

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The writer has been in correspondence concerning the proposed library for more than a year. The offer of Mr. Carnegie brings it to a practical and immediate issue. What sort of an institution is proposed, and is it worth getting and maintaining?

In the eastern states small country villages boast of their public libraries, and support them with the greatest public spirit. It is not a creditable thing to deny even the literary features naturally included in this offer to Monticello.

It should be said, however, that the "library" features of the institution, while properly the substantial and in the long run the most important department for which we plan, are by no means the only goods things proposed, nor are they the ones that will be of the largest immediate value to our community.

On the principal floor with the library proper should be a well furnished reading room. Here should be found the papers and magazines of the day, in a well lighted and attractive place, free for the use of every person who wishes to enter the doors.

In all probability there will be an adjustment of this floor that will make way for a children's room with juvenile papers and books. This plan is very commonly followed and it serves the little people best and saves their elders from interruption or annoyance.

So far as there is a plan it includes the idea of a generous provision on the ground or basement floor for recreation and mild athletics. A gymnasium not large though sufficiently so with suitable appointments, is entirely feasible.

As to the cost of this institution: Mr. Carnegie gives \$10,000 with which to erect a building. This will include the heating, lighting, plumbing and such tables, seating and such cases as legitimately complete the same.

The city is required to guarantee a main tenance fund of not less than \$1,000 a year. This is to pay the "living expenses" of the institution, including librarian, fuel, light, care of building, insurance, and we hope a margin for annual equipment.

The purchase of a site and the equipment of the institution will require a popular subscription of a few thousand dollars. Taxation being limited to our corporation, we anticipate substantial help in the subscription from friends in Lovell township who will be able to make use of the privileges of the library.

It should be borne in mind that we are receiving about \$3,000 a year from saloon licenses. It is a small thing to put a \$1,000 into a high grade substitute for, or better, a preventative of the saloon. Remember, the library will not be followed by crime, expensive litigation, the support of paupers, and a large loss in the purchasing power of its patrons.

From Cincinnati we went to Chattanooga leaving in the midst of a regular blizzard. At Chattanooga we visited the government cemetery and ascended to the top of Look-out Mountain, where the boys in blue and gray had such a scramble in November of 1863. The mountain-top is reached by cable car. Portions of the way are very steep, and make a person feel rather creepy in making the trip.

steep, and make a person feel rather creepy in making the trip. There is a great deal to interest one at this historical point, and the many things that may be seen repay one for the time and money expended.

We reached Jacksonville the next day after leaving Chattanooga, and from there went to St. Augustine where we arrived very tired from our continuous journey of 18 hours.

It was rather wet here during January, and the farmers have had difficulty in getting their spring crops of Irish potatoes in. The land is very level and water runs off slowly. The country is beautiful. It is thickly settled by white only, and is a great place for oranges, peaches, pears, grapes and Irish and sweet potatoes.

I find that it requires more experience and harder work to farm here than it does in Iowa. All fields are fenced, and on each side of the fences are great hand-dug ditches from two to six feet wide, and from one and a half to three feet deep.

The fields are first plowed, then disced, then boarded down smooth, and then a sulky with four discs is used to throw the ground up into ridges or rows. Thus the field is a succession of ridges with a ditch between each that connects with the side ditches. A fertilizing machine puts fertilizer into these ditches and covers it up.

I have not been very well. Owing to the formation of another abscess, I was laid up for 10 days. I am now able to up and about, but am rather weak. We hope soon to go to some coast town, where it is hoped I may be benefited. There I can fish, have plenty of oysters to eat, and be as lazy as I desire.

Respectfully, C. W. BROWN.

ONSLOW. ONSLOW, Feb. 24. Mrs. Albert Hutton is much improved. C. D. Walrod is home from Iowa City for a few days.

W. O. Briggs, the Clinton Advertiser man, is in town. Chas. Hutton has purchased Gene Mackrill's livery stock. Rev. Ellis commenced a series of meetings here Monday night.

