DRAKESVILLE TOWNSHIP

First death was a son of Silas Kirk, who died on Section two in 1843, and is buried in the Breeding Cemetery. Pg 586-7

Dr. East was the first physician in the township. He came here from Muscatine, and died in Taylor Co. IA in 1867. Pg. 587

The first minister was Levi Fleming of the Christian Church, and the first services were held in a log school house in Drakesville. Pg. 587

The first school was a subscription school taught by Benjamin Cyler, in Drakesville. He had fifteen pupils. First school house was built of logs in 1845 with donations. Pg. 587

The first weaving of cloth was done by Mrs. Trobridge, who died in Putnam Co. MO in 1879 at the age of 69. Pg. 587

The nearest mill in those early days was a Bentonsport, forty miles away, and all the supplies were hauled from Alexandria, MO. Pg. 587

FABIUS TOWNSHIP

The first birth was John F. Wisdom, was born in September 1843 and deceased at the age of 21. The first female child born was Elizabeth Newton born in 1845. Pg. 589

The first death was Mrs. Lorena F. Kelly, died in November 1843. Pg. 589

First physician was Dr. Warner of Missouri. Pg. 589

First minister was Rev. Dooley, a Baptist preacher. Pg 589

First school was taught by Emily Cartiss in 1848 or 49. Pg. 590

First Election polls were kept open in the same place for Iowa and Missouri. Pg 590

FOX RIVER TOWNSHIP

First female birth was Lucretia Downing, September 22, 1840 and is a sister of Hon. Sam Downing. Pg 590

First marriage in the county took place in this township. It was between Thomas King and Harriet Downing, which was solemnized by Israel Kister, March 27, 1847. Pg. 590

First male birth was Alexander Downing, a son of A. and Elizabeth Downing, born in October 1843. Pg. 590

First death occurred in June 1843, Daniel Bane, who is buried in the Harvard Graveyard. Pg 590

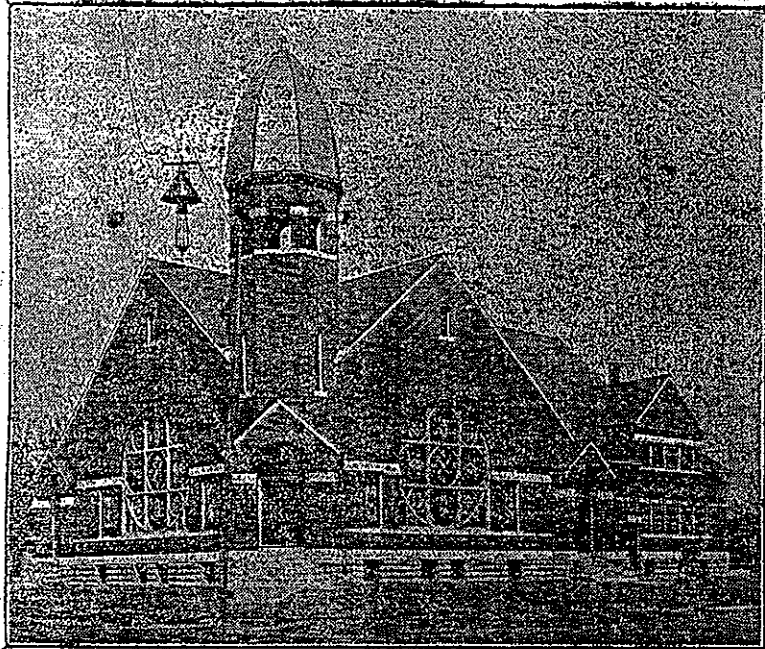
The first regular physician was Dr. Selman of Bloomfield. Pg 590

The first school was a subscription school taught by Thomas King in a cabin owned by T. Junk, in the winter of 1844 and 1845. Tuition was \$1.50 per scholar. Pg 590

The first weaving was done in the winter of 1843 by Mrs. Margaret Gleason. Pg. 590

The New M. E. Church

As It Will Appear.



The M. E. Church at Cameron, Mo., from Which the New M. E. Church at This Place Is to Be Modeled.

The work of excavating will begin in a very few days, and the work on the foundation just as soon as the material can be gotten here from the quarry. Mr. Tipton will be here as soon as the work begins, and will remain until it is completed.

LATER. The excavating was begun yesterday morning.

Obituary.

Gerhard Rouch was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 5, 1817, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, California, July 29, 1899. His remains were interred at Kingsbury, California.

Mr. Rouch located in Davis county in 1844 on a farm in Union township, where he resided until the death of his companion, since which time he has made his home with his children. About six years ago he went to California, where he has three children residing. For some months he had been in poor health and his death was not unexpected.

He was the father of a large family of children, most of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Mrs. L. J. Gandy and Mrs. Sol Bales, two of his daughters, died some years ago. There are still living in this county one son, James Rouch, and two daughters, Mrs. James K. Warrington and Mrs. Will Hinkle. He has two sons, Frank and Charles, and one daughter, Mrs. Clay Hamilton in California, and one daughter, Lucy, in Nebraska. Mr. Rouch resided in this county for nearly fifty years and was well known to many of our people.

NEW CHURCH CONTRACT LET.

J. J. Tipton of Cameron the Contractor.

At a meeting of the building committee of the M. E. church Monday evening the contract to build the new M. E. church was awarded to Mr. Tipton, of Cameron, Mo. Mr. Tipton is the same architect who built the M. E. church at Cameron, Mo., and the plan of the church here is to be the same as the one at his home. His bid was \$13,000, and is to cover everything, including the heating apparatus, except excavating, the glass for the windows, except the basement, the wiring and other electric light furnishings and the seating.

The brick work has been sub-let by Mr. Tipton to Mr. D. Marshall, of St. Joseph, Mo., who did the brick work at Cameron.

The rock for the foundation will come from Keokuk, as will also the backing brick. The facing brick will come from St. Louis, and the trimming stone from Louisiana, Mo.

The total cost of the building will be about as follows.

