

## The ADVANCE Wishes Its Readers A Happy and Prosperous New Year

### COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

#### NIRA.

Business seems unusually dull during the holidays.

Mart Glantz moved to-day to the Scofield farm just vacated by Mr. Eckerman's. The weather was pretty fresh but preferable to March mud, we presume.

Two men from Washington were up examining the Lewis farm yesterday, but hadn't bought yet.

At the regular meeting of the Nira-Wellman Telephone Company held at P. A. Mulchy's Monday evening, Geo. Longwell was elected president, J. B. Hanley, vice-president, P. A. Mulchy, secretary, Wm. McClelland, treasurer and John Glantz and Wm. Dorrance, directors. Geo. Longwell, president, also acts as director, ex officio. The meeting was a pleasant and enthusiastic one.

Davison & Taylor shipped a car of hogs to-day.

Dogs killed one hog and badly crippled six others for Joe Crossett last night.

Frank Furman's, of Foote, were at Walter F.'s here Sunday. Ditto, Al. Walton's at H. N. Tracy's.

Miss Grace Miller came out from the University Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives in this and Great township, Iowa county.

C. Mahaffa returned to Des Moines Thursday.

John Davison and wife were passengers to Muscatine Thursday evening, returning Saturday.

Ed. Lemoraux and wife were at the parental Tracy home Christmas. Grandma Tracy isn't improving as we had hoped she might. For several weeks her trouble hasn't yielded to treatment to any noticeable extent.

Levi Miller and daughter and Rose Miller drove over to D. Wade's Friday to visit and feast. The former two remained across the river for an extended visit.

Shirley Norris was in Wellman between trains yesterday. Joe Crossett and Rose Miller drove down. C. C. Lewis was a passenger to Wellman to-day.

Several of the members were present Saturday at the regular meeting of the Horse Company. Hon. H. H. Willson, H. G. Moore, M. C. Struble, I. N. Carr, P. F. Krueger and Chas. Blumenstein were up from Wellman. Chas. Miller came in from Atlantic, Iowa, to visit a few days.

#### AMISH.

Sol. Gingerich came home from Elkhart Indiana, to spend the holidays at home. He holds a good position in the schools there, and while here will deliver lectures at his old home school, No. 8. Come out and hear him. It will do you good.

Oscar Stenough bought of John Gingerich the John Troyer house, as Mr. G. has bought the Jake Gunden farm and will not need it. Oscar hasn't said whether he is going to settle down or not.

Mrs. Jake Miller spent last Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Marion Erb.

C. O. Yoder and C. A. Meyers put in a new walk at the church last Wednesday.

It is rumored that Geo. Miller, now of Clarion, Wright county, will take unto himself a wife soon. We'll be the first in offering congratulations.

Mrs. Frank Latz and children, of Green Center, are spending the holidays at Grandma Long's.

The Christmas services were very good, and many were the little folks made glad, and also older ones. All the little folks were treated to candy, etc.

Mr. M. C. Shaff, of Iowa City, spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Maske entertained relatives at a Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Grace VanCleve and children, of Tipton, formerly of Daytonville, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller.

John Boll and wife, Mrs. F. Simmons and children, of Franklin, and Elmer Morgan and family spent Sunday at F. R. Meyers'.

Mr. Geo. Kelloy, of Green Valley, and Miss Mary Fuller, of Wellman, were married by Rev. Millice Christmas day. Mrs. John Palmer has been suffering with a gathering in her head the last week.

Miss Hattie Shaver is expected home to spend New Year's if she is sufficiently recovered from her ear trouble by that time.

John Waryo and family spent Christmas in Iowa City with relatives.

C. C. Dawson and Miss Zoe spent Christmas at home. The former was obliged to return the next day to Iowa City.

E. F. McArtor has the genuine Mandt oscillators for sale. Call and see them.

#### FAIRVIEW.

Henry Nois and family Sundayed at the McCrabb home, over south.

Ezra Eckerman moved to the farm he rented near Keota, Tuesday, and Mart Glanz moved the same day to the farm vacated by the former.

O. G. Shepherd and family came back from N. Dakota Saturday, and will stay at Mr. Shepherd's until Thursday, when they will move to Wellman. Ros wants to rent a farm. Welcome back to Iowa.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the Christmas exercises at the church Thursday evening.

