

## RURAL WRITINGS

Items from the country are solicited for this department. Mail or send them in as early in the week as possible; items received later than Wednesday can not be used at all and it is preferred that they be in not later than Tuesday. Always send your name with items, that we may know who they are from. Name of sender not for publication. See that your writing is legible, especially names and places, leaving plenty of space between the lines for correction. Be careful that what you tell about actually occurred.

### Ray Items.

Corn planting is in full blast. Mr. Haynes called on Rollie Twyford Friday afternoon. Frank Stewart and wife were Sunday visitors at Wilcox's. Pete Duffy called to see R. Twyford on business Friday. Lawrence Murry called at J. E. Harding's Sunday. Peter Duffy made a flying trip to the county seat Tuesday. News is scarce this week as the farmers are hard at work. Jim Harding and son, Bert, went to O'Neill on Friday, returning home Sunday.

### Phoenix Pick-Ups

Mrs. Nilson called at James Garin's Friday morning. Maggie Garin called at Mrs. F. Coburn's Thursday afternoon. Lenora Marshall spent Thursday with Jessie Coburn. Mrs. F. Damero is spending the week with Atkinson friends. Mr. Lamphier and daughter, Lenora, were Turner visitors Monday. George Lamphier had business in Atkinson the first of the week. Mrs. Nilson was a visitor at the Lockwood home one day last week. The dance at the hall Friday night was enjoyed very much by all who were present. Morton Greeley and Lucy West were pleasant visitors at Mrs. F. Coburn's Wednesday evening. Mabel Keeler has been assisting at Hugh O'Neill's at Anncar during their recent seige of sickness. Mrs. Coburn, Ralph and Jessie, and Henry Stansberry spent Sunday at Charles Keelers and report a pleasant time.

John and Edith Damero and Geo. Syfe attended preaching services in the Storjohn school house Sunday evening.

Morton Greeley came down from Carlock the first of the week. He expects to leave for Seattle, Wash., in a few days.

The Phoenix Orchestra will give their annual ball at the Syfe hall Friday evening, June 7, 1907. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### Paddock Pointers.

Mr. Lowery went to Spencer one day this week. Bill Wilson of Redbird, bought some hay from Geo. Rook, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, accompanied by Mrs. and Mrs. Prouty, spent Sunday at Mr. Fay's. Mr. Stramer came home Saturday from Mrs. Brimmer's, where he has been the past month. Elfe Thomas has been suffering some time with a sore throat but is a little better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were at Mr. Lowery's Tuesday, to see Mit who is slowly improving from his injury. Mr. Wikles, of the Fremont Nursery company, was through this neighborhood this week, staying at Mr. Davenport's for dinner. Mr. Davenport has recently purchased a monument for his son, Ray, who died four years ago. It is to be placed in the Cedar Lawn cemetery. A basket social will be held at the Bradstreet school-house, May 31st. Home talent and a talking machine will be the intertainment of the evening. Miss Ella Lansworth, teacher in the Haynes district, closed her school last Monday to attend her sisters wedding. The latter had been teaching in Boyd county. Monday and Tuesday were very cold, freezing ice an inch thick, each night, the apple trees and small fruit

were all in bloom. It can not be determined what damage it has done.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen of Blackbird visited Friday at Mr. Crawford's. Mrs. Hansen has just returned from a visit in Gregory county. They are thinking some of locating in Bristow.

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Ed Gallagher is up in South Dakota putting up a house on his homestead. Mrs. W. D. Townsend and children of O'Neill are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. Carrie Townsend was elected delegate to district convention of Degree of Honor, to be held at Creighton the fifth and sixth of June.

Dr. Caldwell of Omaha will address the people of Page on Decoration Day, also Judge Malone of O'Neill. It is the request of the old soldiers that the children take part in the exercises.—The Reporter.

### STUART

Dr. Lord, an eminent surgeon of Omaha, was called to Stuart Tuesday to consult with Dr. Colburn in regard to the advisability of a surgical operation in the case of Mrs. Ed. Fowler, who has been very sick lately. A change for the better during the day rendered an operation unnecessary and Dr. Lord returned to Omaha on the early passenger Wednesday morning.

The Mistletoe Rebekah Lodge of Stuart received six new members into the Order, Friday, May 10th. The Degree Staff of the Atkinson lodge put on the floor work in a most impressive manner. The members of the Dustin Lodge were also present, and added much to the success of the meeting. Supper was served in the banquet hall at six o'clock, also a banquet at midnight. The lodge has five more applicants for the next meeting, May 28th Anna B. Crawford, a past president and secretary was present and gave some very useful instructions to the lodge. Mrs. Minnie Shaal is the present Noble Grand and Mrs. W. B. James secretary. The Atkinson and Dustin visitors are gratefully thanked for their presence and assistance and are most cordially invited to come again.—The Advocate.

