

**Items of Interest
 Gleaned from
 Our Exchanges**

Allen News: Miss Arthur Allen spent New Years with her grandmother at South Sioux City.

Martinsburg Items in Allen News: Robert Way returned to Martinsburg City after spending the holidays visiting friends and relatives at Elk Valley.

Oakland Independent: The Burlington is harvesting its ice crop at Crystal lake. On account of the many trains there is a night operator on duty here at present.

Pender Times: Dave Beacom, Len Hardin, and Jake Webb went to Sioux City on Wednesday. Mrs. Guy T. Graves and son Guy and Miss Faye Simon were in Sioux City Saturday.

Wynot Tribune: Bert Beatty, of South Sioux City, has been appointed section foreman here, and has assumed the duties. Mr. Beatty expects to move his family here about March 1st.

Bloomfield Monitor: W. D. Funk was a Sioux City and Dakota City visitor on business Monday. He says that the fire went out in the engine, and they had to sit on the track for three hours, and wait for an engine to come from Sioux City after them.

Walthill Citizen: Mrs. W. H. Mason was a Sioux City visitor Monday. Miss Lena Mason went to South Sioux City Friday to visit. She returned Sunday. Mrs. Garrett Mason and daughters, of Homer, were guests at the W. H. Mason home from Friday until Sunday evening.

Wakefield Republican: Miss Lena Wallwey, of the Wayne Normal, spent Sunday with Miss Lyle Busby. Mrs. Moore came from Cole-ridge the last of the week to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Pranger. Mrs. LeValley left this week for Dakota City, where she will make an extended visit at the home of Editor and Mrs. Mell Schmied.

Ponca Advocate: Mrs. E. Rasmussen entertained her mother from Jackson last week. Anna and Emory Austin were at home over Sunday from their school in Dakota county. Miss Mary Moore, of Jackson, was a guest of Miss Marie Dougherty during the holidays. Fred Berry, attorney at Wayne, Neb., well known to many of our people, is reported as undergoing treatment in a Sioux City hospital for a serious disorder.

Emerson Enterprise: F. G. Ross, an old resident of Emerson, now re-

siding at Windham, Mont., visited old friends here last week. J. J. Kellogg, a widely known farmer and stockman of Allen but for many years a resident of Emerson, was killed Sunday morning when a load of straw he and his hired man, Earl Davis, were hauling, upset. The young man was able to save himself by jumping but Mr. Kellogg fell on his head, rendering him unconscious, and he lived but a short time. Mr. Kellogg was about 70 years of age. He leaves to mourn his loss a large family of grown children beside a wife and five small children by his second marriage.

Ponca Journal: Dan L. Welty, son of Tom Welty, a former resident of the state of Washington, has been appointed private secretary to the governor from the office of deputy county treasurer of Whitman county. The promotion comes to him as the result of efficient work. The largest auction sale in this section of the state was that of Herman Nelson, of near Hubbard, held January 8th. Four teams of horses averaged \$436.00, and cows brought around \$100, hogs \$40, and corn sold for \$1.21 per bushel. The sale was auctioned by Col. E. F. Rasmussen of Ponca. The sale totaled over \$10,500.

Sioux City Journal, 10: Miss Hazel Drumwright, of Dakota City, Neb., who was a guest in the J. E. Triggs home, has returned. Mrs. Minnie M. Colby yesterday afternoon began an action in the district court to obtain a divorce, after a married life of thirty-two days, only eighteen of which were spent with her husband, Dr. Frank J. Colby. The Colbys were married at Dakota City on December 11. They lived together until December 29. Mrs. Colby alleges that her husband became addicted to drink and treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner. Dr. Colby is a dentist, with an income of \$300 a month. Mrs. Colby alleges. She asks \$150 a month alimony.

