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## IN YEARS GONE BY

### The 1880's in Prairie City, Iowa

This book has been prepared in the hope that through it, each reader will develop a greater respect for our heritage, the efforts of our ancestors who built Prairie City and those like them who built other portions of our America, for all the flowers of today are in the seeds of yesterday.

The credit of the difficult work of compilation goes to Mrs. H. F. (Eva) Cowman. The information and anecdotes in the following pages have come from PRAIRIE CITY NEWS files, many yellowed with age beyond readability. The spelling of names and places are wrong in many places, but have been copied as they were in the old Prairie City papers. There were no 1889 papers preserved.

IN YEARS GONE BY will be continued in supplements to this book, published decade by decade.

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## PRAIRIE CITY 1880

Jan. 9 ---- James Zachary delivered to Offill & Bidwell on Monday, forty two steers which averaged 1,531 pounds. They brought the snug sum of \$2,839.28.

Slemonns & Son have sold their stock of hardware to Higgins & Wilson.

Thomas Milsap has gone to Sherman, Texas.

Jan. 16 ---- Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bruner Jan. 13, a girl, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betler Jan. 9, a girl.

Jan. 23 ---- The farm east of J. W. Brown's belonging to Henry R. Griffis of beloit, Kansas, has been sold to John P. Johnson.

Mr. David Cowman of Beloit, Kansas is here for a visit.

Mrs. Mary M. Wilson of Farmington, Illinois, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Curley, who has been ill.

I. B. Wolfred delivered to Offill & Bidwell a hog that was a hog. It weighed 740 pounds and brought \$31.45.

Jan. 30 ---- B. R. McLellan brought to market 34 hogs that averaged almost 400 pounds. One weighed 660.

The livery barn owned by the late firm of Hawk & McHenry will be sold at private sale.

J. P. Osborne has a hundred head of heifer calves which he purchased recently in Ohio. He intends to take them to the Black Hills in the spring and grow them into a dairy.

G. G. Gross trades his farm of 283 acres to John Offill for 400 acres near David City, Nebraska.

The firm of John Burle and Newton Moore is dissolved.

Feb. 6 ---- L. E. Zachary & Co. is the new name for the bank formerly known as Draper & Zachary's bank.

Seventeen carloads of stock have been shipped from this place during the week by Offill & Bidwell.

C. R. Graham has sold a carload of Late Rose potatoes to J. L. Russell for 40 cents per bushel.

The following scholars of the Vandalia schools have received a grade above 80 in the monthly examination: Elmer Brubaker, William Wallace, Edgar Draper, Ella Furnoy, William Ingle, John Ingle, Wildia Brubaker, Thomas Deakin, Maggie Adams. The teacher is G. F. Cromer.

Feb. 13 --- Wm. Gadberry has just sold his farm of 80 acres to a man from Guthrie county.

Mr. Henry Griffis and wife started for their in Beloit, Kansas on Tuesday evening's train.

William McConnell, Esq. of Washington territory, is visiting his brothers, John and Allen McConnell of this place.

Mrs. John Thompson sends us word that she made and sold 102 lbs. of butter from two cows during December and January.

Mr. A. J. Thompson is teaching school this winter in District No. 6.

B. C. Ward has completed a year as editor of this paper.

Feb. 20 --- Charlie Strawn and family have gone to Logansport, Indiana to live.

Mr. P. C. Higgins has arrived with his family.

On Monday, quite a number took the train for Audubon, county. Among those were Mrs. D. W. Hendricks, Mrs. Yager and family, Mrs. Hawkins and family. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hendricks went overland with their teams.

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March 5 ---- Matt Orton shipped 100 hogs from Fairmount this week. They averaged 423 lbs.

"Prairie Schooners" full-rigged with prows pointing westward are now seen daily on our streets.

H. Hasness has gone to Audubon county to live.

G. G. Gross is going to make his new home in David City, Nebraska.

Mr. Levi Springer and family have come to this place. He will take charge of the lumber yard in the place of A. Springer.

Mrs Fannie Clark and two little girls left for Reno, Nevada to live. Her mother lives there.

The largest animal ever shipped from this place, to our knowledge, is a bull that Offill & Bidwell bought of R. N. Stewart for eighty dollars. It weighed 2515 pounds.

The following are the offices of the Fairmount Dairy Co. for the coming year: President, A. P. Wing; Vice-President, Mason Churchill; Secretary, B. W. Brown; Treasurer, W. H. Bryan.

May 7 --- William Danley is building a new barn. John Buhrlie is doing the job. It will be 40 by 60 feet. George Wood and Adam Means start Monday for Guthrie county with a herd of about 500 head of cattle.

Through the courtesy of our railroad agent, Mr. Thomas Murray, we give this potatoe crop report. The records show that 212 car loads have been shipped from this place as follows:

By Davis Bros., ---- 93 carloads

By J. L. Russell, ---- 65 carloads

By Norris and Cottrell, ---- 21 carloads

By J. R. Gill and Son, ----- 5 carloads

By varios parties, ---- 28 carloads, making a total of about 89,040 bushels and the average price was 30 cents per bu.

When Oll Webb was in Nebraska a short time ago he purchased 160 acres of land which he is improving.

May 21 --- Eighteen months ago, Adam Means bought 100 calves at an average price of \$6.80. After keeping them one year and a half, he sold them to Ira E. Draper for the average price of \$25.00 but is to allow them to run in his herd this summer. Adam calls this one of the best transactions.

We have received word that George Curry has reached his ranch in Hamilton county with his herd of 962 head of cattle.

Sherman Winchell, a son of Ira Winchell, is in Cass county turning over the virgin sod. He has 160 acres south of Anita.

A race course is being made on the farm of James Zachary in Washington township. It is being made by Los Means, and will be a straight track for the use of running horses.

On Wednesday afternoon J. P. Osborne started with his one hundred head of yearlings for Guthrie county where he intends to herd his cattle during the summer. Mr. J. P. Baird accompanies him with his team. In Guthrie county George Woods will join them and they will go on to Sioux City where they will be joined by J. W. Cottrell when the party will proceed to Dakota for the purpose of exploring that country.

As Mathew Warner was returning from Chicago on last Friday night's train, he had his pocket picked of \$45.00.

June 4 ---- A. B. Duncan and family arrived safely at Fort Collins after having been on the road nineteen days. They lost only one day on the trip and made an average of 44 miles a day.

June 4 --- Mr. Townsend Coomes, now a resident of Cass county, made us a call on Monday.

Mr. Don Kellog, of Cass county, came to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Fayette Cushman. Mr. Kellog was a resident of this community for a long time.

Over 1300 pounds of butter was shipped to Denver, on Wednesday, from Prairie City.

June 18 --- Mr. A. C. Higgins and wife, father and mother of P. C. Higgins, are visiting here. They live in Galesburg, Ill.

Mrs. J. F. Minchell went to Exira to visit her daughter.

Cleaton Smith has bought a fine carriage and team.

Bill Graham has a new express wagon, and it is a gay one. William Gregory of Perry township, Marion county, is the owner of a calf that weighed 116 pounds at birth.

June 11 --- The following is a list of the teachers for Mound Prairie, Washington and Des Moines townships:

Mound Prairie twp. ---

No. 1, Retta Wood, sixteen enrolled.

No. 3, Cora Cromer, twenty enrolled.

No. 4, Ella Pryor, twenty six enrolled.

No. 6, Anna M. Slusser, twenty eight enrolled.

No. 7, M. N. Bremen, twelve enrolled.

Washington twp. ---

No. 2, Louisa Johnson, fourteen enrolled.

No. 3, Ella Joe Rodgers, twenty six enrolled.

No. 4, Mary C. Nason, twenty nine enrolled.

No. 7, May Cochran, ten enrolled.

Des Moines twp. ---

Ind. Dis. Vandalia, Charles Brubaker, thirty nine enrolled.

No. 2, Lizzie Murphy, eighteen enrolled.

No. 4, John D. Faires, thirty two enrolled.

No. 5, Ida Austin, twenty three enrolled.

No. 6, Pauline Myler, twenty eight enrolled.

No. 7, Fanny LeFever, twenty three enrolled.

No. 8, James J. Mullin, twenty two enrolled.

No. 9, Lottie Gregory, twenty one enrolled.

No. 10, H. C. Scott, thirty one enrolled.

No. 13, Prudentia Faires, eight enrolled.

Mrs. Capt. Rigby and Mr. William Snedichor of New York are visiting in the home of their sister, Mrs. George Fugard.

Most happily surprised were ye editor and his wife as Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen of Wichita, Kansas, came for a visit. Mr. Allen has been visiting his old home in Green Castle which he left twenty years ago for Kansas.

He told us that twenty years ago he, in company with several others from Green Castle, came to Prairie City to help raise a Liberty Pole in our Public Square at the time of the Lincoln campaign. At that time there was hardly a house or tree in the place.

Walter Parker is our new Telegraph Operator.

John Lyon is our Postmaster.

July 2 --- John French has five girls taking music lessons. Just think of that.

About three years ago Mr. James Ross came from Illinois and purchased the West farm of 160 acres.

July 9 --- Mr. H. L. McGinitie, the former editor of this paper, is living at Columbus, Nebraska, and is well pleased with his situation there.

Sidney Williams has returned from Colorado. He will stay here a few weeks. He is happy over his mining prospects there.

A. Rosecrans, Esq., a former resident and banker of this place. Has been visiting here. He is now living at Westerville, Ohio, where he is educating his children.

Hon. J. W. DeWeese of Lincoln, Nebraska are visiting in this place. They are former residents.

July 16 --- The tenth Annual Fair of the Farmers Union Agricultural Society will be held in this place Sept. 21, 22, 23.

Mr. U. B. White is building a new barn 20 by 40 feet.

Mrs. Thomas Woods will soon join her husband, who is now in business at Helena, Montana territory.

July 23 --- Mrs. Mary Neff, daughter of R. C. Porter Esq. has come from her home in Bushnell, Illinois to visit relatives.

Since January 1, Offill & Bidwell have shipped 164 car-loads of stock, for which they have paid the farmers \$130,000.00

John Offill has made arrangements to go into the grain business at this place. He has leased the office of Norris & Cottrell and a part of their large elevator.

Mr. William Woodard and wife from Ada, Ohio are visiting in the family of his brother, C. J. Woodard, Esq.

Our Mayor, Robert Stallcop, Esq., started on Wednesday with his wife and daughter on a trip in a prairie schooner.

J. E. McMillan from Sheldon, Iowa, is visiting here with relatives. He formerly lived in this community. He was a Union Soldier and is so crippled from wounds that he has to go on crutches.

Mr. J. P. Osborne is driving his herd of young cattle this week from Guthrie county, Iowa to Knox county, Nebraska. He expects to make that place his home.

Mr. Jacob Mummert put in an appearance in this place after a long absence. He has been in the Black Hills for some time. Last spring he had one of his hands and one of his feet so badly frozen that he is practically a cripple.

Aug. 6 --- Mrs. James Gilbert and Mrs. Curley started on yesterday's train for Farmington Ill. to visit their old home.

Mr. Charles Hanes of Indianapolis, Indiana, is here visiting with his brothers. He was here ten years ago when our city park was an oats patch.

It is not the story we are going to tell which is a whopper, but a load of unthreshed oats belonging to John McPherson. While having his oats threshed on Wednesday, Edson Beach was hauling to the machine and one of his loads when threshed made 76 bushels, and the oats averaged 45 bushels.

W. F. Callender threshed ten acres of wheat that made 150 bushels, and eighteen acres of oats that will make 527 bushels. The crops have been injured by the hot, dry weather.

August 13 --- Father Frunty says that quite a number of persons have become frightened at something they saw in McHenry's yard. He wants to assure these people that the frightful looking thing is quite harmless, and he believes it is called a Rustic Seat.

Through the kindness of our Railroad Agent, Mr. Thomas Murray, we will give our readers a statement of the entire shipment of stock, grain, produce, and other articles from January 1st, 1879 to January 1st, 1880 ----

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Hogs</u>	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Oats</u>	<u>Rye</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>
Jan.----	7	36	2	10	3		10
Feb.----	6	10	1	33	2		12
Mar.----	15	5	2	8	1		29
Apr.----	5	1	2	41	1		5
May ----	22	7	4	52	4	1	2
June----		19	3	79	6		
July----	4	22	8	9	3	1	
Aug.----	1	14	16	2	10	6	
Sept.---	2	17	14	2	14	2	
Oct.----		15	9	25	9		41
Nov.----		12	1	6	2	1	61
Dec.----	—	15	2	9	1	—	11
Total	62	163	64	276	56	11	171

Besides the above statement, there have been shipped during the year 19 carloads of other stuff including coal, household goods, and other things.

#### Fairmount Shipments.

Mr. W. H. Herbig, station agent at Fairmount, has kindly furnished us a statement of the shipments from Fairmount from August 1st, 1879 to August 1st, 1880, as follows:

No. of carloads of Wheat -----	26
" " Oats -----	51
" " Corn -----	126
" " Rye -----	5
" " Potatoes -----	40
" " Cattle & Hogs -----	105
" " Miscellaneous -----	5
 Total for the year ---	 358

B. R. McLellan of Mound Prairie township has moved to this place and Mr. T. Murray has purchased the house and lots owned by Fannie E. Clark.

Four handsome new brick business buildings are being built around the public square in Newton.

August 20 --- During the storm Monday evening, four telegraph poles just west of this place were demolished by lightening.

Mrs. Simms has gone to visit her brother, Jordon Means, at Carthage, Missouri.

Mrs. Mary Neff, who has been staying here for several weeks, started for her home in Bushnell, Illinois, on the train.

J. T. Perdue, a former citizen of this place, has decided to make Prairie City his home once more.

Mrs. William Summerwill and her sister, Miss Ella Slemmons from Odebolt, have come here for a visit.

Master Grant Springer came up from Ottumwa on the Monday night train and has been visiting school chums.

Mr. H. W. Hayes has his new house nearly enclosed.

Last Wednesday as Mr. Peter Herweh and his wife were coming down a steep hill this side of A. W. English's place, the iron which prevents the neck-yoke from slipping back on the tongue gave away. When the foot of the hill was reached, the end of the tongue caught in the ground and turned the wagon completely over, throwing out the old gentleman and his wife. They were both severely bruised but not dangerously injured.

August 27 --- J. W. Brown and Henderson Taylor started yesterday morning for Kentucky to buy stock cattle to ship here.

Mr. George Brockhagen's new harness shop, on Maple street is now ready for business in Creston, Iowa. He used to live here.

Early last June the young ladies of Prairie City and vicinity formed a society under the name of the "Why Not Club" for the purpose of buying Rustic Seats for the park.

Mr. Charles Hanes have started on their homeward trip to Indianapolis. They will stop in Appanoose county on the way.

Sept. 3 ---- Our sister town of Monroe is going to have a new Depot.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Young, a boy.

Five years ago barbed wire fence was only an experiment. It is said not less than 50,000 miles of it will be built this year.

Snedikor and Robinson have moved their shoe shop to the front room over the store of Davis Bros. & DeWolf.

We are glad to announce that the Prairie City Creamery is to be a permanent institution. Mr. Alfred Potter has bought the interest of the other men who were associated with him in this business and he is going to establish a Creamery at this place with the capacity of making from 500 to 1000 pounds of butter a day. He will soon erect a suitable building with a good cellar.

The farmer's Union Fair of Prairie City will commence Wednesday Sept. 21st, and continue three days.

The Citizens' Bank has recently procured a handy device for holding and counting coins.

Up to Thursday noon, there had been 215 tickets sold at our station to persons going to the State Fair.

One of the novel features of the State Fair were the Chariot Races. There were two chariots, made after the style of the old Roman chariot, being two-wheeled. One was drawn by four black horses abreast and the other by four grey horses abreast. A gentleman drove one and a lady the other one.

Sept. 17 ---- J. R. Sellers of Kirkville, a former resident of this place, paid us a call last week.

Mr. Hank Hasness, of Audubon county, has been spending a few days in this place. He lived here for several years.

Mr. Sidney Williams of Colfax, has been selected as superintendent of the Consolidated Ophir and Evening Star Silver mines at Silver Cliff and will move with his family to that place.

Aaron Springer, Esq., former resident, has been visiting his brother, L. H. Springer. His brother, Charles Springer from Pennsylvania has also been here. Aaron lives in Ottumwa.

Mr. David Wagner who lives a short distance west of town took the first premium at the State Fair on large squashes.

Sept. 24 ---- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood have returned to Montana territory.

The widow Elwood has gone to her old home in Ohio to make a visit. It has been thirty years since she came from there.

G. W. Daniels has just returned from Monroe, Wisconsin, where he has been living for the past three years.

Our Fair was a little sick this year. Of course the bad weather was partly to blame. There was a good showing of fruit consisting of grapes, plums, pears and apples. Messrs. Dowden, I. Porter, and James McCleery made a fine showing of apples from their orchards. Mr. Dowden and G. T. Leeper exhibited some nice grapes. S. D. Butters also had several kinds of grapes. James Fairlie had nice specimens of apples and pears.

The exhibit of stock was the poorest we have ever had at our Fair. Poland-China hogs were shown by Messrs. Butters, Totten, Schlosser and Mason & Totten. Jacob Holdefefer and S. Johnson had several pens of Chester Whites. I. Porter, W. O. Rule, and W. P. Pummill had some good Leicester and Southdown sheep.

Quite a number of good horses were there. Some of the owners were George Click, Mr. Duffy, R. S. Rucker, D. C. Gifford, also Rule, Potter, Churchill and others.

The exhibit of seed corn was the best we ever saw. In the vegetables, D. Wagner had some mammoth squashes; John Schlosser showed the largest beets; A. Yuill and I. Porter had some fine onions.

There were also exhibits from the different stores and the ladies had fancy work, also canned goods, jellies and jams.

James Kain has been building a new house. Newton Moore bossed the job and in two weeks from the time he commenced the job, it was ready for the plasterer.

The Medical Profession of our town has just been reinforced in the person of Dr. M. Cramer. His office will be at the private residence of J.F. Minshall on the south side of the park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, father and mother of Mrs. H. J. Griffis, have gone back to their home in Brazil, Indiana.

Mr. George Brammer, now of David City, Nebraska, is here for a visit.

The Maulby Bros. from Dexter have purchased the building and bakery which belonged to the Small estate. They intend to run a Bakery and Restaurant.

Smiley Marquis showed his public spirit by hitching up a four-horse team and bringing the Colfax Band over to our Fair on Wednesday. The Band played excellent music free of charge.

October 1 ---- Mrs. John Griffis started for her home in Kirwin, Kansas.

S. P. Petteys has come back from Decater county, Kansas. Mr. D. Y. Nelson and family go to Union county this week where he has a farm.

Adam Herweh is building a good two-story house and John Buhrlie is doing the work.

If there is a better country hotel anywhere in this section of Iowa than the Prairie City House, or a better landlord than Mr. Adkins, we don't know where they are.

As a sample of what Iowa soil can do, Mr. W. E. Wilson brought in a stalk that measured thirteen feet and one of the ears was eight feet from the ground.

We now have a new firm engaged in the business of buying grain and produce. The firm consists of M. H. Davis, T. Murray, and J. Wallwork. They have erected an office and scale house near the depot and have purchased a Fairbank's 6-ton scale.

Last Friday William Zachary returned from Ohio with over a hundred head of calves. Saturday night James and Robert Zachary came in from the same place with over two hundred head of calves, and on Tuesday Ed Pomeroy returned with about one hundred head.

Mr. Dinsmore from Saline county, Nebraska, has come here with his family to live.

Mrs. S. Rebstock from Illinois, visited last week in the family of her brother, William Lotts. She has just returned from Newton, Kansas, near which place she has invested in land.

October 8 ---- Mr. J. Smith and family of Spring Valley, Minnesota have moved to Prairie City.

W. F. Callender has some early rose potatoes that yield 160 bushels per acre.

P. C. Higgins, Esq., has been building a good barn on his new city property.

Mr. John Slemmons left on the Monday evening train for Burlington where they will reside.

Mr. Byron Teed, son of Mrs. D. A. Tibbils, came to this place Wednesday from Cheyenne. He left Prairie City in 1872 and has not been back until now.

October 22 --- Mr. George Young who lives south of town has sold his farm to a man who has recently come from Penn.

The first of November the Monroe Mirror will change hands. Mr. Allum, its present proprietor, has sold it to Mr. John Vandermast. He is from Pella.

John Brady threshed 60 acres of wheat that made 644 bu.

Mr. Theodore Boggs, conductor on the C. B. & Q. R. R., and wife have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pool.

Mr. Frank Edwards, of Mound Prairie township has decided to leave the Democratic party and work here-after with Republicans.

November 12 ---- Mr. Snediker moved his shoe shop to rooms over the harness shop of E. R. Ward.

Mr. Ira Bisbee has erected a small building on the site of his old one that burned. He will soon be ready for the boot and shoe business.

Mr. James H. Wescott, who has been living for some time at Liberty, Indiana, is coming back here to live.

November 12 ---- We will give an account of the recent fire to the best of our ability; The fire started on the north-west corner of the square in the rear part of the store of Dunlap & Co. about 3 o'clock Monday morning November 1, 1880. The building was owned McKeaver & Co. Nothing was saved. The next building was owned by Maj. S. J. Smith, occupied by Roach Bros., who saved most of their stock of dry goods and groceries. The next building was owned by Mrs. Fahy, and was rented to Mr. Ogg. Nearly all of his stock of clothing was saved. The next building was the Citizens Bank. The valuable counter was saved and it was thought the money and books would be found in good shape. S. D. Butters owned this building. Next to the Bank was a large two-story building owned by Gifford & DeWolf, but was unoccupied. Next came the Drugstore of D. A. Pool; the building owned by William Hayes. It was nearly new, and the upper story was the Prairie City city Hall. Then the millinery store of Miss Dora Keyser, whose stock was saved. The last building burned was the shoe store of Ira Bisbee; whose stock was about all saved, but the building was torn down by the firemen to save the next three buildings. It was a still clear night which helped. The women helped carry goods from the buildings, and some of them even placed themselves in line with the firemen and passed the water buckets. That night will long be remembered by all.

McKeever and & Co. have sold their corner lot, in block 10, to S. D. Butters and H. C. DeWolf, who will erect a building for the use of the Citizens Bank.

Cary Smith and Wm. B. Smith were lucky. They were planning to store a large amount of their potatoes in the cellar under the building of Gifford & DeWolf before the fire. If they had filled that cellar before the fire, there would be enough baked potatoes for the whole town.

Last Saturday afternoon A. L. Fugard had a private concert at the Congregational Church with his music scholars. Among those taking part were Jennie Clark, Hannah Adams, Ollie and Julie French, Lell Woodard, Zadie Fugard, Mary Wilson, Kate Rowles, Belle and Gertrude French, Blanche Little, Fannie French and Mae Cochran.

November 26 ---- James Parker and family have gone to live in Kansas.

Last Saturday was Captain Zachary's sixty-second birthday and some of his friends surprised him by bringing dinner. They presented him with a gold headed ebony cane.

December 3 ---The Vandalia Band have received their instruments--10 pieces. Mr. John Means will be the leader and R. F. Anderson will be the instructor.

William Danley has finished his large barn and is now putting an addition to his house 40 feet long and this will be used as a kitchen, wood house and smoke house.

Mrs. Amanda Craven has been keeping house in Nebraska for her brother, George Brammer. He was recently married to a Marion county girl so Amanda has come back home.

December 10 --- On Thursday night of last week, the school house near John Ryon's was burned to the ground.

Mrs. W. A. Hanes has gone to Harrison county, Missouri to visit her brother, Dr. Thomas Groom.

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I will offer at Public Sale at my residence, three miles west of Prairie City, on Friday, Feb. 13th 1880, the following described property to wit: 5 head of Horses, 8 head of Cattle, 2 Wagons, 2 Cultivators, 2 Stirring Plows, 1 Reaper and Mower (combined), 1 Corn-planter, 1 Harrow, Harness, Chickens, Household and Kitchen Furniture, and many other things too numerous to mention. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A.M.