To Mr. Tipton.....	\$13,000
For glass.....	500
Seats.....	350
Chairs.....	110
Electric lights.....	100
Excavating.....	150
Cost of lots.....	1,450

Total.....\$15,660

This does not include the cost of the new pipe organ. There is now subscribed about \$11,500, and it is expected that at least \$1,500 can be realized out of the old church property, which makes a total of about \$13,000, which leaves something like \$3,000 to be raised beside, not including the organ. There is, however, quite a number who have not subscribed, and it is thought the amount can easily be raised.

MARK.

Grandma Evans died Sunday and was buried near Monterey.

Reunion of the Pearson Family.

On last Thursday, August 31, the relatives and friends of Augustus Pearson, of Pulaski, gathered with him at the old homestead one mile south of Troy to celebrate his birthday, he being 82 years of age on that day. Mr. Pearson was enjoying the best health he had been privileged to have for some time, and indeed it was a joy to all to see so aged a father participating in the many festivities of the day. About sixty relatives were present besides other friends who came to share in the pleasures of so rare an occasion. The one in whose honor the gathering was held is a great-grandfather and a great-grand-uncle.

Nature smiled in beaming loveliness and furnished such a day as could bring only gladness to every heart. Anticipation of the occasion brought guests from remote distances and at an early hour the walls of the farmhouse resounded to the greetings of friends and relatives as they met—many of them for the first time in many years. Soon could be heard the narration of incidents which made life interesting on that same old farm in an early day. The younger guests listened intently to the histories of the past, then in assembled groups gave expression to the delights of the present.

By noon the visitors had been attracted to the lovely grove near the house. Here dinner was soon prepared and then all hastened to relieve the groaning tables of their precious burdens. The attempt was heroic and each one thought himself the greatest hero; but still there remained an inexhaustible supply which bespoke for the Pearson family their unlimited resources and unequalled tastes. While all countenances were beaming with the delight of satisfaction the photograph-seized the opportunity for lasting impressions. A number of well arranged group pictures were taken but perhaps none were more interesting than that of the seven "Gusses," representing mature old age, manhood, boyhood and infancy. Gus is indeed a favorite family name.

A new feeling of joy thrilled every heart when the aged father was presented with a fine arm chair as a token of honor and respect. An organ was furnished in the grove and a few appropriate songs helped to make the occasion more impressive. All too soon did the declining sun give warning to depart. Words of praise were heard on every side for the complete success with which the managers prepared for and conducted the reunion. Hearty good-byes were spoken and the crowd scattered toward their homes, feeling amply paid for having met together. The day is a pleasant memory to all.

A GUEST.

A Letter From Dick Buntin.

San Fernando, Sunday, June 4, '99.
Mr. G. M. Buntin, Drakeville, Iowa.

Dear Folks at Home—Our company is out on out-post to-day, but I was on guard all day yesterday and last night up at brigade headquarters, (Gen. Hale's) so I didn't have to go out with the company this forenoon. Everything has been quiet for the last day or two, but the first of the week the "niggers" were just raising thunder. You see their trenches are not over 150 yards from our out-post on the side we guard and a few days ago the niggers all got to drinking "beno" and having a good time and they just kept up a steady fire on us day and night. Gen. Hale was not here. Col. Frost, of the South Dakota, was left in command, so he came out and told us we might return the fire and that was just what we all wanted and maybe we didn't make it warm for them for a day or two. You see some of them were pretty drunk and would get out in plain sight. We have some awful good shots in our company and we got several of them. We had two fellows in our company wounded—Corp. Combs, shot in the arm and Private Stretch, shot in the chin.

When night came the niggers were stationed on out-post not 50 yards from ours so we got out and formed a little skirmish line and drove them back. The niggers have been doing some pretty good shooting lately. They have some fine sharpshooters and its awful hard to locate a Mauser shot, for they make no smoke and you can tell nothing from the sound. We were called out at 3 o'clock yesterday forenoon. The niggers had attacked the Montanas and were doing some hard shooting. The niggers had a couple of pieces of artillery and were throwing shrapnel over into them but the fight was all over by sun-up. I don't believe this fighting will end in ten years for it makes no difference how many we kill there are always two big niggers to take the place of one dead one. I don't doubt but what we can whip them every scrap we have, but they just fall back into the foot-hills and there isn't enough men in the United States to get them out and always when they get into a tight place they just put on a white suit and pass right through our lines as "Amigos" (friends) after hiding their soldier suits and guns.

We have found lots of dead soldiers with their white suits strapped on their backs and also took prisoners th

same way. Our 2nd lieutenant is on Gen. Hale's staff and he said yesterday that there were 15,000 big stout niggers in Malabon and only one company of our men there doing police duty. They are a company of the 13th Minnesota. You know we took Malabon almost two months ago and all of that 15,000 have passed through our lines as "Amigos." The 2nd Oregon was to start home to-day. They took them to Manila and they turned in their arms. Now they are all over on the south line going to advance to-day or next day. I think we will get mail in a few days. Will quit now and try to sleep some. Mosquitoes nearly carried me away last night.

Your son,

DICK L. BUNTIN.

Lick Creek.

DELEGATES.

G. T. Wilson, Irvin Swinney, Albert Sloan, Samuel Beggs, J. M. Lepper, Adelbert Christy, H. E. Swinney, U. S. Heady, Nelson Johnson, C. F. Hale, G. W. Monroe.
Committeeman, G. T. Wilson.

Perry.

DELEGATES.

J. T. Denny, R. H. Boyd, L. F. Miller, J. H. Shelton, W. J. Dillener, Clyde Cruikshank, J. H. Taylor, G. W. Spears.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Assessor, J. H. Taylor.
Trustee, R. H. Boyd.
Trustee, to fill vacancy, G. W. Spears.
Constables, J. H. Shelton, J. H. Shields.
Justices, D. M. Reed, L. F. Miller.

Cleveland.

DELEGATES.

J. S. Barker, E. C. Cleland, G. W. Lain, J. H. Ford, W. M. Lockman, Wm. Wishard, A. G. Jones, I. H. Berry, Sam Coy.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

For trustee, John S. Barker.
Justice, Wm. Wishard.
Constable, A. G. Jones.
Committeeman, N. E. Merry.

Grove.

DELEGATES.

J. H. Collins, Chas. Dieffenbach, D. W. Hartzler, A. B. French, J. W. Harvey, John Ramseyer, A. G. Wright, C. H. Altheide, U. S. Miller, Tom Power, J. P. Lantz.

