

The Avoca Department

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

Harve Marsardt went to Omaha Wednesday.
 J. R. Peckham was a visitor at Omaha Monday.
 Wm. Morley was an Omaha visitor Friday.
 A. B. Lewton was a Syracuse visitor Tuesday.
 John and Dick Neumeister were at Omaha Tuesday.
 H. G. Wellensik was a Lorton visitor Tuesday.
 Addison Johnson spent Sunday with Union relatives.
 Our implement dealers have been busy the past week.
 Fred Hillman and Dr. Schall were here from Berlin Tuesday.
 Geo. Cotton was here from Auburn several days this week.
 Dr. B. F. Brendel was over from Murray the first of the week.
 J. H. Schmidt, of Bridgeport, was in town several days this week.
 Mr. Shackley, sr., left the first of the week for his home at Denver.
 Dr. Tuck was down from Weeping Water Wednesday on business.
 Louis Carsten is at Lincoln taking the baths at a sanitarium.
 J. H. Busch was a business visitor at Omaha the first of the week.
 J. M. Dunbar and family spent Sunday with Nehawka relatives.
 Carl Schroeder has been very much under the weather this week.
 C. E. Tefft and family were down from Weeping Water Tuesday evening.
 Dr. J. W. Brendel was attending to business matters at Omaha Tuesday.

Edward Shultz gave a birthday dance last Saturday evening at the home of his brother-in-law, Chris Nutzman. A large company was present and report a fine time.
 Mrs. Wolf and Miss Eva Munn were at Omaha Tuesday to take little Gladys to an oculist. He pronounced the right eye sightless. She was kicked by a horse several weeks ago.
 Rev. Cokjer left Monday for Crete to attend the commencement exercises at Doane college. His little daughters are visiting Mrs. Oliver Harmon during his absence.
 A few of the friends of Joseph Zimmerer and wife gave them a pleasant surprise on their seventh wedding anniversary, which was Friday, June 25. They were presented with a silver gravy ladle as a little remembrance. Ice cream and cake was served before the uninvited guests departed.
 Miss Philippine Opp of Nehawka, visited relatives at Avoca from Saturday until Monday.
 Mrs. Gus Mohr and Mrs. Henry Franzen drove to Weeping Water Tuesday afternoon.
 Mesdames B. C. Marquardt and P. W. Ruhge were at Omaha Tuesday.
 Union services are to be held at the Christian Church Sunday morning, July 4, at eleven o'clock. Rev. Osterhout of University Place will deliver the sermon. Special music by the choir of the two churches.
 John Op has a position as traveling salesman for a new account system.
 The little son of Thos. Christian died Tuesday, June 29, aged six months. The little one has had a struggle for life since its birth, and at last the feeble breath was stilled. Paul was one of a pair of twins and the girl survives. The funeral services were held at the Christian church at 1 p. m., Rev. W. Coatman conducting the services.

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(Special Correspondence.)

A. I. Bird and family took dinner with Walter Hardknock and family at their home south of town Sunday.
 Peter Bates of Plattsmouth visited his niece Mrs. W. Hardknock Sunday.
 Claudia Compton went to Lincoln Monday.
 Mrs. Fred Prouty and Miss Pearl Clites drove to Greenwood Tuesday morning to take the Burlington train to Omaha to meet Paul Prouty who came home on a brief visit. He is in the U. S. navy at San Francisco, Cal.
 Miss Pearl Keefe went to David City, Neb., to spend a week at the home of her uncle Charles Kiles and family.
 Joe Clites returned from Lincoln Saturday where he has been taking treatment for rheumatism.
 Andrew Parsell and daughter Aletha of Lincoln spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Parsell.
 Mrs. Sarah Parsell left Thursday for Denver to visit her daughters Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Peters. She will be gone indefinitely.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cashner entertained Elton Snook and family Sunday.
 Mrs. Elmer Bennett went to Lincoln Friday evening returning home Saturday with her father.
 Mrs. N. Knott spent a few days with Mrs. Ed. Hubert last week.
 Miss Bessie Prouty is the proud possessor of a new piano, which she received Tuesday.
 The Misses Alta Lynch and Emma Jordan took their Sunday school classes out to J. R. Earl's Tuesday afternoon for a picnic.
 Mrs. J. H. Stroemer and daughter Marie drove to Elmwood last Thursday.
 Mrs. Lou Keefe and daughters went to Lincoln Friday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Allen who have been visiting the home folks returned to their home at Ulysses Saturday.
 Paul Frolsch of Lincoln came to visit his daughter Mrs. C. C. Bushnell Saturday.
 Frank Cook went to Omaha Monday.
 Mrs. Minnie Bobbitt who has been visiting relatives returned home Wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Grove of Cedar Rapids, Neb., are visiting Mrs. Chas. Ayers and other relatives.
 Chas. Kirkpatrick and family left the 24th ult for Denver, Col., on a visit.
 F. E. Davis went to Omaha Thursday.
 Mrs. J. H. Stroemer and daughter Marie drove to Lincoln Wednesday.
 Joe Kahounek is in Omaha today consulting Dr. Gifford for a throat affection which has been troubling him considerably of late. It is to be hoped that the trouble is nothing serious and that is the general belief of his friends but it was thought best to have an examination made at once before the trouble became serious.

