

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

House cleaning time is here. This is the season to hunt jack snipe.

April 22 is Arbor day. Plant a tree.

M. M. Straub was in Omaha Saturday.

T. H. Straub went to Omaha via bar Tuesday.

Mr. St. John was here from Dunmar Tuesday.

Geo. Cotton was here from Auburn Friday.

Emil Amenda was over from Syracuse Monday.

Henry Vette was able to come to town Saturday.

Mrs. Louise Shelton moved into Avoca last week.

Mrs. Henry Franzen was at Weeping Water Friday.

John Busch, the busy lumberman, was at Omaha Tuesday.

Dr. J. W. Brendel and wife gave a family dinner Sunday.

J. R. Peckham was on the sick list the first of the week.

Big doings in the post card business at Copes' drug store.

A telephone was installed in the Oxford Hotel last week.

Lloyd Harmon spent a couple of days in Omaha last week.

Wm. Langhorst was down from Murdock one day last week.

Fred Hillman and wife, of Berlin, were Avoca visitors Sunday.

Miss Opal Lewton was down from Weeping Water Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fred McGrady returned Monday evening from a visit at Cheney.

Mesdames G. D. Maseman and Gus Mohr were Syracuse visitors Saturday.

Frank Tuck and Geo. Olive were here from Weeping Water Saturday.

Joseph Beninger and wife of near Berlin, visited relatives east of town Friday.

Chas. Benedict has returned from Coon, Ia., where he has been for some time.

Mrs. W. A. Rose returned Friday evening from a visit to Iowa relatives.

Oscar Zimmerer who has been sick the past week is reported as much better.

Joseph Malcolm, formerly a resident of Avoca, has purchased a mill near Talmage.

Samuel and Asa Johnson were transacting business at the state metropolis Saturday.

John Benecke and family are now residents of Avoca, having moved in from the farm Monday.

Time to get out your last year's fishing tackle, as the season is now open for the finny tribe.

H. A. Straub, one of our jolly farmers, was attending to business matters at Omaha Tuesday.

Harry Marquardt has returned from Lincoln, having finished his course at a business college.

J. L. Nutzman and wife living south of town are the parents of a baby boy born last Saturday.

C. C. Shreffey and wife who have been spending the winter in California, returned home Saturday evening.

Walter Rockwell visited his parents at Weeping water Friday.

Wm. Morley made a trip to Omaha Friday.

Ed. Parker living east of town suffered a stroke of paralysis one day last week. At last report he was some better.

Geo. Shackley has purchased the L. J. Marquardt is moving into the residence property of Miss Rosa Peters in West Avoca.

Mrs. F. W. Rughe and daughter Louise returned to Lincoln Monday, where Mrs. Rughe is taking treatment at the sanitarium.

A. Zimmerer was at Omaha Saturday and Sunday to see his son Adolph who is in the hospital.

John Peckham property recently occupied by Mrs. Shelton.

Wall paper at Copes. Sunday was a good day to hover around the fire.

F. W. Ruhge was at Lincoln the first of the week.

Herman G. Wellenseik was at Auburn over Sunday.

Miss Neva Zook spent Sunday with Auburn relatives.

Henry Franzen was numbered among the sick this week.

Louis Ruhge and wife were at Murdock several days this week.

Dad Waldrip left the first of the week for Sciota to visit a brother.

Fred McGrady spent Sunday under the parental roof at Weeping Water.

Miss Maud Kirby of Horton, Kas., is visiting at the home of Dad Carter.

E. Nutzman and Orlando Tefft were Omaha business visitors Saturday.

Henry Hill of Milford, is the new harness maker at Dunkak & Maseman's.

Several of our young people attended a dance at Weeping Water Friday evening.

John Benecke had the interior of his residence decorated with wall paper this week.

Mr. Cherry, the piano man, of Weeping Water, was a business visitor here this week.

Dr. Foote of Omaha was here Saturday evening to see Ellis Lewton who has been sick for several months.

W. I. Smoots, who is erecting a new school house at Cook spent Sunday with his family in Avoca.

Several of Weeping Water's distinguished citizens were here this week and filled up on laughing water.

While at Omaha last Saturday Orlando Tefft, Samuel Johnson and E. Nutzman each purchased an automobile.

The many friends of C. D. Quinton were pleased to learn of the arrival of a baby daughter at the sheriff's home.