TERMS OF SALE: A credit of 10 months will be given on all sums of \$5.00 or over; all sums under \$5.00, cash. Notes to be given with approved security without interest if paid when due; otherwise ten per cent interest from date.

J. H. Wescott.

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale on his farm 4 miles South-west of Prairie City on Friday, Dec. 17th, 1880, the following described property to-wit: 5 Horses, 2 sets of Harness, 1 Milch Cow, 3 Calves, 50 Stock Hogs, 2 Farm Wagons, 1 Buckeye Reaper nearly new, 1 Keystone Corn Planter, Cultivators, Stirring Plows, 1 Sulky Plow, 1 Avery Stalk Cutter and 2 Harrows.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, a.m.

TERMS: All sums under \$5.00, cash. All sums over \$5.00 10 months credit with approved security without interest if paid when due, otherwise ten per cent interest from date.

JAMES ROSS.

O. P. Webb, Auctioneer.

I will offer at Public Sale at my residence, in Mound Prairie township, on Tuesday, Feb. 17th, 1880, the following described property to-wit: 50head of stock hogs, 1 reaper and mower combined, 1 mower, 1 Massillon harvester, platform scales, 1 sulky plow, 1 stalk-cutter, 1 Brown corn-planter, 2 harrows, 3 stirring plows, 3 cultivators, 1 farm wagon, 1 spring wagon, 1 Challenge feed mill with mounted horse power and outfit, 1 steamer, 1 fanning mill, timothy and clover seed, 30 tons of timothy hay, 1 harpoon hay fork wth 200 feet of rope, household furniture including a new base burner, and many other things too numerous to mention. Nearly all the farm machinery is almost new. Sale to commence at 10 O'clock.

TERMS OF SALE: A credit of 10 months will be given on all sums of \$5.00 or over; all sums under \$5.00, cash. Notes to be given with approved security without interest if paid when due, otherwise ten per cent interest.

G. G. GROSS

January 28 ---- Mathew Warner shipped 117 hogs to Chicago last week. They will net \$4.50 per hundred.

Mr. C. W. Ryan of Washington county, New York is visiting with cousins John and George Ryan. He lived here at one time.

February 18 ---- Byron C. Ward is starting on the third year as editor of this paper.

The first of the month William, Harry and George Gilbert sold their potatoes to Davis & Murray at 55 cents per bushel. They had 3600 bushels, which brought them \$1,980.00

February 25 ---- George Young has decided not to leave Iowa and has bought a farm of 200 acres that was owned by Wm. Cowman and Ed Norris.

March 4 ---- William Gadberry has gone to Galesburg, Iowa to farm.

James Ross has purchased the property in Prairie City owned by Robert McKnight.

Jesse Rinehart has rented his farm and will move to town.

April 1 --- Skunk river is over its banks.

S. W. Macy has been east buying blooded sheep. He brought back 185 Merino sheep.

Joshua Wicker's, of Vandalia, are the parents of a girl topping the scales at 14 pounds.

Rev. F. M. Slusser will preach at the M. E. church Sunday in the absence of A. H. Murphy.

John Smith has rented the Steele house and will use it for a hotel after May 1st.

George Clark has gone to Carthage, Missouri to live.

A. W. English has sold his farm of 40 acres to Mr. Timmons for \$1,275.00

Corn gathering is the order of the day at three cents a bushel or \$1.25 per day.

T. W. Campbell has purchased a farm in Adair county.

April 15 ---- The Wabash railroad is well under way. The route from Des Moines to the south-east corner of Camp township has been decided upon but it is not known for sure where it will cross the river, at this place or a little farther down.

Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 have been paid to the farmers for potatoes shipped from this place this past season.

The Fugards are moving to Pueblo, Colorado.

The year 1881 is an arithmetical curiosity. It reads the same forwards, backwards, right side up or upside down.

B. H. French has moved to Prairie City. He is in the business of buying and shipping stock.

May 13 ---- It would surprise any one, not acquainted with the facts, to know how many cattle are sent out every spring from this county in herds to be pastured during the summer in the north-western counties of the state. Among the herds in this vicinity we will mention the following:

R. B. Zachary, William and James Zachary have sent out a herd of 400 yearlings and two-year-olds. They shipped them in cars from Des Moines to within seven miles of their herding ground in Carroll county.

Ed Pomery started out his herd of 500 head Tuesday. He will also take them to Carroll county.

J. W. Brown sends out his herd of 300 head to-day for Carroll county. John Newall will have the care of this herd.

May 13 ---- George Curry of Mound Prairie goes out next Tuesday with a herd of over 1,000 head. Curry goes to Hamilton county. This makes the third season that he has taken a herd. He has made a success of this herding business and he has no trouble getting all the cattle he wants to take care of.

May 20 ---- A new Hardware store is being opened in the old stand of Slemmon & Son on the north side of the square. There is now three Hardware stores in Prairie City.

William Spooner will go to Tacoma, Washington.

Last week the Prairie City News began its 7th year.

There was a Sabbath School organized in district No. 1 in Camp township the 8th of May. The following are the officers: Supt. - J. E. Smith, Assistant Supt. - J. W. Beden, Treasurer - C. H. White, Secretary - W. F. Callender. Number of scholars 43.

June 3 ---- Prairie City, always proud of its beautiful park, is making some changes that will add much to its appearance. The fence has been removed and in place of the fence there is being set a row of heavy oak posts eight feet apart. Through the top of the posts runs a string of good sized gas pipe. This will make a good hitching rack.

June 19 ---- Last Monday afternoon Mr. Los Means shipped to Chicago 72 head of cattle of his own feeding. The best car of them averaged 1683 pounds, one or two head weighing 1740 pounds.

This lot is such a good one that about one half of them go to Europe. Mr. Means shows that he believes in good cattle.

One of the most destructive storms that ever passed over this part of the country passed over Camp township last Saturday evening at half past six, doing great damage to houses and other property. The house of John Walters was torn down killing one of his children and hurting another one. Eli Rison's house was partly torn away. It then passed to Mr. Mell's house. The windows were all broken and his barn was torn to pieces. It then went a half mile further and struck Ben Peters house rocking it considerably. Mrs. Snelson's home was entirely destroyed, the house being moved back ten feet, turned on the corner, lifted clear of the ground and torn to pieces, scattering her bedding and clothing for miles along the track of the storm. Next it struck the house owned by Mrs. Barnard and occupied by R. D. Wharton. The house was turned upside down and scattered for miles. The family were saved by taking refuge in their cave. The stable was blown away but the horses remained and were not hurt. The storm then passed into Washington township doing great damage there. We doubt if ever in the history of the State there has been such a storm that did so much damage as this storm that passed through central Iowa. The loss of crops and stock drowned by the overflow of the Des Moines, Skunk, Iowa and other rivers is almost incalculable.

Through the kindness of J. W. Means of Carthage, Missouri, we are in possession of a relic of the late war. It is a spherical case shell which was plowed up on Mr. Means' farm. It was undoubtedly shot from a cannon during the battle that occurred in that vicinity during the latter part of the war of the rebellion.

July 15 ----Last Saturday as the morning freight, going west, was within half a mile of Prairie City, a big smash-up occurred in which ten cars were piled up promiscuously and most of them entirely ruined. The portion wrecked was about the middle of the long train. One car loaded with coal was ground into kindling wood, the other cars were empty. It is claimed that the accident was brought about by a hot box which caused a journal to give away. The trucks of the ten cars were piled up in one heap, while some of the cars were shoved off to the right and left of the track. Most of the cars were too badly smashed to ever be repaired. Fortunately no one was hurt, but it was the worst wreck that ever happened in this vicinity. If we remember correctly, there has never been a wreck in this section before.

The work of clearing the track commenced at once, and so promptly was it done that the passenger train due here at 1:18 P. M. was detained only during the afternoon.

Ever since that destructive fire on the first of last November, the Citizens' Bank has been doing business in one corner of the store of Davis Bros. & DeWolf, but this Bank is now at home in its new quarters in the corner room of the brick block. The north section of this block has been built by S. D. Butters and H. C. DeWolf, and this building with its metal cornice and stone trimmings presents a fine appearance. The front room of the basement is a well furnished room and is now occupied by P. T. Jones as a Barber Shop. By means of a flight of eight steps from the sidewalk we reach the first floor, properly speaking, of this building. The front room is the business room of the Bank. In the rear comes the vault and office rooms. West of the office rooms is a fine business room, with a north front, which is now occupied by Miss Dora Keyser as a Milliner Store. On the next floor is a well furnished Hall with suitable ante-rooms. This Hall will be used by the Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The Citizens' Bank has now a fine place in which to do business. Every thing is first class. The fire-proof vault is a excellent one and this vault contains one of Diebold's best Burglar Proof Safes with all of the latest improvements including the chronometer lock.

J. B. Roach, the genial Cashier of this Bank, is as happy now in his new quarters as a duck in Colfax. (?)

August 12 ---- Our School House is being repaired. The old chimney's are being torn down and new ones put in. In room 3 a new floor is being laid and new desks installed.

The Congregational church have hired Mr. Ferner, of Mitchelville full time.

The Mitchelville News is three years old.

August 19 --- The A. F. & A. M. Masonic Fraternity of this place have a new Hall in the brick block. It is fifty-one feet in length and twenty-one feet wide on the inside. In addition to this, there are commodious ante-rooms. It is supplied with two good ventilators which extend through the roof. This new Hall belongs exclusively to the Masonic Fraternity and will be used by them alone.

September 16 ---- The following are some of the names of the teachers in this vicinity who are at work in the school:  
Mound Prairie township --- Number 1, Miss Nettie Wood;  
Number 2, Miss Nettie Walch; Number 5, Miss Mamie Larkin;  
Number 6, Miss Mary Hayes; Number 7, Miss Susie Johnson;  
Des Moines township ---- Number 4, Miss L. Gregory;  
Number 5, Miss Ida Austin; Number 8, Miss Susie Timmins;  
Number 9, Mr. R. C. Porter; Number 10, Miss Sallie Perkins;  
Number 11, Miss S. W. Keeler; Number 12, Miss Ida Putnam;

October 28 ---- Last Sunday afternoon, Henry L. Martin, aged 14 years, Steven Cottrell aged 13 years, William Dickenson aged 12 years, and another boy by the name of Rojohn, went to Norris' Coal Bank and filled their pockets with powder. Shortly after, they chased a rabbit into a hollow log and thought they would blow open the log by means of the powder. They put powder in the log, but in so doing, they scattered some on the ground. They then laid some hay from the log to a point four or five feet away and set fire to the hay. Just as soon as the hay took fire, the whole charge of powder, by means of that which was scattered on the ground, was exploded. The Martin boy was thrown some distance and his clothes set on fire and the powder in his pants' pockets was exploded. The lower part of his body was so badly burned that he died Tuesday morning. Cottrell's hands and face were badly burned in his attempt to rescue Martin. The fire burned to within one thickness of cloth to the powder that was in his pants' pocket, hence his escape from death was a narrow one. The powder in Dickenson's coat pockets was exploded and his coat torn to shreds, but he escaped without serious injury.

N. D. Smith, the engineer at our Flouring Mill for a long time, is now living in Keokuk, and is now running a small government steam-boat called the "Cricket".

Doc. Putnam has sold his farm of 140 acres to I. B. Wolfred.  
I. B. Wolfred has sold his farm of 80 acres to Phillip Shafer.

November 11 --- The first engine that entered Des Moines over this road was engine No. 11 with James Carral as Engineer on August 28th, 1866. The first passenger train, which was an excursion train, that passed over this road to Des Moines was on August 29th, 1866, with Mr. Patch as Conductor and Joe Tebbet as Engineer. The first freight train that went into Des Moines over this road went on August 30th, 1866, with Robert Given, now a merchant in Des Moines, as Conductor and John McKeachie as Engineer. Mr. McKeachie is a brother to the old lady Ryan, of this place.

December 30 --- Mr. John Libolt is visiting in New York State. His mother, two brothers and one sister live there. He hasn't seen them for sixteen years.

Alva Wilson has sold his farm to C. P. Emery.

George Vandyke has sold his farm of 80 acres to John Graham.

Delbert Badger has sold his farm in Mound Prairie Twp. to J. S. Payton of Bedford, Iowa.

Jerry Badger has sold his 80 acre farm to Reuben French.

Mrs. Wilkin, wife of Rev. R. E. Wilkin, of Smith Creek, Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. P. Norton.

W. K. Pomeroy has resigned his office of Justice of the Peace and A. H. Brous has been appointed to that position.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1881

( The following items were found later.)

January 7 --- John Brady bought 160 acres from F. Sturgeon.

John Kuhns sold 199 acres to Mrs. Carper.

David Wagoner has gone back to Indiana to care for his mother.

Lemuel Dowden was 60 years old on December 31, 1880.

January 21 --- Next Sunday, John Minshall will be 75 yrs. old.

M. P. Doud is our new town clerk.

Lottie Gregory is visiting here, from Red Rock. She taught school here last summer.

The house of Mr. Grossickle, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Vandalia, burned to the ground.

Dr. A. Y. Hull, of Pueblo, Colorado is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Potter.

Mrs. W. Hixon, of Winfield, Kansas, is mother of Mrs. P. Schneider. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Eggleston of Missouri are sisters of Don A. Pool. Oscar Potter is a brother of Mrs. George Ryan.

The house of J. Q. Deakin burned. The Carr Head family were occupying it.

Wm. Draper purchased the farm of Aaron Means.

February 4 --- Mr. Town Coomes of Wiota, Kansas, lost his wife of typhoid fever.

John Young of Anita, has come back for a visit.

February 18 --- J. P. Osborne received a dispatch that his cattle were dying in north-eastern Nebraska, due to the storm.

George W. Farmer sold his farm to John Brewin, Sr.

March 25 --- Mrs. E. C. Warner died at Anita.

James Parker is located at Sabetha, Kansas.

April 1 --- Jacob Meyers bought 80 acres in Audubon county.

April 22 --- Tom Taylor bought Robert Field's farm of 120 acre.

Mrs. James Hurd of Ohio, is a sister of A. S. Chapman.

May 31 --- John Groom sold his farm to George Timmins.

S. S. Pierce, who at one time had two years charge of Daniel Hunt's Stable, in this place, is back for a visit.

Wm. Spooner will go to Puget Sound, in Washington Territory.

Edmond French of Ottumwa, is a son of John French.

W. D. Spurgeon sold his farm to N. C. Towne, who probably bought it for the railroad.

June 10 --- J. D. Norris sold  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in the elevator near the depot, to Davis and Murray.

Dr. Thomas Farguhar has gone back to his home in Ottumwa.

June 17 --- We have word of the death of John Steel, former proprietor of the Steel House. He died the first of May.

August 5 --- Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wood, who live eight miles north-west of Prairie City, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

H. J. Griffis is building a two story house on one of his farms. His son Douglas will occupy it.

W. T. Sherman is building a 16 by 24 foot jewelry store on the north-east corner of the square.

September 9 --- J. R. Chandler, who recently married Miss Emma Lotts, has taken his bride home to Belleplaine, Kansas.

William Kilgore, who lived near Smiley Marquis, died Saturday.

Mrs. Christine Coziah of Knox county, Illinois, is father of Joseph Coziah. Mrs. D. P. Warren and Mrs. Jesse Rinehart are sisters.

October 7 --- The house on the corner, near the school house, owned by Mr. Cochran and occupied by Jesse Rinehart, burned.

Mrs. W. A. Nourse, of Moline, a cousin of L. P. Wilson, died.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1881

I will sell at my barn in Prairie City, Iowa, on, Saturday, March 26th, 1881, the following named property to-wit: Two brood mares with foal, 1 Transit colt, coming two years old, 1 yearling Transit colt, 1 span of 4-year-old mules, large size, 1 Shuttler wagon, 1 new Webber wagon, 2 milch cows, one fresh, the other will have a calf soon, 2 stirring plows, 2 harrows, 2 cultivators, one hand corn sheller, 1 No. 1 potato plow, 1 pair of bob sleds, 1 new top buggy, one or two sets double harness, household goods, and various other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE:-- All sums of \$5.00 and over, a credit of 8 months will be given without interest if paid when due, the purchaser giving a note with approved security. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

A. TOTTEN

I will sell at my farm 6 miles northeast of Prairie City and 2 miles south of Metz, on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 1881, commencing at 10 o'clock, the following property: Three head of horses, good ones and young. About 50 head of cattle consisting of 9 head of good milch cows, two 3-year old steers, three 2-year old heifers, twenty-eight 1-year old steers and heifers; and five calves. About 40 head of stock hogs; 2 sets harness; 1 sulky plow; 1 corn planter; 1 wagon; 1 cultivator; one 4-can creamer and cans; 65 acres corn; about 25 tons tame hay and many other articles.

TERMS OF SALE: Twelve months time without interest given on all sums over \$5 with approved security if paid when due; if not so paid to draw 10 per cent from date. All sums of \$5 and under cash.

A. S. CHAPMAN.

D. N. & M. A. McCord, Auctioneers

I will offer at Public Sale on the farm of H. J. Griffis, five miles Southeast of Prairie City Saturday, Feb. 26th, 1881, the following personal property to-wit: 6 Horses; 22 yearling Steers; 5 Cows; 6 Calves; 25 Shoats; 1 Reaper & Mower combined; 1 Cornplanter; 1 Farm Wagon; 1 Buggy; 6 tons of timothy hay; 1500 bushels of corn in crib; household furniture &c.

TERMS: All sums under \$5.00, cahs. All sums of \$5.00, or over, a credit of 10 months will be given, with opproved security, without interest if paid when due, otherwise ten per cent from date. A discount of ten per cent wll be made for cash.

EMIT KAY

## PRAIRIE CITY 1881

I will sell at Public Sale at my farm one-half mile east of Prairie City Saturday, Nov. 26th, 1881, the following property, to-wit: 1 yearling colt, 30 head of cattle, consisting of milch cows, two-year-olds and yearlings, 40 stock hogs, 1 sulky plow, 1 stirring plow, 2 cultivators, 1 wind mill, 2 sets of harness, 1 Brown's corn planter, with check rower attachment, and numerous other articles.

TERMS OF SALE: A credit of nine months will be given without interest if paid when due, if not paid when due, 8 per cent interest from date, Notes with approved security. All sums under \$5.00, cash. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

JEROME BURNS

( To save space, the following 1882 sales are below )

I will sell at public sale on my farm  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City, on October 10, 1882, the following personal property to-wit: 3 horses and 1 colt, 8 head of cattle, 216 head of sheep, 35 shoats, 2 farm wagons, 1 two-seated spring buggy, 1 top buggy, 1 Fairbanks 4-ton scales, 1 disc harrow, 1 harrow, 1 sulky plow, 1 corn planter with check rower, 2 cultivators, 1 mower, 1 hay rake, and other farm implements.

A. B. Jenks.

I will sell at public sale on my farm, four miles north-east of Prairie City, on October 5, 1882, at 10 a.m., the following property to-wit: 3 colts, 9 steers, 1 sulky plow, two stirring plows, 2 cultivators, 1 hay rake, 2 harrows, 1 stalk cutter, 12 stands of bees, 1 spring wagon, 1 pair bob sleds, 1 4-can creamer, 1 Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, nearly new.

W. H. Gilbert Sen.

I will sell at public sale at my home, 3 miles south-west of Prairie City, on November 4, 1882, the following personal property to-wit: 2 horses, 4 head of cattle, 25 stock hogs, 1 farm wagon, 1 set of harness, 1 stirring plow, 1 cultivator, 1 corn planter, 1 pair bob sleds, some corn in the field and hay in the stack.

Mrs. Mary Leeper.

January 6 ---- Cleaton Smith has purchased from John Graham the house and lot situated at the south-west corner of the square.

Ed Pomeroy has returned from Mo. with a load of mules.

W. R. Manning is putting in the machinery to manufacture the anti-monopoly barbed fence, at Newton, Iowa.

In a few days it will be three years since Byron C. Ward commenced publishing this paper.

Alex Stoner of Guthrie county is here on a visit.

Jacob Meyer has gone to Bradford, Penn. to visit his sister.

Mrs. T. Murray went to Keokuk to see her parents.

Mr. James Elliott of Bedford came here on business.

Mr. Marion Offill returned Monday from David City, Nebraska where he has lived four years. He has come back to stay.

The Messes Eva and Ella George and Miss Bell Keables are attending school at Pella.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of this place have gone to Roseville, Warren county, Illinois to visit. This is their old home.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson of Cambridge, Ill. is visiting here with her brother, Ezra Adkins.

January 13 --- John McPherson has sold his farm of 80 acres to Mark Thomas of Mahaska county. W. B. Smith has sold his farm of 160 acres to John Main and Jesse Slavens.

John Roberts has built a large barn, and A. P. Wing has erected a fine dairy barn. Mr. A. A. Vangilder is another well-to-do farmer who has built a new barn.

Ira Winchell, Abner Jenks and Joseph Phearman have made additions to thier barns.

Cornelius Means, son of J. W. Means of Carthage, Mo. is here visiting the home of his boyhood.

Mr. Ira Winchell started Monday for Ohio to see old friends in his old homeland near Cleveland.

Adams Means of Guthrie county was one of the sons to return to his fathers house at Vandalia for a family reunion last Sunday.

Emit Kay has gone to O'brian county to build a house on the land which he recently bought. Henry Gilbaugh will do the work.

L. F. Means of Carthage, Mo., was here to attend the reunion. Norman Wilson of Gliddon, Iowa is here visiting his old home. Chas. E. Hilton, of Vermont is clerking for D. T. Brown & son. This new firm is in the place vacated by Roach Bros.

E. B. Tilden is harvesting his ice crop. He expects to put up 100 tons of this beverage in his new and spacious ice house.

The town Council have put one of those fine street lamps at each of the churches.

January 20 ---- M. B. McKeever purchased the hardware building on the north side of the square and will use it for a drug store.

W. K. and Ed Pomeroy have purchased the livery barn and lots owned by Daniel Hunt.

Mr. John Merrill has gone to Livermore and his partner, Sam Slemmons, will go in a few days.

Mr. Liberty Wilson has returned from Nebraska and brought back with him a wife, whom he married at Humbolt, Nebraska.

Clark Patchin has sold his farm of 160 acres to Mr. Huddleson of Monroe. Mr. M. Feathers has sold 80 acres, in Mound Prairie to George Tomlinson. Phillip Noland has sold his 160 acre farm, 2½ miles south of this place, to George VanDyke.

January 20 ---- The Prairie City News begins 1882 with a bran new suit of clothes for its reading matter. It is a great improvement on the old suit, which made it look more like a Prairie City cloud than anything else.

A. W. Davis and David Adkins are in Paulina, O'Brian county, and will go into the merchantile business there. Newton Moore started for that place yesterday, and will erect a store building for them.

O. M. Cavett and Miss Nancy Cavett of Denison came to Vandalia the first of the week, to attend their father's funeral but they got there one day too late.

John Vetter is now living in Cass county. Wilson Gilbaugh is also living there.

Mrs. Oll Coomes of Wiota, Cass county, has been here on a visit. A. W. Jones and wife of Alta, Beuna Vista county, have also been visiting here.

The following is part of a letter from Logan Valley, Neb. dated Jan. 20, 1882. --- We used to live at Prairie City but moved out here some time ago and we made a bad move. The worst and greatest drawback is that there is nothing to burn but corn cobs, and many have not enough stock to eat the corn as fast as the stove will burn the cobs, consequently the have to burn corn stalks which is rather uphill business. There is no fruit of any kind, only what is shipped in. Fresh apples from Missouri cost \$2.00 per bushel and that is all the fruit that can be had fresh on these wild prairies. This winter has been very nice so far. A bad winter like last winter goes hard with a cob fire to keep the shanty warm. Corn is 40 cents per bushel shelled and 38 cents in the ear; hogs \$5.00 to \$5.25 per hundred; coal, Des Moines, 32 cents per bushel. We have bought some at that price this winter to keep from burning our corn. All the pasture fence they have out here is a rope 40 feet long, one end tied to the old cow's horns and the other end tied to a stake which is driven in the ground, handy, you bet. Our town has three big saloons running in full blast. The rest of the business houses are three stores, one hotel, one blacksmith shop &c; a thriving town you might know. Whiskey will thrive any place where it gets consumers.