N. B. Noyes has been having another tussle with rheumatism. E. E. Jeffries has moved into H. D. Hall's store room next to the postoffice. John Dennison of Clay, is having a sale today. He will shortly move to this place.

Forsyth & Underwood today started drilling a well for J. G. Shriver in Clay town ship. Mrs. Williams of New York, is here caring for her sister, Mrs. Spear, who, we are glad to say, is some better. W. C. Paul will move this week to Cedar Rapids and Sam'l Graham and J. E. Orr will go to the same city next week.

Bert Mackrill is moving his goods to South Dakota. D. Schneider is moving on to the farm vacated by Mr. Mackrill. This is the Harrison Corbit farm in Scotch Grove and is owned by J. Z. Mackrill who also owns the old John Gibson farm which will be occupied by Mr. Mackrill's son Gene. Another son, Dillon, will farm the place east of town, and another son, W. E., will farm the old homestead in Clay township.

The house on W. L. Overly's farm was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. It was occupied by the family of Mr. Westfall. There was no one at home. The fire was discovered by neighbors. A few things were saved, but most of the furniture, and all the provisions in the cellar were destroyed. The loss on the house was about \$1,000 with \$500 insurance. Mr. Westfall, we hear, had some insurance. Mr. Overly thinks the fire was of incendiary origin.

Sunday N. B. Noyes received a telegram announcing the death at Los Angeles, California of Ruth the five year old daughter of W. C. and Bertha Trotter. Ruth was born here at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Noyes. She was a lovely child and was admired by those who knew her. She spent several weeks here two years ago. Before the Trotters left for California, last fall the Noyes visited them at Chicago. This is a severe blow, and much sympathy is expressed for both families. Further particulars are awaited here with impatience.

CENTER JUNCTION. CENTER JUNCTION, Feb. 24. Mr. Thomas Carson is spending a few days at home again. Miss Minnie Dawson has been visiting friends in Hopkinton, the past week.

The boys' band deserves much praise for the progress they have made in so short a time. Miss Jennie Shipley is at present visiting her sister Mrs. Sturtevant at Emmetsburg, Iowa. Mr. Will McDonald and family of Rhodes, Iowa, will live on the farm vacated by Mr. Frank Serbousek.

Mr. B. C. Mackrill has removed his goods to South Dakota where he will make his home the coming year. Mrs. Myron Dodge and infant son of Center Point, have been visiting her parents and friends in this vicinity the past week. Mrs. Frank Ray, accompanied by her sister, Elizabeth Shipley, started for her home at Haverhill, Iowa, last Monday evening. Mr. E. Landherr and family who have spent the past year in Idaho and the West have returned and will live on their farm, near here, during the coming year. The social given by the ladies' aid society, last Saturday evening, was very well attended. A short Washington program was given. The first entertainment being given by the band. Last Thursday evening, at seven o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Magee,

occured the wedding of their daughter Maude to Mr. Chas. Woods of Spirit Lake. Only a few of the very intimate friends of the family were invited. The best wishes go with these people, who will make their home near Spirit Lake in the future.

CASTLE GROVE. CASTLE GROVE, Feb. 24. A. W. Cramer was in Hopkinton one day recently. There was a dance at the home of John Dress, on Friday evening.

A new boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arnold last week. Miss Blanche Noble was able to resume her studies at Coe College this week. Mrs. C. R. Wilder went to Randalia on Saturday to attend the funeral of a friend. The Downerville Creamery Co., have filled their ice house with ice from Silver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer of Hazel Green came down on Tuesday for a short visit with relatives here. F. A. Hover left this week for Binghamton, N. Y., where he will make his future home. He takes with him the wishes of many friends.

The funeral of Mrs. McNamara who resided near Prairieburg, was held from the church of Immaculate Conception at Argand on Tuesday. This must have been sale week in Castle Grove. The Niederhauser sale came off on Monday, Church's on Tuesday, and Dress & Sons on Wednesday.

