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A SURPRISE INDEED.

A China Wedding which Mr. A. A. Mirick was not looking for.

This affair was concocted by several shrewd gentlemen and ladies. So quietly and cautiously were the arrangements carried out that when over one hundred neighbors and friends, by a preconcerted movement, descended in one body upon Mr. Mirick's household last Saturday morning at half-past ten o'clock, Mr. Mirick and his wife did not at first know positively whether they were still residents of this mundane sphere or had been translated to some mysterious dreamland, where unexpectedly the joyous faces of a multitude of friends suddenly appeared to their wondering gaze. Mr. Mirick was found out in the orchard; and as he came in from fence-making with nail-box and hammer under his arm, attired in the every-day garb of one of those veritable lords of the soil who is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and lead off in work himself, his countenance and his bearing were enough to cause a broad smile on the face of even a bronze statue. It is about the first occasion where we ever saw "Gus" fairly beat, but there was no use trying to get around it this time, and so he hurriedly shook hands with some of the crowd and retreated to the house to put on his Sunday toggery and collect his scattered senses. Mrs. Mirick was even more nonplussed than her husband, and it is no wonder. But the raiders at once made themselves at home, and soon willing hands were ransacking the premises for material to erect a dinner table under the shade trees. This was in place in an incredibly brief time, snowy cloths were spread and then came the provisions. Such quantities of rusks, chickens and other cold meats, monster cakes, pies &c., &c.!

But just here comes in one of the interesting features of the occasion. Mr. Mirick and his wife were led out to a side table covered with an elegant set of china ware, and near which stood a new and commodious easy chair for Mr. M.'s special benefit. Mr. Andrew Storrs then stepped forward and delivered a presentation address something after the following text:

It gives me great pleasure to have the privilege of saying a few words to you on this occasion in behalf of the relatives, friends and neighbors that have convened here to-day. Over twenty years you have lived in this community, and your lives have been such that you are evidently highly appreciated by them. Your influence has been on the side of right, being an active Sunday School worker and earnestly engaging in every good work. And as a manifestation of our esteem for you, I present you these tokens, asking you to receive them, not so much for their intrinsic value as a remembrance of our kind regards and best wishes for you.

Mr. Mirick is usually ready for a short off-hand speech, but this time it must be confessed that it was rather uphill business, and his voice wasn't very steady to start out with, and he hadn't gone very far before he brought up sudden like, with a big lump in his throat; but this is about what he said, or wanted to say:

Dear friends and neighbors: I am not in the habit of making fine speeches and am too much surprised to make one to-day. But we are glad to know that our lives have been such as to win the confidence and esteem of those with whom we mingle. We highly prize the friendship, love and confidence of the donors of these gifts, and for them all you will please accept our heartiest and warmest thanks.

Elder Mitchell then invited the people to fill the tables, and, after prayer by Rev. Mason, of Marion, we sat down to a dinner that we have never seen surpassed—either in variety, quality or quantity.

CRAIG.—On Bowen's Prairie, Feb'y 1st, 1890. Fannie Craig, relict of James Craig, deceased, aged 62 years. 2-1-1890

Mrs. Craig died after a brief illness of less than a week. The funeral services were held at the family residence, Rev. McCrea of the Presbyterian church of Cascade officiating. The remains were interred in the Bowen's Prairie cemetery. The deceased was born in Donegal, Ireland, November 14th, 1827. She remained a resident of that place until she came to Philadelphia in the year 1852. She was married to the husband who died nearly six years ago, April 15th, 1857. The family resided in Philadelphia until September, 1877, when they became residents of Bowen's Prairie. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom survive to mourn their great loss. The deceased was a woman of high character and greatly esteemed by her acquaintances. She had been a communicant in the Presbyterian church for thirty-five years.

THOMAS.—At her residence north of Monticello, January 31st, 1890, Sarah E., wife of Louis Thomas, aged 66 years, of paralysis.

The deceased had been sick nearly two years. She was a native of Virginia; the mother of nine children, five of whom survive. The funeral was held at the Methodist church last Sunday.

DIED.

At the home of her sister, Mrs. Eldin Eaton, in Dell Rapids, Dakota, April 16th, of consumption, Ella Reed, daughter of Rev. Wm. E. Reed, who formerly resided north of Fairview, and is now located at Spragueville, Jackson county, Iowa.

MARCH 8 DIED. 1888

At his residence near Martelle, Iowa, March 8, 1888, Mr. Ira Mead, after only a few days of confinement to his bed. His suffering was severe but he passed quietly away, falling asleep in Jesus.

He was born in Pitcher, Chenango county, New York, Oct. 12, 1828, and was therefore 59 years, 4 months and 26 days old. He united with the Baptist church at Fairview in the year 1858. Afterwards removing to Anamosa he became a member of the Baptist church there, continuing that connection until called by the Master from labor to reward. Brother Mead was a man of very strong convictions, especially in religious matters, leaning on Christ at all times for guidance, yet he was genial and generous in his intercourse with his fellows. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for years and had deep interest in the meeting that recently closed at Martelle. There are left to mourn his death the companion of his married life, one son and three daughters, all of the latter of sufficient age to take care of themselves. His remains were taken to the meeting house at Martelle on Sabbath, March 11th, followed by a very large circle of relatives and friends, and appropriate music was sung by the choir. In connection with Elder Dewitt the writer delivered a short sermon from the 53d chapter of Isaiah and part of the 11th verse. "He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied." He was interred at Norwich cemetery, there to await the summons to judgment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends in this hour of trial.

D. GIVEN,

Pastor of the Baptist Church at Fairview, Iowa.

CARD OF THANKS.—We desire to return our most heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who attended to us many kindnesses and earnest sympathy during the trial and affliction through which we have been called upon to pass. May a merciful Father bless them all.

MRS. ELLEN MEAD
AND FAMILY.

DIED. 8-30-1888

Mr. J. H. Mundy died at Trinidad, Colorado, August 30th, 1888, aged 77 years. Mr. Mundy was formerly of Fairview, Iowa.