ALTERNATES.

Ed Altheide, A. A. Knight, Frank Sullivan, W. S. Lister, M. F. Martin, James H. Collins, Ralph McLain, Richard Brewer, Peter Tschants, E. E. Lister, R. H. Dieffenbach.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Justice, to fill vacancy, J. W. Harvey.
Trustee, E. E. Lister.

Fabius.

DELEGATES.

Wm. Lynch, John Waggoner, J. T. Russell, Frank Stober, John Henderson, W. J. Southern, W. B. Wilson, Sam Barnett, Charles Lamb.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

For trustee, John Hopkins.
Committeeman, J. H. Daniels.

Union.

DELEGATES.

Dr. W. H. Rosser, J. Barker, L. T. McCabe, Ross Sullivan, D. H. Hamilton, Frank Bellis, D. V. Lindsay, J. S. Grosvener, Norris Gilchrist, E. Fenrod, Henry Trachsel, J. W. Day, Burr Morris.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Trustee, Joseph Barker.
Trustee, to fill vacancy, Alvin Rosser.
Committeeman, W. H. Rosser.

Fox River.

DELEGATES.

Alfred Humphrey, W. J. Shuck, E. F. Hartwick, D. N. Moore, W. S. McFarling, Wm. Bain, H. C. Jones, R. A. Barber.

ALTERNATES.

R. E. Lippert, Lewis Burton, W. J. Gooden, John Moore, J. Bengel, J. H. Curl, O. C. Swain, C. S. Burton.

Committeeman, W. J. Shuck.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Trustee, Alfred Humphrey.

Drakcville.

DELEGATES.

G. W. Phillips, W. F. Slagle, E. J. Goodlander, G. H. Adams, G. C. Duke, Otis Hendrickson, John Howsley, J. E. Goodhue.

Soap Creek.

DELEGATES.

Obe Burns, Delmer Lee, Wm. Turner, M. F. Patterson, David Munn, Fred Zigler, W. J. Rime, P. M. Vest, John Burris, Alfred Wells, R. J. Harbour, Joel McGee.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Trustee, Fred Zigler.
Committeeman, P. M. Vest.

West Grove.

DELEGATES.

J. F. Lang, Dan Henderson, D. L. Haywood, E. G. Dickson, J. P. White, Amos Collins, J. T. Hill, W. L. Baldrige.

ALTERNATES.

C. L. Binford, Milt Harris, J. D. Pirtle, James McMillin, Lawrence Ward, C. S. Dickson, W. H. Robinson, J. L. Albright.

TOWNSHIP TICKET.

Trustee, W. H. Robinson.
Justice, to fill vacancy, Amos Collins.
Committeeman, E. G. Dickson.

Bloomfield.

FIRST WARD DELEGATES.

Bush Pugh, Wm. Kinnick, Ed Bryce, James McCuiston, Alex. Townsend, W. J. Hookersmith, W. T. Gandy, F. A. Sax, Harry Bryco.

Committeeman, F. A. Sax.

SECOND WARD DELEGATES.

John Ethell, Ben Bryant, Will Curl, H. S. Black, Boone Swinney, B. F. Carroll, W. G. Eichelberger, S. Z. Grider, C. B. Royer, D. M. Wise.

ALTERNATES.

T. P. Bence, P. J. Bingham, Geo. Cronnoble, James England, A. V. Smith, Millard Cox, W. R. Gibson, Frank Davies, James Childers, Frank Rominger.

Committeeman, D. M. Wise.

THIRD WARD DELEGATES.

Cyrus Turner, E. B. Kinnick, A. H. Fortune, H. W. Carlow, B. P. Colvin, G. W. Dunn, H. R. Giller, James A. Dunn, Andy Yates.

Committeeman, Cyrus Turner.

Prairie.

DELEGATES.

C. E. Bussey, W. D. Russell, C. W. Ramseyer, W. W. Power, W. H. Craven, John Knight, M. J. Barnes, J. W. Milligan, S. M. Bollman, D. G. King, G. E. Reed.

Marion.

DELEGATES.

Elmer Proctor, O. K. Day, Chas. Roberts, S. F. Adams, Willis McCarty, M. L. Wheeler, Howard McRunnels, Robert McDonald, H. J. Humphrey, F. M. Ireland,
I. G. Pinrock, committeeman.

Salt Creek.

DELEGATES.

John M. Carroll, S. J. Haney, F. M. Fite, U. A. Money, Will Hunt, P. A. Noel, S. B. Carroll, Samuel Elston, T. C. Hanshaw.

ALTERNATES.

M. E. England, E. Cox, J. W. Fite, Will Money, James Hunt, Wilson Noel, Ed Carroll, Charles Quigley, A. T. Dodson.

Wyacondah.

DELEGATES.

Geo. S. Hubbartt, S. Sleeth, J. J. Traverse, Marion Andrews, G. D. York, Frank White, C. E. Fenton, George Howell, J. W. Bullock, F. M. York, Newt. Battin, Albert Rominger.

ALTERNATES.

Amos White, Frank Hubbartt, John Elliott, Uriah Battin, Granville Rominger, Al Small, Oscar Seaberry, Albert Senseuay, Henry Wilcox, Fred Bullock, Z. W. Hubbartt, Fred Leyda.

Soldiers' Reunion.

The Centerville Citizen has the following to say about the reunion which comes off in that city in October:

The reunion of the Third Iowa Cavalry and Thirty sixth Iowa Infantry in this city on October 11th and 12th promises to be a most interesting event. The 36th Iowa is the regiment to which Ex-Gov. Drake, Judge T. M. Fee and many other Appanoose county soldiers belonged. The Third Iowa Cavalry had at different times as its commanding officer, Col. Cyrus Bussey, who was an assistant secretary in one of the departments under President Harrison, Col. Henry Trimble, who is now General Counsel for the C. B. & Q. railway company, Col. H. C. Caldwell, now a United States circuit judge, and Col. John W. Noble, who was Harrison's secretary of the Interior. All these and many other notable people will attend the reunion, and Governor Shaw has been invited and is expected to be present. During the reunion Gen. Noble will make an address on "The Patriot's Duty Now," a subject which the patriot statesman will make clear to all who hear him. "The Volunteer of the Republic" will be the subject of an address by Col. Henry H. Trimble. There will be addresses by other distinguished visitors who will be here and this reunion of these two notable regiments will be a most interesting and enjoyable occasion.