A L White butchered a beef for Mr. Yenter Monday.

Rolla Eckerman's ate turkey at the parental Dayton home Christmas.

Some of the neighbors are getting their ice up this week.

The doctor was called to Will Davison's last week to see little Johnny, who was quite ill a few days, but is much better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watters came from their home at Fairfield Monday for a few days' visit with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Komino.

Henry Wetrich was home from Stuart for the holidays. He has a position in the depot there.

We understand that Miss Hattie McIntire is visiting her sisters in the western part of the state.

Mrs. Barbara Viggers, of Des Moines, who was called back by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Haha, will remain here until after New Year's.

Mr. Statler, of near North English, was buried to-day (Tuesday).

Leo Weber, of Kalona, came up to see Maynard and Wayne Lyons, also to see his sister, Mrs. Berton Lakin.

#### FRENDALE.

Clark Wimer came home from Missouri last week.

Mrs. Henry Livezey has gone to Iowa City to visit relatives.

Clark Wimer and family and Miss Ann Wimer, of Wellman, and Lou Wimer, of Oxford, ate Christmas dinner at J. W. Wimer's.

Otis McKay came out from Iowa City to spend Christmas at home.

Clint Stimmel and Martha Dahlke were married in Iowa City last Wednesday. They will reside on the Stimmel farm, east of Frendale.

A number of our people attended the silver wedding at W. A. DeFrance's Thursday and report an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crow, of Oxford, visited friends here last week.

Elsie Cupp, of Kalona, is working for her aunt, Mrs. Hess.

Walt Livezey and family and G. W. Klockentger and wife spent Christmas at M. D. Boenoy's.

There was quite a large crowd at the Christmas tree at Bethel in spite of the cold weather.

The S. S. convention will be held at Bethel church, January 20.

Mr. Hess delivered hogs at Parnell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yoder visited at Eli Yoder's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Benoll spent Christmas at D. W. Wertz's.

#### North R. F. D. No. 2.

The weather is a little off at this time. The Champion Hill Sunday school has purchased new song books, called, "Pentecostal Hymns, No. 3." There are a few left and if anyone should want one, call on Sarah Shrader.

Our L. A. S. meeting has been postponed one week.

A family reunion was held at the Popham home Christmas.

Word came from Talent, Oregon, that E. E. Moffit has purchased lots and intends building a house at once. It looks as if they intend to stay there.

Miss Jennie Alton spent a few days at Williamsburg.

J. A. Shrader and family took dinner at the S. H. Huntsberger home. Also J. D. Yoders' at S. C. Berrys'.

Santa Claus visited Tucker school Thursday.

Hattie McIntire and Cora Hull, who have been visiting in these parts a week or ten days, returned home Saturday.

Rev. Millice was not able to fill his appointment at Champion Hill Sunday. Uncle Jim Miller and wife are real sick. It looks as if they would have to stay in the house most of the winter.

Eddie Rowe who suffered from a severe attack of appendicitis and was at the hospital in Cedar Rapids for a week is at home again. He is doing as well as could be expected.

C. B. McDowell and family were in this part of the woods to spend Xmas.

#### Will Do Grinding.

Having bought the Dear Creek mill, I am now prepared to do feed grinding. Give me a call. J. D. WERTZ.

#### Washington Rural Route No. 3.

This neighborhood was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. John Downing. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in the loss of wife and mother.

Mrs. Thos. Randell has been very sick for the past month, but is some better at this writing.

Jim Flood has moved to Washington. He will work on the dray line the coming year.

Thos. Schulty and Aaron Huber sawed wood last week. Miller did the work. The Schulty families had their annual Christmas gathering at Chas. Schulty's this year.

Lexington will have a watch meeting Thursday night, with a descriptive sermon on the "Life of Christ," by Rev. Giller. Everybody go and hear this sermon.

Don Brindley is numbered among our sick.

Al. Patterson has his scales in and is now ready to accommodate the neighborhood.

Mrs. Lou Siesman is home after an eight weeks' stay with her parents in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkroader and children, from Illinois, are visiting his brother, John H., and her father, John Farris. They will be here most of the winter.