Michael Haley was the victim of a runaway accident last Friday. He had hauled the butter from the Downerville creamery to Monticello, and while he was unloading it at the depot his team became frightened at the cars and ran away. When they started Mr. Haley had one foot on the depot platform and the other in the wagon and was carrying a tub of butter. He was thrown heavily to the ground, the tub falling upon him. He was badly shaken up and was pretty sore for a few days. It is to be hoped that he will experience no serious effects from the fall. The team was stopped in the vicinity of the Proctor store. A few spokes in one of the wagon wheels were broken and three tubes of butter were somewhat damaged.

CASS. Cass, Feb. 25. Miss Hattie Ketcham is sick. Bert Atwood has moved to LaBelle, Mo. Arthur and Hattie Lake are visiting at Marion.

Jim Belknap has moved onto Dr. Gorman's farm. Dirk Schaffer has bought a farm near Langworthy. P. J. McLaughlin has moved his family to Dubuque. Hugh Cunningham was a Monticello visitor Tuesday. Ethel Brush of Wyoming, visited Cass friends recently.

B. J. Hicks of Dexter, Iowa, was a Cass caller last week. Geo. Benten went to Center Junction on business Monday. Joe Walters is able to be around again after a long illness. Dr. Berry of Cedar Rapids, spent a few days in Cass recently. The ladies' aid society met with Mrs. G. G. Ketcham last week. Milton Lake of Marion, has moved onto one of Mrs. Ogden's farms.

Rev. C. Warner of Monticello, was the guest of Rev. Keeler Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright left Friday for their new home in Enid, Oklahoma. Mrs. Dwight Cook of Anamosa, was the guest of Mrs. G. G. Ketcham last week. Mrs. Kate Ketcham and Nettie Page entertained their friends Friday evening. Mrs. McNamara died at the home of her son Ed., last Saturday. The funeral was held at Castle Grove Tuesday, Father Powers of Anamosa officiating.

WYOMING. WYOMING, Feb. 24. G. W. Evans has gone to Chicago on business. O. R. Ricker was doing business here recently. Albert DeWitt of Western Iowa, is visiting his parents here.

Mrs. Hazlet was on the sick list last week but is much better now. Florence Bell is in Cedar Rapids. She expects to visit at Washington, Iowa, before returning home. J. L. Stickle of Clay township, is making quite a success of buying horses and fitting them for market.

The Wyoming cornet band, composed of some of our best boys and girls, is making excellent progress, and will soon be discoursing sweet music on our streets. The soldier boys and friends of Henry F. Paul, one of Onslow's good citizens, are planning to give him a birthday party next Friday. There will be a big time of course. The school board has engaged Byron J. Reed of Humboldt, to take the place of C. C. Gray who has resigned. We trust Mr. Reed will be as acceptable as Mr. Gray has been.

Col. Wood of Anamosa, was in town to-day interviewing his friends as to the advisability of being a candidate for sheriff. He has certainly been loyal to his country and faithful to the republican party.

AMBER. AMBER, Feb. 25. W. E. Perryman moved to Marion today. Till Hartman of Fairview, was here Monday.

There will be a basket social at the Black Oak school house Friday evening. W. H. Farragher has sold his house and implement shop to Warner Heiken. J. P. Younger was here yesterday, looking after his creameries. He paid 1.04 for four per cent milk in January. Jas. Robertson, Peter Lincoln, Philip Bailey, Mary Schoon and S. Farragher have put in Jones County phones. J. J. Bailey has moved onto the Wm. Allen farm near Monticello. John Siebels has moved onto the farm vacated by Bailey.

Reply to "A Marital Lament." When you linger at the office, don't you think that it is due to your wife to let her know about what time you will be through? I don't wish to be exacting, but it's just a bit distracting when dinner's long been ready to be waiting, dear, for you. Of course I greet you smiling, as indeed why should I not? You've been away all day from home and slaving such a lot! But when we dine at 7, and you're not home till 11, you can hardly blame me, dearie, if the dinner isn't hot. When tolling for your family with energy and subtlety. To be kept in at the office, to be sure, is not a crime. But not to press unduly—Will you tell me, dearie, truly, Are you sure it was the office that detained you all the time? —New York Times.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED. \$2.50 Worth of Treatment Free as a Trial.