Last Saturday, Adrian Walthers was taken to Bloomfield and there adjudged by the commissioners to be insane and was ordered sent to the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant, where he was taken by Sheriff Young Saturday evening. Mr. Walthers' many friends wish his speedy recovery and return to business here.—Pulaski Independent.

ASSAULTED IN JAIL.

Clarence Mills Attacks Clay Owens.

Saturday afternoon just before the convention assembled there was a rush of people from all sides of the square to the basement of the courthouse. Upon investigation it was learned that Clarence Mills, who is confined in jail upon a charge of having murdered his wife, had assaulted Clay Owens, who was also held a id had just been tried on a charge of larceny.

Mills had been showing signs of viciousness for some time and Owens being afraid of him picked the lamp up and set it on the table near where he was pretending to write. Mills said to Owens that he had stolen his lamp and his wife and started for him. Owens picked the lamp up and struck Mills with it, cutting his face badly and knocking him down. The fight continued until Mills forced Owens into a corner and had him choked almost lifeless when assistance for Owens arrived.

Advertised Letters.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Bloomfield, Iowa, postoffice, for the week ending Sept. 9, 1899:

Mrs. Frank Lafferty.

In calling for advertised letters parties will please state that they have been advertised:

B. F. CARROLL, Postmaster.

James Ernst, a young farmer of near Chequest, died Wednesday evening from blood poisoning brought on by having a tooth extracted in Bloomfield last Saturday. He leaves a wife and one child. The remains were interred in the Rouch cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Thomas Anderson Hunt.

Was born the 27 day of July, 1826, in Preston County West Virginia. He united with the M. E. Church at Bethel, known as Hall appointment in Kinwood circuit Morgan-town district in 1841, Frank H. Reed being the pastor of that charge that year. Emigrated to Iowa in 1848, settled in Lee county, Franklin circuit in the bounds of Keokuk district. He was licensed to exhort in 1849 on Farmington circuit. Moved to Davis Co. in 1859 where they formed a class known as Bethel on Troy circuit Keokuk district. Licensed to preach in 1856, at Troy, which position he held until 1870. He was relieved on account of his eye-sight.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Swain on the 8th day of May 1851. The fruit of this union was nine children born unto them. The second boy John W. passed on before on the 10 day of September, 1878, at the age of 23 years 9 months, 23 days. Sarah Hunt passed away on the 6th of February 1881, 48 years 2 months, 24 days old.

Eight surviving children are left to mourn his loss five girls and three boys.

He enlisted in the United States service in 1864 in company I. of the 7th Iowa cavalry and was mustered out in 1865 at the close of the war. He was honorably discharged with comparatively little eye-sight. He was united in marriage to Jurusha Brown on the 10th day of June 1895 who is his surviving widow. He passed away October 4, 1899, at the age of 73 years, 2 months, and 7 days.

The funeral services were held at Chequest. The children were all present. Remains were interred at the Heidlebough cemetery.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, Death has entered Elisha B. Townsend Post No 100 G. A. R. and taken therefrom our esteemed Comrade Thomas Hunt be it.

Resolved, That we extend to his Wife and Family of our departed comrade our heart felt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy placed upon our records and a copy sent to the papers for publication.

JEFF BATTIN.
W. G. ECHELBERGER.
C. M. BURGESS.
Committee.

School Report.

Report of the Pink School for the term ending October 27.

Number of scholars enrolled 21; average number belonging 20; average daily attendance 18 1/2.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy: First month, Alvin Plank, Edna Sprout, Verna Sprout, Ruth Corrick, Mollie Corrick. Second month: Clara Patterson, Fay Shook, Ruth Corrick, Mollie Corrick, Verna Sprout. Names on roll of honor: Fred Fox, Linnel Lawrence.

MOLLIE CASSAT, Teacher.

College Notes

R. W. Anderson of Pulaski visited the chapel Friday, and gave a talk that was appreciated by all. Prof. J. W. Bence of Chicago was a recent visitor.

We are not given to politics; all political views tolerated; about the only ones who are interested in politics are Prof. Howe and the debating club.

The shorthand class is the largest in the history of the school.

Only one graduated this term, commercial.

There will be many sad farewells next Thursday, but there is one consolation we shall all meet again, when we get enough money to go another term. To the student there is no place like the S. I. N., although sometimes one does get homesick, he always comes back.

Next Tuesday, the biggest day in the year, election day and the opening day of the winter term at the S. I. N.

Last Saturday was examination day, but we took the pill smilingly. Prof. Williams says it was the "happiest" examination he ever gave.

Prof. Howe had a large and attentive audience Friday night.

The corner stone of the new Methodist church was laid Friday afternoon. The services were held in the Baptist church at 2 o'clock. Those who took part in the services were the Presiding Elder, Mr. C. S. Cooper and the pastor, Mr. H. C. Millice. Although the weather was inclement a good crowd attended.

Advertised Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Bloomfield, Iowa, for the week ending October 28, 1899:

Ora Reynolds.

Parties calling for the above will please state that they have been advertised.

B. F. CARROLL,

Postmaster.

NOVEMBER 9, 1899.

Notice of Incorporation.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that George W. Phillips, Charley E. Young, Chesley Rayburn, Thomas J. Hill, Frank C. Young, Albert H. Fortune, Edward D. Beauchamp, Elmer G. Dickson, George T. Sowers, Dillon H. Payne, William C. Dickson and Benjamin A. Leyda as incorporators on behalf of themselves and N. E. Sheppard, S. B. Downing, J. D. Jones, R. P. Cooper, J. M. Peden, E. B. Dickerson, Theodore Taylor, W. M. Hotchkiss, L. C. Warthen and John W. Burgess, and such others as may become associated with them, have adopted articles of incorporation according to the provisions of Chapter 10, Title 9 of the Code of Iowa under the corporate name of

THE DAVIS COUNTY SAVINGS BANK,

with its principal place of business in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa.