Signed K. T.

January 27 ---- Byron C. Ward completes three years as the editor of the Prairie City News, with this issue.

Dr. Hamilton and wife of Peoria, have been visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Norton.

J. C. Burns has been visiting his son, Carter Burns, at Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. John Payton has come back from Bedford with his family and will occupy the farm which he recently bought from Delbert Badger, in Mound Prairie township.

Jacob Holdefer has sold his 80 acres to Harry Gilbert.

Roach Bros. have sold the Cassel farm, three miles west of town to George Gilbert for \$4000.

W. H. Curley has sold his farm of 130 acres to a Marion county man. The price paid was \$50 per acre.

John Ramsey has sold his farm of 160 acres, three miles north-east of here, to William Kron for \$8000.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

February 3 --- Frank Bachelor has just finished gathering his 1881 corn crop.

U. B. White has gone to visit his son John, near Polk City. Mr. C. Gulling has built a new barn.

Mr. Eugene Potter of West Winstead, Conn. has made a visit here with his brothers, Alfred and Dr. Potter, and his sister, Mrs. George Ryan. Mr. Potter is well heeled.

Mark Kingdon has gone to his farm, near Gowrie, to build a house there.

George Ingle, of Vandalia, has sold his farm and bought 320 acres, near Manson, in Calhoun county. He will build a house.

Isaac Porter has recently purchased 115 acres from Albert Means for \$2500. This makes Mr. Porter 560 acres, and a nice farm it is too. Mr. Porter commenced life for himself by working out for \$10 per month.

R. N. Stewart has gone to Wisconsin to purchase 200 good sheep to add to his flock.

W. B. Smith has bought a 160 acre farm in Cass county.

Mr. Ezra Adkins went to Plymouth, Illinois to see his mother.

R. J. McConnell and Ed Millsap have gone to the northwestern part of the state to look after land.

Mr. W. W. Norton of Kent, Illinois, was called here by the death of his mother. He is a brother of C. P. Norton.

Mr. George Tripelow has purchased a farm in Audubon county.

Edson Beech has gone to Topeka, Kansas to live.

Mrs. Barbara Bettler, of Louisa county, is visiting her son Charles Bettler.

Miss Frankie Slater went to Knox county, Illinois, to visit her brothers.

John McPherson, while on his prospecting tour, bought 160 acres of land in Burke county, Nebraska.

February 17 --- E. S. Weaver started yesterday with two teams for Clay county. He goes there to improve his 320 acres.

Marion Offill has returned from Nebraska with his family and has located at Coalton, in Dallas county.

Phillip Holdefer has moved back from Adel with his family and is now located on a farm near Con Hinton's.

G. G. Gross of David City, Nebraska made us a visit.

Rev. Fletcher Brown and wife of Dunlap, Harrison county, has spent the last few days with his father's family at Fairmount.

D. W. McMullen of Fairmount, is moving to David City, Neb.

Mr. Boles has bought the Van Osdel property and will remain in Fairmount. He is one of the oldest settlers on Capitol Prairie.

Mr. O. Montgomery is building a new home in Fairmount.

Ben Whisler is building a new house on his farm two miles north of Fairmount and Will Van Osdel has the contract to build a barn 40 feet square on the farm of J. C. French in Mound Prairie township.

Mr. Aaron (Tobe) Hemphill of Cass County, has been obliged to witness the death of both mother and father in the last month.

Mr. Hemphill is a brother of Mrs. R. W. Daniels.

Henry Runion has leased the J. G. Gilbert place.

R. M. Montgomery and family are moving to Calhoun county.

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## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

February 24, --- A large number of cattle belonging to T. Vinyard and A. L. Randall have died from the effects of being fed on hay made from bottom grass that had been overflowed by the freshets of last summer.

R. D. Whorton and J. Ingle started with two loads of goods for George Ingle, to his new home in Calhoun county. They haul lumber after they get there to build a house, near Manson.

Asa N. Woody has bought the Cushman farm.

Mr. Nathan Moon, after living near this place for 32 years, started for Brainard, Nebraska, to make him a new home.

March 17 --- A. L. Means goes to Rockwell City to live.

Jeff Smith has gone to Knox county, Neb. to improve his homestead.

Otis Tomlinson, of Nebraska, is visiting here with his brother George and Mrs. Clemens, of Calhoun county, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chapman.

Homer Hanes is in business at New Hampton, Missouri. He is the son of A. H. Hanes.

Oliver Hedge, a grocer in Oskaloosa, has been visiting here with his brother, Manoah Hedge.

Smiley Marquis, who sold his farm near Colfax, has bought a farm near Atlantic and will move there in the spring.

Mr. Hal Town of Pella, has just closed his school near Monroe. He spent Friday visiting our schools.

John Ramsey and family are moving to Harlan.

Mrs. Ellis Rorabaugh, of Kearney, Nebraska, is here.

Duck hunting seems to be the favorite sport on the river bottoms. Marion Hamilton killed 45 wild ducks in six hours.

The following gentlemen were elected as school directors for the various districts for 1882: No. 1, T. J. Vinyard; No. 2, G. W. Rorabaugh; No. 3, I. Coomes; No. 4, S. O. Scott; No. 5, C. Walker; No. 6, A. Vangilder; No. 7, John Graham; No. 8, O. Henney; No. 9, Wm. Brock.

B. R. Mclellan has just purchased a fine upright Chickering piano for his daughters.

John Sullivan bought the Ogg farm of 120 acres at \$50 per acre. This makes him 504 acres.

The members of the Farmers Protective Association are requested to meet at the old Masonic Hall in Prairie City the 25th of March. All persons interested in breaking up the barb wire monopoly are invited to attend.

March 22 --- Wm. Spooner has returned from Washington Territory. T. Woodrow, Robert Dunlap and John Cawker with their families started on last night's train for that place. They expect to make that there home.

Alfred Illias and family have started for Ruthven, to live on the farm he recently purchased.

Henry Daley has rented the Steele House for a year and will occupy it and keep boarders.

P. C. Higgins started last night for California. He goes to see the country and has promised to write to this paper.

April --- D. G. Winchell will be at the Prairie City House on April 18 and 19 for the purpose of receiving taxes in Mound Prairie, Washington, Des Moines townships, Prairie City and Vandalia.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

April 7 --- Mrs. Allie Howard of Grinnell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Davis.

M. Trullinger will go to Guthrie county with his family.

Wm. Gadbury, of Galesburg was in town this week.

Mr. George Bryan has been visiting his sons in Texas.

Mr. E. A. Sherman of Pleasantville is visiting his brother, W. T. Sherman.

Mrs. Charles Hilton, of Vermont, has come here to live with her husband, who has been here several months.

M. K. Campbell of Harlan, a former citizen, is visiting in the home of Rev. J. W. Ferner and W. G. Clements.

Prof. Anderson, who goes under an assumed name, the slight of hand performer, and his wife have been visiting here with a brother, S. A. Casper.

John Taylor, now of Polk county, made his old home a visit.

Mr. J. W. DeWeese, of Lincoln, Nebraska came for a visit.

May 5 --- Dr. J. W. Adams, now of Des Moines, made us a call.

Wm. F. Zachary has left for an extended trip out west.

Jesse Frazier will be the administrator of the estate of Liberty Wilson and Stephen Johnson of the estate of G. T. Leeper.

Elder White and wife, of Toledo, are visiting their daughter Mrs. J. V. Adkins. Another visitor in this town was E. H. Wickersham, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Potter.

Mr. Riley Wilson, of Humbolt, Neb., is here helping to settle his father's estate.

Henry Wilson is going to Dakota to live. He will locate 75 miles north-west of Yankton.

Mr. Joseph Bryon of Cleburne, Texas, after an absence of five years, has returned for a visit.

A Sabbath School was organized a week ago in district number six with Miss Emma Miller as superintendent and Miss Kreigh as secretary.

June 2 --- Miss Julia Wilson of Cambridge, Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. M. Austin.

Mrs. Highleman of Sedalia, Missouri, has been here for a visit. Her niece, Miss Nettie Hull accompanied her home.

Dr. W. S. Groom has decided to locate here. His office will be in the drug store of H. J. Griffis.

June 23 --- The Coal shaft of Pool & Murray is now down 185 feet and good indications of finding coal.

About 7 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, June 17, the most terrible cyclone known in Iowa struck Grinnell as well as other towns. There are 32 dead, at Grinnell and at least 70 wounded. About 75 houses were leveled to the ground. One of the colleges is completely demolished and the other one burned. 8 deaths are reported from Malcolm, which is almost entirely destroyed. Eight of the students at Brooklyn are badly injured, having been dug out of the ruins. There are deaths and injuries in the country as well as the towns. The storm was first observed at Des Moines but not much damage there. Sheldahl and Nevada were next in it's path. There was also a terrible hail storm south of Grinnell. A later report says the storm started south-west of Ames and swept south-east in the form of a crescent and through Grinnell to the south-east corner of the state. Over 300 have lost their homes.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

June 23 --- Jessie and Lila Wickwire have gone to Farmington, Illinois, to spend the summer with their grandpa Wickwire.

Mrs. John Lockart of Oskaloosa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Waldrip.

Elmo Hammond of Ottumwa, has come back to his boyhood home for a visit.

Mr. Yalding of Chicago, came to visit his sisters, Mrs. Ferner and Mrs. Pummill.

Mr. Al. G. Edmund went to Pella to hear his sister Carrie graduate and to visit home folks.

Mr. Caldwell of Highland county, Ohio is visiting his cousins, Mrs. J. D. Norris and Mrs. George Bidwell.

June 30 --- Rev. Slater of Illinois, a former pastor of the Congregational church in this place, has been visiting here.

Mr. Frank Higgins, of Illinois, has been visiting in the home of his brother, P. C. Higgins. News that his barn had been demolished by a tornado hastened his return home.

J. C. Bush (could be Busch or Bosch) and wife are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Johnson.

Those attending Mr. Longmore's funeral are a sister, Miss Mary Longmore, of Warren, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Newall, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Longmore; Mr. D. Miller, a brother of Mrs. Longmore, and his wife, all of Eddyville.

July 7 --- Mr. Hunter, a type slinger, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Stahl. Thomas Barton, of Carroll county is also here.

Michael Deer of Griswold, is spending the Fourth with his brother, Charles.

John Richard's parents are here from Mercer county, Penn.

George H. Slater of Yates City, Illinois, is visiting his mother, Mrs. S. J. Slater and other relatives.

Mrs. E. C. Roach has gone to Harlan to visit her folks before going to her new home in Lyon county.

July 14 --- On Monday, Mr. Ira Draper and the editor of this paper, went to Kellogg for the purpose of donating to the Rock Creek cyclone sufferers the money that has been collected for that purpose.

July 28 --- The construction train on the fighting Wabash is working along slowly and we will soon hear the scream of the whistle. The new town of Runnells is improving fast and will make a lively little burg. Des Moines, in a few years would be the metropolis of the west but unfortunately it is too near Runnell.

On Monday, as Tom Nixon was driving Wallwork & Crossland's meat wagon, in the neighborhood of the old lady Rinehart, he fell out of the wagon, breaking his collar bone. As this runaway team came into the other road that runs by the Rinehart church, J. L. Carter was near the junction of the two roads, coming to town with a mule team. His father, a very large man, was with him. The meat box fell out and frightened the mules, causing them to turn sharply, which upset the wagon. There were no serious injuries. The mules ran a ways and stopped. The other team ran until they came to the corner of Wm. Cottrell's.

Mrs. Orr of Ottumwa is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Pool.

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July 28 --- Grandfather Gibbons who is 83 years old, walked from Monroe to Vandalia, a distance of 12 miles. After resting a bit, he was shaking hands with old friends. He is trying to arrange his affairs so he can back to Vandalia to live.

H. C. Deakin, of Vandalia, has sold his drug department there to Dr. Kitchen and Charles Brubaker, who are fixing up the old store house to move their stock into.

August 4 --- The 28th Annual Exhibition of the Jasper County Agricultural Fair will be held at the Company's grounds, at Newton September 19---22.

A. McHenry sold his livery stable, the entire business, to McComas & Mullen.

The Colfax people are looking for a mineral water boom. Mr. Cole of the Cole House, contemplates enlargement so as to accommodate 150 guests, which is twice their present number. Last Saturday several prominent stock-holders of the C. R. I. & P. R. R. paid down two-thirds of the money on a large tract of land including the old springs, upon which they plan extensive improvements to accommodate those who are tired and thirsty.

September 15 --- Miss Mattie Thomas began school last Monday in the Hayes' school house, six miles south-east of here. Mr. Hal Town, of Pella, commenced in the Little's school house.

Cornelius Means and his son Willard, of Brookfield, Shelby county, are visiting here. Mr. Means formerly lived in Vandalia and is now a leading merchant in Brookfield. He is an uncle of Guilford A. McQuown and with whom Guilford lived for six years.

Among the business changes which are taking place, may be noted the following: The walls of the new brick block, on the west side of the square are now completed. This structure has been made two story instead of one, as was first contemplated. With the stone caps and metal cornice, it is quite an addition to the town.

P. C. Higgins has sold his interest in the hardware business of Higgins & Wilson to Abner Jenks. Mr. Higgins and his family will move to southern California.

Mat Orton has traded farms with his brother, Willie, of Ill. and will soon leave for his former home.

E. B. Tildon has closed the trade, disposing of his Mineral Spring property for a good round sum.

White and Garrett, the new firm from Monroe, expect to open their furniture store on the east side of the square next week.

Wm. Cochrane has about completed his new building to be used as a Billiard Hall.

Sol Pentico has bought 80 acres of land in Webster county.

September 22 --- Henry Krohn of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is visiting here with his son, Wm. Krohn. William is also being visited by his brothers, Frederick and Henry Krohn, Jr. of Monmouth, Illinois.

At the recent meeting of the Des Moines Conference of the M. E. church, Rev. A. J. Barton remains here and Elder Vinson has been assigned to Colfax.

Rev. Cyrus Eaton, a former pastor of the Congregational church of this place, is here visiting.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

September 29 --- Mr. Joseph Cowman and wife have gone to Nebraska to visit. They have rented their farm and are going to take life a little easier from now on.

October 27 --- The following is news from Runnels: Wabash put on regular trains last Monday and every thing is booming.

The corps of workmen have about completed the Wabash water tank.

Brown & Son have moved into their new store.

Bettler & Weigel are receiving their goods for the new hardware store.

Wilson has made an addition to his restaurant, and is getting in shape to close his saloon.

The corn mill is here and the much talked of flour mill is soon to become a reality.

Brockett & Pricer have just completed a large addition to their store building. (End of Runnels news)

October 6 --- The boys of Prairie City are hereby notified that the city council has ordered Mr. McHenry, the city marshall, to arrest all boys who shall be seen using what are called "Nigger-shooters." Signed R. C. Porter, Mayor.

October 20 --- Nathan Moon, who is now living in Butler county, Nebraska, is back here for a visit.

Jim Stevens, of Green Castle, has bought land in Rooks county, Kansas. He will quit the forge and turn ranger.

November 3 --- Visitors in the Don A. Pool home are his mother of Macon, Missouri; a sister from Ottumwa and an aunt, Mrs. Sherwood of Mentor, Ohio.

Henry Wallace has bid goodby to Vandalia and started with his family to Coon Rapids, where they will make their home.

Mrs. R. S. Campbell, of Zanesville, Ohio, has opened a book store in Monroe, on the north side of the public square.

November 17 --- A. B. Duncan and family of Grinnell, have stopped here to visit friends on their way to Gainesville, Texas.

P. C. Higgins and family have moved to Carpenteria, Calif.

John C. Anderson and James Gross, of Mound Prairie township, have each bought a farm in Calhoun county.

Mr. Frace, who has acted as Engineer in our City Flouring Mill for several months, has moved away with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Merchant of Farmington, Illinois, have come here to live and buy a farm. They are the parents of Mrs. Wilber Norton.

H. D. White has sold his farm to Mr. Henry Bruner and he will go back to his Vermont home, where he will assist his father on his large farm.

The farm of Mrs. Wiggin, has been sold to Albert H. Brous.

Charles Welch and wife of Papillion, Nebraska, are visiting here in the home of a brother, S. E. Welch.

Richard Stevens, of Indian Territory, is here on a visit.

Mr. Robert Dodd has gone to Pittsburg, to visit his brothers. He has not been there for twelve years.

Miss Florence Collins of Des Moines, has been here visiting in the home of her childhood.

John Slemmons are here on a visit. N. B. Carson and wife of Atlantic are also here.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

( The items below are taken from our weekly column " In years gone by." The most important ones )

January 20 --- David Wagner has sold his farm of 40 acres to C. R. Graham.

February 3 --- R. S. Rucker has gone to Dallas county to see his daughter.

February 10 --- The house of Lemuel Dowden burned to the ground on Tuesday.

February 24 --- L. A. Greenlief recently purchased the Engle Coal Bank in Sherman township.

George W. Keese has purchased 40 acres of land in Bear Grove township.

March 30 --- On the 24th of March, R. C. and Mary Porter celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary.

April 7 --- Henry Wilson has sold his farm of 160 acres to his brother, Alva Wilson.

April 21 --- Twenty five years ago last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Graham celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. John Van Vark attended the funeral of his grandfather, Wm. Van Vark at Pella last week.

The Misses Alice and Cora Gifford, step-daughters of L. P. Wilson, have come here from Silver Lake, Kansas.

X On Monday, George Gilbert, Mr. Bromley, S. H. Shields and James Cottrell started for Clay county to break prairie. Shields will break for Dr. Potter and Cottrell will break for Gilbert.

April 28 --- John Worley is going to build a house of brick.

John Offill has bought the grain office and cribs at Zachary's Switch, and will buy grain there. G. H. Childs will work for him.

The new town on the Wabash road, south of this place, will be called Percy. Doc Putman, of this place and his son Israel, under the firm name of Putman & Son will open out a store there for the sale of general merchandise.

May 4 --- Pool and Murray have sunk their coal shaft to a depth of over 80 feet. Specimens of wood have been found well preserved at this depth.

The Zachary herd of several hundred cattle were started yesterday for the grazing ground in Calhoun county. Tom Taylor starts today with a large herd for the same place.

J. C. French has a large barn well under way.

May 12 --- Mrs. Hasness of Audubon county, Mrs. Parks of Warren county, and the three sons of Humboldt, Nebraska, were all here for the funeral of their father, Liberty Wilson. A son-in-law, J. W. Sexton of Colorado, was also here.

May 18 --- The farm of the late Liberty Wilson has been sold to Mr. John D. Bedell, of Marion county.

Israel Putnam has been appointed Postmaster at Percy.

June 9 --- The Christian church has secured Elder Dennis for another six months or perhaps a year.

June 15 --- S. D. Butters and Higgins will put up two more brick business houses on the west side of the square.

July 13 --- The street commissioner has been busy taking out the old wooden culverts and putting in large tile ones.

July 20 --- One of the old landmarks of Prairie City have just been removed. Mr. Feathers has torn down the old house on the east side of the square, so long occupied by the Anderson's.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1882

August 11 --- Mitchellville is to have a successor to the News, a paper called the Index, to be published by E. P. Marmon, from Bellefontaine, Ohio. The first issue will be next week.

August 24 --- Mr. L. P. Wilson's mother died in Illinois recently. She was 93 years old.

Mr. Slemmons is moving back to his farm, 5 miles south of here. He is starting to build a new house.

September 8 --- The construction train on the " Fighting Wabash " ran into Des Moines last Monday afternoon for the first time. This completes another railroad into Des Moines and opens a direct route from there to St Louis, Peoria and Toledo. (I believe the exact date would be August 29.)

The State Fair committee is puzzled how to keep the people off the fair grounds on Sunday.

October 6 --- The Monroe schools have been postponed one month on account of the unfinished addition to their school building.

Prairie City is finally to have a hearse. Mr. White, the new furniture man, has bought one.

October 12 --- The firm of D. T. Brown & Son have moved to the new town of Runnels.

October 20 --- John Clymer is building a new barn 42 by 70 feet. The builder is John Burhle.

October 27 --- The John Ofill farm has been sold to a Pella man. This farm consisted of 283 acres.

November 2 --- Mr. W. F. Holmes has for sale at his place  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-west of Prairie City, 2 horses, 1 farm wagon, 1 spring wagon, 1 Keystone corn planter, 1 mower, 1 harrow, 2 set of harness, 13 ton of hay, 25 acres of corn, 1 cook stove, 1 heating stove, 1 Singer sewing machine and 1 bureau.

Dr. Mc Williams, our former dentist, has finally succeeded in getting some head stones for our soldiers graves, in our cemetery. These were secured from the government.

Stahl & Fickess of this place, are now making farm wagons and buggies.

Probably the largest sale of cattle at any one time ever made here was that of Mr. James and R. B. Zachary, to Litus B. Eldridge, of 219 head of yearlings and two year olds. The amount paid was nearly \$6,000.

The following is a list of the teachers of this vicinity who attended the Normal at Newton. This was taken from the Sept. 8th issue. --- M. Hedge, Lucetta Dowden, Kate Austin, Ella George, Mattie Thomas, May Cochran, James Mullen, Angie Spooner, Nettie Wiley, Julia Gregory, Ida Austin, Mamie Larkin, Minnie Duncan, Ella Ryan, Anna Warner, Dora Dowden, J. H. Ramsey, May Skinner, and S. W. Keeler.

Miss Mamie Larkins is commencing a six months term at the Van Gilder school.

Morton Elrod begins a six months term at the Brown school, south of here. This is his second year there.

Charles Day will teach in district No. 2.

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We will offer for public sale at the residence of Jacob Holdefer, 2½ miles north-east of Prairie City, on February 7, 1882, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to-wit: 14 head of cattle, 1 calf, 8 stock hogs, 100 chickens, 1 farm wagon, 1 Keystone corn planter, 1 reaper and mower combined, 3 cultivators, 1 stirring plow, 2 potatoe plows, 1 harrow, 1 hand corn sheller, 1 set of harness, 1 farm bell, 1 grind stone, household furniture and other articles.

Jacob Holdefer.  
E. S. Weaver.

I will sell at public sale at the Weigel farm, 3 miles south of the Prairie City, on February 8, 1882, the following property to-wit: 39 head of cattle, 5 head of horses, 2 mules, 50 stock hogs, 1 Massillon thresher, 1 corn planter, 1 cultivator, 1 stirring plow, 1 harrow and 1 hay rake.

George Weigel.

I will sell at public sale at my farm, 1½ miles east of Prairie City, on February 21, 1882, the following property to-wit: 19 head of cattle, 1 hay rack, 1 field roller, 2 corn cultivators, 2 stirring plows, 1 Marsh-harvester, 1 harrow, 1 grain cradle and numerous other articles.

W. H. Curley.

I will sell at my farm just east of Prairie City on March 20, 1882, the following property to-wit: I span of mules, 1 pony, 11 cows, 35 stock hogs, about 60 chickens, 2 farm wagons, 1 top buggy, 1 reaper and mower combined, 1 Brown's corn planter, 1 stalk cutter, 1 sulkey hay rake, 2 harrows, 2 stirring plows, 2 cultivators, 1 feed cooker, all my household and kitchen furniture. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

T. Woodrow.

I will sell at my farm 1½ miles north-west of Prairie City, on April 8, 1882, the following property to-wit: 7 head of cattle, 35 head of hogs, 3 cultivators, 2 stirring plows, 2 harrows, 1 Wood reaper, self binder, 1 two-seated buggy, 1 corn planter, household and kitchen furniture.

Henry Wilson.

I will sell at the farm of Liberty Wilson, deceased, 1½ miles west of Prairie City, on Saturday, June 3, 1882, the following property to-wit: 1 span of good mares, 2 milk cows and 1 calf, 5 head of hogs, 1 top buggy, 1 farm wagon, 2 sets of harness, 1 set of buggy harness, 1 reaper and mower combined, 1 Gilpin sulkey plow, 1 cultivator, 1 harrow, 2 stirring plows, cider mill, large crosscut saw and other farming implements. Also a good set of parlor furniture, bureau, stoves, lounges and other articles.