To demonstrate the marvelous curative powers of a newly discovered treatment for heart disease, short breath, pain in side, oppression in the chest, irregular pulse, palpitation, smothering spells, puffing of the ankles, or dropsy, a famous scientist and physician will send \$2.50 worth free as a trial to those who will recommend it when cured.

Each treatment is carefully prepared to suit the age and weight of each patient and kind and stage of the disease. It is therefore eminently scientific and unusually successful. His treatments are the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating the various ailments of the heart, stomach and nerves, which so often complicate each case. So astonishing are the results of his complete special treatments that he does not hesitate to offer all persons a free trial.

Nothing could be more liberal. Few physicians have such confidence in their remedies. There is no reason why all afflicted persons should not avail themselves of this exceedingly liberal offer, as they may never have another such opportunity. No death comes more suddenly than that from heart disease.

Mrs. A. Kronck of Huntington, Ind., was cured after thirty physicians failed. Mrs. Flora Graeter of Bristolville, O., after twenty-two; Jas. R. Waite, the noted actor, after a score had pronounced him incurable; Mrs. Frank Smith of Chicago after five leading physicians had given up; Mrs. J. H. Keister of Chicago, after ten; Mrs. R. Parker after sixteen failed.

A thousand references to, and testimonials from all parts of the world, by Physicians, Farmers, and their wives, will be sent free upon request. Send at once for free examination blank pamphlets and free treatment before it is too late. Address Dr. Franklin Miles, L. B., Dept. 14 523 to 527 Main street, Elkhart, Ind. Mention this paper when writing. 34w3

A Serious Mistake. To the average man it seems childish to doctor a cold, and unless it becomes particularly annoying to him, little or no attention is given it. Often a cold contracted in the winter is allowed to run until the opening of spring. This is a grave mistake, as even through the warm weather may bring relief, the system is therefore weakened and rendered susceptible to disease. A cold should never be neglected, whether it be a child or an adult who is afflicted, as health and often life is risked. A bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, costing but a small amount will bring speedy relief and all dangerous consequences will be avoided. For sale by Bacher & Abel.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Bacher & Abel.

The voracity of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and unequalled as a quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by Bacher & Abel.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORTS. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that final reports of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees in the several estates named in the annexed list, have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Jones county, and that Monday, the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1903, has been fixed as the time of final hearing and approval thereof before said court, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file exceptions and show cause why said reports, or either of them, should not be approved, to-wit:

Final report of C. S. Bidwell, executor of the estate of Julia A. Farwell, deceased. Final report of Marie Bolken, administrator of the estate of Albert DeWitt, deceased. Final report of R. C. Sturton, executor of the estate of Chas. Buttolph, deceased. Final report of R. C. Sturton, executor of the estate of James Parrott, deceased. Final report of Marie Cavannaugh, administrator of the estate of James Cavannaugh, deceased. Final report of Mitchell W. Himebaugh, executor of the estate of Geo. L. Himebaugh, former guardian of Florence Ella Loomis and Aftal Myr Loomis, minors. Final report of Etta Jansen, administrator of the estate of John Jansen, deceased. Final report of Ella M. Nelson, administrator of the estate of Matthew J. Nelson, deceased. Final report of Newton O. Delscher, guardian of the estate of Charles H. Delscher, deceased. Final report of H. A. Hanken and Herman Hanken, executors of the estate of Abraham D. Hanken, deceased. Final report of Hannah Kline, administrator of the estate of Abram D. Kline, deceased. Final report of A. Mathiesen, administrator of the estate of D. C. Prader, deceased. Dated at Anamosa, Iowa, Feb. 17th, 1903. J. H. RAMSEY, District Court Jones County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has this day been appointed and commissioned by the district court of Jones county, in the state of Iowa, administrator of the estate of George W. Holmes, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them with the undersigned, clearly stated and duly sworn to, and within legal time, preparatory to their being allowed or proved; and persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned and avoid costs. Dated at Anamosa, Iowa, this 13th day of February, A. D. 1903. A. MATTHIESSEN, Herick & Bauder, Attorneys for the Estate.