The object of the corporation is to

transact the usual business of a Savings Bank under the provisions of the laws above referred to, and it takes to itself any and all the powers, and accepts all the duties and obligations imposed by the laws of Iowa for the government of Savings Banks, and will begin business on January 2nd, 1900, and continue for the term of ten years from said date, with the right of extension of said time as provided by law.

The amount of capital stock is \$25,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, fully paid up.

The private property of the stockholders shall be exempt from corporate liability, except to the extent, and in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa.

The stockholders may by a two thirds vote, at any regular or special meeting, duly published and called for that purpose, make, alter and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the government and conduct of the business of said bank, and may authorize the Board of Directors to do so, subject to such restrictions as may be deemed advisable and not inconsistent with law.

The affairs of said corporation shall be managed by a board of nine directors, and the following persons shall be such directors for the first year:

Thomas J. Hill, Charley E. Young, George W. Phillips, Edward D. Beauchamp, Albert H. Fortune, George T. Sowers and Dillon H. Payne whose post office addresses are Bloomfield, Iowa, and Benjamin A. Leyda, of Mark, Iowa, and Elmer G. Dickson, of West Grove, Iowa.

The following shall be officers until the first election:

President, Charley E. Young, of Bloomfield, Iowa.

Vice-president, Thomas J. Hill, of Bloomfield, Iowa.

Cashier, George W. Phillips, Bloomfield, Iowa.

Assistant Cashier, Albert H. Fortune, of Bloomfield, Iowa.

The annual meeting for the election of directors shall be held on the first

Wednesday of January each year, after 1900.

At all meetings of stockholders, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him, which vote he may cast in person or by written proxy.

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended, in whole or in part, at any annual meeting of the stockholders, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of all the stockholders in interest, and by compliance with the statutes of Iowa in such cases made and provided.

The said articles are duly signed and acknowledged as required by law.

GEORGE W. PHILLIPS.
CHARLEY E. YOUNG.
CHESLEY RAYBURN.
THOMAS J. HILL.
FRANK C. YOUNG.
ALBERT H. FORTUNE.
EDWARD D. BEAUCHAMP.
ELMER G. DICKSON.
GEORGE T. SOWERS.
DILLON H. PAYNE.
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List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Bloomfield, Iowa, for the week ending November 4, 1899:

Mr. A. W. Patton.

Mr. G. E. Whitmore. (2)

Mrs. J. B. Cooper.

Miss Dessie Kindell.

Parties calling for the above will please state that they have been advertised.

B. F. CARROLL,

Postmaster

Dr. Garner and Miss Gertie Syler were married Nov. 5. Ye sorbise wishes them a happy useful life

MARK.

Uncle Jack Utt, of this place, died at his home on Tuesday night of last week, and was laid to rest in the Hopkins grave yard Wednesday evening. He was well known to many Davis county people.

Corn gathering is about done in this neighborhood and we understand that Will and Anderson Spillman, Clyde Sidwell and Rufus Hopkins have gone west to hunt work.

Resolutions of Respect From Fidelity Temple No 8 Rathbone Sisters.

Bloomfield, Iowa, Nov. 6th 1899.

Whereas, Our Sister, Mrs Mamie Davis has sustained a sad loss in the death of her Mother.

Resolved, In this sad hour of sorrow the members of this Temple extend to this sister our sincer sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this Temple and a copy thereof transmitted to our sister.

Let us be patiant, these severe afflictions not from the ground arise.

But oftentimes, celestial benedictions Assume this dark disguise.

We see but dimly through the mists and vapors, Amid the earthly damps.

What seems to us but sad funeral tapers, May be Heavens distant lamps.

LOU A. DUNN.

MAMIE MATHEWS.

DORA WISHARD.

Com.

Charley Carey got home last Saturday. He went off with Ringling Brothers show and has not been heard from but a few times since he left

Reininghaus-Mott.

On November 1st, 1899, at the home of Amos Steckel in this city occurred the marriage of John E. Reininghaus, of Cantril, Iowa, and Mrs. Lizzie B. Mott, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Only a few special friends were present to witness the ceremony and extend hearty congratulations. Mr. Reininghaus is a highly respected, and prominent business man of Cantril, and Mrs. Reininghaus is the daughter of Rev. Thom- as Ballinger who was a minister in the Universalist church, and for many years lived in Oskaloosa where he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Reininghaus during her sojourn in our city endeared herself to many by her intelligence and kindness of heart, who will wish her much happiness in this new, and as they believe, fortunate alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Reininghaus will make their future home in Cantril.

Odd Fellow's Fiftieth Anniversary.

The local lodge I. O. O. F. will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in this city Monday November 20, 1899.

The lodge is one of the oldest in the state and has a large membership composed in most part of the best citizens of the city and surrounding country. Judge Earnhart is the only one of the charter members now living or at least living in this vicinity and he is not at this time a member of the order.

Preparations are being made for a grand time and visitors numbering into the hundreds are expected.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. church has been engaged to feed at least one hundred and fifty of the guests.

The following excellent program has been prepared for the occasion:

PROGRAM.

Reception of visitors from 8 to 11:30 a. m. Parade from Hall to Court House 1:30 p. m.

Invocation..... T. B. Hughes.

Music by Eldon Band and Orchestra.

Address of Welcome,

..... Col. S. A. Moore.

Response,.....

R. L. Tilton, P. G. M., Ottumwa, Ia.

Music.

Address,.....

..... Jerry S. Green, Maquoketa, Ia.

Music.

Recital, "Bishop Potts".....

..... Miss La Rue Payne.

Music.

7:00 o'clock, meet at Court House.

Music

Address,..... R. L. Tilton, P. G. M.

Music

Recitation, "Shaker Ague,".....

..... Miss Garnet Taylor.

Music.

Recitation, "My Soldier Lover".....

..... Miss Ella Tomey.

Xylophone Duett,.....

..... Profs. Ethell and Hazlewood.

Declamation,..... Blanche Songer.

The Flower Song,..... Helen Owsley.

Xylophone Duett,.....

..... Profs. Ethell and Hazlewood.

Music.

Quartet..... Garnet Taylor, Eva

Walton, Eunice Bryce and

Ruth Allender.

Benediction,..... H. R. Trickett.