O. P. Webb, Auct.

Jesse Frazier.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1883

January 5 --- A letter from Robert H. Dunlap states that they are living on the Columbia river, twenty miles from the ocean, in Oregon. He says they are only three miles from his sisters. He has taken a timber claim.

Rev. J. W. Ferner, pastor of the Congregational church has resigned, affective Feb. 1.

Mr. Wm. A. Frazer and wife of Henry county, Illinois, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Frazer's father, Wm. Kingdon's. Mark Kingdon of Webster county was also here.

January 12 --- Michael Shea has sold his 80 acres of land to John Shorten.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, of Adams county, Illinois are now residence of this place. Mr. Bradley is a brother of Mr. Wallwork an is going into business with him, in the meat market.

We have just received a letter from Jim T. Hart, of Healdsburg, California. He likes it fine out there.

John McPherson and family are now residence of Tekama, Neb.

Mrs. Wm. Scarbrough, of Irwin, Iowa has been here visiting.

H. D. White and family started for their old home in Vermont, where they will probably make their future home.

Mrs. Lewis Weigel has gone back to her home in Anita.

Mr. Chapman and family were to start Wednesday, with a team, for Illinois, to see his mother who is quite sick. We presume the snow blockade delayed them. John Sullivan's children were going to the same place but they were going on cars. (Railroad)

January 26 --- R. D. Wininger, who has been living for some time in Knox county, Nebraska, is back again.

Maggie Sample of Morris, Illinois, is visiting her cousin, Mr. Pummill. P. R. Pummill of Olathe, Kan. is visiting in the home of his brother, W. B. Pummill.

Mr. James Butters of Madison county, has been here this week to attend the funeral of his brother, G. T. Butters.

Secretary of State, Capt. Hull, was here to see his sister, Mrs. H. C. Potter, who has been sick.

Mr. Ezra Adkins, the genial landlord of the Prairie City House, is being visited by his sister, Mrs. Phelps, of Illinois.

Miss Georgia Parker, of Bonaparte, is here visiting her brother, W. S. Parker.

John C. Anderson, of Mound Prairie township, has sold his farm of 40 acres to Louis Wilhelm.

February 2 --- D. T. Brown, the leading spirit of the new town of Runnels, was here on business this week.

Mr. Joseph Sopher, of Oskaloosa is visiting his sister-in-law Mrs. Anna Bradley, of this place.

Dr. Orr and wife of Ottumwa, are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. A. Pool.

February 16 --- Miss Wees of Keokuk is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Murray.

Mr. Marion Sexton has located here in the blacksmith trade.

Rev. James Moore and wife of Corydon, were here to attend the funeral of Mr. Cleaton Smith. Mrs. Moore is an only daughter of Mr. Smith.

Louis Weigel of Cass county, is here on a visit.

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March 2 --- Mr. E. B. Tildon has sold his town property and business to Mr. John Selby. Mr. Tildon has been in the restaurant business in Prairie City for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Yalding, of Chicago, has been visiting in the homes of his daughter's, Mrs. Ferner and Mrs. Pummill.

Henry Patchin received word of the death of his son-in-law, Jesse M. Harter, of Cherrytree, Pennsylvania.

March 16 --- John Taylor is now living in Polk county.

Mr. Dunn of Newton has moved to this place and will start to haul cream for the Prairie City Creamery.

Thomas Hollingsworth and wife of Ottumwa, were here to attend the funeral of her brother, I. H. Baird.

Mr. Samuel Caldwell, an attorney of Greenfield, Ohio, has been visiting in this place. David and Preston Strain are also visiting in this place. They are from Mahaska county.

Jessie Frazier has bought land near Sandburn, in O'Brian county, and started there yesterday with a car containing his all.

Mrs. Angie Spooner of Shenandoah, has been here several weeks helping care for her brother, I. H. Baird.

G. W. Fitch has moved to his farm in Calhoun county, (maybe).

C. Fisher, of Guthrie county, came back here for a visit.

March 30 --- Mrs. Kerrick of Delano, Wisconsin is here to visit her brother, Charles Robinson.

About the first of May, Thomas Taylor will go out with a herd of heifers and steers. He will ship the cattle out and back and the charge will be \$2.00 a head for the season.

April 6 --- New houses are being built for Harry Gilbert, John Potter and George Gill.

Clark Patchin has moved to Nebraska.

Mr. Cronk and sister of Earlham are here visiting their brother, Rev. Cronk.

E. A. Sherman and wife have gone to Minburn to live.

April 13 --- Miss Mary Hastie has sold her millinery business to Mrs. Sarah Feathers. Mary's sister of Warren county went home.

George Cochran, son of our townsman, Wm. Cochran, is here. He expects to soon take charge of an engine on the road as Engineer.

Mr. P. Kramer, of Pella, is in town visiting his sons.

E. J. McGavic & Springer have sold their lumber yard.

Joe Little and wife are leaving for their Dakota home.

W. E. Wilson and wife are moving to Des Moines.

May 4 --- With this number we begin Volume 9 of the News.

M. Feathers has sold the east 80 acres of his farm in Mound Prairie township to George Magg for \$3000.00.

Miss Mammie Larkins is teaching in the Hayes' district.

Miss Ida Putnam is teaching at Percy.

Miss Minnie Duncan is in her second term at Bear Grove.

May 11 --- The Prairie City News is eight years old.

The following boys and girls will help in the Decoration services: Newell Longmore, Roy Gilbert, Joseph Jones, Frank Clements, George Bidwell, Harry Keyser, Charlie Nixon, Charlie Woodell, Otis Barton, Ellsworth Grooms, Hugo Smith, Eddie Robinson, Clyde Bedell, Frank Hardenbrook, Herbie Ward, Charlie Woodard, Clyde Woodell, Bennie Norris, Josie Griffis, Tommie Norton, Elmer Hurst, John Murray, Crawford Clark.

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The following is the list of girls to help in the decoration services: Edna Parker, Alpha Parker, Cora Longmore, Dolly Duncan, Maggie Gifford, Martha Wiggins, Clara DeWolf, Jessie Adamson, Annie Butters, Effie Jones, Lula McConnell, Vettie Waldrip, Mammie Nixon, Mary Potter, Bessie Norris, Emma Strawn, Luanna Carmody, Lucy Stolder, Minnie Winteroud, Laura DeWolf.

Wm. Duncan has invented a very convenient cabinet for flour, meal, spices &c. The top of the cabinet can be used as a kneading board. He is ready to construct one for any one.

May 25 --- The telephone line between here and Colfax will be established in a short time.

Lima, Ohio, had twelve inches of snow on May 21.

The cabinet, invented by Wm. Duncan, of the firm of Duncan & Woodell, is taking like hot cakes. Dont let your wife see one.

June 1 --- Dr. Jones will move to this place the first of the week and hang out his shingle.

Mr. Lee Bridge of Bonaparte, is here visiting his cousin Walter, our lightening jerker.

Miss Luna Murphy of Casey, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Butters.

John Griffis, of Kerwin, Kansas, is back for a visit.

Carry Smith left his homestead in Nebraska, to come back to look after some business.

June 8 --- Rev. F. A. Shearer, of Colfax, will preach in the Congregational church Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Seaman, daughter of Mr. Lowry is here visiting.

Mrs. John Lockart, of Oskaloosa is visiting H. C. Waldrip's.

Mr. Burris has moved back from Des Moines.

As L. H. Grant of Pella, a brakeman on train number 5, was coupling cars here on Saturday, he had two fingers badly mashed.

July 13 --- Mrs. Wm. White and Mrs. Aaron Custer were here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Moore of Mitchellville are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Gill.

July 20 --- Mr. Thomas Nixon broke his leg some time ago.

Mr. George Wood is our depot agent.

D. A. Monlux, of Monroe, made us a call.

Miss Z. Young, of Toledo is visiting friends.

Mrs. J. B. Roach and son and Mrs. George Gill and children took the train for Illinois, to visit their sister, Mrs. Neff.

Mr. Wm. LoMax is able to be down town again.

There was quite a hail storm on last Friday.

Ben Worden is prospering in Sanborn, O'Brian county.

July 27 --- Mrs. Feathers has sold her stock of Millinery goods to Miss Hattie Churchill, of Fairmount.

If a few of the weeds were cut down, especially on the streets, we think it would improve the looks of our town.

John McPherson and family were back from Nebraska to visit.

Mr. Alec Moore of Santa Barbara, Cal., is visiting here.

Mr. J. Walters, of Harlan, is visiting relatives.

George Wood will sell at a bargain, his homestead in Prairie City, also the house and grounds formerly owned by Wayman Ferris, also his horse and phaeton. ( Taken from July 13 issue )

The C. R. I. & P. Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Des Moines and return at 70 cents for round trip.

Mr. Charles Hook, of Monroe, was in town Saturday.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1883

August 10 --- Mr. Pool and family moved to Ottumwa.

Mr. M. Hedge and family have moved to Oskaloosa.

Our ticket agent will sell, on the 10th, tickets to Monroe and return for 40 cents.

Mrs. Kent, of Ottumwa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bedford French, near Fairmount.

Mr. Edward French and family, of Ottumwa are with home folks.

Mr. C. M. Daniels, of Winterset, is visiting his brother, G. W. Daniels.

Mr. C. L. Jones, of Buena Vista county, is visiting his father, T. P. Jones.

Mrs. L. C. Cooper, of Chicago, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. B. Pummill.

Miss Livonia Andrews, of Fairmount is visiting A. W. Davis'.

Mrs. A. M. Rivers left for Chicago to visit in the family of her brother-in-law.

August 24 --- Turner & Champlain have leased the flouring mill in this place for a series of years.

We hear that Wm. F. Zachary, of Washington Territory, plans to make that his future home.

Ira E. Draper and family have moved to Des Moines. His sons will attend school there.

Mr. Peters, proprietor of the Runnells hotel, will soon complete and have it ready for opening by Sept. 1st.

The Free Mason's Hall of Runnells will soon be under roof. It will be 46 by 22 feet.

September 7 --- Mr. James H. Elliott of Taylor county is here looking after business.

M. H. Davis reports that on the Davis Ranch in O'Brian county they raised 1900 bushels of wheat and 1500 bushels of oats.

For sale--- The houses and lots on the west side of the square, owned by Michael Murry.

Mr. Hinton, of the firm of Hinton & Butterfield, our new druggist, is a practicing physician and has hung out his shingle.

September 21 --- Miss May Cochran teaches the fall term at Squaw Creek school house.

Mrs. Woodard is teaching in the Leeper school.

Mr. Phillip Smith has moved his wagon shop to the north end of his blacksmith shop.

October 5 --- Have you noticed the new 2 cent postage stamp.

Mr. G. W. Daniels is building a new house in the south part of town.

Wm. White & Co. have purchased a team and wagon to use in their lumber business.

C. Foot and Samuel Howard of Monroe have opened a clothing store on the west side of the square in Prairie City.

November 23 --- Mr. DeLong, of Eddyville, has been in Prairie City for several days painting curtains and other fixtures for the stage in Union Hall. The Prairie City Dramatic Company will dedicate this new scenery to-night.

John Adkins and family have gone to Paulina to live.

November. --- Our railroad agent reports that 88 cars of potatoes have been shipped from here already. This would be about 50,000 bushels. The entire crop will probably be about 220,000 bushels.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1883

( The items below are taken from our weekly column " In years gone by." Just the most important ones.)

January 5 --- Miss Hattie Wilson, daughter of L. P. Wilson, returned Wednesday, from Oak Hollow, Dakota, where she entered a homestead of 160 acres.

Mr. Wm. Danley has bought 80 acres of land from T. D. Brown. The 80 acres that is located just east of William Lotts.

February 2 --- Luke Herman has sold 80 acres of land to Wm. Ward, and 40 acres off his home farm to S. A. McFadden.

Mr. Jesse Hiatt, at one time a furniture dealer in Prairie City, was back here visiting. He left here in 1873.

February 16 --- J. L. Minor takes the place of Wm. Graham as Drayman on our streets.

The report is that Prairie City is to have a new lumber yard to be run by White & Co. of Monroe. McGavic & Co. will leave.

John Roberts, of Mound Prairie Twp., is being visited by his sisters, Mrs. Rayburn, of Roseville, Illinois, and Mrs. Kennedy, of Canaan, Indiana.

M. D. Shepherd's are celebrating their 25th anniversary today.

February 23 --- S. C. Ball has moved to Carson, Iowa.

John S. Miller moved to Atlantic. George Frazier and Albert Kuhns chartered cars and started for Alexandria, Dakota, Monday.

March 9 --- Adams Means came here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Sims.

J. A. McMurray are moving to Lincoln, Nebraska. John Buhrlie and John Schmitt and wives started for the far west to live.

Mrs. Nellie Longmore and family arrived from Warren, Ohio. They will make this their home.

March 16 --- Mr. Richard Siddall, of Sacramento, California, has sold 40 acres of land, near Percy, to George W. Leuty.

March 29 --- Dan Buckingham has bought back the farm he sold to Ed Hayes.

Mrs. Eston and Mrs. Morton, of New Jersey are sisters of Mrs. Vandyke.

April 6 --- Mrs. Cora Mitchell, of Buffalo City, Wyoming, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowry.

Wilber Orton and wife, Mr. Merchant and wife and daughter have gone back to their old home in Farmington, Illinois, to live.

A. E. Kline has gone to O'brian county.

May 4 --- Jacob Replogle has bought the farm of J. F. Minshall.

Mr. Thomas McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Breden, of Newburg were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Richard.

May 24 --- Mr. and Mrs. E. Matheny celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Wednesday. His brother, a minister in the central Illinois conference, was present.

Mrs. J. P. Bidwell, of Des Moines, is a sister of Mrs. Manoah Hedge. of this place. Mrs. W. S. Groom is sister of Harry Doolittle, of Hancock county. Mrs. Forsythe, of Griswold is sister of Mrs. Albert Totton. John M. Zane is now living at Odebolt.

May 31 --- Mr. McComas and family have moved back to Monroe. He retains his business here in the Livery Stable. He expects to travel for Morrison Bros. of Monroe.

June 8 --- Mrs. E. H. Calkins, of St. Louis, is visiting her brother, Manoah Hedge and her sister, Mrs. Richard Charles.

Mr. G. A. McQuown has gone back to his home in Brookfield, Indiana.

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July 6 --- Dr. H. B. Wilkins, of Harrison county, Ohio, while visiting his brother-in-law, M. B. McKeever, bought a 160 acre farm of D. T. Brown, the farm on which Jim Cowman is living.

Mr. Wm. Lotts of Knox county, Illinois, is visiting his brother, Wm. Lotts. His sister, Mrs. Pierce of Guthrie county is also here.

July 20 --- Mr. George Prunty is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. M. Norris. Benjamin Prunty, of Altoona was also a caller.

Mrs. John Calahan will start for Wollcott, Indiana, to visit.

August 9 --- Mr. John French was 59 years old last Monday.

Mrs. Wm. George has gone to Illinois to visit relatives.

Mrs. Joe Culbertson, of Republican City, Nebraska is here visiting her Mother, Mrs. Daniels.

Elevated side walks now connect East and West Runnels.

Mr. Myler is the popular liveryman at Runnels. Mr. Quick has the lumber on the ground for his new boarding house there, and Peters' three story hotel is about finished.

B. R. McLellan started for Pierre, Dakota, to look after his real estate there. Minnie Winterowd went with him to join her mother who has taken a claim there. ( August 24 paper )

September 7 --- Mr. Z. A. French, of Dexter is visiting his father, Joseph French. Anderson Jones, Andy Jones and Sanborn Jones, all of Buena Vista county are visiting father T. P. Jones.

Hugh R. Eaton, son of C. C. Eaton, formerly of this place, came here for a visit. He left here in 1871.

September 14 --- Mr. T. F. Tuttle and wife left Prairie City for Blandonsville, Illinois, where they expect to spend the rest of their days. He has been a citizen of Iowa for 45 years. In 1843 he took a claim which is now covered in part by the town of Pella. In 1847, he moved to this county and has been a resident of Prairie City for almost 13 years.

Mr. Rosecrans, a former citizen, is now living in Tennessee.

September 21 -- Mr. George Gilbert is building a barn which will be 36 feet by 90 feet with a basement under all of it.

Rev. E. W. McDade has been appointed to the M. E. church here.

Mr. Charles Cox, of Hamilton, Ill., is at his brothers-in-law, Wallwork and Bradley. Wm. Bradley's parents live at Clayton, Ill.

Mr. Allen Caldwell, of Highland county, Ohio is visiting with Prof. Caldwell, who is at the head of our Prairie City schools.

October 20 --- Mr. Irv Montgomery returned to Dana, Illinois.

Mrs. Dave Benning, of Beacon visited her father, A. Veenstra.

Mrs. A. P. Cottrell, of Des moines has been visiting old friends. She is Art Instructor at Drake University.

October 25 ---- Mr. H. C. Hayes has been appointed postmaster at Vandalia. The post office will remain in Mr. L. H. Crane's store.

November 8---Now, E. S. Garland is our night telegraph operator. Alva Wilson is building a new barn, 28 feet by 50 feet.

Joseph Coziah has sold his 80 acre farm to W. C. Greenleaf.

November 16 --- Illias Burns has traded farms with Daniel Shepherd. The widow McConnell sold her farm to John Holdefer.

Mrs. Eva Brous, daughter of L. P. Wilson has entered a home-stead in Dakota. David Zimmerman, of Dunreath, has land in Dakota and is a neighbor of Bell McLellan.

Dec 21 --- John Richard, who recently buried his wife, has gone to Orangeville, Ohio, with his two children, to live.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1883

November 30 --- Times are going to be rather hard in this vicinity. The corn crop is the poorest that we have ever known and the potatoe crop is good but the price is low, about 15 cents a bushel. This has been three years of poor crops.

Joseph Coziah has bought a farm in Ida county.

Jerome Burns has 7,500 bushels of potatoes he has raised.

Miss Essie Stout and sister will occupy the dress making department with Miss Hattie Churchill, milliner.

December 7 --- Mr. A. Amos sold his grocery to Jesse Rinehart and Dick Shawhan. We hear they will open an eating place.

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at my residence, one mile west of Prairie City, on Saturday, February 24, 1883, the following personal property to-wit: 3 head of horses; 4 head of cattle; 10 shoats; 3 tons of hay; 1 Massillon harvester; 1 Moline sulky plow; 1 top buggy; 1 cultivator; 1 hay rack; 1 side saddle; 1 walnut book case; 1 bureau; 1 lounge; 1 clock; 2 meal chests; 3 set chairs; 3 Economy stoves; 3 stands; 2 side tables; 1 wood cook stove; carpets, mirrows, pictures, &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

Jesse Frazier.

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at my residence, 3 mile east of Prairie City, on Tuesday, March 27, 1883, the following property to-wit: 5 horses; 25 brood sows; 2 farm wagons; 2 sets of harness; 2 cultivators; 2 harrows; 1 Keystone cornplanter; 1 Deering harvester; about 6 tons of hay; 1 stalk rake; also household goods consisting of stoves, chairs, tables, bedsteads, lounge, cupboard and numerous articles.

Wilber Orton.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at their residence,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-west of Prairie City, on October 24, 1883, the following property to-wit: 3 head of horses; 12 head of cattle; 58 head of hogs; 1 farm wagon; 1 double seated buggy; 1 single seated buggy; 2 corn plows; 2 stirring plows; 2 harrows; 1 riding plow; 1 set of buggy harness; 1 set of single harness; 2 stacks of hay; 1 four-can creamer and four cans; cooking stove; heating stove; household goods and other articles.

T. S. Millsap.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

J. W. Richard.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence, 2 miles south-east of Prairie City, on Tuesday, December 18, 1883, the following property towit: 5 head of horses; 7 head of cattle; about 100 sheep, part of them pure-bred Leicester; 1 Champion mower; 1 cultivator; 1 buggy; 1 farm wagon; 1 hay rack; several tons of hay; about 500 bushels of corn; 1 set of harness; 1 saddle; 2 base burner stoves; chickens, some of them Plymouth Rock, and other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

W. P. Pummill.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

January 4 --- Mr. John Potter owns an imported Holstein cow. Mr. J. W. W. wants to know how E. H. Baker's store in Percy is prospering.

William Strawn is now slinging type in Des Moines.

Miss Lydia Pomeroy, of Rooks county Kansas, is here.

E. S. Boomer of Pattersonville, Sioux county, is here.

Mr. S. L. Pomeroy, of Oskaloosa, is a guest of W. K. Pomeroy.

Rev. Joel Osgood, who has been a mississionary in Liberia, Africa, for several years, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Clara Elliott who lives south-west of town.

D.W. Hendricks, of Coon Rapids, is here. He can't get over how much the trees in the park have grown since he left four years ago.

Mrs. W. T. Sherman celebrated her 33rd birthday Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCauley, of Fairmount, celebrated their tenth anniversary on New Years.

Miss Dora Dowden, a teacher in our city schools, received the premium at the Jasper County Fair for written work of her pupils.

January 11 --- Roller Skates may be rented at the Hall.

W. B. Pummill has sold his farm of 160 acres to Mrs. Alice Haldeman. of Mitchellville. Pummill's may move to Kansas.

Mr. Clyde Ballard let his pistol fall from his belt to the floor, striking the hammer. The 32-ball passed through his arm.

The division of the Sons of Temperence of this place meet every week in Butter's new Hall.

William Whistler and Ed Bowns have gone to Texas where they will engage in the telegraph business.

Thomas Millsap has sold his homestead farm of 80 acres to Frank Rucker, for \$4,100.

January 18 --- Captain Zachary and wife are back from their old home in Virginia.

Miss Hannah O'Roarque has been visiting her parents in Wis.

January 25 --- Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tilden and family started for California last Friday night on the train. We will miss them.

Joseph Jones and wife, of Nebraska spent a few days with her brother, J. B. Roach and family.

Mr. Charles Young of Estherville was here concerning business.

Mr. George French, who died in Taylor county was brought back here for burial.

Quite a number of our people went to Des Moines to take in the opening of the Capitol. ( Theatre )

February. 1 --- Doctors Potter, Kramer, Groom and Porter were called to the home of Thomas Wyatt to amputate the foot of Susie Anderson, halfway between the foot and knee.

Elias Burns is hauling brick to remodel his home, in spring.

Raney McConnell and family are going west to locate, we hear.

The following are the names of the teachers: Bear Grove, Mr. Fish; Rinehart, Miss Harvey; Squaw Creek, J. J. Mullen; Valley, Mrs. Brous; C. R. Graham's, Mrs. James; Warner, Miss Shaw; Ryan, Mae Adkins.

The firm of Davis Brothers & DeWolf is dissolved. It will now be DeWolf, Bryan & Co.

Joseph Coziah has moved to Ida county. He took four car loads of horses, cattle and hogs.

# PRAIRIE CITY 1883

( The following are 1883 articles that were misplaced and not found until the book was completed.)

May ( ) --- Mr. Prunty, father of Mrs. C. M. Norris, celebrated his 74th birthday at the Norris home.

June ( ) --- The first election ever held in Des Moines Twp. was held 36 years ago and here is a list of the voters: Elias Prunty, Abner Roy, George Anderson, John Fleming, George Krysher, Wm. Hayes, J. Q. Deakin, Jacob Bocker, David Hunnell, F. Anderson.

Nineteen years ago, John Sullivan came to this country. His first crop was swept away by a young cyclone and one of his horses died but he did not lose courage. Little by little he has added to his estate until now he ownes 535 acres. ( No date on this )

May ( ) --- The following is a list of the soldiers buried in our cemetery: Capt. R. L. Mc Cray, Stephen West, David West, A. F. McConnell, R. I. McConnell. Levi Spruce, Elias Means, A. T. Pope, Dexter George, Virgil Stallcop, Robert Stallcop, John Thompson, George Graham, Enoch Frazier, Seth A. Parker, Stephen G. Badger, G. T. Leeper, C. J. Woodard, T. F. Brandow, Stephen Rodgers and one "Unknown". There is also a monument in our cemetery in memory of the following soldiers, five brothers: Lewis Scott, Foster Scott, Henry Scott, Charles Scott and Albert Scott.