MRS. PHEBE HOTZ

Jan. 30. — 1924.

Mrs. Phebe Hotz widow of Conrad Hotz passed away at her home in Morley, Wednesday and will be buried at Center Chapel, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. Bainbridge at the U. B. church.

The deceased has always lived in Jones county and first saw the light of day in Olin. She was a daughter of David Myers and is survived by several children and brothers and sisters. At time of death was sixty-eight years of age.

HUSBAND Richard SOUTH-104

BORN: PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: Abt 1844 PLACE: Monticello, Jones, Iowa
 BUR.: PLACE:
 MARR: PLACE:
 FATHER: Weldon SOUTH-119
 MOTHER: Elizabeth DUNSTON-120

PARENTS' MRIN: 27

WIFE Sarah Ann GRAFFORD-105

BORN: PLACE:
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 8 Nov 1849 PLACE: Monticello, Jones, Iowa
 BUR.: PLACE:
 FATHER: Thomas GRAFFORD-137
 MOTHER:

PARENTS' MRIN: 29

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Mary Eveline SOUTH-106

---- BORN: 24 Mar 1835 PLACE: ,Pike, Missouri
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 11 May 1894 PLACE: ,Jones, Iowa
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Alexander BEATTY-313
 MARR: 17 Nov 1852 PLACE: ,Jones, Iowa

MRIN: 64

2. NAME: Benjamin Asbury SOUTH-107

---- BORN: 10 Dec 1837 PLACE: ,Dubuque, Iowa
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 18 Jan 1913 PLACE: Oelwein, ,Iowa
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Henryetta BUNTING-314
 MARR: 16 Dec 1866 PLACE: Cascade, ,Iowa

MRIN: 65

3. NAME: Francis Marion SOUTH-108

---- BORN: 4 Jan 1841 PLACE: Monticello, Jones, Iowa
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 14 Oct 1921 PLACE: Manchester, ,Iowa
 BUR.: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Helen Rosetta ANTHONY-315
 MARR: 25 Dec 1866 PLACE: ,Jones, Iowa

MRIN: 66

4. NAME: Sarah Jane SOUTH-53

---- BORN: 20 Nov 1843 PLACE: ,Dubuque, Iowa
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 DIED: 6 Aug 1933 PLACE: Cascade, Dubuque, Iowa
 BUR.: 8 Aug 1933 PLACE: Bowens Prairie C, Jones, Iowa
 SPOUSE: Kimball HICKMAN-52
 MARR: 18 Dec 1861 PLACE: ,Jones, Iowa

MRIN: 9

Karen Trevins
 3046 Evergreen Ave
 Salt Lake City UT 84109

Relationship to:

Husband _____

Wife _____

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MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 27, by Rev. Mr. Porter, of Linn Grove, Mr. JOHN B. DUMONT and Miss ANNA HOLCOMB.

The groom is the son of Mr. Fred. S. Dumont and was born in this county—the family being among the very first pioneers and universally esteemed among a wide circle of acquaintances. Mr. Dumont is among the foremost young men in the township. The bride we do not know personally, but the pleasing commendations that have come to us lead to only one conclusion, which is that she is a young lady of most excellent qualities, one who will prove joyous and helpful in the responsible duties of the life companionship upon which she has entered.

An excellent supper followed the nuptial ceremonies, to which a large company of kindred and neighbors took evident satisfaction in doing ample justice. The next day another feast was given by the father of the groom at his home, and it was observed that those who were commended the second time to march upon the edibles were neither lacking in enthusiasm or wanting in the gustatory qualifications to acquit themselves with becoming credit, and thereby, in actions more far-reaching than words, give attestation to the excellence and variety of the bill of fare provided by the generous and genial host.

Among the presents may be mentioned two beautiful silver cake baskets, a silver berry dish, silver spoonholder, a pretty hanging lamp, a handsome Family Bible, and numerous other testimonials of love and esteem by members and friends of the family who do not desire their names given.

Mr. Dumont takes his bride to his old home, an arrangement eminently satisfactory to his father, who lost his wife a few months ago. Prosperity attend them.

—The 45th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Porter, who reside a mile beyond Fairview, was celebrated in a most delightful manner last Friday night. The "children" and their families and many neighbors gathered and an elegant gold-headed cane was presented to Mr. Porter and a set of decorated china ware and a hanging lamp to his wife by Mr. A. A. Mirick, in a speech full of neighborly good will and regard. Mr. Porter feelingly responded in a manner indicating his gratification, and remarked that the cane would probably have been more useful if it had come into his possession 45 years ago. 1885 or earlier

This pioneer couple located on the "prairie" about forty years ago and have passed through the struggles and deprivations incident to those early days. They have made life useful and therefore successful, and have the enduring satisfaction of being warmly and widely esteemed by friends whose number is legion. May they enjoy many years the fruits of their well-earned toil and wise economy, and

For The Inter Ocean.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

BY MRS. GEORGE BARNES.

(Written in behalf of the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Tillev.)

Sixty years ago to-day, my love,
We were united heart and hand;
And from that very day to this
We've lived a united band.

Sixty years ago to-day, my love,
Our wedded life begun.
Since then we've raised our family,
And still we have them, every one.

Death yet hath never visited
Our tiny little band;
God hath spared us every one
With His strong and mighty hand.

Death has never entered
Our humble cottage door.
God gave us life, He gave us health,
How could we ask Him more.

A few short years, my love,
Our toil and care will all be o'er.
Those who have met us here to-day,
Will meet us here no more.

A few more years, my love,
And this fleeting life will be o'er;
May those remaining days of ours
Be better than those days of yore.