Master of Ceremonies, N. S. Johnson.

Marshal of the Day, T. D. Doke.

That Corn Husking.

Saturday Nov. 11th 1899.

Owing to the long sickness and death of our neighbor, Mr. Clyde Friend's wife, several of the sympathizing friends were prompted to meet together and take their teams and dinners and husk and crib his crop of corn. Though it was unsolicited by Mr. Friend it means a saving of \$30.00 or \$40.00 to him, which will help him some in meeting his other heavy expenses.

This was a fair representation where party lines are not drawn as it was attended by men of all political parties. Though a revival or camp meeting might have drawn more of a crowd than this did the earmarks of genuine christianity would have failed to materialize as visible as they did in this case, as many of the contributors were raters and hired help, barely making a living. Those present were: Wm. Minear, Wm. Hockersmith, Arthur Minear, Geo. Henderson, Ches. Painter, Mason Atwood, Grant Jones and 2 boys, Finas Jones and boy, Ervel and Chas Gaston, Hamp Hargrove, Arthur Korn, Earnest Montgomery, Sherman Downing, Chas. Hull, Chas. Hugins, Frank Karus, John Campbell, Chas. Walker and writer from our place. I may have missed some as I did not get their names. Though it was widely circulated and some from the other neighborhoods were there, those who took part in it had as good excuse to stay away as any other able bodied men and boys who were not present; but that will never fill one of the commandments, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." JOHN H. CURT.

Margaret Mohler died at the county farm Sunday morning and her remains were interred in the Lester cemetery Monday afternoon.

To The Teachers of Davis County

The time of the year for teacher's meetings has come. I suppose you wonder what the officers of the teachers' association are doing. Well, I will tell you. On October 14, the members of the program committee met, every member being present, and adopted a plan to further organize the teachers of the county.

We appointed a temporary chairman in each township, who is to act with the county superintendent in holding the first teachers' meeting of the year in his township. At this meeting the teachers are supposed to organize themselves into a township teachers' association, to elect a permanent chairman for the remainder of the year, and to make such regulations for further meetings as they shall see fit.

The following are the temporary chairmen that were chosen:

- Bloomfield, Will Fortune.
- Cleveland, W. L. Evans.
- Drakeville, J. M. Hammas.
- Fox River, Callie Ropp.
- Fabius, Dell Waggoner.
- Grove, John Kline.
- Lick Creek, Lewis Hoffstatter.
- Marion, Ben Martin.
- Perry, Elsworth Hill.
- Prairie, E. G. Reed.
- Roscoe, John Kropf.
- Salt Creek, J. E. DeVault.
- Union, Carmi Spicer.
- West Grove, Maud Adcock.
- Wyacondah, Wilber York.

The first township teachers' meet-

ing will be held at Stiles, Friday evening, November 25, to which all teachers and patrons of Grove and surrounding townships are cordially invited.

The county association will hold its first meeting in Bloomfield, Saturday, December 16. Prof. Hill M. Bell, Dean of the Normal Department of Drake University, will lecture in the afternoon on the "Educational Outlook". The full program will appear in a few weeks.

Teachers, begin to make preparations to attend this meeting and to help make the first meeting of the Davis County Teachers' Association a rousing success.

Yours very truly,
C. W. Ramseyer,
Pres. Davis Co. Teachers' Association.

THE MILLS CASE.

TRIAL OF CLARENCE MILLS NOW IN PROGRESS.

Charged With Having Murdered
His Wife on the Morning
of July 1.

Saturday morning Judge Sloan had the case of the State of Iowa against Clarence Mills charging him with having murdered his wife last July called. The day was spent in empanelling a jury. Previous to that time a special venire of fifty jurors had been ordered and the work proceeded. The jury chosen consisted of:

James Proctor, Marion township.
H. O. Miller, Marion township.
Willis McCarty, Marion township.
W. G. Romerman, Marion township.
John Myers, Soap Creek township.
Findley Mains, Soap Creek township.
Alfred Howell, Perry township.
A. M. Wilkinson, Perry township.
George Lasley, Salt Creek township.
S. D. Hall, Roscoe township.
Sherman Fleming, Fox River township.

L. P. Griner, Lick Creek township.
The trial began Monday morning. D. H. Payne county attorney made the opening statement to the jury for the state and H. C. Taylor for the defense.

Mr. Taylor announced that there would be no contention between the parties as to the facts concerning the killing of Mrs. Mills by her husband, Clarence Mills, the defendant in the case as alleged in indictment. That the only question would be as to the sanity of the defendant at the time of committing the act.

The state placed a number of witnesses upon the stand to prove the facts of the murder and also to prove that the crime was committed by Clarence Mills. None of these facts are disputed by the defense. The state rested its case Monday afternoon and the defense put a large number of witnesses upon the stand to show that Mills when a child had been subject to spasms or fits, which continued at irregular intervals until he was twelve or more years of age, that since that age he had at times acted strangely, either giddy or morosely and at one time had climbed

a tree along in March and said he was going to pick cherries and at another time had gone into Mr. Garwood's horse lot and tried to catch a stallion by running him around the lot. The defense also introduced witnesses to prove that Mills and his wife had lived harmoniously together.

The defense rested some time after noon Tuesday and the state introduced a large number of near neighbors and parties who had worked with Mills or been otherwise associated with him, who testified that they never saw anything strange in his actions, never knew of his having fits or spasms and never heard that he was subject to attacks of any kind.

The case is still in progress, but it is believed that the evidence will all be in by this evening. Mills sits quietly and shows very little signs of being in any manner affected by the progress of the case except at times when pathetic testimony is given he sheds tears.

The crime of which he is charged is that of having murdered his wife the morning of July 1, 1899, by cutting her throat with a razor and then attempting to commit suicide by cutting his own throat. Each session of court is largely attended by the people of the city and county but little or no demonstrations of any kind are shown by the spectators.

A Mysterious Death.

The widow of Abraham Smith, Jr., died at her home near Mark about two weeks ago under very peculiar circumstances. Saturday, last, her remains were exhumed near Coatsville where the interment took place and the stomach was brought to this city for examination. It is not generally known what the examination developed but it is understood to have been of a sensational character and the grand jury is supposed to be engaged in an investigation of the case at this time.

