

CORRESPONDENCE

Items of Interest Contributed by the Democrat's Busy Corps of Correspondents

Steele.

Williard Kelsey and Bert Merriman are sick with the measles.

Elijah Campbell is making preparations to move into the house on the Joseph Daily farm.

The recent rain and thawing of snow has raised the creek so that pupils find it impossible to get to school.

There is a special night class in algebra being conducted at Prairie school house, which recites every Wednesday and Friday.

Route One.

Chas Ball and sister Gertrude of Monroeville spent last Sunday with G. W. Ruckman and family.

Measles are almost thing of the past in this vicinity but a few cases are known to exist at this time.

Chas. Fuhrman who is attending the International College at Fort Wayne spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Thomas Fisher who broke her leg about two weeks ago by slipping on the ice is improving very fast on account of her age many friends hope she will recover in course of time and be able to walk again.

Linn Grove.

Miss Orilla Bierie of Domestic visited D. D. Hoffman family last week.

George Banter left for Champaign county, Ohio last week to stay indefinite.

Lee Lindsey was the guest of Albert Lindsey and family the latter part of last week.

Miss Manerva French of Salem and Lizzie Effinger of Bluffton were among friends here last Friday.

Abraham Miller of Southern Illinois and Mrs. Nellie Higgins of Six Mile visited Uncle Robert Simison last Thursday.

Clifton Haughton accepted a position as telegraph operator at Indianapolis and left for the state metropolis this Monday.

Jacob Baumgartner of Dunkirk was here the last of the week and made sale of his house and lot to Emil Bonilidier \$900 the price.

Mrs. Lewis Reynolds of Berne and son, Fields, of this place, returned last Friday from an extended visit among her people of Lima, Ohio.

Last Saturday evening at the Evangelical parsonage occurred the marriage of Field Reynolds and Alice daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Runyon. We extend our desires, happy and good luck.

Resolved that the orator appeals more to the reason of his audience than to their feeling. Prof. H. E. Rittgers and L. E. Opliger contested against Merlin Dunbar and S. P. Hoffman. Two of the judges voted for the affirmative and one for the negative.

Berne.

Noah Woulliman is reported to be some better today.

Sam Simison was a business caller at the county seat Monday.

Harry and Rayfe Imboden were at Decatur Monday on special business.

Quite a great deal of sickness for this time of the year are reported hereabouts.

Dr. C. H. Schenk is confined to his bed this week with muscular rheumatism.

Rev. D. E. Zechiel of Fort Wayne was calling on his many friends here Monday.

Fred Neaderhouser was at Fort Wayne and Grable part of last week on business.

John Frysinger, the horse buyer and politician from Decatur was in our town Tuesday.

Attorneys D. D. Heller, D. E. Smith and C. J. Lutz were seen on our streets last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gesky of Fort Wayne are spending their vacation here with relatives.

Rufus Stoecky came up from Decatur Saturday evening and spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. J. B. Neunehander and little son have been quite sick the

past few days but are convalescing slowly.

Theodore Beiresdrorfer with the Western Union Telegraph Co., with quarters at Fort Wayne spent Sunday in Berne.

The new directory gives the population of Berne 1440 and still growing. Why not? A gain of over 400 in a little over three years is not so bad to take, as the Irishman says, everything into consideration.

Township Institutes.

The teachers of Union and Root townships met at District No. 5, Union township and held their fourth township institute. Institute was called to order by Supt. Brandyberry.

Opening exercises were conducted by teacher of the school. Roll call by secretary. The first subject "Ivanhoe" was very ably discussed by E. S. Christen and Mary Miller. "Jean Mitchell's School" was then taken up by Netie Miller and Clyde Rice who gave interesting talks on the subjects showing the natural ability of the teacher. Institute now adjourned until 1 o'clock. The "Lincoln" was very well handled by G. W. Warner, the first speaker of the afternoon, followed by a recitation entitled "The Little Town O' Tailhot" by Nora Ahr. Then "Woman's Rights" was recited by Golda Stoler. Next on program was a debate, Question:

—Resolved, that exemption grades would be beneficial in school.

Affirmative: M. Troutner and Belle Barkley. Negative: Nora Ahr and J. D. Cline. Judges were chosen and the decision was in favor of the affirmative. After assignment of work the institute adjourned.

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Teachers of the Institute greatly appreciated the pointed, practical talks given by the Superintendent.

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Many were the good things which all enjoyed at the institute, one especially the pumpkin pie.

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The teacher should put his whole soul into their work and keep in close touch with the community.

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Brandyberry is an expert in serving pumpkin pie.

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On leaving Institute E. S. Christen tried to prepare for a cold trip by getting on two overcoats.

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Prof. Craig of Decatur accompanied Superintendent Brandyberry to the Institute and aided the teachers by some excellent thoughts. We invite him and all others interested in education to be at the next meeting at Monmouth March 5, 1904.