But here they're gathered all to-night,
Yet not alone, for in our sight
Are children's children full of fun,
And children's children little ones,
While others still are home in bed.
How soon they'll grow, how soon be wed!
They're born; they sleep, then wake to grow;
They fret and cry, they nurse and grow;
They creep, they walk, then run and play,
And ere you know it they're awny,
Out in the world's most busy strife,
The boy or man, the girl or wife.
Yes, gathered in this home so bright,
Four generations come to-night;
And other friends with hearts to cheer,
To tender this couple here,
Congratulations warm and true
And earnest wishes that flowers might strew
Their pathway all along their life,
Till called to leave this world of strife,
And if 'twere kind the prayer would raise
That years be added to their days,
And they might live from trouble free
Their diamond wedding day to see.

July 15, 1875 Anamosa paper found at newspaper offices

Died

On Saturday morning, July 10 at Cass Center, of typhoid fever, Mrs. J.N. Atkinson, aged 38 years.

Deceased was the daughter of J.H. Fisher, Esq., one of the early settlers of Anamosa. She leaves a very extensive circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn her departure. She was one of those whom to know is to love and esteem. The high regard to which she was held was strongly attested by the very large attendance at the funeral services Sabbath morning, conducted by Rev. E. C. Downs, of the Cass Congregational Church. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Anamosa.

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—Record of burials at Riverside Cemetery for the year 1889:

Jan. 5, Nettie Luollen, aged 4 years.
Feb. 8, daughter of Oliver Brown, aged 4 months.
Feb. 10, Elizabeth Chipman, aged 63 years.
Feb. 20, Jane Benton, aged 60 years.
March 15, Darius Barnard, aged 20 years.
March 17, Mrs. Sarah DeFord, aged 34 years.
April 19, Tom Thompson, aged 40 years.
April 23, Galvin Stroud, aged 51 years.
April 25, Mrs. J. G. McGuire, aged 59 years.
April 27, Infant child of Tom Thompson.
April 28, Lottie Chipman, aged 29 years.
May 12, Nelle Sutton, aged 4 years.
May 20, Mrs. Mary Brown, aged 91 years.
May 20, Mrs. A. T. Friend, aged 68 years.
June 8, W. O. Gleason, aged 42 years.
June 21, Ray Anderson, aged 5 months.
July 10, Claude Brown, aged 4 months.
Aug. 2, Mrs. John Eubanks, aged 43 years.
Aug. 19, daughter of J. Winscott, aged 6 months.
Sept. 11, Roy Anderson, aged 7 months.
Oct. 8, John Rosekrans, aged 74 years.
Nov. 1, Sadie Akers, aged 19 years.
Nov. 17, Samuel Akers, aged 93 years.
Nov. 30, Mrs. M. A. Underwood, aged 66 years.
Dec. 7, Mrs. James Lawrence, aged 40 years.
Dec. 8, Myra Monger, aged 5 weeks.
Dec. 11, Martin Daywitt, aged 42 years.
Dec. 14, Thomas Stout, aged 18 years.
Dec. 16, Mrs. L. T. Delavan, aged 71 years.
Dec. 30, Lyman Dunklee, aged 83 years.

ADAM KRATZER, Sexton.

DIED. 11-30-1892

At her home near Hawarden, Iowa, Nov. 30, 1892, Carrie, wife of E. J. Whitney and daughter of N. A. Mirick, of Anamosa, Iowa.

Mrs. Whitney was born in Otsego county, N. Y., March 12, 1856, and removed with her parents to Jones county, Iowa, in infancy, where she lived until two years after her marriage, when she removed to Hawarden, where her home has been for the past nine years. Her father and her only brother, Dr. W. A. Mirick of Monticello, were with her in her last hours, and all was done for her that loving hearts could suggest and skillful hands perform, but her work on earth was done and well done is the testimony of many friends. Two little girls, Fannie, aged nine, and Bertha, aged five, and thus left without a mother's tender love and care.

Carrie E. Mirick experienced religion and united with the Baptist church at Fairview when twelve years of age. She was organist for several years, and although modest and unostentatious in her nature, yet she was ever ready to assume responsibility when duty called. The esteem in which she was held was manifested by the large concourse of friends and neighbors who attended her funeral. Her pastor, Rev. Thresher, was assisted in the services by the ministers of the Congregational and Methodist churches. Numerous beautiful floral tributes were furnished by loving friends. The lifeless form of Carrie Whitney was interred in the Hawarden cemetery, while we trust her immortal spirit revels in that glorious home which was prepared for her by her heavenly Father.

1824- OBITUARY.

Francis Gamberton Mirick
Lyons, Courtland county, N. Y.
1824, and died July 24, 1893,
years, 4 months and 14 days.
married to James Boone at McCrae,
N. Y., in August, 1841, their first
dence being at Marathon, N. Y. In 1858
she came to Fairview, Jones county, Iowa
with her husband, living on a farm east
of Springville until shortly before the
death of Mr. Boone, which occurred in
New York in 1858. She returned to Fair-
view and was married to Augustus Mirick
June 1, 1859. Their home was the farm
where she formerly lived until two years
ago last November, when, with her hus-
band, she removed to Anamosa.

The children of Bro. Mirick became as
her own, taking them when small and
becoming a mother to them. The only
daughter of Bro. Mirick, Mrs. Whitney,
was suddenly called to her reward last
November. Sister Mirick never fully re-
covered from the shock of her sudden
death, but has been a confirmed invalid
since, beginning to decline shortly after
that event. Dr. Mirick, the only son of
Bro. Mirick, together with her husband
survive and attended the funeral.

Sister Mirick was converted in the
spring of 1841, shortly before her first
marriage, and united with the M. E.
church of Marathon, N. Y. In 1860 she
was baptized into the fellowship of the
Fairview Baptist church, continuing
member of that church until after remov-
ing here, when she united with the Ana-
mosa Baptist church. Mrs. Mirick made
all the preparations for the future life and
for meeting God "that it is possible or
necessary for any human being to make.
She counted it an honor to sit at the feet
of Jesus. Her character bore the impress
of Bible truth. She was a Bible Christian.
She believed in the revealed word. She
lived in the sunlight of the sun of right-
eousness, and though her last days were
passed in much bodily distress she never
for a moment wavered in her confidence
in her Redeemer. She often spoke, dur-
ing her last illness, of her readiness to go
and of submission to the Divine will in
suffering. She loved the fellowship of
saints on earth, and her last trip down
town was the second Sunday in December
last to attend the services of God's house.
Thus, with the love and esteem of all, she
passed quietly to her reward.