Weeping Water.

From the Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt of Plattsmouth spent Sunday visiting the Misses Bates. Mrs. Hiatt is their niece.
 We hear it said that J. W. Colbert will move to Lincoln in time for school this fall, and while they expect to educate their children there, Mr. Colbert contemplates engaging in the real estate business.
 Pool & Colbert sold a half section of land belonging to Peter Olsen, located in Chase county to Mrs. Wm. Erhart. Mrs. Erhart has secured a bargain and will find that the purchased price is only half its worth before many months have rolled around.
 Messrs Hageman & Lee have discontinued further exhibitions of the moving picture show, the last moving picture we noticed was the departure of Mr. Hageman for Omaha, or some other point. The engine is here and we understand efforts have been made to dispose of the same.
 W. J. Philpot took 34 head of cattle to Omaha Friday. They were his own raising. Short horn and Herefords, and brought him \$5.50 per hundred. Mr. Philpot says he fed them exclusively on alfalfa and corn and put on 256 pounds in 5 months. The average weight was 1616 pounds and each steer netted him over \$100.
 G. H. Dennis with his force of carpenters are getting along fine with the house of Wallace Philpot. It is 28x32 two stories containing nine rooms, besides bath room and closet. It will have a gas engine to pump water. Wallace was going to build on to the old house and then concluded to move it away and do the thing right, and in a few weeks will be living right, in a commodious and handsome residence.

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Hard on Outside Laborers.

One of the linemen of the Plattsmouth telephone company is reported to have been overcome with the heat this morning while working on Chicago avenue. It is said medical attention was necessary to restore him to his normal condition. His condition is not regarded as serious. The two telephone companies are having a great deal of trouble in keeping men during the hot spell, several of the men having quit and left for cooler climates. The work is particularly hard on the men owing to their having to be out in the sun for so long. In a number of instances where it was possible canopies are erected under which the men work. These serve to break the sun's force and make the work at least bearable. The thermometer today hovers around the 100 mark as it has been doing the past four days and there seems small probability of a change soon. Another thing to make the heat particularly oppressive is the great amount of humidity in the air. Owing to the excessive rainfall of the past week or ten days, the air is full of moisture and this makes the heat appear worse than the thermometer shows. Weather indications as given by the weather bureau are for generally fair today and tomorrow.

Rain Yesterday.

There was a terrific rain yesterday afternoon across the river in Mills county. Glenwood, Tabor, Bartlett and Thurman reporting an excessive rain amounting almost to a cloudburst. It is reported that the rainfall at Glenwood amounted to five inches and that the creeks in the bottom are out of their banks. One or two visitors from across the river report that the rain was terrific. In this city there was a short rain storm for fifteen minutes during which was quite heavy while it lasted and caused a heavy flow of water down Main street. This storm went straight west from this city and for several miles fields were deluged. South of the city to Rock Bluffs no rain fell but from Rock Bluffs south there was another violent storm and creeks were very high. This storm also went west and extended quite a ways into the country.

Col. H. C. McMaken last evening was agreeably surprised by a visit from the quartette composed of Clarence Staat, Jennings Selvers, George Falter and Glen Scott who treated the invalid to a fine serenade. The boys are all excellent singers and they all sang a great number of charming melodies which the Colonel greatly appreciated. He has just been able to be out after a severe attack of pneumonia and their little tribute to him, touched him deeply. Coming as it was entirely unexpected and unheralded, it was doubly welcome and he appreciated it all the more.

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The Old Missouri.

The Missouri river, contrary to expectations, is still on the rise, registering quite a rise yesterday morning with indications that it will go still higher and possibly make the high mark for the year although will be but a little in excess of 11 feet. The highest mark registered so far this year is 11.1 feet. The river yesterday stood 10.3 and the rise since has been .2 making it in the neighborhood of 10.5 feet with water still coming up at Slout City, Blair and Omaha and almost stationary at Bismark after a small decline. Continued rains on the Missouri watershed are responsible for the rise and unless they at once there is every probability of a higher stage tomorrow and Saturday.
 Rip-rapping has commenced in earnest today at the big bend opposite the city, the bridge forces under Master Carpenter Hedengren bending every energy to save the rip-rapping put in there several years since. At that time 1,500 carloads of willows and 400 carloads of rock were deposited there making what was thought to be an empenetrable mat. The river has now covered this mat completely and has eaten its way under and behind it. It is impossible to tell what damage will be done this spring as the water is still rising and will not recede for several days. As soon as it commences to go down, it is feared it will commence to cut and if this is the case serious trouble may result. Every possible effort is being put forth to stop the stream by the company whose big million dollar bridge is imperiled. A work train is now at work hauling willows and rock and these are being woven into mats and placed in a position to stop the ravages of the stream.
 E. H. Wescott who has been in attendance of the Epworth League convention at Tecumseh, has returned home. Mr. Wescott reports this convention as one of the most successful in the history of the league in this district with a very large and enthusiastic attendance. The session at Tecumseh was held in a large new church edifice, one a credit to Tecumseh and its people.

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