Central City Republican: Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Millard Addition Electric company, with a capitalization of \$2,500, and Lone Tree township, Merrick county, as the place of business. The stockholders include P. H. Willoughby, C. A. Willoughby, George Cowgill, F. H. Way, E. J. Way, Everett Myers and Heber Hord, and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be to purchase and sell electricity, and to acquire, own, lease and operate electric lines, and such other property as shall be necessary to carry on the business of the corporation. The authorized capital stock shall be \$2,500, divided into 25 shares of the par value of \$100 each, and may be increased in the manner provided by law to such an amount as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the purpose of this corporation.

Sioux City Journal, 11: Judge W. G. Sears yesterday afternoon performed the marriage ceremony of

Charles F. Smith and Miss Alice Harris, of Hubbard, Neb., in the judge's chamber on the third floor of the court house. A resolution adopted recently by the Trades and Labor assembly endorsing the fight for lower tolls on the combination bridge was forwarded yesterday to Col. Willard Young, at Kansas City, who is investigating the controversy for the war department. Ward K. Evans, South Sioux City lawyer, who is conducting the action against the bridge company, announced that the resolution would be taken into consideration in the case as showing the sentiment of the people affected. Copies of similar resolutions adopted by the Commercial club and the Real Estate association also have been sent to Col. Young. The bridge company has not yet submitted its evidence. Its attorneys are now working on the case. They refused to discuss the question publicly. After all evidence has been prepared by both sides and examined by Col. Young, he will report his recommendations to Secretary of War Baker.

Sioux City Journal, 13: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leamer have departed for Holton, Kan., to visit their son, Emery Leamer, and family for several weeks. From there they will go to Florida to spend the winter. Belief that Sioux City men broke into the State Bank of Dakota County, at Jackson, Neb., Friday night, was expressed yesterday by officers who investigated the robbery. After forcing the front door of the bank the yegmen fired four charges of nitroglycerine in opening the vault, but for some reason gave up their efforts after blowing one hinge from the safe in which the funds were kept, it was reported by Sheriff George Cain, of Dakota county. No money was taken. Five men were seen loitering around the bank Friday afternoon, and again that evening. Sheriff Cain believes they broke into the bank after 12 o'clock that night. They opened the front door of the building with a jimmy. Three steel doors of the vault were blown open with charges of nitroglycerine. A fourth charge was placed in the safe, but only one hinge was broken and the door remained solid. It is Sheriff Cain's theory that the yegmen used all their "soup" and were forced to give up the robbery. The fact that the bank had been entered was not discovered until 8 o'clock yesterday morning. William H. Land, an I. W. W. from Oklahoma, who is alleged to have been causing trouble among the ice cutters at Crystal lake by pro-German utterances, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff George Cain, of Dakota county, Neb. He will be turned over to United States officers. It is reported that Land declared in public that he "hoped the kaiser would hold for seven years longer." He is charged with many other seditious speeches. It is said he has been stirring up constant trouble by agitating the German cause and vilifying the United States government in talks to the ice cutters. Land made a boast of his membership in the Industrial Workers of the World, it is alleged. A picture of William J. Haywood, a leader of the organization, was fastened to Land's watch chain when he was arrested. The prisoner says he came to Dakota county from Oklahoma, where the I. W. W. order became so strong that vigilance committees were organized in all parts of the state to protect private property. Several pro-German plots also were discovered there by federal investigators.

County Agent's Field Notes
 BY C. R. YOUNG.
 The annual short course held in Dakota City during the past week was one of the best ever conducted both in attendance and interest. Those who attended the men's sections received new impetus in the dairy industry through the valuable illustrated lectures given by Prof. Propps. Many of our farmers having building problems had them solved by Mr. Wood.
 The women's section discussed food and clothing problems. On Thursday evening the ladies gave a reception. Rev. C. R. Lowe acting as toastmaster. This proved to be a very pleasant occasion.
 The following officers and committees were elected: President, G. W. Bates; secretary, Fred Culbertson; executive committee, E. M. Blessing, Marvin Armour, Don Forbes, Roy Armour, T. J. Hartnett. Women's committee, Mrs. Ab. Mason, Mrs. E. M. Blessing, Mrs. Marvin Armour, Mrs. Geo. Leamer, Mrs. T. J. Graham.
 Prof. A. G. Peters, of the State Extension service will be in our county next week giving lectures on egg production, feed, care and selection of fowls, poultry houses, etc. So far as possible, demonstrations on the selection of egg laying types will be conducted on some farm in each locality. Meetings will be held at the various places: Brushy Bend school house, 8 p. m. January 22;