Her life was spent quietly in the Chris-
tian home, which she found sufficiently
interesting to engage her time and atten-
tion. Though leaving the hearthstone
where Christ was loved and revered
on earth, and where was found all that is
to be desired in that which is beautiful
and pure, yet she left all without mur-
muring, knowing that life's hour-glass
was fully run; that life's privileges and
opportunities had come and were gone;
that she had enjoyed the one in the spirit
of thanksgiving, and met the other as one
who must give an account unto God. Her
last illness found her, like the apos-
tles, "having a desire to depart and to be with
Christ." Release came peacefully at 8:30
p. m. on Monday last.

As stated last week, the funeral services
were held at the residence on Wednesday
at 10 o'clock, conducted by the pastor,
Rev. A. H. Ballard.

1842 - DIED. 1884

At her home two miles south of Fairview, September 18th, MRS. MISERYA J. DUMONT, in her 42d year.

The deceased was born in Fountain county, Indiana, December 22d, 1842, and removed to Jones county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Porter, in 1844. She was next to the eldest of a family of four girls and seven boys, and the death of Mrs. Dumont is the first that has occurred in the family. She married Mr. F. S. Dumont Feb. 6, 1875, with whom she has lived more than nine years with a measure of happiness not often falling to the lot of mortals. Mrs. Dumont was a member of the Christian Church at Fairview, having united with that organization twenty years ago. Her life was one that is always suggestive of pleasing memories and associations. In every fiber of heart and mind she was frank and true, loving and lovable, and devoted in the sweet affections that gladden the lives of kindred and friends.

In 1848-9 the writer attended school with the deceased and knew the older children well at that time. During the years that have since swept by, Mrs. Dumont, first in the pioneer home where the spirit of self-sacrifice, industry and usefulness was inculcated by patient father and mother and brought its sweet rewards of peace and plenty, and later as the ministering hand-maid of him whose hearthstone is now darkened and whose hopes are blasted, has rounded out her life of usefulness and dutifulness and bequeathed to loved ones the heritage of a beautiful example. What higher or more worthy aspiration in this life can there be than this?

The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased at one p. m. Saturday, conducted by Rev. Pye, of Springville. It was one of the lovely, subdued days of the autumn, and the gathering of nearly four hundred sympathizing friends included a considerable number from Anamosa. Mr. Pye's discourse was of the new Heaven seen by John, and its spiritual associations and glories. Mrs. J. S. Stacy, E. M. Condit and T. E. Booth, of the Congregational society; Mrs. John Stewart, of the Baptist, and Miss Hattie Lull, of the Methodist, composed the choir, rendering music appropriate to the sad occasion. The coffin was covered with elaborately wrought wreaths, and at its head was a broken monument and a cross composed of the rarest flowers. The broken monument was provided by Prof. Dudley, one of the attending physi-

cians. The remains were viewed by the sorrowful assembly, the last parting of the family followed, and then the procession wended its way slowly to the place of interment in Norwich Cemetery, near Martelle, ~~whose~~ ^{now} rests peacefully ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ earthly casket whose bright jewelled spirit has entered the haven of the glorified.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend,
And that sometimes the sable pall of death
Conceals the fairest boon his love can send.
If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery find a key.

But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart:
God's plans, like lilies, pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close shut leaves apart—
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if through patient toil we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say that "God knew best."

Among the relatives present were Mr. John Porter and his sister, Mrs. Myers of Nebraska, and Mr. Harry Porter, a student at Grinnell.

The following is a brief diagnosis by Dr. Blakeslee:

Prof. E. C. Dudley, of Chicago Medical College, assisted by Professors R. W. Bishop and W. W. Jaggard, of the same school, and Drs. J. S. Love and E. Blakeslee, operated upon Mrs. Dumont Tuesday, Sept. 16, and removed two abdominal tumors. One was a solid tumor and weighed fifteen pounds. The other was made up with dilated blood vessels and weighed about one pound. The immediate danger without an operation was from the small tumor, because one of the arteries was dilated to such an extent that it was liable to burst at any moment, and in case of such an event she would have bled to death almost instantly. She bore the operation well and her symptoms were favorable until Wednesday night, when inflammation of the bowels took place and terminated her life in the afternoon of the next day.

MARRIED.

At Anamosa Dec. 16, by Rev. W. C. Gunn, Mr. Lyman Lamphear to Miss Jennie M. Cline, both of Fairview.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Fairview, Jones County, on the 27th day of June, 1887, Mr. G. W. Swecker and Miss Clara A. Adams, Rev. D. Given officiating.

In Cedar Rapids, at the residence of the bride's parents, June 22, by Rev. J. I. Corbyn, Mr. Charles M. Stebbins, of Fremont, Neb., and Miss Mary L. Gerber.

MARRIED.

Dec. 27th, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, by Rev. A. C. McNewell, Mr. A. G. Smith and Miss R. L. Tesar, all of Hopkinton, Iowa.

Sunday, Dec. 29th, 1888, by Mayor C. M. Brown at his office in Anamosa, Iowa, Mr. Ollie Hoyer of Calmar, Iowa, and Miss Mary Pierce of Monticello, Iowa.

Monday, Dec. 31st, 1888, by Mayor C. M. Brown, at his office in Anamosa, Iowa, Mr. Oscar J. Austin and Miss Sadie M. Coon, both of Hale Township.

DEATH OF MRS. AMOS MERRILL.
—Nov. 29-1892

EDITOR'S EUREKA: I have just returned from attendance at the funeral of my mother, Mary Merrill, and it seems to me fitting that a brief notice of her life and death should be published, not where she died, among comparative strangers but by no means without many kind friends, but at the place which was for so many years of mingled prosperity and adversity her home, and where still remain many of her most cherished friends. For this reason I come to you with this article.