November ( ) --- Last week the Daft family had a reunion. This family consists of four brothers, W. H. and E. T. of this place and A. J. and Charles E. of Farmington, Illinois. Also three sisters, Mrs. Leeper and Mrs. Solon Porter of this place and Mrs. King of Oregon. Mrs. King and her husband, J. R. King live at Weston Oregon, where they own five quarter sections of land in Umitilla county. They have lived there nine years. A. J. Daft lives on the Daft homestead at Farmington.

November ( ) --- Nov. 7th was the 70th birthday of Mr. T. P. Jones, who lives in Mound Prairie Twp. The children are: A. F., T. S., C. L., and A. W. Jones. Also Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Mrs. R. J. Scott, and Tilla Jones.

December ( ) --- The Clements family had a reunion on Christmas day at the residence of W. G. Clements in this place. The father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clements, of Des Moines, were here, and all the children. They have five sons and one daughter: William, Loda, Oscar, James, Smith and Josie.

(The following are 1883 sales)

I will sell at public auction at my residence two and three-fourth miles north-east of Prairie City, on Wednesday, January 17, 1883, the following personal property to-wit: 6 head of horses; 11 head of cattle; 75 head of stock hogs; 1 farm wagon; 2 stirring plows; 1 cultivator; 1 harrow; 1 set of double harness; 1 farm bell; 1 pair bob sleds; 1 side saddle; 1 three-can Cooley creamer; 2 milk cans and strainer; 1 rectangular churn; 1 milk thermometer; 1 bureau; 2 sets of chairs; 1 safe; 2 bedsteads; 1 cook stove; 1 heating stove; 1 Singer sewing machine; 1 Universal clothes wringer; 2 tables; 1 baby cab; 2 clocks and other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

W. E. Wilson

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I will sell at public auction, at my residence,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Percy, on March 8, 1883, the following property to-wit: 5 horses; 16 head of cattle; 10 stock hogs; 2 farm wagons; 2 sets of harness; 1 Marsh harvester; 3 stirring plows; 2 cultivators; 2 harrows; 1 stalk cutter; about 40 bushels of good seed wheat and other articles. Sale at 10 a. m. George W. Donahoo.

I will offer at public sale at my residence,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Colfax, on March 8, 1883, the following property to-wit: 23 head of cattle; 30 shoats; a set of harness and a cultivator. Sale at 10 a. m. Peter Pentico.

I will sell at public auction, at my residence  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Prairie City, on March 13, 1883, the following property to-wit: 8 head of horses; 35 head of cattle; 33 stock hogs; 2 farm wagons; 1 two-seated buggy; 2 sets of harness; 1 Buckeye mower and reaper combined; 1 horse hay rake; 1 corn planter; 2 cultivators; 1 stirring plow; 1 harrow; 1 pair bob sleds; about 15 tons of hay; 1 four-can creamer and all my household furniture. Sale at  $9\frac{1}{2}$  a. m. M. A. McCord, Auct. W. C. Greenleaf.

I will sell at public auction, at the residence of the late Mary Jefries, deceased, 1 mile north of Vandalia, on June 9, 1883, the following property to-wit: 6 head of horses; 13 head of cattle; 13 hogs; 1 farm wagon; 1 spring wagon; 1 mower; 1 stirring plow; 1 harrow; 1 cultivator; 1 hay rake; 1 set of double harness; household and kitchen furniture; also other articles. Sale at 10 a. m. Margaret Barlow, administratrix

The undersigned will sell at public sale at their residence,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-west of Prairie City, on October 13, 1883, the following property to-wit: 5 head of horses; 5 head of cattle; 58 head of stock hogs; 1 farm wagon; 1 double seated buggy; 1 single seated buggy; 2 corn plows; 2 stirring plows; 2 harrows; 1 riding plow; 1 set of buggy harness; 1 set of single harness; 2 stacks of hay; 1 four-can creamer and 4 cans; household goods and other items. M. A. McCord, Auct. T. Millsap & J. W. Richard.

The undersigned will sell at public sale, at his residence,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City, on October 16, 1883, the following property: 3 work horses;  $2\frac{1}{4}$  head of cattle;  $2\frac{1}{4}$  head of shoats; 2 farm wagons; 1 top buggy; 2 sets of double harness; 2 harrows; 1 stirring plow; 1 sulky plow; 2 cultivators; 1 seeder; 1 hay rack; hay in the stack and other articles. James R. McCauley

The undersigned will sell at public sale, at his residence, 2 miles south-west of Prairie City, on November 1, 1883, the following property: 4 horses; 2 cows; a few hogs; 1 Buckeye self binder; 1 Aultman & Taylor threshing machine; 1 Climax mower; 1 corn planter and check rower; 3 cultivators; 2 stirring plows; 1 harrow; 1 buggy; 3 farm wagons; 3 sets of double harness; 1 stalk cutter; 1 pair of sleds; 1 hay rack; 80 acres of corn in the field; some household goods and other articles. Andrew Yuill.

Joseph Coziah will have a sale on the B. R. McLellan farm, 6 miles north-east of Prairie City on December 14, 1883.

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I the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of W. H. Hemsmier, will sell at public auction the following property: 3 head of horses; 1 harrow; 1 shovel plow; 22 head of cattle; 20 head of hogs and other property. The sale to take place at the farm of W. H. Hemsmier, in Jasper county, on January 27, 1883  
Henry Kanne

Notice is hereby given, that on January 31, 1883, at the residence of Hugh Scott, deceased, the following property will be sold: 2 feather beds; 3 bedsteads; 5 carpenter's planes; 1 cross cut saw; 1 table; 1 chest; 1 clock; 2 chairs; 1 pair hedge shears and knife; 12 stand of bees; 1 cow; 1 wagon; 1 reaper and mower; 1 corn planter; 1 single shovel plow; 2 stirring plows; 75 feet of walnut lumber; 25 bushels rye; 450 bushels corn; 73 fence posts.

C. R. Graham and Jacob Scott, executors.

I will sell at public auction, at my residence 5 miles west of Prairie City, on February 13, 1883, the following property: 40 head of cattle; 1 Sanwich corn sheller; 1 Champion improved mower; 1 seeder; 1 harrow; 2 cultivators; 2 stirring plows; 1 Eclipse threshing machine; 1 hay rake; 1 Gilpin sulky plow. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.  
Phillip Kuhns.

I will sell at public auction, at my residence  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Prairie City, on February 17, 1883, the following property: 23 head of cattle; 1 colt; 26 hogs; 3 sheep; 2 farm wagons; 1 two-seated buggy; 3 sets of harness; 1 stirring plow; 3 harrows; 2 cultivators; 1 potatoe plow; 1 hay rake; 1 horse hay fork; 1 hand corn sheller; several tons of hay; some straw; about 200 bushels of corn; 1 stalk cutter; 1 Woods mowing machine; 6 bushels timothy seed; chickens; 1 creamer; 1 pair bob sleds and other articles.

J. A. McMurray.

I will sell at public auction at my residence  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of Prairie City, on February 28, 1883, the following property to-wit: 2 horses; 3 hogs; 2 dozen chickens; 1 farm wagon; 1 top buggy; 1 cultivator; 1 stirring plow; 1 harrow; 1 potatoe plow; 1 corn planter; kitchen and household furniture; about 8 bushels of seed corn. Sale at 10 o'clock.  
John Schmitt.

I will sell at public auction, at the residence of James Brous, 7 miles south of Prairie City, on March 2, 1883, the following property to-wit: 6 horses; 13 head of cattle; 1 farm wagon; 1 stirring plow; 1 cultivator; 1 harrow; 1 set of harness; some hay and other articles. Sale at 10 o'clock.

Charles Brous.

I will sell at public auction, at my residence,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of town on March 14, 1883, the following property to-wit: 5 head of horses; 5 cows; 3 sows; 2 cultivators; 2 stirring plows; 1 farm wagon; 1 corn planter; 1 harrow; 1 Avery stalk cutter; 20 geese; several dozen chickens and other articles. Sale at 10 a. m.  
S. F. Brown.

February 22 --- Walter Davis has sold his farm, east of town, to M. Shea, for \$3,100.

Wanted-- 500 tons of hay. Enquire of Tice & Rees, Liverymen.

J. L. Laughlin has furnished his stock yards with the Des Moines Standard Scales.

A. Brous sold his farm of 40 acres to George Duntley for \$2,400.

Melvin Rush, of Fairmount, has sold his team of horses and is going west.

Dr. T. J. Jones is finishing his Medical studies in Des Moines while his family is staying with his father at Percy.

W. E. Roberts and family of Guthrie county are visiting in the family of his father, John Roberts, in Mound Prairie township.

Mrs. Wm. Slemmons has returned from Pueblo, California, where she has been visiting her father's family.

Rev. A. J. Barton started the 12th for Vicksburg, Mississippi, in search of the remains of Col. Kinsman who fell at the battle of Black River Bridge. If the remains are found they will be brought to Des Moines for burial.

February 29 --- Mrs. Rachel Smith is visiting her mother in Villisca. Mrs. Barton and Otis have gone back to Green Castle.

Mr. Mason Churchill, who lives five miles south-east of Prairie City, had his leg broken just below the knee, last Monday when his horse fell on him. Dr. Potter is treating him.

Luke Herman sold his farm of 160 acres to Mr. Blattner, of Pella, at \$35 per acre.

R. B. Smith has sold his farm of 80 acres to John White.

Mr. John Caple, of Irwin, is visiting with J. M. White's.

Mrs. Houck, of Pella and Mrs. Grant, of Afton are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. L. Russell.

Mr. I. W. Shriver, an energetic young man, is going to Kansas.

Mr. E. A. Sherman, now of Minburn, are at his brother's, W. T. Sherman.

Mr. Ernest Jobes, of Albany, Wisconsin, has come to Fairmount. He is a nephew of Mrs. E. D. Churchill.

March 7 --- P. T. Jones, a resident of Prairie City for six years, has gone to Des Moines, where he has bought a barber shop. James Hays will run the shop in this place.

The house of C. W. Mitchell, three miles south-west of town, burned to the ground Monday.

Marion Offill, of Jamaica, was here last week.

J. W. Elliott and Frank Griffin are moving to Taylor county.

Mr. Frank Worden started for Ottumwa, where he will be brakeman on the C. B. & Q. Railway.

Mr. E. A. Parker of Maitland, Dakota, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. L. P. Wilson.

Mr. John Ferris, a half brother to Mr. Robert Dodd, is going back to his old home in Beaver county, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. George Click and children went to Webster county to join her husband, who is already there.

Mr. H. C. Waldrip, of Belle Plaine, a former Foreman on the News, is visiting old friends.

Mr. J. McCauley will move into Fairmount next week, in the property formerly owned by Mr. Bowles. Mr. Bowles and family will move to Alton. He has lived at Fairmount around twenty years.

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Surveyor Byers showed us the outline map of the proposed channel by which it is proposed to straighten our Skunk river from the Polk to the Marion county line. From this map we learn there is now about 86 miles of the channel of this river in Jasper county, which can be straightened and shortened to 27½ miles.

The average fall of the river is now but .93 of a foot per mile which will be increased to 2½ feet per mile. The estimated cost of the entire work, including the surveying, will not exceed \$26,000.

March 14 --- The school election last Monday resulted in the election of B. R. McLellan, J. A. McConnell and Thomas Murray for directors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryan and children, Edwin and Charles, are moving from the Fairmount community, to Prairie City.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Slemmons and family are moving to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Milsap are moving to California.

March 21 --- Mr. John Gentry broke his leg, when his horse fell.

J. W. Richard started for Pennsylvania, his future home.

Mr. Henry Kees has left for California. His family goes too.

Miss Annie Beers of Pella, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Link Tice.

March 28 --- Mr. George Wood sold his homestead to Mr. Clifford.

We are told that George Ingle, who sold out at Vandalia and went to Calhoun county, has sold his farm and moved to Coldwell, Kan.

Marshall Feathers has purchased the Methodist meeting-house and will move it away so a new one can be built in the same place.

Squire Isaiah Cooms, who has been dangerously ill, has been brought to Colfax and is receiving the water treatment at the Spring City Hotel. His son Town is taking care of his father.

Jasper DeWeese, of Lincoln, Neb. has been here visiting.

Mr. Aaron Patchin and Alex Rinehart started last Monday for Indian Territory, where they are thinking of locating.

Mr. J. Cool and family received word of the death of Mr. Cool's mother, of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith are moving to Bagley, in Guthrie county. They have been residents here about 27 years.

Richard Bond and family have moved into town.

Mr. Smith Churchill, of Atlantic, is visiting his father, L. M. Churchill, of Fairmount.

May 23 --- On the 3rd of May the News office was destroyed by fire. Not an ounce of type was saved, and everything pertaining to the office was destroyed except our Washington hand press. This press has been repaired and this issue of the News has been printed on it. How this press could fall from the second story and go through such a fire with so little damage is a mystery. Our office is now located in the second story of the southern portion of the brick block on the west side of the square, and when it is finished it will be the neatest and most pleasant printing office in Jasper county. A high stairway leading to our office has been erected. Our Foreman, Edgar Stahl, fell from the top of this before the railing had been nailed properly. He will be allright.

Feathers is at work converting the old M. E. church into a skating rink. This will make two rinks in town.

The mineral well is now 344 feet deep and the water within 38 feet of the top, hence it can be pumped easily.

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J. L. Cool, of Cordova, Illinois, is visiting his son, J. Cool. Mrs. Johnson, a sister of J. Cool, of Cordova is also here. E. R. Ward, who has been in business here for 15 years, has gone into business at Ottumwa. He will deal in fire-arms, ammunition, fishing tackle, and sporting goods. He leaves Mr. Perry Harvey to take care of his business here.

Foote & Howard have sold out their stock of clothing to Draper, Zachary & Potter.

The new house of Charley Wilson, a little east of town, is well under way. Newton Moore is the builder.

Duncan & Woodell have sold their furniture store to E. D. Allen.

May 30 --- Reed Kingdon has sold his house and lot to Mr. A. White and Mr. White has sold his place to Mrs. Rau, who is a sister of Jacob Holdefer.

Now that the Prairie City House is in ashes, there is a great opportunity for some business man to build a good hotel.

Miss Clara George and Minerva Ryan, of Nebraska, are visiting in the home of Wm. George.

Mr. Will Hull, of Pueblo, Colorado, is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Potter.

Harry Little, who is learning the art of reporting by short hand, in Iowa City, is home for a visit.

Mr. Ben Roach, Cashier of the Citizens Bank, and his brother, George will soon open a new dry goods store on the west side.

Mr. Pres. Cowman, editor of the Casey Vindicator, has been visiting his brother, Jeff. Cowman. He was formerly one of Jasper county's Representatives in the Legislature.

June 6 --- Ira Winchell, who lives south-east of this place, purchased some cherry trees from Dayton, Ohio in 1866. One of them proved to be a flowering tree and never produced fruit. Mr. L. Hummell, the Monroe nurseryman, has one that was grafted in the root from this tree and it is 18 years old. It has bloomed for 13 years. The blooms look like a rose.

Mr. F. S. Clark, of Newton, is visiting his brother, George.

C. P. Emery has gone to Nebraska to see his brother, C. B.

Mr. Oll Coomes, of Cass county, has been appointed executor of his father's estate.

June 13 --- Andy Jones and his brother T. S. of Buena Vista county are here on a visit.

Chilt. Kelso, of Mitchellville is visiting his brother Oll.

Mrs. H. C. Hunter, of Savannah, Ill., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Fickess and Mrs. John Stahl.

Mr. T. A. Dowden and wife, of Harrison county, Ohio, are visiting in the home of his brother, L. Dowden.

Miss Ida Austin, who has taken a homestead in Dakota is here.

Mr. E. A. Backer, of New Jersey, is visiting in the home of George Vandyke. Mrs. Vandyke is his sister.

Mr. Henry Pentico and John Owens, of Clearfield county, Penn., have been visiting in the Pentico and Owens families.

John Selby has started a bakery in town.

John Sheehy is now operator in the Dispatcher's office at Ottumwa.

Our Street Commissioner, Oll Kelso, has just finished a nice piece of road work in the south part of town.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

There will be the grandest display of fire-works ever witnessed in Prairie City on Fourth of July evening.

Mr. B. F. Oglevee, a brother of Mrs. J. M. Adamson, has located here and bought the farm owned by Mr. Moomaw for \$6,443.

The first business house to rise out of the ashes will be Holdefer's Grocery. He will put up a good brick building on his lot. He has also bought a lot owned by E. R. Ward.

C. A. Tour, of Nobleton was in town over the weekend.

Mrs. Pedro Collins, of Creston, has been visiting here.

Sherman Houck, Miss Nan Houck and Miss Lou Vierson, of Pella, have been guests of the J. L. Russell family.

June 27 --- Mr. J. Talbot, of Marshall county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Keables.

Mr. Wm. Alexander, who went out west eleven years ago is here.

Mrs. Brommholl, of Ohio, a sister of John Adams, and her daughter, Mrs. Yoders, are here. They havent seen John for years.

July 4 --- Phillip Pentico went to Penn., to see his old home.

Mr. John Stahl has quit blacksmithing and gone to Grinnell.

The bang must go. Fashion says so. The new styles are the Saratoga wave and the Qrecian coil.

The Capitol School picnic, at Fairmount, was a success.

July 11 --- The Methodists of this place have decided to erect a brick church building and the work has begun.

The bell belonging to the Christian church has been sent off to be re-cast.

Members of the United Brethren church in this vicinity are preparing to build a church. Land has been purchased on the farm of Phillip Kuhns and work on the church will soon begin.

"Comodore" Foote and Prof. Caldwell, of this place, started Tuesday for Nebraska.

Miss Prudentia Faires, of Cleburne, Texas, is visiting here in the home of her childhood.

Mrs. Joe Bryan, of Cleburne, Texas, and James Bryan, of the same place, are visiting here. Mr. Bryan left here eight years ago.

July 18 --- The brick for the new M. E. Church is being shipped from Keokuk.

H. J. Griffis has sold out his drug store to Jonathan Clevinger, who will now run that business.

The seven year old daughter of J.P. Sarchfield broke her arm.

David Shields, a sixteen year old boy of this place, while trying to make an old revolver work, let his finger slip off the hammer and a 22 calebre ball entered his hand and was taken out about halfway between his wrist and elbow.

In 1872, Calvin Brockett, who lives close to Runnells, had a curious dream. He dreamed that he saw a town where Runnells now stands, and saw a railroad running through that section, and saw a flouring mill near by. This dream so impressed him that he went to his neighbor, Jesse McKinney, told him the dream and asked him to write it down in a book. In about ten years, the railroad was built, the town of Runnells was started and the flouring mill is almost ready for business.

Mr. C. M. Wright, the tinner, started Wednesday for the west.

Wm. Binheimer left to take a position in a theatrical brass band. He has lived in this place only two years.

Dr. Groom is leaving Prairie City for another field.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

August 1 --- The well on the north-west corner of the square has been cleaned out. A well has been dug on the M. E. church ground to use while the church is being built.

Chancey Comstock, of Prospect, Dakota, is here. he is a nephew of Mrs. L. P. Wilson.

Mrs. Barnett has been visiting her brother's family, Elias Rambo, who lives six miles south of Prairie City.

Mr. Thompson, son-in-law of L. Dowden, has an appointment in the Treasury department at Washington D. C.

August 15 --- Miss Ella Weeks, of Mitchellville, a former teacher here, has been visiting this place.

Mrs. Mary Bearden, of Monroe, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. White.

Mrs. Catherine Stewart and daughter Alpha, of Bloomington, Illinois are visiting her sister, Mrs. R. C. Porter. Mrs. Mary Neff, a daughter of the Porters was also here from Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Davis celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary August 7.

August 22 --- Mr. and Mrs. C. Foote have left for their new home at New Auburn, Nebraska.

Mrs. A. McHenry is visiting her mother in Shell Rock, Iowa.

Prof. S. L. Caldwell will practice law in South Auburn, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs Sam Howard leave for thier new home in Greenfield.

Wm. F. Zachary, who has been in Montesano, Washington Territory, for some time, is back and will make this his home.

The new platform at the depot is quite an improvement.

Colfax has five hotels and the sixth is in progress.

Six "prairie schooners" having some fifteen or twenty head of horses, passed up Main street on Monday.

August 29 --- W. C. Strawn is now slinging type in this office.

An Excursion of 360 Pella-ites passed up the K. D. & M. on Monday for Orange City, Iowa.

The finest lot of stoneware we ever saw, came from the Pottery of Mr. Parker, in Bonaparte.

The C. R. I. & P. are erecting a water tank, three-quarters of a mile west of town. The wells at the tank here are inadequate.

Reed Kingdon has bought 80 acres from his father's large farm and is building a house upon it.

Mr. Thomas Murray is going to Percy to buy and ship grain and produce.

Perry Harvey has sold his harness shop to Norris Wiggin.

Ves. Burns, of Atlantic, is a guest at the home of his parents. Ella and Laura McFall, of St. Louis, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. H. Woods.

Mrs. E.E. Galusha will start for Rushville, New York, to visit old friends whom she hasn't seen for eighteen years.

The brick walls of the new M. E. church are nearly finished.

September 5 --- Last Friday, as the mail train was crossing a highway a short distance below Fairmount, the engine struck the horses and wagon of George Ripple, killing both horses and destroying the wagon. Mr. Ripple was injured quite severely.

Mrs. Emily Carr, of David City, Nebraska, is visiting her brother, Charlie Williams.

E.S. Kise and family are visiting Jackson Hanes. They are from Indianapolis.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

September 26 --- Will and Joe Elliott have returned from Pocahontas county, where they invested in land for a home.

Frank Lounsberry has bought the farm of B. W. Brown, near Fairmount, of 160 acres, at \$50 an acre.

Mr. L. M. Churchill is visiting his son and daughter in Atlantic. Mr. Churchill lives in the Fairmount area.

Bob Hall, of Oskaloosa, has for several weeks been working for George Rouse, who has the contract for the new brick church in Prairie City, and being through, decided to take a freight instead of waiting for a passenger. At Fairmount, he got off, during the trains stop and in attempting to get back on, was thrown under and the train passed over his arm. Amputation at the shoulder joint was necessary.

William Keating came from Kansas to attend the funeral of his brother, Edward.

James Wescott is going to Knox county, Nebraska to live.

Minnie and Effie McLellan are attending school at Iowa City.

Mr. Fowler and wife, of Ohio, are guests of John Potter's.

Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Potter are sisters.

The new church building, five miles west of Prairie City, will be dedicated on Sunday, October 12.

October 3 --- McConnell & Co. have opened a new meat market on the west side of the square.

Ezra Adkins has sold his farm of 160 acres, to William Montgomery, of Fairmount.

The firm of Tice & Reese has been dissolved. Mr. Tice has sold his interest to James Fouch, of Monroe.

Mr. A. R. Dunn has purchased the Steele house.

Will Oaks and wife of Elmwood, Illinois, are visiting B. S. Chapman and John Sullivan homes.

"Uncle Jake" Replogle has gone back to "Old Virginia" to visit among friends and receive \$40,000 which he inherited.

Mr. J. Cool and family have moved back to Cordova, Illinois.

A slate roof is being put on the new M. E. church.

Charlie Pipke will run a shoe shop in his home.

Miss Lida Zachary is continuing her studies in painting at Grinnell.

Mrs. Cathcart, of Kingsley is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. H. Springer. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are also guests.

October 17 --- A town with 1,000 inhabitants and not a first class hotel. Such is Prairie City.

The new M. E. church, when completed will cost about \$6,000.

It is reported that J. G. Long has sold his "Maple Farm" to a Chicago man.

Mrs. Silver has gone to Van Buren county to see her brother.

Miss Florence Kay, of Henry county, Ill., is at W. O. Rule's.

Miss Anna Jenks, of Snow Shoe, Penn., is at C. R. Graham's.

Phillip Smith attended his sister's funeral at Louisa county.

Jasper DeWeese and his bride started for Lincoln, Nebraska, to make their home.

October 24 --- The Congregationalists have decided to retain Rev. Sharpley another year.