Remember 1904 is a leap year.

#### KINROSS

C. A. Monaghan came home Thursday to spend the holidays.

Miss Della Fry is spending this week with Miss Lucy Lytle.

Messrs. Hugh and Mike Quinn spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. A. J. Kelly. Hubert and Jonnie Fischer spent Sunday at Pat Kelly's.

M. A. Fischer and family spent Sunday with Adolph Yoss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wyatt, of Cedar Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Mart McDowell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Matthews spent Christmas at the M. V. Long home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rickard came up from Muscatine Thursday to spend the holidays at the parental Rickard home.

Wm. Cox put in a telephone one day last week for Dr. Boone.

Prof. Trumbo started for his home in West Virginia, Iowa, Friday morning.

Messrs. Joe and Roscoe Moler are spending the week with Andrew Moler and family.

Misses Lucy Lytle and Della Fry spent Sunday at the Anthony Kelly home.

Miss Emma Shepherd, who spent the past two weeks with Mary Seisinger, returned home Saturday eve.

#### R. F. D. No. 3.

Samuel Erb and wife returned home last Saturday from a few weeks' visit in Nebraska.

Sam Frienburger, William Slaughter and the Misses Katie Frienburger and Anna Slaughter, from Henry county, of this state, are in our vicinity visiting friends. They intend to return home the latter part of this week.

Joe Birkey, sr., is quite sick with typhoid fever.

Sam Yoder was out sawing wood last week with his gasoline engine and new saw.

Some of the young folks spent Christmas day at J. Y. Yoder's.

Lizzio Kinsinger is able to be around again.

Eli and Elmer Marnor have been preparing the timbers for C. J. Swartzendruber's new barn the past few weeks.

Jack Doelen has rented the Ned Spratt farm for next summer.

John C. Gingerich, from Missouri, is in our vicinity.

Mr. S. F. Gingerich, from Indiana, is here visiting with his parents and friends. We are informed that he will give a talk at the West Union church, on New Year's night. Everybody invited.

Otto Gingerich sold his gasoline engine. Otto says he is going to drop out of the wood sawing business.

#### Franklin

This is a cold day. It reminds us that winter is here.

Quite a good many people have colds. Protracted meetings did not begin Monday night on account of the minister being sick, but will begin this evening if his health permits.

The Christmas entertainment at Franklin was a success. It was the first ever held here.

#### South Prairie.

Arthur Jones sports a fine new sleigh. Mrs. F. C. Jones and family, and E. L. Jones and family ate Christmas dinner at J. C. Jones'.

The young folks enjoyed a party at W. F. Hicks' last Tuesday evening.

Miss Anna Mulchy visited in Nira Christmas day.

Dr. Harry Jones was out from the City Christmas day. Glynn and Day Jones went back with him Friday evening to visit over Sunday.

Harvey Stewart spent Sunday at Mrs. F. C. Jones'.

Mrs. Wm. Foster entertained H. L. Foster and family, C. P. Bradford and family, and George Foster and wife Christmas day.

Those who attended the Jones-Folger wedding from this neighborhood were: J. C. Jones and wife, H. L. Foster and wife, T. J. Moon and wife, Mrs. F. C. Jones, and Miss Mae Moon.

#### Surprise Valley.

Miss Florence Toms, of Iowa City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. McReynolds, and other friends here during vacation.

Chris Miller sawed wood for Elmer Wilson and C. C. McReynolds Tuesday, and for George Whelshel Wednesday.

#### Death of Mrs. J. R. Downing.

The many friends of Mrs. John Downing were painfully shocked on last Sunday to learn of her death which occurred at 2 p. m. on that day. Altho Mrs. Downing had been in failing health for a number of years, her last illness covered a period of only a few days, death resulting from a severe attack of asthma and neuralgia, from which she was a chronic sufferer, and which was aggravated by a severe cold contracted a week or so ago.

Martha E. Long was born in Miami county, Indiana, Feb. 25, 1852. From there the family moved to Illinois in 1854. They had only lived in their new home sixteen days when her father died, at the age of 27 years. In 1870, she came to Iowa, making her home with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Morgan, in Daytonville.