Mary Gray was born in Belmont county, Ohio, January 28, 1824. She was married to Amos Merrill August 7, 1840. They moved to Iowa while it was yet a territory, in 1846, settling first in Henry county, going thence to the old town of Pee Dee, in Cedar county, and from there either in 1850 or 1851 to Fairview, Jones county. From that time on this place has been their home, around which has centered some of the most cherished memories of the past; although suffering heavily from the financial panic of 1857, they were induced by the glittering reports from Texas to move to that state in the fall of 1859. They never regarded their residence in Texas as more than an enforced sojourn and left it as quickly as possible after the war was ended, arriving at Fairview again in the very beginning of 1866. Four or five years ago, after the last one of their children had gone from home and they were left alone in their old age with little left for their support, they sold out and followed. The intervening time has been passed here and there, at Neola, Iowa; Canton, Kansas; Missouri Valley, Iowa, and last at Council Bluffs, where the father and two daughters now reside.

Eight children were born to them, three in Ohio, five in Iowa, and all are living. They are widely scattered, all have family cares and responsibilities of their own, but five were present at the funeral. The first summons of death to the family came to the one most entitled, from an earthly view, to life, health and comfort.

Mother Merrill died at Council Bluffs at 1 o'clock a. m. November 29, 1892, being 68 years and 10 months old. She was sick only four days or from noon of Friday preceding. Up to that time she had been apparently in usual health and doing her accustomed work. The disease as reported by the physician was an obstruction in the intestines, resulting in blood poisoning. She suffered much pain at the beginning but the last few hours were painless and passed in sleep, gradually and peacefully sinking into eternity. The funeral was held at the residence at 10 o'clock a. m. December 1, and the body was escorted to Missouri Valley and buried in the cemetery there.

DIED. 11-5-1880

In this city, Friday, November 5, at 11:30 a. m., LAURENTINE DEVILLO PORK, aged 27 years, 6 months and 17 days.

Mr. Pope was born in Ohio April 19, 1853. About sixteen years since, when but a lad, he came with his parents to this place. On the 26th of October, 1875, he was married to Miss Hattie W. J. the, who lives to mourn the loss of one so early fallen. In the winter of 1880 he was hopefully converted to God and became a member of the Baptist church in this city, of which he remained a member till the time of his death. And although for the past few years he suffered his religious life to be somewhat restrained and to become checked in its growth, yet he never lost sight of his obligation to God entirely, nor did he surrender his hope.

As a husband and father he was kind and loving, as a citizen he was respected, as a friend he was faithful and true, and as a business man energetic and honorable. Although he was suddenly stricken down, unable to hold converse with his friends during his entire sickness, yet we believe that God has taken him to Himself.

May the Lord bless, sustain and comfort the hearts of wife and parents, and watch over the children with more than a father's faithfulness, and gather them all to a glorious reunion on the other shore.

Gone before—he waits for thee;
Gone to swell eternally
Songs of Jesus' dying love,
In the temple courts above.

Gone to sit at Jesus' feet,
There he waits, thee all to greet
When life's labors all are done,
And the eternal victory won.

PASTOR.

On Friday, November 5, at her residence in Wayne township, ROXANA S., wife of ERASTUS G. GUILD, aged 56 years. 11-5-1880

The deceased was born near Lockport, New York, November 1, 1824. Her maiden name was Shaffer. In early life she went to Michigan. December 21, 1848, she was married to Erastus G. Guild, and resided in Grand Rapids until December, 1866, when with her husband she came to this state. While living in Grand Rapids she was converted and joined the Methodist church. During her long residence in this community she has enjoyed the highest esteem and confidence of her neighbors, as a lady of noble Christian character. Her illness was long and exceedingly painful, but through it all she bore herself with singular patience and Christian fortitude. Conscious until almost the last, she gave her friends abundant assurance that "all was well." She fell asleep with the Christian's hope. The sympathies of a very large circle of friends are with the sorrowing husband and children. F. B. C.

The funeral services were held at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon, in the M. E. church. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. B. Cherrington. A large concourse of sympathizing friends paid their last token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Oct. 19th, of membranous croup, ARTHUR S., infant son of EZRA D. and ANNA CAPPES, aged 11 months and eight days. 1880

1-1-1890 DIED.

BAILEY—At the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Bennett, in Monticello, February 1st, 1890, Mrs. Rosie Bailey, wife of C. M. Bailey, of Cass township, aged 25 years and 3 months.

The circumstances of this death were particularly sad and distressing. Mrs. Bailey had several weeks before been brought to her parent's home that she might receive her mother's care and attention during the time of an expected illness. She was taken sick with the prevailing influenza, which assumed the character of pneumonia, and while thus afflicted she gave birth to a girl baby. This was about a week before her death. She improved after that, so much so, that the day before her death she was supposed to be out of danger. Inflammation of the stomach set in and she died at two o'clock of the afternoon of the 1st inst.

DIED.

MAHAN—At the residence of her son-in-law, P. Smith, 37 Kennedy street, Thursday, September 18, 1882, Mrs. Emeline Mahan, aged 60 years and 6 months.

Obituary. 1882

At 8 o'clock of the peaceful evening of Thursday, September 7th, occurred the death, in Danforth, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Smith, of Mrs. Emeline Mahan, aged sixty years. She was the mother of A. Mahan and Mrs. D. F. Wallace, of Cortland; Mrs. Theodore Green, of Alameda, Col.; Mrs. H. P. Smith and Miss Emily Mahan. By this decree of Providence they have lost the companionship and love of one who was never for one moment of her life less than a mother to them all, in the broadest and deepest meaning of that all-meaning title. Although of character and disposition that prompted her retirement from the open face of the world, yet the rich benison of her unflinching goodness of heart and gentleness of demeanor and pure Christianity ever over-reached the social boundaries that she would have set about herself, and made all who in any sense knew her see how much better and sunnier their little worlds were from the presence and influence of a good woman; and no one has experienced this in a greater degree than the writer of these lines. Her life was one long lesson of charity and forbearance towards human weakness of every kind, and the word of compassion and apology for those whom others condemned was often on her lips. The loss of those who are most deeply bereft by her death can never be replaced in this world, however dear the friends that may stand beside them. When she, the only one, is gone to whom we can say "Mother," the vacancy is boundless—it is filled with despair and gloom. The balm for their grief, and the solace for their tears, is in the consolation of sympathy from the living and the assurance that she who has left them will wait to share with them all that is best in a better world.