Mrs. H. Woods goes to live with her daughter, Mrs. N. B. Carson, of Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilkinson celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary at Adair, where they now live.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

October 31 --- Last Saturday was the 71st birthday of Mrs. Rinehart. About thirty of her children and grandchildren came with good things to eat and gifts.

This has been a notable week for the Methodists. The District Conference was held here.

Dr. George Clark, assisted by Drs. Potter and Porter, of Prairie City, Dr. Moore, of Monroe, Dr. Harp, of Otley, and Dr. Gorrell, of Newton, performed an operation on the limb of Wm. Hull, a son-in-law of Mr. A. VanGilder. The operation was for necrosis of the thigh bone, which consisted of removal of the dead bone.

Mrs. G. F. Wilson, of Henry county, Illinois, is here. She is a sister of Ezra Adkins and mother of Mrs. F. M. Austin.

Rev. Cronk has returned from Conference and we are informed he will remain here another year.

Mr. H. E. Owen has the contract for excavating the ditch, which is to be the new channel of Skunk river, from the Polk county line to the Slaughter bridge,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Colfax. About 6 and three-quarter miles of ditching, about 8000 cubic yards to the mile. The average dimensions of this ditch will be 16 feet wide and 4 feet deep. Mr. Owen did the Skunk river ditching for Polk county. He employs around 40 men.

For the benefit of the citizens of Prairie City, we give the following pointers: November 7 issue

1. The town was laid out in 1856.
2. It was called Elliott, after it's founder, James H. Elliott.
3. Mr. Elliott first settled here in 1852.
4. The name was afterward changed to Prairie City, on account of the beautiful prairies, in the midst of which the town was located.
5. The first settler in this vicinity was Wm. Means, who located here in 1851.
6. The first school was taught by Isaac Hershman in 1855.
7. The building in which the first store was established was moved here from Monroe on a wagon, by Ben. Adams.
8. A school house was built in 1856.
9. The present school house, capable of holding 300 pupils, was built in the fall of 1868, Jesse Wilson being the contractor and builder.
10. Caleb Bundy was the first president of the independent school district.
11. The town was incorporated in 1868.
12. Sidney Williams was the first Mayor, and C. Head, the first Recorder.
13. The Christian society was organized about 1857 by Elder J. P. Roach.
14. The Christian church was built in 1869.
15. A Methodist church was built in 1867.
16. The Congregational society was organized in 1868.
17. The Congregational church was built in 1869.
18. Among the early newspapers may be mentioned the Gleaner and Herald, the Union and the Echo. All are now dead.
19. The railroad was built here in 1856. (I think this should read 1866.)

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

November 14 --- Grandma Johnson, of this place, is 90 yrs. old. The new town of Swan is taking steps to be incorporated. A. tenant house is being built by Wm. Danley, on his farm. The white coat of plastering is being spread in the new M. E. church.

Mrs. Charles Hilton, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, is visiting a relative, Mrs. John Carmody.

Elisabeth Loomis, aged 14 years, and her sister aged 19 years, were walking on the railroad track near Newton and were hit by a train. Elizabeth is not expected to live.

Last Saturday, there were shipped from this place, three car-loads of stock cattle destined for Arizona. The shipper was Mr. O. H. Christie, of Washington township.

November 21 --- Mrs. E. C. Donnel, of Calhoun county, is spending the winter with the family of Adam White.

Dore Holland has taken his family to Rockwell City to live.

Mrs. Levi Jenks will make her home with her son, A. B. Jenks.

Mrs. Ruth Thompson bid her father, Mr. Dowden, goodby and started for Washington D. C. where her husband is employed in the Second Auditors Office.

Mr. J. E. McMillan, of Sheldon is here for a visit.

December 5 --- Mrs Susan Hiney is now living in the family of George Click, at Callender.

Prof. Ballinger, of the Prairie City schools, paid us a call. J. I. Montgomery has come back here to live.

John Ward was here this week. He left Prairie City in order to educate his son, Freddie, at the deaf and dumb school at Council Bluffs. Freddie stands at the head of his class.

Mrs. Josie Norris has started back to her home in Ellsworth county, Kansas. She is a daughter of Jesse Johnson.

Sam Slater and family will move back to Illinois.

Frank Sherwood, formerly of this place, is now postmaster at Fielder, Dakota.

Jim Coziah, son of Joseph Coziah, is here from Ida county.

Sam Brammer has returned to his home in Audubon county.

Mrs. Press Cowman is visiting here with her father, Mr. Rodgers. She is Postmistress at Casey.

Mrs. McKeever received word that her step-sister, Mrs. W. H. Liter, of Pella had died.

Mr. S. J. Hanes paid us a call. He tells us how, in 1856, on October 1, he drove with his family onto the ground where Prairie City now stands. Two houses were to be seen here then. One south of the depot ground and one north of the Creamery. There was a store, also a post office, called Elliott. It took them eighteen days to come from within seven miles of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Hanes now has a 280 acre farm, two miles below town.

W. Wagner lives  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1884

The undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence, 7 miles north of Prairie City, on March 19, 1884, the following property to-wit: 1 span of mules; 5 head of horses; 25 head of stock hogs; 25 tons of hay; 2 stirring plows; 5 cultivators; 2 harrows, 5 cows; 3 set of work harness; 3 wagons; 1 seeder; 1 hay rake; 1 potatoe plow and other articles. Sale at 10 a. m.

James Norris, Auct.

John Patchin.

I will sell at public sale at my home, 5 miles north-east of Prairie City, on Wednesday, February 27, 1884, the following property to-wit: 2 mules; 11 head of cattle; 20 brood sows and some stock hogs; 1 set of work harness; 1 wagon; 2 stirring plows; 3 cultivators; 2 harrows; 1 hand corn sheller;  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in Avery stalk cutter; other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

George F. Duntley

I will sell at public sale at my home, one mile east of Prairie City, on February 13, 1884, the following property to-wit: 6 head of horses; 19 head of cattle; 1 Hopkins mower; 1 sulky hay rake; 1 sulky plow; 1 Avery stalk cutter; 1 corn planter and check rower; 1 harrow; 2 cultivators; 2 wagons; 2 sets of double harness; 1 hay carrier and fork; 25 or 30 tons of hay, timothy and clover; lot of corn in crib and other articles. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

George Bryan.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at the residence of Alex Rinehart, 6 miles south-east of Prairie City, on February 19, 1884, the following property to-wit: 27 head of short horn cattle; several head of horses and colts; 10 brood sows; 1 Buckeye self binder; 1 sheller and grinder; 1 power saw and horse power; 1 Brown corn planter; 2 plows and 2 cultivators; 1 Hapgood riding plow; 1 harrow; 1 sulky hay rake and other articles. Sale at 10 a. m.

O. P. Webb, Auct.

J. H. Rinehart.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

January 2 --- Mrs. M. I. Kingdon, of Gowrie, is visiting at the home of her father, S. D. Butter.

James Yuill, of Aurelia, is visiting with relatives.

On Monday, while attempting to throw off a belt from a corn sheller, James Shearer had the fore-finger of his left hand caught and badly crushed, the sheller being in motion.

Mrs. Laura E. Montgomery has been visiting in the home of her father, T. P. Jones.

Miss Cora Murphy has returned to Casey.

January 9 --- Mr. Frank Cherry and Mr. John F. Reed, of East Monroe, Ohio, are at L. E. Zachary's this week. Mrs. I. Cherry is a sister of Mrs. Zachary and has come to take care of her.

Mrs. James McConnell has gone to Plymouth, Ill., to visit.

Marion Hamilton, who lived with Isaiah Coomes, went to Neb., where he is now a conductor on a freight train on the Union Pacific.

Joe Townsley has sold his farm to Ross Shearer.

January 23 --- Mrs. Chandler, of Des Moines is at Wm. Lotts'.

Mrs. John Shorten is being visited by two sisters from Rutland, Vermont, the Misses Ann and Bridget McAnany.

Mrs. James Baird started Tuesday, for the World's Fair at New Orleans. She will also visit a brother, who lives there.

The firm of Reese and Fouch has been dissolved. Mr. Reese sold out and Mr. Fouch is now boss of that livery.

January 30 --- Mrs. J. D. Norris and daughter, Bessie, started for Knox county, Nebraska, to visit Mrs. Jennie Strain, who is a sister of Mrs. Norris. Mrs. Strain is very ill.

Mr. John Phillips, of Cheyenne, is back here on a visit. A fine quality of oil has been found on his place, where he owns 1,200 acres, about 300 miles north-west of Cheyenne.

J. S. McWilliams, who lives near Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, writes that it is very cold there and wishes he was back here.

February 6 --- The Prairie City Markets for this week below:

Wheat, per bu.--- 60¢

Lard, per lb.--- 10¢

Corn, per bu.--- 25 to 27¢

Butter, creamery, per lb.--- 25¢

Oats, per bu.--- 23¢

Butter, Dairy, per lb.--- 16¢

Rye, per bu.--- 40¢

Eggs, per doz.--- 15¢

Potatoes, per bu.--- 25 to 27¢

Flour, per cwt.--- \$2.40 to \$3.

Hay, wild, per ton--- \$4.00

Apples, per bu.--- \$1.00

Hay, timothy, per ton--- \$6.00

Cheese, per lb.--- 15 to 20¢

Beef, per cwt.--- \$2.50 to \$3.00

Sugar, 12 to 15 lbs.--- \$1.00

Pork, per cwt.--- \$4.00

Beans, per bu.--- \$1.50 to \$2.

Sheep, per head--- \$2.00 to \$3.00

Coffee, 4 to 8 lbs.--- \$1.00

Poultry, per lb.--- 9 to 12½¢

Tea, per lb.--- 30¢ to \$1.00

February 6 --- James Trisler has rented his 240 acre farm to Joe Townsley, and is talking of going to Des Moines.

Miss A. J. Seales, of Pierre, Dakota, and Mrs. Mattie Hertzog of Silver City, Idaho are visiting in the family of Thomas Clark.

Mrs. Tibbils and her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Earhart, left for Catskill, New York. Mr. Tibbils will stay with his daughter, Mrs. DeWolf.

The new firm of McLellan & Clark are getting ready for business. They have ordered a large stock of farm implements.

L. P. Wilson's received word of the death of their grandson, Donnie Brous. The mother is Eva Wilson Brous.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

February 13 --- We hear that the coal bank at Vandalia has caved in.

From Saturday night to Wednesday afternoon, Prairie City was isolated, due to a blizzard. Every thing was blocked.

Mrs. J. M. Adamson received a dispatch from Dawson, Penn., announcing the death of her only sister, Mrs. Caroline Cochran.

February 13 --- On last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, who live a mile south of Vandalia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. There were present at the old homestead on this occasion, five children (all that are living) as follows: Mrs. N. J. Leib, of Makanda, Illinois; Mrs. M. E. Shearer, of Carthage, Missouri; Mrs. J. E. Doud, of Carroll county, Iowa; Harry T. Thompson, of Pottawattamie county, Iowa; and A. J. Thompson.

Elder Webb, the presiding elder of this M. E. conference was in Prairie City until Wednesday because of the snow.

Mrs. John Stahl received the news of her brother's death near Savanna, Illinois, last week. The death of Mr. Dyer was caused by a falling tree. Wm. Fickess, of Prairie City, is a brother-in-law.

February 27 --- The roads leading from Fairmount to Prairie City are winding and devious, owing to the elevated snowdrifts.

Ez. Welch has sold his farm of 160 acres to George Gilbert. X

L. D. Warner has purchased the 80 acres which joins him on the east from Mattie Osborne. He now has 160 acres.

N. D. Smith, the Mill engineer, spent Sunday in Ottumwa.

Alex Erskine is going to Nebraska and will try his fortune there. Mr. Amos Moomaw has moved into town and will soon take a trip into Indian Territory.

James Stevens has sold out at Green Castle and will become a resident of Prairie City once more.

Mr. Harry Gilbaugh has returned to Prairie City.

March 6 --- Rev. T. F. Thickstun is visiting his son-in-law, Prof. Balenger. He is from Pella.

Mr. Amos Moomaw started yesterday on a prospecting tour in Kansas and Indian Territory.

Dan Buckingham has gone back to Coon Rapids for the season.

Mr. George Roach started for St. Charles to see his father-in-law, who is ill.

Howard Dunlavy, who has been in Kansas and Missouri for the last two years, has returned to this community.

Marion Millsap started for Los Angeles, California, where his parents reside. Albert Millsap went with his brother as far as Kansas City.

The old lady Brady, who lives a few miles west of town, was kicked by a cow and badly injured in the left hip joint. She is over sixty and very fleshy.

There were 75 teams hitched around the square at one time, last Saturday.

Sixteen car loads of potatoes were shipped from this place Saturday. How is that for one day's shipment?

Mrs. Joe Little started Monday for her home in Bismarck.

March 20 --- F.M. Austin celebrated his 50th birthday on March 14. About forty guests came to help him celebrate.

Chester Rods left for Rome, Kansas.

Joe Larkin and family are moving to Newton.

Mrs. Dan Shepherd has returned from Los Angeles, California.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

March 27 --- Mr. Wallwork's slaughter house took fire and burned to the ground on Monday.

Mr. Sam Carter has left for his home in Indianola.

Mrs. Mattie Osborne has gone back to her home in Knox county, Nebraska. She has spent several months with her sick father in Madison county.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gesman, of Pella, have come here to live.

April 10 --- Charles Wallace, Jr., who left here five years ago, the 28th of March, and joined the regular army, is back home again in the Vandalia community.

The Vandalia school opened Monday with Mr. Meek at the helm.

Mr. Hartman, of Washington, Texas, has been visiting his relatives at Vandalia. He hasn't seen them for thirty years.

Mr. Ab. Hixon has returned from Marshalltown and will again work for the Prairie City Creamery.

Mr. John Neilson, from Baltimore, Canada, has come here with his family. He has located on the Yuill farm.

R. J. McConnell will move to southern Kansas.

April 17 --- Mr. Amos Moomaw bought a farm in southern Kansas and a son will look after it.

Mr. Jacob Replogle is building a new house on his farm just west of town.

Charlie Holdefer had his hand badly cut while repairing a stalk cutter. A stalk cutter is a first cousin to a buzz saw.

E. M. Millsap has purchased 40 acres from J. W. Richard.

Mr. George Border and another man are making arrangements to make brick in this vicinity.

M. B. McKeever, a druggist for many years in this town, has sold out to Mr. Stoll.

On Tuesday the remains of the late John Woods were removed from their temporary resting place, on the Woods homestead, and buried in the Black Oak cemetery.

Mr. Clanton, of Madison county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Roach.

Mr. Chapman went to his home in Winterset, to bring his family back with him.

The city has built a good sidewalk in front of the M. E. church. This is what we needed.

April 24 --- With this issue, the Prairie City News is ten years old. For over six of them the writer has been its editor.

Word comes to us of the death of Mr. Charles Foote in Neb.

Mrs. O. K. Carr, of Washington township, was badly burned.

May 8 --- It has been decided to dedicate the new M. E. church in this place on Sunday, June 14.

Stephen Johnson has bought his family a new Chickering piano.

Mrs. Cyrus Dowden went to Mahaska county to visit her father, Elder Hickey.

James Yuill, of Storm Lake, came to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Hanes.

Mrs. Hattie Baldwin, formerly Hattie Stallcup, is here. She lives in Nebraska.

Fred Kingdon, of Monroe, is visiting here with his brother, Frank, who has suffered so much with a wounded foot.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

May 15 --- The first of the week Alex Rinehart and R. J. McConnell started in "Prairie Schooners" for southern Kansas, where they expect to take up new land and make new homes.

Mrs. Anna M. Klingman, of Oskaloosa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Chapman.

Mrs. Ella Lotts is visiting her uncle Wm. Lotts.

The little Putnam twin sisters, Marchie and Libbie, are with the Double Uncle Tom Co. One plays Eva and the other the slave boy, Harry.

Mr. E. O Stone sold to Mr. Albert Milsap, his brick business block, in Colfax.

Last week was the last meeting of the McCray Post that Alex Rinehart could attend before leaving for Kansas. After the meeting, he was presented a fine gold pen and holder, also a solid gold G.A.R. badge.

June 26 --- Rev. F. N. Slusser, a former pastor, will supply the M. E. pulpit, next Sunday.

Mrs. Bowen, of Wisconsin, is a guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jobes.

Miss Mollie Williams, of Pella, is a sister of Mrs. Dr. Kramer.

Mrs. D. W. Main received word that her brother is ill, in Guthrie county.

Mr. H. L. Harris, of Kirksville, Missouri, is here.

July 3 --- Plans are being made to build a new Baptist church at Fairmount.

Clifford Cowman, son of T. J. Cowman, aged 2 years, had the misfortune to fall from the top of a fence, on the George Ryan farm, breaking his left leg above the knee.

The firm of Davis & Champlin are erecting a commodious potatoe house 24 by 90 feet, south of the depot. The building is to be one story with an iron roof and a basement. It will be capable of containing many thousand bushels of potatoes.

The Colfax Clipper was six years old week before last. It is a spicy paper.

July 17 --- Nine telephone poles were struck with lightening between here and Colfax on Tuesday.

On July 4th, our city fire bell was cracked. The town council have decided to get a new one.

Perry Griffis, of Brown Co., Kansas, is visiting relatives.

Jim Gentry, of Oskaloosa, is visiting his brother, John.

Wm. Martin, the butcher, has went to New York to see his wife.

Mrs. Nellie VanderMeulen, of Pella, has been visiting her brothers, Dirk and Dr. Kramer.

The Misses Ina and Meta Morgan, formerly of this place, now of Oskaloosa, Kansas, are visiting in the family of A. B. Jenks.

It seems that we are to have brick manufactured right here at home. Border and Poquet are now burning a kiln.

July 31 --- Mr. Aaron Springer, the cashier of the banking house of L. E. Zachary & Co. spent Sunday with his family in Ottumwa.

L. E. Zachary, his sons Robert and William and daughters, Emma and Lydia, attended the banquet at Colfax on Wednesday.

Mrs. D. A. Pool has gone back to her home at Ottumwa.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

On Tuesday, the 15th, R. H. Porter, of Keene, N. H.; W. W. Porter, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Lyman Porter, of Fairfield, Neb.; and R. C. Porter, of this place, met at the home of Joseph Porter, near Bushnell, Illinois, for a re-union. Four years ago, seven brothers had a re-union in New England, the place of their nativity. Since that time, two of the brothers have died.

August 7 --- Mrs. E. W. Gossett, of Roseville, Illinois, is a guest of Mrs. C. P. Norton.

Anderson Jones, of Alta, is here.

Miss Maggie Daly, of Keokuk, is visiting her cousin of the same name, and now the Prairie City Maggie Daly is going to visit the Keokuk Maggie Daly.

August 14 --- We hear that Border & Poquet, of the new brick yard, have sold to Porter & Blattner the brick for their new building.

A. P. Wing and wife have gone to New York and Conn. to visit. John Potter and wife have gone to Ohio and Penn. to visit.

Mr. L. P. Goodyear, of Sherman township has a cheese factory. During the last year, he has supplied some of the Prairie City dealers.

M. H. Davis and D. Champlain have formed a partnership. They own the Norris elevator and have control of it.

Mrs. Clara Elliott is now living with her children in Pocahontas county.

Mrs. Jenny Kelly, of Raratan, Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Ross.

James Rinehart returned from Kansas. He says his son Frank has taken a claim near Alex Rinehart.

Rev. McDade was called to Hagerstown, Maryland, where his father is very ill.

A. J. Thompson and his father, John Thompson, of Vandalia, have gone to try their fortune in north-western Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daft, of Farmington, Illinois, are visiting in the homes of E. T. and W. H. Daft.

August 28 --- Mrs. Aaron Custer, of Monroe is a daughter of our townsman, Wm. White.

Mr. Isaac Porter is building himself a fine house. It will be 32 by 34 feet, and two stories high.

Billie Barton has opened a barber shop on the east side.

Mr. A. D. Kuhns, of Alexandria, and James Kuhns, of Carroll county, are both here attending their father, Jacob Kuhns, who is ill.

Mr. Chapman and family have moved to Des Moines.

Miss Aggie Meyers is now setting type on the Des Moines Daily news. Miss Ida Muncey is visiting in the home of Jesse Johnson.

September 4 --- The old lady Stem has sold her place near Fairmount, to A. J. Porter, and will go to live with her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, of Butler county, Nebraska.

The Dunkards, or German Baptists, will hold a meeting in the Leeper school house Saturday evening and again on Sunday.

Mr. James Moomaw left for Parsons, Kansas.

Mr. Wm. Ryan, of New York, is visiting John Ryan and other cousins. Mr. Porter, from Greensburg, Indiana, is visiting his uncles, Wm. and A. J. Porter, at Fairmount.

Mrs. Robert Dodd is in Jackson county, visiting her brother.

Mr. N. D. Smith has gone to Grand Summit, Kansas.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

September 11 --- Mr. D. Kramer received a fine dairy cow and calf from his father-in-law, Mr. E. L. Briggs.

Mr. S. M. Jones has returned after a three weeks trip with his show.

Miss Nellie Rouse, of Oskaloosa, is a guest in the home of Miss Ella Ryan, south of town.

Mr. John Frank, of Keokuk, is at his uncles, Jacob and Charlie Holdefer. Mr. A. M. Illias is here from Ruthven.

James Pope, who has been in Kansas, will spend the winter with his brother-in-law, John Barnevelt.

John Sheehy is now railroad agent at Fairfax.

Frank Marman, a former Prairie City boy, is at Oskaloosa.

September 18 --- The new fire bell has been placed in the tower of the firemen's building.

The Central House, Mr. Reasin Moore, proprietor, has moved from the Woods property to the Norris property, one block west of the Citizens' Bank. The hotel will still be known as the Central.

W. O. Rule was called to Keewanee, Illinois, because of the illness of his mother-in-law.

Mrs. Mattie Randall, of Minneapolis, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. T. Montgomery.

Mr. H. R. Feathers, of Manson, is visiting his brother, M. Feathers. Mr. Thomas Woolley, of Wataga, Illinois, and Mr. Richard Woolley, of Des Moines, visited their brothers, Dan and Doc.

Rev. E. L. Briggs and wife, of Wilton Junction, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. D. Kramer. Rev. Briggs preached at the M. E. church Sunday night.

Mr. Ferrington Ogilvie and wife are at the home of their son-in-law, J. M. Adamson. Mr. Ogilvie is 77 years old and very spry.

October 2 --- Mrs. James Elliott, of Vilisca, is visiting her son Wick Elliott. Mrs. Ira Winchell is visiting her son, Sherman, in Cass county.

Mrs. W. H. Kibbey, of Abbingdon, Illinois, and Mrs. Emma Schisn, of Wilmington, Ohio, are visiting their sister, Mrs. I. B. Wolford. Mrs. Cal Rose and Miss Della Stephens, of Vilisca, are visiting Mrs. J. W. Bedell.

Mr. S. F. Stoll moves into his new drug store on the north side today. Mr. Jacob Mummert will occupy his old building.

The buildings on the old State Fair grounds are advertized to be sold at auction. The grounds have been laid out in town lots and will be offered for sale in a few days.

October 9 --- This coming year will be the third year as the pastor of the Congregational church for Rev. Sharpley.

Rev. McDade and family have left this place for their new home in Boone.

W. T. Sherman, the east side jeweler, will move to Exeter, Neb. Alex Erskine and wife have returned from Nebraska. Their love for Iowa was a little too strong to over come.

Joe Griffis, son of H. J. Griffis, is going to spend some time with his brother, John, of Kirwin, Kansas.

Mr. Ephriam Bowen and wife, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, have been guests of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Jobes.

Mrs. Geer returned home. She has been helping care for her mother, at Chillicothe, Missouri.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

October 16 --- Miss Sally King, of Kentucky, is visiting her cousin, Dan Hammock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory of Monroe, visited Ira E. Draper.

Mrs. C. M. Shull, of Monroe, is Mrs. McKeever's sister.

Mr. O. P. Norman lives west of town.

John Brammer, who recently married Mrs. Anna Waggoner, is a son of Wm. Brammer.