It is generally believed, in the community where Mrs. Smith resided, that she came to an unnatural death either by poisoning or otherwise.

The next few days may develop some matters of a very sensational character connected with the investigation.

VICE-PRESIDENT IS DEAD.

Garrett A. Hobart Passed Away Tuesday Morning.

Garrett A. Hobart, vice-president of the United States, died at his home in New Jersey Tuesday morning at 8:30.

He has been in ill health for some months and his death has been expected any time during the past few weeks.

By the death of Mr. Hobart the succession to the presidency in case the president should die or be removed would descend to the cabinet officers, the first in order of the succession being the secretary of state.

The senate will be presided over by Senator Wm. P. Frye, of Maine, who is at present president pro tempore of the senate and who will continue in the capacity of presiding officer until the senate elects a successor, who will hold office until the end of this presidential term.

A Pleasant Surprise.

On Saturday evening, November 19, 1899, several young people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beadle, three miles southwest of Drakesville, to celebrate the birthday of their daughter Virgie. She had been to Bloomfield and returned about 7 o'clock and was very much surprised to find so many of her friends assembled at her home.

After a few hours spent in social conversation the guests were invited into the dining room where the table was laden with everything palatable such as the Misses Beadle know how to prepare.

All seemed to enjoy themselves to the greatest extent.

After supper a miniature public sale was held, in which everyone received a souvenir to remember the event by.

Those present were: Misses Libbie Evans, Nellie Truitt, Estelle Evans, Sadie Dodge, Iva Townsend, Lizzie Townsend, Verna Hardy, Ida Calvert, Nona Garner, Minnie Shaw, Lovie, Artie and Margie Beadle, Mesdames Shaw, Truitt, Bailey and Beadle; Messrs Carl Shaw, Dennie Townsend, Ed Shaw, Ernest Hill, Frank Frye, Earl Evans, Bate Truitt, Harry Truitt, Elvira Beadle, Shaw, Bailey and Beadle.

At a late hour the guests departed for their homes, wishing Miss Beadle many more such events.

November 23, 1899

DECEMBER 14, 1899.

PENITENTIARY FOR LIFE.

Decision of The Jury in The Mills Case.

The trial in the Mills case ended Friday evening about 7.30.

The evidence was all in Wednesday night. Thursday and Friday forenoon were spent in arguments to the jury and just after twelve o'clock Friday the judge read his instructions to the jury.

The jury deliberated upon the case during the afternoon and came to a decision soon after supper.

We understand that from the first the jury was of the unanimous opinion as to what penalty should be attached. One or two were in favor of hanging while the rest favored a life sentence, which was finally agreed upon.

The judge pronounced sentence Saturday at 1.30 p. m. in accordance with the verdict of the jury and Mills was taken to the penitentiary at Ft. Madison by the K. C. evening train.

The court house was packed to hear the sentence pronounced and in the course of his remarks Judge Sloan commended the audience for the excellent order which had been maintained throughout the entire trial.

Before sentence was pronounced the judge asked Mills if he had any thing to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced, when Mills asked to speak to his attorney. H. C. Taylor after a short consultation with Mills stated that the latter desired to show by persons present in the court room that there could not have been any motive for his killing his wife but that he (Taylor) had told him that it would not be proper at the time to do so.

Mills said he had no fault to find with the jury that they did the only thing they could have done under the circumstances. He maintained his bearing well but shed tears at times during the proceedings of the sentencing and we are told broke down and wept quite freely when he left the depot.

Sheriff Young, Sam Snoddy, Sherman Rowe and Charles Mills accompanied Clarence to the penitentiary. The officers drove by the new church to give Clarence a chance to see it.

THE FIDDLERS CONTEST.

A Decided Success—Highly Appreciated.

The Fiddler's contest, given at the opera house Friday night under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church was quite successful and highly appreciated.

The attendance was perhaps the largest ever seen in the present opera house.

The receipts were more than \$100.

John Ethell and Will S. Zook conducted the exercises and Mrs. A. H. Fortune, W. J. Steckel and J. C. Frazier were judges.

There was a large number of contestants and the audience was treated to regular old fashioned music, such as the Arkansas Traveler, Fisher's Hornpipe, The Devil's Dream and Pop Goes The Weasel.

Prizes were awarded as follows:
Best fiddler, playing best selections of times.

- 1st, Heenan Becraft.
- 2nd, Press Duckworth.
- Best player of Yankee Doodle.
- 1st, Ada Miller.
- 2nd, Mr. Garritson.
- Fiddlers from greatest distance.
- 1st, W. A. Adams.
- 2nd, W. Kirkhart.
- Most Comical Trick Fiddler.
- 1st, B. Miller.
- 2nd, Will Downing.
- Best player of Fisher's Hornpipe.
- 1st, Jeff Carter.
- 2nd, H. Jones.
- Best player and singer of Pop Goes The Weasel.

- 1st, W. Kirkhart.
- 2nd, Frank Cronnoble.
- Best family of Fiddlers.
- 1st, Talman family.
- 2nd, Miller family.
- Best left handed fiddler.
- B. Miller.
- Best player of The Girl I Left Behind Me.
- 1st, Ira Gibson.
- 2nd, W. D. Birch.
- Best lady Fiddler.
- 1st, Ada Miller.
- 2nd, Mrs. Tallman.

Fiddler playing the most tunes in three minutes.

- 1st, H. H. Hawkins.
- 2nd, Jeff Carter.
- Oldest lady fiddler.
- 1st, Mrs. Tallman.
- 2nd, Ada Miller.
- Best player of Devil's Dream.
- 1st, H. H. Hawkins.
- 2nd, W. A. Adams.
- Best player of Sugar In The Gourd.
- 1st, Vint Stufflebeam.
- 2nd, Frank Cronnoble.
- Best looking young lady fiddler.
- Ada Miller.
- Best looking young gentleman fiddler.
- 1st, S. A. Baughman.
- 2nd, Charles Bourn.
- Oldest gentleman fiddler.
- 1st, S. Hillatt.