H. P. S.

Her husband, her parents and other relatives were at her bedside. The next morning the spirit of the babe sought that of its mother, and together their remains were buried in Oak Woods cemetery last Monday. The very sad funeral services were conducted by Rev. Demorest of the Congregational church. The mother of deceased and one of her sisters, Mrs. J. M. Dean, were unable to attend the funeral on account of illness. The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bennett, and was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, Nov. 1st, 1864. She was married to Mr. C. M. Bailey Sept. 1st, 1887. The husband who is nearly crazed with grief has the sympathy of a large circle of acquaintances.

SCHOOL IN '48 WAS LOG CABIN ON ROAD TO MARION

BY MR. AND MRS. T. E. BOOTH

(Mrs. Booth, before her marriage, was Gertrude Delavan, an able teacher in the local high school. Mrs. Booth was asked to prepare a paper on the early schools, to be read at a meeting of the D.A.R. Mr. Booth was born in Fairview, Jones county, and attended the early schools. He consented to give an account of the schools as he remembered them. The paper follows:)

The first school I attended in this township was in 1848, in a log cabin a mile southwest of Fairview on what was called the Marion road. It was located just east of the Boone farm, afterward known as the Gus Myrick place, and south of it was a large pond, the head of Booth creek. Miss Lydia Harvey was the teacher, the daughter of Amasa Harvey and sister to Mr. Orrin Harvey and Mrs. Jennie Meade Sigworth's mother.

Miss Harvey was an unusually fine woman and some years later married a Mr. Hazelrigg, who went to California in 1849 and was never heard from again. Still later she was married to Squire Graham, a brother to David Graham. They moved to northwestern Iowa and both are dead.

This school house was a rough specimen of architecture, even for a log cabin. There must have been a chair for the teacher but the rough board seats without any backs served as best they might for the dozen or so of children in attendance. It was here I was initiated into the profound mysteries of my A-B-C education and all the weariness of dangling legs and an aching back.

700 Indians

But the most impressive event of my first term's experience was the passing, one pleasant day, of 700 Indians and as many ponies on their way westward. Men, women, children, down to the freshest and squeakiest of papooses, constituted this motley throng, and their equipment of tents, poles, kettles and other belongings was wonderful to behold.

In the summer of 1849, I think it was, a school was opened in the roomy basement of Dr. Matson's large, new frame residence, south of Booth creek, on the Mount Vernon road, a half mile beyond Fairview and afterward the property of Timothy Soper.

This was in charge of Miss Algetha Hall, sister of Carr Hall and Mrs. Mary Clark. Fairview at that time consisted of three log cabins—one of them my father's—one frame house and one partly log and partly frame. Early in the sixties a valuable educational enterprise was established by the erection of an academy building in Fairview for which able teachers were provided. This school became quite a center of influence and such men as Judge Milo P. Smith, J. L. Joslin, J. G. Parson, David Anglam, Henry Stutsman, and many others were among the prominent students. Unfortunately, after some years the academy burned down and never was rebuilt. Nevertheless this academy, Western, Cornell, and Lenox colleges and other local schools, including the Lockwood district, successors of the early log cabin schools and their limitations, afforded commendable educational privileges after all, and it is a fact in which I take genuine pride, that the old pioneer families—the Peets, Porters, Harveys, Matsons, Joslins, Parsons, Hakes, Sopers, Craigheads, Hubbells, and their descendants, with others in that vicinity—achieved worthy records of usefulness and coined compet-

ency and substantial comfort out of the responsive soil of Fairview and Greenfield townships. And we may very properly remark in passing that the Craighead sisters, Mrs. Wilds and Mrs. H. E. M. Niles, became well known teachers, as did Miss Augusta Peet, who later married Mr. Charles Hubbell and was the mother of Mrs. Park Chamberlain and Miss Rena Hubbell, who are with us today.

Generosity to a Kid

I feel constrained to mention also that Mr. R. K. Soper, brother to Capt. E. B. Soper, a successful military man, lawyer, and banker, likewise attained political prominence, was appointed state fish commissioner and took his first lesson in Izaak Walton's fine art of fishing in that pond I referred to a few moments ago. I know this to be true because he presented a certain five-year-old one day with two fat chubs he had caught with a pin hook and grasshopper bait, and he is getting this mention of his official preeminence because of his distinguished generosity to the aforesaid kid.

Anamosa's first school was in a log house twenty rods south of Main street, left hand side of road to the cemetery. Carr Hall told me more than once that in the winter the snow that drifted in through the shingles and open chinks on

the loose board ceiling above their heads would melt after the fire was started and the water would run down on the children and their books. The same was true of course after Father Wright organized the Congregational church and held the services for a time in the same leaky building. Probably Miss Algetha Hall was the teacher.

Relaxed on Quilts

My father went to California in 1849 and in the fall of 1850 my mother, sister and myself moved to Anamosa. My first schooling here was in a frame building north of the Althen place, afterwards occupied as a residence by the family of Mr. Robert Giltrap, Sr. Miss Hall was the teacher. One of the attractive features of her school was the spreading of quilts on the floor on which the younger children, exhausted by their intellectual labors, were permitted to stretch

their weary frames and kick up their heels for a reasonable time every day.

In 1851, as I remember, the district erected a commodious frame school house on the top of the hill at the east end of Hickory Street. It was divided into two square rooms for two teachers. Dissatisfaction followed. Six months or a year later one night Mr. Turley, a leading citizen, and a band of helpers cleared out the partition and after that one teacher was all that was required.