On Nov. 14, 1872, she was united in marriage to J. R. Downing, and since their marriage, they have resided continuously in Wellman. Four children blessed their union; two of whom passed away in infancy. The oldest, Charles R., died May 23, 1879, at the age of six years, 3 months, and 23 days. Clyde Everald died 1878, aged 2 years, 5 months, and 27 days. One son, Dr. L. M. Downing, and one daughter, Miss Gertrude, are left with the bereaved husband to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dr. Morgan and Mrs. J. K. Sanders, both residents of this place. Her only brother, Charles Long, passed away at his home in Cuba, Illinois, over a year ago, at the age of 63 years. Her mother died at the home of Dr. Morgan in 1887, aged 64 years.

Many pages of commendation might truthfully be written on the life of the deceased, as she was a character of whom much good and no evil could be said. But suffice it to say that her deeds were always kind-hearted acts prompted by unselfishness, purity, and consideration for those to whom it was her privilege to minister. Mrs. Downing was a "home" woman, believing that her first great duty lay at her own fireside, and finding her greatest joy in the performance of it and her sweetest pleasure in the society of her own household. She was a great reader of miscellaneous matter, storing her mind with many good and beautiful thoughts, gleaned from the world of books. She was also a strong Christian. She was converted and united with the M. E. church in 1887 and has since proven herself a consistent member. Altho a woman to whom home and church duties appealed first, she was aware of the benefits of the fraternal organizations, being an honored member of the Eastern Star and Rathbone Sisters of this place.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, Tuesday, at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. W. L. Clapp after which interment was made beside her little ones in the Wasonville cemetery.

**Birthday Party.** Little Miss Amorette Craig entertained a number of her friends, Monday afternoon, in honor of her sixth birthday. The little ladies enjoyed themselves as only care free children can.

A dainty supper was served to the wee guests.

The names of those present: Leona Matthews, Lucile Turnipseed, Mable Griffith, Mildred Griffith, Rosalind Hamilton, Cora Blumenstein, Ellen Gardner, Merle Huffman,

### FRANK MURPHY HOME.

He Brings With Him The Remains of Famous "Jimmie Morgan," Who Died Recently in Russia.

Frank Murphy, who has spent the past year in Europe, arrived in Chicago, December 21. He had, in his charge, the remains of his friend, the famous jockey, "Jimmie Morgan," who died in Warsaw, Russia, Oct. 1. Murphy was at the bedside of the little rider when he died, and it was at Morgan's request that he remained in Russia long enough to secure the necessary governmental papers to bring the body back to this country. It necessitated a delay of eight weeks.

Murphy briefly relates his dead friend's experiences in the saddle the past season: "Jim was a great rider and considered the peer, not only of all the foreign riders, but of most of his Yankee rivals.

"We could see his strength failing for weeks toward the end, and begged him to take a rest, but he always laughed and said, 'Why I will be alive and riding race horses when half of you fellows are dead and buried.' If he never seemed to realize that his days were numbered, and rode with brilliant success up to almost the hour of his death."

Morgan's great work in the saddle has been attracting much attention in the sporting circles for many years. For the past two years, his efforts have been put forth on the Russian turf, where among many other clever achievements, was a victory in the Warsaw Derby, a year ago last summer.

Harry Morgan was called, the Indian because of the Indian blood inherited from his mother, who was a full-blood Comanche. He was proud of his Indian blood and liked to be referred to as a redskin.

Morgan was much better educated than the average jockey, being a great reader, and was also conversant with several different languages. The liberal to a fault, he was not a spendthrift, and leaves an estate of several thousand dollars. He was 31 years of age.

He had long suffered from consumption, frequently having hemorrhage of the lungs. It was a violent attack of hemorrhage that finally ended his existence. Murphy left Chicago for Gatesburg with the remains, last Thursday, where the renowned little jockey will be laid to rest beside his wife and child.

#### Obituary.

Frank Haha was born in Bohemia in 1840, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Schroeder, December 24, 1903, aged 63 years.

He came to Iowa about 30 years ago and has resided here ever since. In 1896 he was married to Mary Spaveck, who passed away about ten years ago. The deceased has lived near Richmond since coming to Iowa, until after the death of his wife in 1893, when he came to the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Schroeder, to make his home.