The Dunbar Dramatic Club will present the play entitled "The Wives of Woodmen" at the town hall Saturday evening. Everyone should plan to be present.

L. J. Marquardt has purchased the vacant lots just west of the Congregational church of F. W. Ruhge. Consideration \$450. Louis will soon commence the erection of a fine residence thereon.

On account of the sickness of her sister, Agnes Durham has been called to Bertrand to help with the work there. We regret to lose Agnes. She has been one of our most energetic pupils and her work has been highly satisfactory. We hope that she will be able to return and complete her school work.

The botany class have received their new herbariums and are now ready to collect and classify fifty specimens each.

The writer was given the privilege of teaching the sixth grade arithmetic class one day this week. The class is composed of bright, hard-working pupils, who have been very regular in their attendance. The splendid work they have been doing could easily be classed a grade higher. The regular attendance counts much in doing good work in school.


The second test of the eighth grade examination will be held at the Avoca school, May 13th and 14th.

Fredde Benneke is the new pupil of the fourth grade.

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To Be Wedded.

Our old friend Fred Buckmann, from Avoca, accompanied by William Steinhoff, of near that village, were in the city a few hours this morning and gave the Journal a pleasant call. They were here on very important business, that of securing a marriage license for the uniting of Mr. Buckmann's daughter, Lena, to Mr. Steinhoff. The wedding will occur at the home of Mr. Buckmann on Wednesday afternoon, April 28, 1909, at 2 o'clock and will be attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. A big time is expected, and having received an invitation, we will be there with our full capacity for storing away the many good things to eat and drink, and make merry with our friends.

This is Arbor Day.

Today was arbor day and in consequence, there was very little going on about the city. There was no fixed program for observing the day and the public schools departed from their usual custom and continued their work just as if nothing had taken place and there was no anniversary to be observed. In some of the rooms there were informal talks and discussions of the day and the benefits which it was supposed to confer on the prairie states, but there was no elaborate program for its observance.

At the court house several of the offices were open but there was no public business transacted. Several of the offices were also very quiet and little attention was given to what little business there was going on.

The banks uniformly observed the day by closing down and the post-office was also closed except between the usual holiday hours.

The Burlington shops were worked as usual, the men not caring to lay off and the company being in favor of working.

Herman Kleitsch, the Weeping Water miller, spent the morning in the city taking orders for his fine grades of flour and meeting with much success. He was a passenger for Omaha on the mail train and will return to the city for tonight, expecting to return home tomorrow morning.

Henry Meisinger and wife of Cedar Creek, spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Meisinger.

J. H. Adams and wife were Plattsmouth, visitors Saturday morning.

Mrs. Frank Trospen of Elmwood, visited over Sunday with friends in Mynard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swearingen and Dean Greenslate of South Omaha were in attendance at the Murray funeral.

Miss Vesta Eaton of Plattsmouth spent Saturday and Sunday with F. A. Malver.

Rev. C. F. Gillespie and wife and son Rollie are visiting this week in Murdock.

Thos. South and family of Plattsmouth spent Sunday at D. G. Lair's.

Miss Mary Barker of Plattsmouth who visited Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Wetenkamp returned to her home Monday evening.

Herman Thomas the agent at Fort Crook spent Sunday in Mynard.

C. D. Cletfelter of Elmwood was a Mynard visitor Monday.

C. F. Vallery is hauling his lumber from Mynard for the erection of his new residence to take the place of the one burned last winter.

Mrs. D. G. Lair's brother Ray McCoy and family of Perry, Okla., are visiting with her this week.

John Snead of Sioux City Iowa visited Tuesday with J. H. Adams.

Thayer Propst and wife visited Monday in Plattsmouth.

A Pleasant Birthday Surprise.

Last Thursday the children and grand children gathered at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meisinger to celebrate the sixty-fifth birthday anniversary of Mr. Meisinger, it being a complete surprise to him and he certainly was more than surprised. The day was most pleasantly spent by all and at the usual hour all departed for their homes wishing Grandpa Meisinger many more birthdays. His children presented him an elegant gold watch.

Lyceum Stars Pass Through.

Mrs. F. G. Caldwell was a visitor for a brief time this morning in the city with her parents Frank Kauble and wife, coming up from Murray on the M. P. Mrs. Caldwell was accompanied by Misses Shoemaker and Hall, members of the "Lyceum Stars," a well known and popular concert company which played at Murray last evening. They departed this morning on No. 19 for Minden, Ia., where they will play tonight. From all accounts their concert at Murray was an attraction will worth hearing and they have made themselves popular favorites with the people of our neighbor town.