Names of Teachers

I cannot get hold of school records from the beginning but give the names of teachers as I recall them and without being sure of the order in which they came. Miss Algetha Hall, Miss Bass, Mr. C. T. Lamson, Mr. J. J. Huber, Mr. Odell, Mr. J. H. Shaw, Mr. J. J. Dickinson, Mr. H. D. Sherman, Mr. J. R. Stillman, Miss Bundy, and quite a number of others probably, whose names I cannot remember.

Among the above Mr. J. J. Huber made a notable record. At the beginning of each term he would assign "pieces" and dialogues to the members of the school and every day different ones were called out on the floor and put through their drill. Each term wound up with a big school exhibition in the court house down town. All the boys carried loads of the yew-pine from the hillsides south of the river, now the state park, and the decorations, set off

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with paper roses, gave the court house stage a most gorgeous appearance. So successful and even sensational was the effect produced by the exhibition that Huber's fame was spread over the county and he was elected treasurer and recorder, held the office two terms and later was made county judge.

Olmstead Taught in Cabin

My father, Edmund Booth, told me many years ago about Lathrop Olmstead's first school in Fairview and I wrote to Mr. J. L. Joslin, now of Cedar Rapids, for further information. He says Mr. Olmstead taught in Fairview in the winter of 1839 and '40 in his own log dwelling. Hiram Joslin, two brothers and one sister, Tim Olmstead, Miles Russell and others were among those who attended. After some years the school was transferred to the log cabin on the Marion road previously mentioned. Mr. Joslin's first teacher was Miss Lucinda Hunt, who afterwards married Mr. J. A. Scott, later a hardware merchant in Anamosa. This school was taught in a log house, near what is now Martelle cemetery, in 1850.

The early schools were all supported by voluntary donations and by tuition paid by parents. In an early day, Mr. Joslin says, the Government set apart every 16th section of land in Iowa for school purposes, but it was some years before this land could be sold and funds realized for the payment of teachers.

Fond Recollections Of Skinner's Store

By Harriet A. Cunningham

To you of the vintage of the seventies and the eighties, do you not recall with a happy feeling around your heart, Skinner's drug store, at any time of the year when gifts were to be chosen within your limited means, but especially at Christmas time?

All paths led to "Mrs. Skinner's" those days. With our pennies and nickels and an occasional dime clutched tightly in our hands, Mrs. Skinner would allow us to look at everything several times over if we wanted to, before at last parting with our money and receiving our package with the kindly admonition, "Be careful and don't drop it and break it before you get home!"

But the most exciting day of the year, next to Christmas, to two youngsters, was after father came home from the warehouse and said: "Skinner's put old Santa Claus out in front today." And then when Saturday morning came, the little girl and her brother would start out hand in hand for "Mrs. Skinner's" to see Santa Claus and begin their selection of gifts for the members of their household.

We can close our eyes now and bring the whole scene vividly before us. Brother was seven and his sister nine. His cap covered his ears and his warm coat met mother-made red mittens at the wrists; and father insisted, copper-toed boots at the knees, his first pair.

All sister remembers is that she had on was a dark blue knit hood, tied under the chin, that Nellie Beardsley had made for her and of which she was very proud. It goes without saying that probably a coat "made over" from an older sister's garment (that bane of every youngest child!) completed the outfit. Stripped wool mittens and stockings and copper-toed shoes completed her costume.

Pinned carefully into our pockets so "you won't lose it before you get there" was a silver dollar which to our unaccustomed eyes was the size of a cart wheel and seemed too big to get lost. Upon arrival, we stood long and lovingly before Santa, examined with keen scrutiny his garments, the contents of his pack and the chimney in which he stood, for we wanted to be sure that he came up to our expectations and specifications. We counted the brass buttons on his bright red vest and remember to this day that there were nine. He was life-size and the expression of the face so natural and kindly that in all the years since, we have never seen a human taking that part in store or Sunday school but that he seemed but a caricature of the real Santa

Claus in front of "Mrs. Skinner's Store."

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And are some of you readers a bit curious to know if our silver dollars "covered" our family of eight?

"Believe it or not" they did and the excitement of hiding our little gifts, the surprises, the giving and receiving around the family tree Christmas morning brought more lasting joy than the spending of hundreds of paper dollars has since.

Did you know that the second-permanent white settlement in Iowa was founded by an army officer because the War Department had commanded him to get rid of his wife?

Dr. Clark Joslin Was Our First Physician

Dr. Clark Joslin, the first physician and surgeon in this community, came to Jones county, September 22, 1838, practically 100 years ago.

His early education was received in Ohio and Indiana, and, at 16, he began the study of medicine. He worked for three years under Dr. H. Wright and Dr. Moses Rider and then began to practice in Michigan. When he arrived in Iowa in 1838, he began at Fairview as the first medical practitioner in Jones county. He moved to Anamosa several years later and maintained an office here as soon as the town was laid out.

Dr. Joslin was a fine physician and his services were always in demand. His practice extended for 60 miles from the town and that great a distance often-times meant many days of hard travel, by horse or on foot. There was many a perilous journey when his life was endangered by terrible cold, but Dr. Joslin never let the weather interfere with what he felt was his duty.

In addition to holding the distinction of having been the first Jones county surgeon, Dr. Joslin was also the first county recorder and he became a member of the Jones County Medical society.

Dr. Joslin was married twice, his first wife being M. L. Wolcott of Michigan and his second, Elizabeth Hale, of Delaware county, N. Y. Of their five children, one, James Joslin, grew up to be a doctor and for a time he practiced in Anamosa.

Teachers Employed.

Jones County Teacher.

The following is a list of teachers employed in rural schools, as reported since our last issue:

Cass township—No. 2, Carrie Vinton, of Hopkinton; No. 4, Lizzie Crand, of Anamosa; No. 7, Frances Smith, of Anamosa; No. 8, Maggie McGovern, of Stone City.