Dakota City, high school, 1:15 p. m., January 23; Hubbard, high school, 8 p. m., January 23. Emerson, city fire hall, 1:30 p. m., January 24. Homer, school building, 1:15 p. m., January 25. These lectures will be of interest to all men and women whether engaged in the occupation or not and should also be attended by all men and women whether engaged in the occupation or not and should be attended by all of the older school children. Prof. Peters speaks largely from his own practical experience which was large enough to place, for several years, in the service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

RED CROSS NOTES
 Dakota County Chapter

The final report on the 1918 A. R. C. membership drive for Dakota county is as follows: Dakota City, 290; Homer, 802; Jackson, 458; Summit, 458; Hubbard, 338; South Sioux City, 257; Pigeon, 215; Emerson, 186. The total membership for the county is 3246. This is a splendid showing. Now let us continue in the right direction by doing some Red Cross work every week.

The following 1918 members of the county chapter have not been previously reported: Helen Smith, Earl Sides, Mrs. Earl Sides, Harry Francis Sides, Mrs. Carl Rasmussen, Emil Bartels, Mrs. Jas. Rook, Mr. Rook, Edward Cooley, Wm. Bartels, Mrs. Wm. Bartels, Lawrence Bartels, Floyd Bartels, Arnold Bartels, Bernice Bartels, George Bougous, Earl Bougous, Lucile Bougous, Jacob Nieswanger, Mrs. J. C. McCormick, Roy Wilton, Harry Brown, Mrs. Snyder, Oscar Snyder Jr., Baby Snyder.

Mrs. Mabel Ream-Crego, chairman of the lunch committee for the short course last week, reports \$100 turned into the general fund from the sale of lunches.

Jackson branch sent in the following knitted articles last week: 3 sweaters, 10 pairs of socks, 1 muffler, 2 helmets, 4 pairs of wristlets.

South Sioux City branch sent in the following supplies last week in addition to the shipment of knitted goods: Hospital garments—13 hospital bed shirts, 10 suits pajamas, 1 shoulder wrap, 12 pairs bed socks, 48 handkerchiefs, 31 table napkins, 12 knitted sponges. Surgical dressings—35 abdominal bandages, 5 scultetus, 35 bandages.

In the hospital garment section of the Dakota City chapter 809 articles have been made and shipped to date, as follows: 78 operating sheets, 36 draw sheets, 34 bed sheets, 84 pillow cases, 96 dish towels, 12 hand towels, 36 tray cloths, 30 napkins, 204 handkerchiefs, 33 hospital bed shirts, 19 operating caps, 38 shoulder wraps, 22 suits pajamas.

The surgical dressing section of the chapter here is well started now. The first shipment of 506 dressings was made last week as follows: 20 abdominal bandages, 15 scultetus, 15 "T" bandages, 30 triangular bandages, 56 split straps, 300 gauze sponges, 75 small compresses.

Anyone who wishes to work on the surgical dressings will please bring a large white apron and white head covering, to the work room.

Looking Backward.

Sioux City Journal, Jan. 12, 1898: Joseph Nugent and Miss Maggie Leahy were united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic church yesterday. Very Rev. R. Tracy performed the ceremony. The groom is a Sioux city man and the bride has been living near Hubbard, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent will reside in Sioux City.

Sioux City Journal, Jan. 11, 1898: Frank Buckwalter and Dr. Daniel Stidworthy were in the city yesterday from Homer. Mr. Stidworthy said a big wolf hunt will be held in the vicinity of Homer today. About thirty fox and greyhounds will be used. The last hunt, which was held about a week ago, resulted in the capture of three wolves.

Sioux City Journal, Jan. 13, 1898: Albert B. Ramsey and Jennie M. Bodenbender, of Dakota City, Neb., were married at the Whitfield Methodist Episcopal church parsonage yesterday, Bev. H. G. Pitenger officiating.