### EWING

Mrs. F. C. Huston and Mrs. E. J. Snyder, accompanied by their children and Lloyd Swain, left on the early train Tuesday for Williston, N. D., where they expect to make their future home.

J. A. Trommershauser was called to Palmyra, Neb., yesterday, having received word that his sister, Mrs. Thomas Bartley, was not expected to live since undergoing an operation for gall stones.

The teachers engaged for another term by the school board at their meeting Monday night were: Miss Matthews, Miss Wunner and Mrs. Powers of Neligh, a daughter of Rev. O. Eggleston of this place.

Dean Baker, while riding to town last Saturday on a horse had the misfortune to break his right collar bone. The horse shied and while trying to avoid being thrown into a wire fence he was lifted over the top and landed on his shoulder, causing the break. Dean left for his home in Iowa Sunday morning.

There are some people here in Ewing who make themselves believe that they never saw such cold weather here at this season of the year, but they are mistaken, as the records will show the following: On May 23, 1897, ice formed, early potatoes froze down, and the leaves on many varieties of forest trees were forze. During the month of May 1901, ice formed on the 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 25 and 26. On April 29, 1903, we had a drifting snow storm, very cold, froze ice 1 1/2 inches thick, killed all fruit blossoms and froze the leaves on the trees.—The Advocate.

### ATKINSON

Morgan Hayes died Monday, May 13th, at the home of his son, J. F. Hayes. The deceased was: born in Limerick, Ireland, July 14, 1820, and would soon have been 87 years of age. He was one of the oldest and most respected Holt county settlers, a man known for industry, good habits and good health. His strength grew fee-

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ble a few days before he died, but his family did not look for the last summons. He remarked Monday that he was tired and would like to lie down. He quietly went to sleep, without pain, and as peaceful as a child. He leaves a wife and six children, three boys and three girls: John F. Hayes, Atkinson; Patrick and Wm. Hayes, living southeast of town; Mary Sullivan, Knoxville, Iowa; Hannah Meals, Alaska, and Mrs. Watkins, California. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of the Catholic church. The funeral was held in the St. Joseph church Tuesday at 10 o'clock and was attended by a large congregation and the members of the G. A. R. Post of Atkinson. His aged wife was unable to attend the services. The out of town friends attending the funeral: Wm. Cronin, Mrs. Cronin, R. E. Morrison, Neil Brennan and Mary Grady, O'Neill; also Henry Grady and wife and Mrs. McGraw.—The Ledger.

Last Tuesday afternoon complaint was made to Constable Hitchcock that one of the Dago outfit, a member of the gang working for the railroad, was up in the grove north of town shooting robins, meadow larks and squirrels. Upon his arrival at the same he found the Dago on the run with farmer A. G. West in full pursuit—it was a pretty race, but Mr. West's former reputation as a foot racer with the assistance of the officer finally landed the culprit who in the run had skillfully made away with any of the game he may have secured, thus destroying the evidence against him. After listening to an oration delivered in Mr. West's forcible style, the Dago swore by his macaroni and dog soup that he would shoot no more if they would let him go. Under the circumstances this was all that could be done and the rest of the outfit are probably warned that it is not safe to be found with a gun in that section of the country.—The Graphic.

### Relief From Rheumatic Pains.

"I suffered with rheumatism for over two years," says Mr. Roland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it my wife went to the drug store and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I was rubbed with it and found the pain had nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over three months. For sale by Gilligan & Stout.

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## SCHURMAN OF CORNELL.

Learned University President and Letter He Could Not Read.

President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university was a warm friend of the late Governor Frank W. Higgins of New York and was invited to deliver the principal oration on the character of the departed magistrate at the memorial services recently held in the state capitol at Albany. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to compare the problems of today in our own nation with those which concerned the Roman republic in the times of Tiberius Gracchus and warned statesmen of the present era in the American republic against overstepping constitutional limitations as Gracchus did, however righteous the cause in which they may be engaged. President Schurman's language was interpreted by some as referring to President Roosevelt, and as he and the



DR. JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN.

chief magistrate of the nation have always been on excellent terms the theory was advanced that the remarks were intended as a friendly hint.

Dr. Schurman has been at the head of Cornell since 1892.

He once received a letter written in no language with which he was familiar.

"Send it to Professor Schmit for translation," he said to his secretary. "I believe it is Persian."

Schmit worked over it for hours before he located the characters. They were Arabic beyond a doubt, but he was not quite sure whether of the thirteenth century B. C. or the third A. D. "I will send it to Oxford for investigation," he reported.