Seed Oats for Sale. One thousand bushels of good white seed oats for sale at 40c per bushel. Samples can be seen at Matthiessen Bros. HENRY EILERS. Sam Jones says of him, "Dr. Willits is a sunbeam by day an arc-light by night." Come and hear him Feb. 27th. Grilled Beef. Soak slices of cold meat in the following sauce for one-half an hour: One and a half tablespoonfuls each of salad oil and Worcester-shire sauce, three teaspoonfuls of made mustard, pepper and salt to taste and a little sliced onion fried in butter. Broil the meat after it has soaked one-half an hour, and if liked the sauce can be thickened with a little flour and poured over the meat when ready to serve.

Mission Style Chests. Among the most attractive pieces in the furniture of mission style are the big black oak chests, which may be used for many purposes. Some of them are lined with cedar for a regular storage chest. They can be kept in a sleeping or living room and give an extra seat.

MONARCH! Made of Malleable Iron and Steel. A Grand Display and Cooking Demonstration Is now in progress at our store. This demonstration will continue throughout the entire week, when the excellence of Monarch Construction will be explained. The readiness and ease with which cooking and baking may be done on a Monarch Range will be demonstrated by actual test. Bakes in less than 3 minutes. Monarch Malleable Iron and Steel Ranges Give the same satisfaction after years of use that they give in the beginning. Malleable iron frames secure all joints seams, rendering them air-tight, gas-tight and dust-tight. Monarch Ranges do not crack, warp or break, and will last a life-time with ordinary care. Given Away A Set of Steel and Enamelled Cooking Utensils Valued at \$7.50 with each Monarch Range sold during this exhibition Absolutely Free. Everyone is cordially invited to call and witness the tests and sample the cooking which will be served all visitors, whether they are ready to purchase or not. GEO. W. DAVIS, Monticello, Iowa.

SPRING OPENING. TWO WORLD'S GREATEST RANGE. "THE MALLEABLE" RANGES. The Malleable. The Most Value for the Least Money. The Majestic. Last longest, save fuel, operate quickly; their beauty appeals to the artistic; their strength talks straight at your common sense; ask your friends who use them about their qualities. SOLE AGENTS, Hall's = = = Hardware.

Good Business Building For Sale. I offer the building where my business is located, for sale and will also sell the business if the purchaser of the building desires it. Good trade, and fine prospects for right man. Steam heat, electric lights, bath room and sewer connection. Good barn. PETER MEYER. Monticello Iowa.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORTS. Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that final reports of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees in the several estates named in the annexed list, have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Jones county, and that Monday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1903, has been fixed as the time of final hearing and approval thereof before said court, at which time and place persons interested may appear and file exceptions, and show cause why said reports, or either of them, should not be approved, to-wit:

ORIGINAL NOTICE. In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Jones County. John Lapham, Plaintiff, vs. Susan Lapham Barrows, Defendant. To Said Defendant: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Jones County, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiff aforesaid, claiming of the sum of one hundred ninety-two dollars and seventy cents, as money justly due from you, and interest thereon at 10 per cent from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1903, and that the time of final hearing and approval thereof is fixed for the 13th day of May, A. D. 1903, a default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon. E. HERRICK, Attorney for Plaintiff. 35w4

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has this day been appointed and commissioned by the District Court of Jones county, in the state of Iowa, administrator of the estate of Boyd L. Delscher, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them with the clerk of said court, clearly stated and duly sworn to, and within legal time, preparatory to their being allowed or proved; and persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned and avoid costs. Dated at Anamosa, Iowa, this 13th day of February, A. D. 1903. 35w4 NEWTON C. DRISCOLL, Administrator. HERRICK & BAUDER, Att'y for Estate. Do not miss the celebrated Monarch range demonstration at Davis' hardware. Free lunch during the balance of the week.