Editor Heard From.

J. E. Brinkworth, whose mysterious disappearance from the town of Eagle, was chronicled in these columns several days since, has been heard from. According to Brinkworth who has shown up at Beatrice, there was no mystery at all in his sudden leaving. He simply concluded to go to Kansas and make a visit with some relatives and did not see wherein the wide, wide world should have any possible interest in his whereabouts. Plainly, Brink did not realize that he was, in a sense, a national celebrity and that his sudden removal could not fail to excite widespread interest and unrest. After putting in several days in the windswept state of Kansas, Brink went on to Beatrice where his parents reside to visit them. According to dispatches this morning he intends to return to Eagle and engage once more in the task of making the Beacon the best paper published in western Cass County. As Mrs. Brinkworth has announced she cared no whether he ever come back and that the Beacon would appear under her able management in the future, it is problematical whether she will care to let J. E. come butting back into the game and take her honors away.

Gets Two Good Contracts.

H. E. Wilson and son Rex departed this noon on the mail train for Benkleman, Neb., where they have received the contract for decorating and painting the Citizen's State Bank, a new structure just completed. This is the result of their work at Benkleman, sometime ago when they finished the painting and decorating of a fine residence. Their work at that time was so highly satisfactory to those who saw it that this contract was immediately awarded them. They have also been awarded the contract for painting and decorating the Pacific Junction schools. This contract was let yesterday, they being notified of being the successful bidders. This firm bids fair to be kept on the go from now until winter.

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Give Friend Party.

A delightful birthday party was given Mrs. John Busche by a large number of her friends yesterday afternoon. The occasion was her thirty-eighth anniversary and the friends who assembled at her pleasant home celebrated it in a manner which will long be remembered. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent with music, both vocal and instrumental, and cards, there being several games of the latter played. Following these a three course luncheon was served, it being one both dainty and delicious and one to which the assembled guests could not fail to do full justice. As a memento of the auspicious occasion there were many handsome and costly presents left with Mrs. Busche who could not feel other than highly pleased at the kind remembrance of her many friends.

Those who were in attendance were Mesdames John Lutz, John P. Sattler and daughter, Matt Joy, Will Smith, Arthur Anderson, Harry Kuhney, J. W. Bookmeyer, Grant Owens, Val Burkel, Pat Eagan, Jos Wales, Henry Steinhauer, Ward Clark, Aug. Roessler, and Peter F. Goos.

Located at Ashland.

D. K. Barr who is now located at Ashland, practicing his profession of the law, was in the city today, attending to business matters and filing a petition for the administration of the estate of John L. Axmaker, in county court. Mr. Barr who has recently returned from Oklahoma has found the practice of his profession at Ashland to be a profitable one and he has built up a good practice. He is one of the best known men in the county and one who is a close student of his profession. He paid the Journal a very pleasant call this afternoon and he is cordially invited to come in any time he is in the city.

Bring in Insane Man.

Sheriff Quinton last evening went to Union and brought up Joe. Vanhorn, a well known and highly respected citizen of that vicinity. Mr. Vanhorn it will be recalled, suffered years ago in a runaway, he being badly crippled about the head and body, having many ribs broken and being crippled for life. The unfortunate man has since that time suffered from recurring attacks of insanity brought on by the nature of his injuries and yesterday he became very violent again, so much so that it was thought best to take him to the asylum at Lincoln for temporary treatment. He imagines that he is driving the team and that they are running away from him. In such frenzies he makes terrible efforts to stop them and his mania becomes acute and violent. It is believed that he will be materially benefitted by a course at the sanitarium and this morning he was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Quinton. His son, John, accompanied him to this city and to Lincoln.

Mrs. Howard Leonard Dies.

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. A. J. Beeson of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Howard Leonard, of Edison, Neb. The death was the outcome of an operation which was performed upon the lady last Sunday. No further particulars were contained in the message announcing her death. Mrs. Leonard will be quite well remembered by many of the people here, she and her husband having lived in this city for several years and moving to a farm near Edison a few years ago. For the stricken family and other relatives, the deepest sympathy is expressed by all. Mrs. Beeson will be unable to attend the funeral owing to illness of her family.

Girl wanted at the Hotel Riley at once.

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