Castle Grove township—No. 1, Maggie Dougherty, of Anamosa; No. 2, Maggie Greer, of Sand Spring; No. 6, Lizzie Klein, Prairieburg.

Fairview township—No. 2, Effie Peley, of Waubek; No. 4, (town of Fairview) Bridgie Whalen, of Anamosa, and Jennie Coleman, of Fairview; No. 5, Mary Spellman, of Anamosa.

Hale township—No. 1, Maggie Porter, of Clarence; No. 2, Lottie DeYo, of Clarence; No. 3, Phillip Daley, of Anamosa; No. 4, Ola Stuart, of Olin; No. 6, May Suttiff, of Oxford Mills; No. 7, Hattie Garrison, of Hale; No. 8, Anna Freeman, of Clarence; No. 9, Anna P. Frey, of Mt. Vernon.

Richland township—No. 5, Etta Moran, of Cascade; No. 7, Ella Foulkes, of Cascade.

Rome township—No. 2, Dora Rummel, of Olin; No. 8, Wm. Henderson, of Mt. Vernon; No. 9, Minnie Slager, of Fairview.

Scotch Grove township—No. 1, Aggie Orr, of Clay Ford, and J. W. Strafer, of Scotch Grove; No. 8, Gertrude Rodman, of Monticello; No. 6, Cora Montague, of Center Junction; No. 7, May Scales, of Monticello; No. 9, Julia Quigley, of Anamosa.

Washington township—No. 2, Maggie Collins, of Cascade; No. 4, Bedelia Duffy, of Temple Hill.

Wayne township—No. 8, Emma Morrison, of Amber.

Clay township—Defiance Hill, Sadie Franks, of Wyoming; South Temple Hill, Maggie Duffy, of Clay Mills; White Oak Grove, Kate Kegley, of Monmouth.

Greenfield township—Cherry Grove, Kate Baird, of Lisbon; Cottage Hill, Jennie Armstrong, of Martelle; Hazel Hill, Gertrude Blessing, of Lisbon; Martelle, Elnora Yates, of Martelle; West Corner, Mary Sherk, of Mt. Vernon.

Jackson township—Antioch, Grace Maple, of Onslow; Black Oak, Charles Batchelder, of Langworthy; Center, Mary Hoffman, of Anamosa; Hazel Green, Emma Clark, of Amber; Pleasant Valley, Clarice Larimer, of Anamosa; Waggoner, Flora Parsons, of Anamosa.

Madison township—Madison Center, Kate Doran, of Amber; Maple Grove, Maude Everhart, of Olin; Niles, Effie French, of Manchester; Oak Grove, Ollie Sutton, of Fulton.

Monticello township—No. 2, Grace Maurice, of Monticello.

Oxford township—No. 3, Mary Hodowal, of Monmouth; No. 17, W. D. Carroll, of Oxford Mills.

Wyoming township—Baldwin, Ida Ireland, of Wyoming; Pence Ridge, Mary Baldwin, of Wyoming; Valley, Nettie Gridley, of Onslow.

OBITUARY OF MRS. R. W. JOHNSON.

After Years of Suffering a Most Estimable Wife and Mother is At Rest.

Sarah Burwell was born September 2, 1852, in Westerville, Ohio. When a year old her parents removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and a year later they settled in Pleasant Valley, in Jones county, southeast of Anamosa. Here she grew to young womanhood under the favorable conditions of a Christian home. In 1868 she was united in marriage to R. W. Johnson, which union proved to be a happy one. Through years of toil they have lived, and through all have been companions tender and helpful.

There were born to them eight children, one of whom died in infancy and another in early childhood. Those living are Harris, of this place, Mrs. Emma Lawson, of Olin; Mrs. Nellie Byorly, of Jackson; Mrs. Delilah Borshoin, of Blair, Wis.; Mrs. Ida McCroskey, of this city; and Bert, of Eyota, Minn.

In 1882 she united with the Methodist Church and has lived an exemplary Christian life all these years.

It was while at a meeting of one of the church societies that she was stricken with the disease which proved fatal. At times she rallied and seemed to improve, yet after months of heroic struggle, suffering almost unbearable pain, she steadily grew worse and seemed to know the end was near. She calmly approached the close of her life in perfect peace, the very spirit in which she had lived.

The end came rather unexpectedly, and as quietly as sleep, in the evening of January 20th, having lived 55 years, 4 months and 18 days.

One of the greatest comforts possible was hers to the last, the never failing attention of her companion—the tender presence of her sons and the gracious ministreries of her four womanly daughters. She had sown the seeds of helpful kindness in their hearts. These seeds grow and ripened into a golden harvest of affection which she herself was permitted to reap in peace. What a comfort to those who mourn! What a joy to her who has gone to the never ending joys!

Our sister was a beautiful woman in every sense. She was a quiet home maker rather than a society leader. She was queen of the home and ruled her realm with a quiet grace which bound all hearts inseparably to her. She found the secret of a poised character. Ever kind, thoughtful and tender, she was never known to have been angry or rash or bitter. The calm which characterized her Savior seemed to be the continual atmosphere of her soul. She has a large circle of friends who deeply mourn the loss of so good a friend. At the close heaven seemed so near that she said over and over again that dearest of all earthly words, "mother."

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at 2 P. M., Jan. 23, conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. C. Dutton. By request "Lead Kindly Light," "The Gate Ajar," and "Sweet Peace," were sung. The music was especially fine. Interment at Riverside.—Eureka.

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THE LIVERMORE GAZETTE, Nov. 28, 1884

Joseph Fisher, of Dakota City, for some years a resident of that place
died last Monday morning in the 81st year of his age. Mr. Fisher was a pioneer
in Iowa, having settled in Jones County at an early day, where he became
quite prominent in business matters and the building up of the material interests
of Anamosa. His remains were sent in charge of his wife to be interred among
the earlier scenses of his active life. Mrs. Fisher left Tuesday noon with
the body for Anamosa.

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