A. Silver is building a barn for Charles Baird, in town.

About one o'clock on Tuesday, Mr. Benjamin Prunty's house burned to the ground. It was occupied by the family of J. W. Bedell. This house was located in the extreme eastern part of town.

October 23 --- Mr. Clayton, of St. Charles, visited his son-in-law, Mr. George Roach.

Mrs. Hattie Adair, of Dakota, daughter of L. P. Wilson is here.

Dr. McWilliams, a former dentist of this place, is in N. Y.

Mrs. L. C. Dowden is at her sisters, Mrs. D. H. McClellan.

Rev. Newell, the new Methodist minister, has arrived.

Mrs. George Brockhagen, a former resident for several years, arrived from Creston to visit her many friends.

October 30 --- Rev. Cronk, a pastor of three years in this vicinity, will go to the United Brethren church at Scranton.

J. L. Burris and wife have returned from Kansas. They are sick of it.

James McConnell, who left this place seven years ago and went to Montana, is back for a visit.

November 6 --- Prairie City has a new Physician, Dr. F. S. Hunt. He is just a young man.

Mr. M. P. Doud had an accident while driving a double team attached to a light carriage, from Prairie City to Colfax. It was very dark so he gave the team free rein, how ever as they turned a corner, the singletree caught in a fence. the team ran away but Mr. Doud was not badly hurt, even though he was thrown out.

November 20 --- Frank Tilden, who spent most of his boyhood days in this place, is now a resident of Pomona, California.

Mr. Horace Cochran, of Des Moines, is one of the model engineers on the C. R. I. & P. R.

Mrs. Sarah J Davidson, of Burlington is at her sisters, Mrs. Barnett.

Nov. 27 --- Mr. J. F. Offill is located in his new office, near the depot. He purchased the lots east of the elevator from J. H. Elliott and is now ready to handle grain and produce.

Mr. Stoll's sister, Mrs. Rosa Kanzow, returned home.

Miss Libbie Prothero, of Fidelity, Illinois, is here.

Mrs. Emma Bains, of Grand Forks, Dakota, is back for a visit. We are told that she owns considerable land there.

Dr. George P. Clark and Mr. Simon Fulton are both going to California for their health.

December 4 --- The new cemetery is now fenced and plotted.

Dr. I. H. Moore of Monroe, has located in Prairie City.

Crawford Clark was visited by his cousin, Freddie Long, of Harlan. Jerry Badger was visited by his brother, Delbert, of Ottumwa. Mr. Joseph Cain, of Cass county, has been here.

Mrs. A.G. Vander Meulen, of Pella, is visiting her brothers, Dr. and Dirk Kramer.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

December 11 --- Two weeks ago last Wednesday Arthur Graham husked, weighed and cribbed 111 bushels of corn, George Graham 106, and Ed Shorten 102.

W. I. Wiggins is engaged in the grain business at Gilmore City.

Mrs. A. B. S. Turner, M. D. of Colfax, will be at the Central House, in Prairie City, on Monday.

A new coal bank has been opened, not far west of the Norris coal bank, by Herweh and Clark. We wish these young men success.

Boarders wanted at the Tremont House, one block west of the north-west corner of the square. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Springer are in charge. Board by the week \$3.00, by the day 75 cents.

Mr. George Volk has sold out his interest in the Colfax store.

Over twenty-one years ago, at the battle of the Wilderness, B. W. Hilton received an ugly wound, an ounce ball striking him on the chin and glancing downward lodging in his neck. Ever since the ball has been slowly moving downward, causing great pain and finally a running sore. Last week, at Eagle Grove, Dr. Will extracted it, finding it just below the clavicle.

December 18 --- Rev. D. C. Morris, the new pastor of the Christian church has arrived.

The recently organized Teachers Reading Circle is prospering.

George Gilbert is preparing to build a house on the Welch farm, south of town, which he recently purchased.

Tuesday, December, 15, was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark. John H. Clark and Margaret Lane were married at Fairview, Ohio. He is almost 75 years old and she is just past that. Capt. W. L. Clark is their only child, however Mrs. W. K. Pomeroy was raised by them. They are living with their son, at Prairie City, who provided quite a celebration.

The undersigned will sell at public out-cry, on the Jacob Kuhns' farm, 1½ miles south-west of Prairie City, on October 12, 1885, the following property to-wit: 5 head of horses, 2 milch cows, 60 head of shoats, 1 farm wagon, 1 spring wagon, 1 stirring plow, 1 cultivator, 2 harrows, 1 set of double harness, 1 eight-can creamer, 5 tons of hay, chickens and turkeys, household furniture and other articles.

R. A. Hanes.

I will sell at public sale, at my shop in Prairie City, on Saturday, October 31, 1885, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the following articles to-wit: 10 lumber wagons, 7 spring wagons, 7 top-buggies, 1 open buggy, 1 pair knee bob-sleds, 1 sleigh, 3 stirring plows, 1 tongueless cultivator, 2 good milch cows and 1 two-year-old colt. I will also sell at the same time my dwelling house, wagon and paint shop, blacksmith shop and other buildings, situated on lots 5 and 6 in block 6.

Phillip Smith.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1885

The undersigned will sell at his residence,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Prairie City, on Tuesday, February 10, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to-wit: 8 head of horses, 1 milch cow, 25 shoats, 1 two seated buggy, 2 farm wagons, 1 Buckeye mower and reaper combined, 1 Brown's corn planter, 1 Cahoon seeder, 1 potatoe plow, 3 cultivators, 2 stirring plows, 1 saddle, 3 sets of double harness, 2 harrows, 2 hay racks, 1 stack of hay, 1 cook stove, 2 heating stoves and 1 organ. Also all of the household furniture consisting of a parlor set, chairs, bedsteads and other articles.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

Albert Milsap.

The undersigned will sell at his residence,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Prairie City, (known as the Curley farm) on February 13, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property to-wit: 5 head of horses, 100 head of hogs, 500 bushels of corn, 8 to 10 tons of good timothy hay, 12 to 15 stands of bees, about 2,500 feet of lumber, mostly fencing, a lot of good oak posts, 3 sets of double harness, 1 good wagon, 1 double seated buggy, 1 stock cutter, 1 stirring plow, 2 good cultivators, 1 harrow, 1 wheel-barrow, 1 mower, and a variety of other things.

G. W. Hungate, Auct.

Amos Moomaw.

The undersigned will sell at his residence, one-eighth of a mile east of Vandalia, February 10, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to-wit: 2 mule teams, 4 work horses, 5 brood mares, 6 colts, 1 yearling mule, 11 head of cows, 1 McCormick harvester and binder, 1 Massillon harvester, 4 wagons, 1 buggy, 1 riding plow, 3 stirring plows, 2 harrows, 5 sets of harness, 1 cane mill and evaporators, a lot of seed corn of the early Leaming variety, and other articles.

Willett Barlow.

The undersigned will sell at his residence, two miles west of Prairie City, on February 19, 1885, the following property to-wit: 6 head of horses, 20 head of cattle, 56 head of hogs, 2 farm wagons, 1 spring wagon, 1 iron sled, 1 harrow, 3 cultivators, 1 sulky stirring plow, 1 walking plow, 1 McCormick self-binder, household goods and other articles.

James Trisler

I will sell at my residence, 5 miles north-east of Prairie City, on March 12, 1885, the following property to-wit: 6 head of horses, 6 to 10 head of cattle, 18 hogs, 1 reaper and mower combined, 1 wagon, 2 harrows, 2 stirring plows, a lot of seed corn and other articles.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

G. A. Curry.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

January 1 --- The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vansicle, of Newton, New Jersey, was attended by the grooms six brothers and sisters, who attended the wedding fifty years ago,

J. K. Lyons, our post master of ten years, has resigned.

Charlie Pipke's house, near the railroad tank, burned Wed.

Mrs. Rosa Davis, of Cass county, is a daughter of Wm. Cochran. Lafe Carpenter has gone to Kentucky, to visit.

Mr. Wm. F. Thather has gone to Michigan to see a brother.

Mrs. Bain, who is visiting here, showed us an old picture of Prairie City's first dramatic company. Among the number were : H. L. McGinitie, Saunders, Dick Robinson, Tommy Woods, Newt. Moore, Emma Smith, Asenath Adkins, Amanda Miller, Dora Fugard and others. That old photograph takes us back to the Prairie City of 1869.

January 8 --- The skating rage is over and the rink will soon be a thing of the past.

George Wilson, of Mound Prairie twp. is selling out.

Mr. Amanda Stevens, formerly Mrs. McNight, is from David City, Nebraska. She is visiting friends in Prairie City.

Clifton Daft is a son of W. H. Daft.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ward celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary on January 4. They were married at Jerico, Vermont with Rev. H. C. Estes officiating. Mrs. Ward was the former, Miss Ellen J. Cilley.

Mr. James H. Pell, of Calhoun county has been visiting here.

January 15 --- On Tuesday night, the dwelling of W. P. Smith burned. He lives in the south-west part of Des Moines twp.

A camp of Modern Woodmen of America was organized in this place January 2, by W. Downs, of Colfax. The following is a list of officers installed: Consul--J. A. McConnell, W. Adv.--W. A. Hanes, Banker-- J. B. Roach, Escort--J. F. Offill, Clerk -- L. C. Dowden, Watchman -- J. Mummert, Sentry -- J. K. Lyon, Med. Ex.-- I. H. Moore. We are told this is a life insurance organization.

A general raid has been made on the Colfax saloons, and it is so dry that one can hardly get any mineral water to drink.

There was an accident in one of the coal mines north-west of Colfax last Thursday. Just before making the usual shot before going to dinner, J. C. White, nicknamed "Texas", stuck his pick into a 25 lb. can of powder. The friction generated a spark and the powder exploded, fatally injuring White and his partner, Storms, also Frace and Angstrom, who were working near by. A minor by the name of Evans was also killed.

January 22 --- Mrs. S. J. Kingsley, of Kansas, is visiting in the home of J. M. Smith.

Fred Heaton has gone to his old home in Farmington, Illinois, to visit.

Mrs. V. V. Freeman, formerly Mrs. Winteroud, of Pierre, Dakota, arrived here to visit relatives.

Hon. E. C. Roach, member of the 21st General Assembly, from Lyons county, was back here for a visit.

Norm. Wilson, now of Coon Rapids, sent us one of the early numbers of the Gleaner and Herald, published here by Jacob Saunders. It is dated February 3, 1870.

In a letter from J. K. Lyons, of Harlan, we learn that Henry and William Ramsey are doing a good business in clothing. Their father, John is well. George Holdefefer has a large store and John Faires has a splended book store.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

January 29 --- Prof. Ballenger has resigned his position as Superintendent of our city schools. He has taken a position in the schools at Council Bluffs. Mr. I. N. Beard will take his place here.

Mrs. Phillip Noland, of Adair county, was here to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. T. F. Tuttle, formerly of this place, are at Blandinsville Illinois. They are quite poorly.

A. H. Brous will be our new postmaster.

Last Friday, as the construction train was clearing the track a short distance east of here, James Fulton, the fireman met with an accident. The gas from the fire filled the cab and exploded. Engineer Fulton's full beard was burned off. He is the father of James. James was taken to Des Moines to the hospital.

February 12 --- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McComas, of Monroe, are visiting in our town.

A. J. Hixon started for his old home in Ohio to visit .

Miss Wickoff, of Council Bluffs, is at her sister's, Mrs. J. N. Porter.

Town Coomes received word of the illness of his sister-in-law at Wiota. She is not expected to live.

Word has come that Mrs. A. T. Fields, age 41, of Colfax, died.

February 19 --- Dr. Piper has decided to hang out his shingle. James Kuhns, of Manning, is visiting his mother.

Rev. F.M. Slusser leaves Monroe for Arapahoe, Nebraska.

A. Vangilder, of Mound Prairie Twp. is enjoying a visit from two of his children from Colorado and two from Kansas. They also visited a brother, C. P. Vangilder, at Newton. They all went to the home of their father on February 9, to help him celebrate his 73rd birthday.

Mr. Harp, who recently came from Bellevue Hospital, New York, was here last week thinking of locating here to practice his profession. He is a nephew of Mrs. James Fairley.

March 12 --- Mr. Frank Porter, of Pella, has purchased the farm south of town from his brother.

L. H. Springer, who has been running a lumber yard here for some time, has purchased the lumber yard left by Wm. White, deceased. This gives him control of the lumber trade.

The editor has enjoyed a visit from his sister, Mrs. H. D. White, of Des Moines.

Elder Hickey, of Aberdeen, Kansas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Dowden. Miss Viola Dowden, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a cousin of L. C. Dowden, is also here, and a sister of Mrs. L. C. Dowden, who lives at Albia.

Simon Fulton returned from California. Owing to the war on rates between the railroads, he secured his ticket home for \$10.

March 19 --- Asa Vandermast has purchased the stock of goods formerly owned by Jacob Holdefer.

McLellan and Clark have sold out to Frederick and Holdefer.

George Osborne, of Idaho, is back for a visit.

Wm. George has sent his daughter Mary to school at the Catholic Convent, in Davenport.

Joe McKee, of Clearfield county, Penn. has come here to make this his home.

Marion Hamilton, of the Colfax area, was injured in a railway accident, at Grand Island, Nebraska.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

March 26 --- Cornelius Stam has purchased the Grifeon farm. Mrs. Bedell purchased the millinery stock of Maggie Weigel. Mr. A. Totten, while visiting at Griswold, was presented a gold headed cane, as a memento of his fifty-sixth birthday. Mrs. Sherod, of Eddyville, is going to come here to live with her daughter, Mrs. Benj. Slemmons.

Dr. H. C. Gill, of Cedar county is visiting his brother, J. R. Gill. Julia Rucker, of Monroe is visiting brother, Frank. The Trustees of Des Moines Twp. desire sealed bids for fencing the Rinehart cemetery.

April 17 --- Simon Fulton, who lives south of town, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, has sold his farm to J. P. Johnson.

The east side livery stable has been sold by Mrs. Shannon to J. V. Yowell, of Dunreath.

S. B. Buckingham left this place Monday night for Quincy, Illinois, where he will attend the Gem City Business College.

Mr. J. M. Clanton, father of Mrs. George Roach, is here.

April 24 --- The Prairie City Ladies Quartet, consisting of the Misses Churchill and the Misses Duncan, went to Monroe to furnish music at the graduation exercises.

Phillip Smith has traded his town property, consisting of his dwelling house, wagon shop and blacksmith shop, to Wm. Strain, for 160 acres of land near Knoxville, Nebraska. Mr. Strain will rent the property and Mr. Smith will soon go to Nebraska.

The McKeever Homestead has been sold to George Roach and Mrs. McKeever and family will soon go to Syracuse, Kansas, where her husband is.

C. P. Ludden and family, of Angus, have come here to live. Mr. Ludden and Mr. Morris, of the same place, have opened a drug store, on the east side in the Sherman building.

E. F. Newell, of Kent, Nebraska, and his brother, Will, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Vandermast.

Mr. Will Emery, who lived near Colfax, started Tuesday with his family in a "Prairie Schooner" for Syracuse, Kansas.

May 8 --- Mr. Nate Towne, of Des Moines, is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. B. McKeever.

Mr. Dan Clifford started with his family, have gone to Lynn, Mass. J. L. Miner takes his place on the railroad section.

Mrs. George Trumpler is visiting her brother, Mr. Stoll. Messrs. D. Champlain, M. H. Davis and G. A. Gill of this place, and W. H. Moore of Mitchellville, have associated themselves together as a firm, known as Champlain, Moore & Co.

May 15 --- In a letter from E. S. Weaver, formerly of this place, he says after farming for several years in Clay county, he recently went to Wahoo, Nebraska, where he has a contract for grading one mile of railroad. He runs five teams and makes from \$20. to \$40. a day, which beats farming. His family is there and lives in tents.

Miss Floyd, of West Liberty, is visiting her cousin, Miss Hannah Adams.

Last Saturday, Phillip Smith and family started for Kansas where they expect to make their future home.

May 29 --- With this number, my relation to the News as editor and proprietor will cease. The News has been sold to Mr. I. N. Beard. He is the Principal of our city schools. For seven years I have published this paper and I regret to say, good-by.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

Last week, on Friday night, the 2 o'clock passenger killed two horses and badly injured a colt of John Timmins, Jr. Mr. Timmins has been working on the farm of J. C. French.

Last Saturday, at an informal meeting of Master Masons, Mr. M. B. McKeever was presented with a fine gold headed cane, in behalf of Preston Lodge No. 218 A. F. & A. M., as a remembrance.

June 5 --- Last week I announced that I had sold the News. Mr. Beard has urged me to take it back. I still intend to sell.

George W. Early has been granted a pension.

X While J. G. Gilbert was shoeing a mule, on Tuesday, he was kicked on the knee-cap, breaking it. He is now on crutches.

Miss Emma Butler, of Kellog, has signed up to teach in our schools another year. She has taught here for five years.

Jacob Holdefer has gone to Warren, to see his father, John.

Mr. Grant Springer, of Ottumwa, is back for a visit.

Mr. C. R. Graham and wife went to Keokuk Thursday to help celebrate the golden wedding of their aunt and uncle, Sarah and Arthur Graham.

June 12 --- It looks now like there will be a big crowd here at the Soldier's and Old Settler's reunion the last of the week.

Mrs. Cornforth, of Pattersonville, Sioux county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Dinsmore.

Every one who wishes to see Kansas cheaply should make plans to join the excursion which leaves Prairie City Tuesday, June 22, to the lands in Ellis, Rooks, Trego and Graham counties, in the richest section of the famous Solomon and Salina river valleys. A tract of 100,000 acres in these counties has just been placed on sale at exceptionally low prices, with small cash down payment with 7 per cent interest. About one half fare will be charged to excursionists and those who buy land from us will have their fare refunded. You will need about \$50. to secure the purchase of land you may select. Let us have a big Jasper county colony started in this beautiful region. Signed -- George W. Roach.

June 18 --- Mr. and Mrs. George Curry had twins born to them on June 8, a boy and a girl. This makes them an even dozen.

Mrs. J. R. Chandler is visiting her parents, Wm. Lotts'.

Mr. Joseph Caldwell, of Nebraska is here. He is a cousin of Mrs. J. D. Norris and a brother of a former superintendent of our city schools.

Aaron Springer, the cashier in Zachary's bank, has gone back to Ottumwa.

L. A. Williams has locked his law office and gone to visit his parents at Montpelier, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duncan accompanied the wife of Mr. Duncan's brother back to Genesee, Illinois, where the brother will be laid to rest. He died on board the train at Altoona.

George B. Adams, of Kansas City did not arrive here in time for his father's funeral, the Mr. J. G. Adams.

July 2 --- There were about 100 teams, at one time, around the square, saturday.

Arrangements have been made to hold a celebration tomorrow, July 3, at Lewis Clark's grove,  $\frac{2}{3}$  miles south-west of Prairie City.

Ira Winchel and wife were Guests of Col. and Mrs. Dennis Winchel, of Newton and attended the opening services of the new M. E. church there.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

C. O. Carter, teacher of the Brown school house, south of town, closes his school today, for the season.

Rev. D. C. Morris will attend a church dedication at Rising Sun, this Sabbath. No service will be held here.

Mrs. Lucy Hardin and Mrs. R. C. Samuel, of Chicago, are visiting with W. K. Pomeroy's, who are relatives.

D. T. Brown and son Amos, who comprise a thriving business firm at Runnels, were back here visiting among friends.

Mr. Harry Scott, of Denver, Colorado, is visiting his father, S. O. Scott.

Mrs. Julia Sherman arrived from New York, yesterday, to visit her brother, Rev. C. H. Newell.

B. C. Ward has sold the News this time. A. A. Thompson, of Clarinda, is the purchaser.

George Ruggles had his arm broken when a horse kicked him.

July 9 --- There was a family re-union at the home of W. H. Bryan's. None of the company can remember when they were all gathered at the table before. There are ten children ranging in age from sixteen to forty. The father George Bryan is sixty eight years old. The children are as follows: W. H. Bryan, Prairie City; Mrs. M. S. Williams, Prairie City; B. W. Bryan, Cleburne, Texas; J. D. Bryan, Colfax; J. L. Bryan, Cleburne, Texas; J. R. Bryan, Prairie City; E. H. Bryan, Prairie City; U. O. Bryan, Colfax; G. E. Bryan and Miss T. C. Bryan. In order of birth.

Mrs. E. A. Robison broke her leg on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Kingdon received three broken ribs, when a horse ran away. A wheel of the rake passed over him yesterday.

James Patrie had a sun stroke last week.

Now is the time to get your pictures taken -- J. A. Rovaart.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Palmer, of Sommerton, Ohio are visiting their niece, Mrs. E. A. Adams.

July 23 --- Mrs. Elizabeth Rinehart, vigorous at 70, was at the news office Saturday. She sends the paper to her son, A. Rinehart, of Syracuse, Kansas.

At Columbus, Kansas, last week, \$200. worth of powder was shot from a cannon in hope of bringing rain, but it failed.

Mr. J. P. Johnson, one of our oldest citizens, residing six miles south of town, received a severe injury Wednesday. He was driving up into the elevator with an extra high load of oats. Sitting on the load and stooping to dodge a beam, his head was caught. He sustained a severe concussion. He is at M. H. Davis'.

Mr. John White almost lost his life, while cleaning out a well for O. P. Norman. There were damps in the well.

Mr. James Applegate and wife of Oquka, Illinois, are visiting their uncle, James Ross and family.

Mr. N. D. Smith, after spending some time at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Smith was engineer for many years at the Prairie City flouring mills.

July 30 --- Wm. Spurgeon, who resides near Percy, while fording the Des Moines river last Sunday, was thrown from the wagon, his arm broken and dislocated at the shoulder.

Last Sunday, a foreign growth was removed from Mrs. A. Wiley, Jr., which had confined her to her bed.

The people of the M. E. church needed some gravel with which to finish the basement. To-day several members, with their families, are over there, fishing and having a good time, and to-night will bring back the gravel.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1886

Mrs. Emma Harter, of Indiana, Penn., is visiting her brother, John Patchin, and will probably remain here.

George Sallada is not infatuated with Nebraska. He is back.

Miss Bessie Moore is visiting her uncle, Dr. Clark.

August 13 --- Many mills are hindered in their work from want of water, but the Prairie City Steam Mills keep right on grinding. The pastures are dried up but the corn looks fair.

A young woman, in Prairie City, found a penny with the date 1881 in the yolk of an egg.

W. F. Holmes, of Milburne, New Jersey, wrote to us. He wants to know where he can buy a New Departure cultivator, like he used when he lived here. He will find it at Monmouth, Illinois.

The Old Settler's re-union of Jasper county, will be held at Lynville, on the grounds of the Association, August 26. The chief of the Musquakas will be present with a portion of his tribe.

There is 52 feet of water in the fireman's well.

Miss Bridgie Daly visited in Des Moines, with her sister, Mrs. Regan.

R. M. Agnew, of Lancaster, Pa., made his cousin, Dr. I. H. Moore, a brief visit.

Wm. Wallwork, of Hancock county, Illinois is visiting his son, J. H. Wallwork. He visited another son in Minnesota first.

Wm. Blattner, of Austin, Texas, is visiting father and brother,

W. I. Earhart, of Milwaukee, is at H. C. DeWolf's.

The sudden affliction of paralysis, of Mrs. Benjamin Slemmons brought to her side the four children, living abroad. They are: Mrs. W. J. Summerwill, of Odebolt, John Slemmons, of Council Bluffs, Samuel Slemmons, of Independence and Dr. W. T. Slemmons, of St. Johns, Kansas.

August 20 --- A. B. Jenks received word that his nephew, Charlie McCleary, age 6, of Chillicothe, Mo., was killed by lightning. He was standing under a tree during a thunder storm.

The barn at the home of Manchester Offill, burned Tuesday night. Mr. A. B. Jenks owns the farm.

S. F. Stoll, the north side druggist, receive word that his mother is very ill, at Bucyrus, Ohio.

Mrs. J. H. Fugard, of Newton, is caring for her mother, Mrs. Slemmons at the latter's home.