- Tallest fiddler.
- Vint Stufflebeam.
- The shortest fiddler.
- Mr. Garretson.
- Best playing and acting of Arkansas traveler.
- 1st, H. A. Jones.
- 2nd, H. H. Hawkins.
- The fattest fiddler.
- 1st, Ada Miller.
- 2nd, S. Hulett.
- The leanest fiddler.
- Mrs. Tallman.
- Best player of Home Sweet Home.
- 1st, Press Duckworth.
- 2nd, S. A. Baughman.
- The girl under fourteen playing Swanee River, best.
- 1st, Alpha Tutwiler.
- 2nd, Garnet Taylor.

School Report.

Report of Harbour school, Soap Creek Township, District number 4 for term taught beginning September 4, and ending December 8th.

- Whole number of days taught 60.
- Average daily attendance 25 11-20.
- Total number enrolled 32.
- Average number belonging 27 1/2.
- Those perfect in attendance during term are Thomas Harbour, Lou Harbour.

Those perfect in attendance for last month are Edna Blankinship, Chloe Burris, Lacy Burris, Anna Conner, Merritt Schubert, Corda Rankin, Clarence Blankinship, Lara Harbour, Lizzie Harbour, Lou Harbour, Thomas Harbour, Zoe McConnell, Rollo McConnell and Helen Harbour.

ELVARO BEEDLE.

The Teachers' Meet.

The first meeting of the Davis County Teachers' Association, which was held last Saturday at the court house, was a success from the beginning to the close. There were more than eighty teachers present, most of whom were from Davis county. Owing to the cold weather and the bad condition of the roads the teachers did not get in as early as expected, and as a consequence a part of the round table discussion was dispensed with.

The forenoon session was opened with a song by the teachers, followed by a prayer by Rev. J. W. Stark. T. P. Bence then, in an eloquent and poetic way, delivered his address, in which he referred to the power and influence of the teacher and extended to the visitors a cordial welcome to the city. His retrospective view of the pleasures and difficulties of the teacher's life was appreciated by all.

C. D. Evans read a paper on "The Relation of the Teacher to the Parents of His Pupils" and Prof. W. T. Howe spoke on "The Relation of the Teacher to His Profession." Rev. W. W. Miller then delivered an address on "The Personal Habits of the Teacher," which received high commendation from those who heard it. We must not forget to mention two songs by the little girls from the Bloomfield public school.

The afternoon session opened with an excellent selection on the mandolin and guitar by the Langenstein sisters. The Bloomfield male quartet and the Germany male quartet added much to the interest of the afternoon session. W. H. Taylor spoke on "The Home and School" and B. F. Carroll on "Patriotism in the Public School." Both lectures were very instructive.

Prof. Hill M. Bell's lecture was all that was expected. We are sorry that every teacher in the county could not hear it. The program was closed by Supt. C. W. Huff. He spoke of his pleasant experience with the teachers of Davis county. While in office he issued 740 certificates, making an average of 185 a year. The average school life of a Davis county teacher is 31 years. The average salary of the male teacher is \$30.80 per month, of the female teacher, \$23.47 per month. During his administration there were a hundred marriages in which one or both parties were Davis county teachers. Also, sad to reflect, there were twenty deaths, the last

being George Ward. The superintendent recommended that the teachers attend the Iowa State Teachers' Association to be held in Des Moines Dec. 27, 28 and 29, 1899, and he especially urged the teachers to stand by the Davis County Teachers' Association, which is now well organized and sure to be of great value to the educational interests of the county. Just as the superintendent was making his closing remarks, C. D. Evans walked down the aisle of the court room with a fine rocker (a gift from the teachers) and in a few fitting words presented it to the superintendent. Mr. Huff was very much pleased with it and said he would often think of the teachers as he rocked himself by the fireside.

The place and date of the next regular meeting of the association has not been fixed definitely. The program committee sometime ago received an invitation to hold the next meeting at Pulaski. This invitation will undoubtedly be accepted. Teachers, until we meet again, may success crown your efforts and may fortune's smiles be upon you.

Truly,

C. W. RAMSEYER,
President of Association.

Fine-Bond.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the home of the bride's parents, A. J. Bond and wife, in West Grove township, occurred the marriage of their daughter Mable May to Jacob A. Fine. In the presence of a few friends and near relatives they were made one by the fitting words of Elder J. F. Black, of Ottumwa, Ia. The contracting parties are members of the Church of Christ and are highly respected by all who know them and have the best wishes of their many friends. Those present were John Rogers, of Eldon; Harry Tuttle, of Illinois; Mrs. Mollie Bond, of near Unionville, Mo.; Mrs. Wm. Hoover and daughter, of Mendelton, Mo.; Mrs. Fine; Maud Hutchinson, Bertha Bybee, Mrs. R. C. Dowell, B. Bond and wife and J. C. Bond. All did justice to the excellent dinner that was prepared for the occasion, especially Rogers and J. C. Bond. They were given a reception on Monday at the home of the bridegroom's parents, where they will make their future home.

A GUEST.

List of Letters.

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Mr. S. S. Carson.

Parties calling for the above will please state that they have been advertised.

B. F. CARROLL,
Postmaster.

Masonic.

There will be a called meeting of Franklin Lodge No. 14 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night Dec. 28th, at 7:00 p. m. for the purpose of installation and work in the first degree.

The officers to be installed are T. P. Bence, W. M.; E. T. Mathews, S. W.; S. T. Wallace, J. W.; J. R. Sheaffer, Treasurer; T. A. Dunlap, Secretary; W. M. Hotchkiss, S. D.; H. C. Leach, J. D.; Ed VanDuyn, Tyler; C. M. Burgess, S. S.; T. H. Hardy, J. S. All masons are invited to attend.

T. A. DUNLAP,
Secretary.

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT

Balance at Beginning of January 1999	\$1995.55
Deposits	
Dues	999.00
Copy Machine	347.58
Contributions	165.00
Refund—Census Program	12.50
Refund—Map Book	3.00
Total	\$3522.33
Expenses	
Postage	283.39
Sales Tax	11.25
Misc & Supplies	667.62
Books & Etc	108.00
Equipment	850.68
Total	\$1908.52
Transferred from Checking to Savings	500.00
Balance on Hand December 20, 1999	\$1101.39
Savings Account as of August 20 1999	\$2006.89

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