Mr. Haha has always enjoyed the reputation of a good man—a man who lived for the better things in life. He was an advocate of temperance, himself eschewing strong drink and the use of tobacco. He was also a kind, indulgent husband and father.

He leaves to mourn their loss, two daughters, Mrs. August Schroeder, near Wellman, and Mrs. George Viggers, of Des Moines, also six grand children and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held at the Trinity church in Richmond on last Saturday, and were conducted by Rev. Father Vailo, after which the remains were laid to rest, beside his companion, in the Catholic cemetery.

#### Referee's Sale.

The undersigned Referee will, on Saturday, January 2, 1904, at 2 p. m., on the premises, sell for cash in hand to the highest bidder, with approval of Court, the real estate known as the Margaret Hull farm. Said farm contains 160 acres and is situated 2 1/2 miles Northeast of Wellman, Washington county, Iowa. All inquiries by mail or telephone will be promptly answered. J. W. TEETER, Referee, Washington, Iowa.

#### A Clear Docket.

WASHINGTON, Ia., Dec. 28.—The criminal section of the bar docket just issued for the January term of the district court of Washington county is without a case. This has never occurred in this county to the recollection of any of the county bar. Although the criminal docket is usually just a few cases, this time it is entirely blank.

#### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks for the kindness, help and sympathy tendered us in the sickness, death and burial of our father.

Mrs. VIGGERS,  
Mrs. AUGUST SCHROEDER.

Oldaker & Romine are dressing lots of poultry these days.

#### Mr.

The county, issued the following list of last week:

- James Fou-
- Minnie Kru
- R. E. Willie
- Millie Inoz
- George J.
- Graco Mc
- L. L. Go
- Minnie
- John W
- Sarah
- Charle
- Maggie
- Fred Ke
- Ella M
- J. A. Kl
- Ida Swen
- G. M. Hunter, 25;
- Minnie B. Buck, 21.
- Charles D. DeVries, 28;
- Martha A. Parrott, 28.
- William F. Organ;
- Margarot G. Murphy, 23.
- Robert B. Jones, 20;
- Annie P. Woobar, 24;
- George F. Kelley, 22;
- Mary A. Fuller, 18.
- Jesse J. Ham, 39;
- Cadenco O. George, 24.

#### 7:30 Closing.

In behalf of the merchants and clerks of Wellman, we agree to close our place of business at 7:30 p. m. on every day excepting Saturday, from Jan. 1 to April 1, 1904.

Oldaker & Romine,  
J. Frieschmann,  
E. F. McArtor,  
Thos. Raaney,  
R. R. Craig,  
Kirkpatrick & Turnipseed,  
Longwell & Watters,  
E. H. Huckle,  
J. J. Ward,  
Shiller & Skolnik.

#### For Sale or Trade.

One registered Aberdeen-Angus for sale or trade. Call on or phone CHAS. SCHACHER, R. F. D. No. 4, Wellman.

#### Married.

At the home of Attorney A. S. L. at Washington, occurred the marriage of Mr. E. L. Jones and Miss Georgiana Folger, Wednesday December 30, at noon.

Mr. Jones is one of the well known prominent farmers of Wellman. Miss Folger has, for a number of years been a prominent worker among the successful teachers of the county.

About thirty guests were present, witnessed the ceremony. Mr. & Mrs. Folger then regaled the guests with a sumptuous dinner. Many beautiful presents showered

of the guests.

The bride's uncle D. officiated in the bride desired; all that had rendered the father and mother

Many and hearty wishes that greeted the celebration. The ADVANCE joins with co-

A reception will be held at the groom's parents' home. Jones to-morrow guests will be in

#### Will Try to

A new bridge over Bunker Hill is being built by farmers in that who are working for of Wellman Two p-

ing circulated, securing in favor of a new bridge, be presented to Washington board of supervisors at a meeting, asking them to act up and build a bridge if farmer brethren in the will agree to build it

and do all the filling county, which would mean considerable. We hope it which are being liberally have enough money supervisors to build another bridge glish before this

#### Card Fro

CHARLES I am 400 miles will go in to-day in Tennessee Xmas with C. W. Young at Citronelle town; it had grown so Spr. and Sunday in Mobile, Big and Santa. The scenery along ern

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