Sioux City Journal, Jan. 13, 1878: The temperance movement has reached even Jackson, Neb. Father Lawless is working with good success among the men of his congregation there.

Soldier's Letter

From Charles Jensen.
 Camp Merrett, N. C., Jan. 3, 1918.
 Dear Folks:
 Well, I am back with the boys again and it sure seems good. I feel fine. Our outfit sure got some good, heavy clothes, and say, I just got here on time. We loaded on the cars all but just what we carry, and we break camp tomorrow and go "somewhere." If you don't hear from me for a long time don't get worried, because you can guess where I'll be. We are all anxious to get to France. Drop me a line as soon as you get this to Camp Merrett.
 Chas.

DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

WILFRED E. VOSS, SUPT.

Dakota City, Nebr., January 12, 1918

TEACHERS OF DAKOTA COUNTY:
 The questions for the second quarter, based on the Course of Study, are being mailed to you herewith. If I am not sending you a sufficient number of sets, just call for more. I am trying to send you what I think you need according to my information.

I have stamped the examination date of January 17 and 18 on each set of questions. The examination should be given on this date for obvious reasons. The chief reason being that the integrity of the questions must be preserved for the neighboring schools too.

The sets of questions for the several grades should be used as suggested by the notes which accompany them. However, there is one provision that should be made that is not indicated in the notes. A limited substitution of questions of similar value should be permitted in some subjects when conditions and circumstances unavoidable have made it such that the work could not be kept up with the Course of Study. I therefore ask that the teacher substitute not more than two questions of similar value when the circumstances really require it.

The result of this examination will be reported on the fifth monthly report. No other grades modified by class work or other considerations need be reported when quarterly grades are reported.

In my letter of November 20th, the grading or evaluating examination papers was given some space. Along the same line I have just read an article in this January's number of the Associate Teacher of South Dakota. It expresses some ideas very similar to those I hold relative to grading papers. I shall take the liberty to quote here the part of the article that relates an incident that is typical of several experiences that I have had during my years in office. It reads as follows:

Last spring a woman entered the office of a county superintendent of South Dakota and inquired why her son did not pass out of the eighth grade.

"I presume it must have been because he could not pass the examination," the superintendent replied.

"Well, what do you say to this?" And the irate mother flashed before the superintendent a monthly report card showing not a grade below 90 and an average of over 95.

What could the superintendent say, indeed? Fortunately the eighth grade questions and answers were immediately available and the superintendent invited the woman to inspect them. Here were the questions in arithmetic. Yes, they were certainly fair. And here were her son's answers with the mistakes and blunders throughout. So it proved in grammar and everything else.

When the mother left she said "That boy certainly did not deserve to pass." But what did she think of that teacher who had sky-rated the lad? She had one of but two alternatives, either the teacher was dishonest and lied in her report or she did not know how to evaluate educational achievements. The former we may dismiss.

Rather aside from the case cited above, there is no question but what we can all become a little more efficient in evaluating educational achievements. Such increase of efficiency would, no doubt, lead to further advantage to all concerned. But those among us who still award high marks to poor pupils as that South Dakota teacher did, certainly have urgent need to give more time and attention to gathering information as to how school work should be graded and to exercising more judgment in doing such work.

We all know that any system of evaluating educational achievements gives us a result that is but relative and approximate at best. This does not warrant, however, a glaring misuse of the system used. On the other hand, also, selfish motives of any kind should not warrant a teacher to award unearned grades. The time is coming rapidly when achievements back of grades must more nearly approach the face value of the grades, and that the semi-counterfeit grades and the persons who issue them will have a similar standing. That parent in South Dakota and many others who have been similarly convinced are not going to continue to be fooled by bogus grades sent them by teachers.

I am glad to say, however, that a large majority of the parents in this county need to have but little fear of receiving grades from their teachers that are not about right. Especial observations made this fall shows this to be true.

Sincerely,
 WILFRED E. VOSS, Co. Supt.

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 Grocery**

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