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The last Institute of Blue Creek township met at District No. 1, Feb. 6, 1904. Every teacher was present and several visitors, also Truester Mattox. The first subject was "Ivanhoe" which was handled by Owen Butcher and Chauncy Lautzenhiser. Both gentlemen had their subjects well mastered and made very interesting. In the general discussion which followed, so much interest was manifested that at close no time was left for any other subject before the noon hour. After singing two or three songs Institute adjourned for dinner. This part of the program was furnished by Mrs. Joe Grim, to whose house the company repaired and surely did justice to the repast that was set out. Every one present voted Mrs. Grim as being an ideal in her part. "Lincoln" was the subject discussed after the dinner, the leaders being Mr. Weldy and Mr. Roop. Both proved themselves well prepared to answer or discuss any question that might arise. Afterward came "School Management" under the leadership of Mr. Merriman. Several questions were sprung on this subject, probably the most interesting one was "shall any promotions be made during the term of school?" It was decided "yes" on very rare occasions, but the general rule is "no." Following this came the usual proceedings for a dismissal.

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Twenty acre farm for rent. Cash rent. Inquire of Alex LeBrun.

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Horns Off.—I have for sale a few double standard Poll Durham bull calves out of my herd bull Good Luck.

If you want a sure dehorn call and look at my stock. C. D. Porter, Geneva, Ind.

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Special mention should be made

of the singing done by Wheeler Grim and Otis Bevington, two nine year old pupils.

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Mr. Lantzenheiser favors giving private instructions to some of the larger pupils. We suppose he means the fairer sex.

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Mr. Butcher would like everybody to tie their dogs when he goes out after night and also to give him better directions so he will not get lost.

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Mr. Tyndall, an ex-teacher was present and as usual made some very excellent remarks.

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The Misses Blanche Grim and Minnie Stipe were the organists and did their share nicely.

MARKE REPORT.

GRAIN.

BY E. L. CARROL, GRAIN MERCHANT.

New Corn yellow \$ 56
New Corn, mixed 55
Machine shucked one cent less.

Oats, new 40
Wheat, No. 2 91
Wheat, No. 3 88
Barley 50
Rye No. 2 54
Clover Seed 50
Alyke @ 4 95
Buckwheat 48
Flax Seed 8
Timothy 8 90

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago market closed at 1:15 p. m. today, according to J. D. Hale's special wire service, as follows:

Wheat, May 96 1/2
Wheat, July 87 1/2
Corn, May 53 1/2
Corn July 50 1/2
Oats, May 42 1/2
Oats, July 38 1/2
May Pork 14 75
July Pork 14 80
May Lard, per cwt 7 90
July Lard 7 80

TOLEDO GRAIN MARKETS.

Changed every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by J. D. Hale, Decatur. Special wire service.

Wheat, new No. 2, red, cash \$ 99 1/2
May wheat 98 1/2
July wheat 89 1/2
Corn, No. 2, mixed, cash 46 1/2
Corn, July 49 1/2
May Corn 50 1/2
Oats, Cash 43 1/2
Oats, July 39 1/2
Rye, cash 63

OTHER PRODUCTS.

BY VARIOUS GROCERS AND MERCHANTS.

Eggs, fresh, per doz. \$ 27
Lard 50 1/2
Butter, per pound 11@15
Potatoes, new 60
Onions 50
Cabbage per 100 lb 50
Apples, per bu. 50
Sweet Potatoe, per bu 7 1/2

STOCK.

BY FRED SCHEIMAN, DEALER.

Lambs	4@ 4 50
Hogs, per cwt.	\$ 4 60 @ 4 75
Cattle per lb.	3 @ 31
Calves, per lb.	5 @ 5 1/2
Cows	2 @ 2 1/2
Sheep, per lb.	2 @ 2 1/2
Beef Hides, per lb.	5 1/2

POULTRY.

BY J. W. PLACE CO., PACKERS.

Chickens, young, per lb.	5@ 6 1/2
Fowls, per lb.	5@ 5 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	6
Young Ducks	6
Young Turkeys, per lb.	10
Geese, old, per lb.	4
Geese, young, lb.	4

HAY MARKET.

NO. 1 timothy hay (baled) \$ 7.50 @ \$ 8.50

NO. 1 mixed hay (baled) \$ 5.00 @ \$ 6.25

NO. 1 clover hay (baled) \$ 4.50 @ \$ 6.25

WOOL AND HIDES.

BY B. KALVER & SON.

Wool, unwashed	16 to 20
Sheep pelts	25c to 75
Beef hides, per pound	6
Calf hides	8
Tallow, per pound	4
Cow	15 to 12 1/2
Skunk	20 to 12 1/2
Opossum	10 to 6 1/2
Muskrat	5 to 2 1/2
Mink	50 to \$2.00

COAL—Per Ton

Anthracite \$ 7 50

Domestic, nut 4 00

Domestic, lump, Hocking 4 00

Domestic, lump, Indiana 3 80

Pocahontas Smokeless, lump 5 50

OIL MARKET.

Tons \$ 2.02

Pennsylvania 1.87

Corning 1.67

New Castle 1.74

North Lima 1.37

South Lima 1.32

Indiana 1.31

Whitehouse 1.36

Somerset 1.32

Neodesha, (Kan.) 1.21

Barkersville 97

Ragland 66

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SECOND VICTORY

Japan Scores Over the Russians Again in Chemulpo Harbor.

Second Decisive Engagement Follows Close on Port Arthur Battle.

At Chemulpo Two Russian Warships Were Vanquished and the Japs Took the Town.

In the Port Arthur Engagement Two Battleships and a First-Class Cruiser Were Defeated.

War in the Far East Is Now Being Waged, With Japan in the Lead.