The office stenographer, a woman, was curious. "Let me see the funny thing," she begged. It was handed to her, and a moment later she began to laugh. "It's in shorthand," she cried, "Perkins' system!" She translated the last line thus:

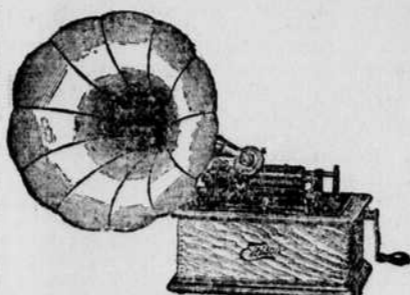
"Excuse my writing to you in this abbreviated manner, but I've got to catch a train." President Schurman hopes that he caught the train, but Professor Schmit will never forgive the hasty correspondent.

### When a Trout is Hungry.

A curious incident, showing that trout will not be easily frightened from a hook when they are hungry, is told by a Maine sportsman. He felt a good bite, but before he could haul in the fish it broke loose and got away. He rejusted his bait and made another cast. In a minute the hook was again taken, and he pulled in a two pound trout. It was hooked in the side of the mouth, while upon the other side a piece more than an inch long had been torn from the jaw, and the wound was still bleeding. This showed conclusively it was the same fish that had just taken the hook and had got away. The singular part was that a fish so badly wounded should bite a second time.

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THE national arbitration and peace congress in New York and the dedication of the Carnegie institute in Pittsburg occasioned the visit to the United States at this time of a large number of distinguished foreigners. Many of them undertook the journey to this country on the invitation of Andrew Carnegie, who was very generous in making provision for his guests, paying all their expenses across the ocean and their railway and hotel bills while in Pittsburg and during the sessions of the peace congress.

Among the best known of these guests is Sir Robert S. Ball, LL. D., F. R. S., who is Lowndean professor of astronomy and geometry at Cambridge and famous as lecturer and author. He has written many works on scientific subjects and has done much to popularize the study of astronomy. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1840 and is a son of Robert Ball, who was in his time well known as a naturalist. Sir Robert is a graduate of Trinity college, Dublin. He has been director of the Cambridge observatory since 1892 and was knighted for his services to science in 1886. He has figured out that radium has proved the earth to be about 800,000,000 years old. As for communicating with Mars, the astronomer is not very hopeful of accomplishing anything with present facilities. If we had a flag as big as the whole of Ireland to wave, he says, it would only appear to the Martians as a little speck. Sir Robert Cranston, another representative of Great Britain at the congress, was formerly lord provost of Edinburgh. He is sixty-three years of age and a



SIR ROBERT CRANSTON.

native of Edinburgh and married a daughter of James S. Gilbert of the same city. He was created a knight in 1903, is fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland and of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts. He is an unpretentious looking man in ordinary street clothes, but attired as colonel commandant of the Queen's Rifle Volunteer brigade (the Royal Scots), makes a striking figure.

Sir William Henry Preece, K. C. B., is another "F. R. S.," and his reputation, too, has been won along scientific lines. He was one of the pioneers in the investigation of wireless telegraphy. He was conducting experiments in telegraphing without wires or cables from ten to a dozen years ago. He was consulting engineer to the general postoffice at the time and some years before



SIR W. H. PREECE.

Marconi or De Forest had been heard of was told that an operator in the exchange room of a telephone company in London had succeeded in reading some telegraph messages that were being sent to Bradford from the general postoffice through a wire buried under Gray's Inn road. The telephone wire ran along the house tops eighty feet away from the telegraph wire, and there was no connection between the two. Sir William began thinking about the matter, and his investigations led to the ascertainment of facts similar to those learned by Marconi and other experimenters with Hertzian waves. Sir Henry was born in Wales in 1834, educated at Kings college, London, and has been president of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Paul Doumer, a representative of France at the congress, is one of the most famous Frenchmen of the day and was a candidate for the presidency when M. Fallieres was chosen to that office. He is president of the French chamber of deputies and has been compared with Roosevelt as a statesman. He is a self made man, having risen from the ranks of labor, and is very simple in M. PAUL DOUMER. his tastes, drinks nothing stronger than water and is a model husband and devoted father. He was first an engraver, next a teacher, then journalist and in 1888 entered the chamber of deputies flying the republican flag. He has held several cabinet positions and won perhaps his greatest fame as governor of Indo-China. He is moderate in his views, with a leaning toward the broader aspects of socialism. As governor of Indo-China he enjoyed a salary of \$30,000 a year, with \$20,000 a year allowances. He owed 60,000 francs when he left Paris, but after five years in the orient dependency saved enough to pay up all his debts. He then returned to France to engage once more in battling in parliament for the success of the policies in which he believes.

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