Misses Carrie and Fannie Topping, aged 8 and 10, arrived from Geneseo, Illinois, to visit their aunt, Mrs. D. C. Gifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Pearson, of Ladoga, Montgomery county, Indiana, are visiting in the home of Alex Erskine. Messrs. Erskine and Pearson are brothers-in-law.

Mrs. J. D. Norris received word that her sister, Mrs. W. H. Strain, of Knox county, Nebraska, was not expected to live.

September 3.--- Lynnville had around 9000 people at its re-union. Hon. John A. Donnell was the speaker.

The Washington mill, at Pella is arranging to have water shipped from Oskaloosa or Des Moines.

The Rock Island has paid over \$100,000 for burned hay and fields between Eldon and Lynnville, during the past two months.

Prof. D. M. Kelly, assistant principal of our city schools, was married to Miss Anna Hughes on August 25th, at the Catholic parsonage in Newton.

Mr. Davis, just below town, moved an old grain office out of town on trucks, to use on his farm.

John Meyers is the newly appointed postmaster, at Dunreath. Misses Mary and Sophia Remsburg and brother, Oll, have gone to Clark county to visit their uncle.

September 10 --- The excursion trains of twelve or fifteen coaches, went through here crowded, each day, to the State Fair.

Miss Fannie Hart, of Monroe, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Moore.

A. T. Dowden has been exhibiting his machine for potatoe digging, at the Fair this week.

Eli Brous, of Weatherford, Texas, is visiting his nephew, A. H. Brous. Mrs. Brous and daughter, Mrs. E. A. Hannaford are also here. Mr. Brous will also visit his brother-in-law, James Fairlie.

A tumor was removed from the face of Mrs. Moffat, Thursday.

J. M. Gilbert's barn burned Saturday, north of town.

The barn of J. H. Moses, at Greencastle, was struck by lightening last Friday night and burned to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roach celebrated their tenth anniversary last Tuesday.

September 17 --- Rev. C. H. Newell will return to Prairie City. Rev. C. C. Mabee, to Monroe, Rev. E. P. Vail, to Mitchellville and Rev. M. R. Harned, to Colfax. These are M. E. pastors.

Seth Way, married son of Joshua Way, of Jefferson Twp., fell before a saw in motion, at his father's saw mill, in the edge of Marion county, last Wednesday, and had his left leg sawed off, between the knee and ankle.

George McClellan, of Laport, Ind., is at his brother's B. R. John Furnoy, of O'Brian county is at his sister's Mrs. Draper.

September 24 --- There is talk in this vicinity of re-organizing the Agricultural Society that flourished in years gone by. In 1871, the society was organized and held annual fairs for eight years.

Will Gilbert will teach in the Keables district this season.

S. F. Brown was visited by his mother, from central Ohio, whom he hasn't seen for years.

T. V. Baker, of Colfax, will be principal in the Baxter school.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Morse, of Ohio, are visiting in the home of I. E. Winchell. Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Winchell are sisters.

Mrs. Albert Means arrived from Dakota. Albert will be here soon. That country is not what it is promised to be.

Mrs. A. J. Hixon is visiting relatives in La Moille, Ia.

Mrs. L. Moore, of Toulon, Ill. visited her brother, A. P. King.

Wm. Lane and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Graham. They are from Waterloo.

Hannah Mathenia had a growth removed from the side of her nose, losing nearly half of that member. Thomas Miller also had a cancer removed from his head. Dr. G. P. Clark attended both.

October 8 --- New stone crossings are down at the north-west corner of the square.

J. M. Gilbert is building a new barn. So is A. B. Jenks and John Butters. L. H. Springer is building a new house. It will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mrs. S. J. Davison of Burlington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Barnett.

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October 29 --- Mrs. B. C. Ward was startled this morning just at the dawn of day by the sound of many hoofs about her door, which proved to be 440 head of cattle, enroute to Wisconsin for winter feeding. They stampeded across the lawn, in spite of the cowboys in charge.

Word reaches here of the death of D. A. Rigg and wife, formerly of this place. A. McHenry, of Bentonville, says they died this past summer. The four remaining children are at Springdale, Arkansas.

Mrs. Fanny Hughes, of Newton, is the mother of Mrs. D.M. Kelly.

Mrs. Parker of Wapello and Mrs. Sparks, of Mahaska, are visiting their sister, Mrs. B. Slemmons.

Joseph Jones and wife, of Humbolt, Neb., are coming to visit Mrs. Jones' brothers, J. B. and George Roach.

Mr. G. W. Rayburn, of Roseville, Ill., is visiting his uncle, Supervisor Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bryan are moving to Madrid.

Mrs. M. L. Leeper started for her new home at Centerville, Oregon.

November 5 --- Wednesday night, the barn of George Duntley burned. He lives one mile south of town. He lost all his farm implements, a large quantity of hay, 100 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of corn, five horses and some hogs.

Mr. Ed Wyckoff, of Bushnell, Ill., is a brother of Mrs. J. N. Porter. S. L. Pomeroy, of Mahaska County, is a brother of W. K.

Mrs. Johnson, of Mercer county, Pa., is at J. L. Laughlin's.

J. M. Clements, of Helena Montana has been elected county judge of that place. He is a brother of our W. G. Clements.

Paul Winchell, of Percy, called on us to tell us that Perry township went republican this year. The first time in 20 years.

Jerry Beebe, of near Vandalia, sent in a turnip weighing 3 pounds and 9 ounces.

November 12 --- E. D. Allen has ordered a gun with which to pick turkeys off the field.

Rev. J. W. Taylor has removed his family from Carlisle to this place and will be pastor for the coming year for the United Brethren congregation of this vicinity. Rev. J. N. Snyder will leave his family here but will pastor a district in the southern part of the state.

J. H. Killmer and family, who have long resided south-west of town, will move to St. Landra county, Louisiana.

November 19 --- Friday, Jesse Rinehart relinquished his proprietorship of the east side billiard hall to John Hammock.

Jacob Holdefer is in charge of a new feed store, opposite the Central house.

Mrs. F. A. Houck will do fitting and general dress making. Location one block south of the south-east corner of the square.

There is lots of typhoid fever around.

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Thomas Clark had a large tumor removed.

Rev. C. Morris, pastor of the Christian church, takes his family to Perry, where he has been recently called.

F. M. Moore is at work at Percy, on a new hotel.

Mr. Moore, of Mitchellville, moved his family here.

Mr. Halverty, of Washington county, is at his daughter's, Mrs. W. G. Clements.

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November 26 --- Mr. Connaughey and wife, of Adair county, are contemplating on moving here.

Mr. Benjamin Slemmons has moved his family to Newton.

Mrs. E. McConnell, of Oskaloosa, is the mother of Mrs. Milsap.

Mrs. Rosa Kanzow is a sister of Mrs. John Scarbrough and Mrs. George Trumpler, both of Newton.

Wint Wagner's house burned last Friday, south-east of town. He has had sickness in the family and lost two children recently.

Adam White and family have gone to Pottawattamie county to live. His post office will be Marne.

Mr. B. Main, of Monroe, has brought his family here.

The funeral train of Vice President Hoxie passed through this town this morning. Mr. Hoxie's life started in this vicinity as he lived with Mr. Mitchell, at Mitchellville, prior to 1856. He was a poor boy in Polk county when immigration was pouring into the state. He became the hostler of a country hotel and thus became acquainted with many prominent men. At the outbreak of the war he had entered local politics. Around 1865, he became chairman of the Iowa State Central Committee and was later made a United States Marshal. Just after the reconstruction, he moved to Palestine, Texas, and there became connected with the Management of the International Railroad. He was a great railroad man.

December 10 --- C. H. Eaton, former pastor of the Congregational church here, will spend the winter in Florida.

In a buggy, in front of Honnold & Ible's store, Monroe, Iowa, December 8, 1886, William Hanlan and Mary E. Sholten, both of Draper, Iowa, were married. John W. Honnold, Esq. performing the ceremony. Time 30 seconds.

The Francis Murphy Lodge of I. O. G. T. was organized here last Monday night.

December 17 --- Seth Farmer now lives near Anselmo, Nebraska.

Joseph Wagner, after seven years in Jasper county, has gone to South Bend Indiana to live. He has a position in the Birtsall shops, where the Birtsall clover huller is manufactured.

One day last week, Mr. Aubury Hastings, of Clear Creek Twp., threw into his fireplace a large piece of unsplit oak for a back log. In the side of the log was a hole, where a knot had been. The remainder of the log was sound. Hastings and his wife sat by the fire, he reading and she sewing, when suddenly she jumped up on her chair and began to yell, pointing toward the fire. Mr. Hastings looked and was horrified to see a snake crawling out of the knot hole. The log had not begun to blaze but was warmed through. The snake escaped from the fire and wiggled away into a corner. It had hardly settled there until it was joined by two more. Hastings grabbed the poker and killed all three. They were rattlesnakes and netted him a crop of nineteen rattles.

December 31 --- On Christmas day, there was an unexpected reunion at the home of W. K. Pomeroy. With the exception of the oldest sister, Mrs. Harriett Patrie, all the surviving members of the family were present, consisting of, Ed Pomeroy, Stephen Pomeroy, of Oskaloosa, W. K. Pomeroy. Mr. Francis Randall, of Erie county, Pa., was there also. He is on his way to join his two children in Los Angeles, who went there a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark, of Polk county, the aged foster parent's of Mrs. Pomeroy, were also present.

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The undersigned will sell at his farm,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north-east of Prairie City, at public auction, on February 23, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to-wit: 4 horses, 2 cows, 12 hogs, 2 stirring plows, 2 cultivators, 1 Buckeye mower, 1 hay rake, 1 large cream tank with cans, several tons of hay in stack, household goods and other articles.

Elias Burns

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The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm, 3 miles north-east of Prairie City on February 11, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to wit: 8 head of horses, 19 head of cattle, 1 two-seated spring wagon, 1 top buggy, 2 stirring plows, 5 cultivators, 2 harrows, 1 corn planter, 1 stalk cutter, 1 four-can creamer and other articles.

J. G. Gilbert

I will offer at public auction at my residence,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-west of Prairie City on September 28, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following property to-wit: 1 span of mules, 2 colts, 1 pony, 33 head of cattle, 11 shoats, 3 harrows, 1 stirring plow, 1 potatoe plow, 1 cultivator, 1 Champian mower, 1 stalk cutter, 1 bobsled, 1 sleigh, 1 top buggy, 1 wagon, about 75 tons of hay and other articles.

Monroe Quick, Auct.

George Shera

I will offer at public auction, at my residence,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Prairie City, on September 29, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to-wit:  $\frac{1}{2}$  head of horses, 4 milch cows, 16 hogs, 1 Jackson wagon, 1 Orchard City wagon, 1 Hopkins mower, 1 corn planter and check rower, 1 pair bob-sleds, 1 Diamond corn sheller, 4 sets of harness, 1 grindstone, 2 stirring plows, 2 cultivators, 2 harrows, 1 potatoe digger, 2 patent end-gates, 1 saddle and bridle, lot of hay in barn, 6 acres of potatoes in ground, 20 acres corn on ground, lot of chickens and turkeys, 1 iron kettle, 1 twenty gallon copper kettle, 1 cooking stove, 1 heating stove, 1 bureau, 1 cupboard, 1 safe, 1 sink, 2 tables, 1 stand, 1 lounge, 4 bedsteads, 9 chairs, 1 rocking chair, 1 meat grinder, 1 ten gallon churn, 1 post auger, 1 log chain, 1 mattock, 1 scoop shovel, 1 hay rack, 1 hay knife and 2 pair spreads.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

Simon Fullton

I will sell at my farm, three-fourths of a mile north of Prairie City, on November 10, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property to-wit: 8 head of horses and mules, 12 head of cattle, a corn planter, a stirring plow, a tongueless cultivator, 2 harrows, a clod crusher, a fanning mill, a bobsled, a set of heavy harness, a set of buggy harness, 3 farm wagons, 1 single top buggy, 1 two seated family buggy, a corn sheller and other articles.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

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The following article was taken from the Prairie City News. The date of the paper was January 28, 1887. The article was continued in the February 4th issue.

Upon the crest of the famous divide that separates the Des Moines and Skunk rivers, surrounded by a country, charming to the eye, fertile in soil and rich in improvements is the beautiful little town of Prairie City.

The town was laid out in 1856 by James H. Elliott. The first settler in the vicinity was Wm. Means. The first teacher was Isaac Hershman. He taught in a log building between the depot and the south-west corner of the square. The first store building is still preserved and serves the purpose of a barn on a property in the north-east part of town, owned by H. J. Griffis. The town was incorporated in 1868. Sidney Williams was the first mayor.

Our city schools.---- The election which resulted in forming an independent district of Prairie City was held March 14, 1867. In ten days the board was organized and on the list we find S. D. Butters, L. P. Wilson, J. H. Elliott, Levi Jenks and others. \$5,000 bonds were issued. The building was completed at a cost of \$6,000. Prof. Corlies was installed as principal. The work is now under the faithful superintendence of Prof. I. N. Beard. Two good literary societies, organized in the High School, present an instructive and helpful program each Friday afternoon. The High School course has been established three years, was revised this last year, and between forty and fifty students are now doing full work under the new plan of study. The board of directors is composed of the following gentlemen: J. A. McConnell, president; Jesse Wilson, G. Gill, Alfred Potter, B. R. McLellan and J. P. Turner. W. G. Clements is secretary of the board and L. E. Zachary is treasurer.

Civic societies.---- Preston Lodge, No. 218, was organized under dispensation, May 24, 1867. The charter members were J. G. Eckles, A. B. Jenks, C. F. Head, Charles Duston, W. L. Clark, Lewis Clark, Levi Jenks, Wm. I. Church, T. T. Murrah and Ralph Nixon. The order now has a membership of 72. The Lodge meets Tues. evening, on or before full moon.

In the March 2, 1888 issue there is another article concerning the history of Preston Lodge stating that the Lodge was organized on June 29, 1867 under dispensation by Grand Master Michel with thirteen charter members, as follows: J. G. Eckles, A. B. Jenks, C. F. Head, W. L. Clark, Levi Jenks, F. J. Murray, Chas. Dusan, Lewis Clark, Wm. Church, Ralph Nickson, L. P. Mead, B. P. Head, A. H. Kirtland. The first meeting was held in May, 1867.

Prairie City Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 144 was organized in (?) Chauncy Howard of Newton officiating. Charter members: George Fugard, C. Conrad, Isaiah Coomes, Caleb Bundy, S. F. Miller, B. J. Head, R. R. Smith, J. Wilkinson. The membership now numbers over thirty. They meet over the Citizens bank, on Friday evening of each week.

G. A. R. --McCrory post no. 27---- This order of survivors of the war of the Rebellion was organized in the year 1884. It has a membership of thirty six. Officers are H. C. DeWolf, J. L. Laughlin. John Worley, M. I. Woodell, W. H. Bryon, Dr. Porter, W. H. Daft, A. J. Wiggins.

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A. O. U. W. --- This beneficiary order was organized in 1876. The officers for the present year are: J. A. McConnell, G. W. Roach, M. I. Woodell, S. D. Butters and J. B. Roach.

Modern Woodmen --- This order was instituted Jan. 1, 1886. Officers for coming year; J. A. McConnell, Anson Hanes, J. B. Roach, J. Mumment, W. H. Bryan, J. W. Wallwork.

Francis Murphy Lodge No. 260 --- This society was organized recently for the promotion of temperance. The lodge was instituted by S. F. Gibbs, and will meet in the room to the rear of Dr. Moore's office every Wednesday evening. It is officered as follows: S. D.

Butters, C. H. Newell, J. A. McConnell, Mrs. N. Longmore, J. B. Roach and J. Holdefer.

The Fire Department --- It was organized in 1873, numbers 20 members and is equipped with engine, hose cart, with 250 feet of hose, hook and ladder truck etc. It is at present officered by Captain W. G. Clements, Lieutenant C. W. Friedrich, D. A. Griffis and E. D. Allen.

Union Hall ---- Prairie City has the best public hall in Jasper county, except the new Opera House in Newton. This hall was built in 1880 by a joint stock company by virtue of the following agreement. "We, the undersigned, citizens of Prairie City and vicinity, feeling the importance of having a good city hall in Prairie City, and knowing that such a hall will be of great benefit and advantage to the city and surrounding country, do hereby agree to become members of a joint stock company for the purpose of building such a hall." This hall is 45 by 80 feet, situated in a fine brick block and has been well fitted up. The principal stockholders at present are B. C. Ward, W. G. Clements, R. B. Zachary.

Prairie City Creamery Company ---- It is managed and controlled by two substantial men, who have long been identified with the interests of Jasper county. Mr. Alfred Potter was born in Connecticut in 1845. He came here in 1860. Mr. George Ryan was born in New York and has been a resident of this county over 30 years. Ten years ago these gentlemen associated themselves together to deal in stock. After four years they directed their enterprise to the operation of the creamery. The largest days churning was June 14, 1886 which was 1,400 lbs. The largest months churning was June, 1886 with a total of 25,351 lbs. This work has required from four to ten men with teams, going the year round, to gather the cream. At the head of the list of help employed, is W. B. Robison and A. J. Hixon.

Poultry Packing House ---- of DeWolf Bryan & Co. is comparatively an infant industry. It was established two years ago and W. H. Bryan, manager, says they have shipped 82,000 pounds of dressed poultry this season. For this, the farmers have received between \$5,000 and \$6,000. From fifteen to eighteen hands have been employed, at wages varying from 50 cents to \$3.00 per day, owing to skill.

Citizens Bank --- has been established fourteen years. It opened with A. Rosecrans as president and J. B. Haddock as cashier. In 1875, Mr. Rosecrans retired from active connection with the bank and placed J. B. Roach in charge. Oct. 22, 1875 the stock passed to the control of Butters, Wilson & Co., the company consisting of H. C. DeWolf, M. H. Davis, J. W. DeWeese. It is a safe institution with a capital of \$40,000. It is located in the fine corner brick block, built and owned by the bank, is provided with a fire-proof vault, burgler proof safe, and time lock. In these well furnished permanent quarters, the bank has arrived after several changes and

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many inconveniences. S. D. Butters, president since 1875, and L. P. Wilson, another leading stock holder, have a history of business prosperity parallel with the development of Jasper county. Each have resided here more than thirty years. J. B. Roach, the cashier has served the company over ten years. C. H. Curley, head book-keeper, has been with the bank five years. C. W. Bryan is assistant and is the youngest book-keeper in the city.

Banking House of L. E. Zachary & Co.---- This bank has been in existence for a period of eleven years. The owners, L. E. Zachary and Ira Draper have resided in Jasper county for 36 years. Mr. Zachary was born in Virginia in 1818. He came here with meager means, but success has been his lot. He has a fine homestead at the edge of the city. Ira E. Draper was born at Indianapolis, Indiana. He has prospered and now owns several farms. R. B. Zachary, late of the firm of Gill & Zachary, assists at the bank as his business admits. He was experienced as a cashier, before he became a merchant.

J. R. Gill & Son ---- This firm has been connected with the business interests of this place for 16 years, in the mercantile trade until the first of May, 1875 and since that time in the grain and produce business. Their potatoes have found a market in many towns in Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

Davis & Champlain --- This firm has been in existence two years and have done a large grain and produce business. The senior member M. H. Davis has been in this community at least twenty years, was engaged in farming, merchandising, and now in grain and produce. D. C. Champlain lives in Kansas City and is a member of a commission house. Hundreds of thousands of bushels of potatoes and grain are shipped from Prairie City annually.

Clements & Ward (Attorneys) ---- W. G. Clements has been in Prairie City for eighteen years. He was educated at Grinnell. B. Ward came here in 1869, and was educated at the University of his native state, Vermont.

L. A. Williams (Attorney) --- He was born in Kentucky, educated in that state and came to Prairie City in 1874.

John Bidwell (Physician) ---- He came here from New York city in 1856. Has practiced medicine longer than any other physician in this town.

M. Kramer (Physician) ---- Came here in 1880. Received his education at the Missouri Medical College.

G. P. Clark (Physician) ----Came here four years ago from Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Medical College of the State University.

I. H. Moore (Physician) ----Is the youngest in practice in this city. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1878 graduated from the medical department of the University of that state. He served two years as surgeon at a Philadelphia hospital, and came to Iowa six years ago. Is president of the Jasper county Medical Society.

C. R. I. & P. Railroad ----The pioneer road of Jasper county. W. C. Lacy is in charge. The lightening talker is W. S. Parker. His manipulation of the keys is not excelled by any. He keeps the business of the Western Union in perfect shape. In the year 1866 the reports show 700 cars of stock, grain and produce shipped from Prairie City.

DeWolf, Bryan & Co. --- At the north-west corner of the square in a fine brick building, owned by the firm, is the dry goods, clothing and grocery emporium. The senior member, H. C., DeWolf was born in Ohio and was once a pupil of James A. Garfield. He began business in this city in 1866. He has been connected with various firms since that time. First, Bartlett, Sheldon & DeWolf, Bartlett & DeWolf, DeWolf & Co., Davis Bros. & DeWolf, and at present, Dewolf Bryan & Co. Mr. George Bryan is a hale old gentleman. In the second year of Monroe's administration, down in the blue grass country, Father Bryan was born, serving his native county for twenty one years as county clerk. He then came to Jasper county. He was a farmer until 1884. Wm. H. Bryan, the other member of the firm, is a son of George Bryan, born in the same state as his father, in 1844. He came here in 1867, pursued the successful duties of a farmer until 1884 when he and his father became the successors of Davis Bros., forming the firm of DeWolf, Bryan & Co. At the book-keeper's desk is J. R. Bryan. Stationed in different parts of the store is George M. Sallada, Charles Beard, and U. O. Bryan, a brother of J. R. and W. H. Bryan. Charlie Beard was born in Iowa and has had fourteen years experience with the trade in Prairie City. Mr. Sallada left Pennsylvania six years ago and has served faithfully since as salesman here.

Asa Vandermast --- Began business here about one year ago, single handed. He has a selected stock of dry-goods, hats, caps, queensware, glassware, and a bargain counter. He has an assistant by the name of Will Newell. Mr. Vandermast was born in Holland and speaks fluently his native tongue, the German and the English.

S. F. Stoll --- Druggist. He was born at Bucyrus, Ohio. He served his Apprenticeship at Crestline, Ohio and was engaged two years in the drug trade at Cleveland. He graduated in 1884 from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and came to Jasper county in 1885. He has in his employ Mr. George Birk, an accomplished young druggist from Bucyrus, Ohio.

Morris & Co. ---- Drug store located in a neat brick on the north side of the square. The firm consists of J. D. Morris of Angus, and G. A. Mattison of Illinois, who is resident manager. With this firm is Dr. J. N. Porter, who is a physician of several years practice.

J. V. Yowell --- This gentleman is proprietor of the east side livery barn. Horses, buggies, sleighs and every item are first class. You will always find John Simbro, who is in charge of the barn, ready to get you out a team in the most accommodating manner.

S. Milsap --- Last November Mr. Milsap opened out the east side restuarant. "Vest" is a Jackson county boy, born in 1862 but has lived fourteen years in Jasper county, in Prairie City three years, connected with the bakery and restuarant business. He says that in three months he has sold 543 cans of fresh oysters.

Ira Bisbee --- He is the faithful custodian of the people's soles and none who apply to him properly are left to tread their pathway unshod. He has resided in this city close to fifteen years. He was burned out in the big west side fire, starting a new building immediately. He also sells new boots and shoes.

C. B. Adams ---- He will be found under the Citizens Bank in a commodiously fitted up tonsorial room. His native state is Ohio. He runs two reclining chairs and gives all customers a whirl with a patent roller hair brush. "Pat" has been in Prairie City since 1868.

Rowles & Co.---- These gentlemen have recently established a meat market in our midst. Mr. Thomas Rowles is in charge of it.

J. D. Barneveldt ---- He has recently located himself over J. W. Dinsmore's. He is a good barber of thirteen years standing in the tonsorial profession. He was born at Pella in 1859 and came to Prairie City in 1884.

N. L. Wiggins ---- This man is the east side harness maker. He began with E. R. Ward in 1881 and after an absence of several months, he returned and bought out his former employer. He owns the building in which he is located.

J. A. Rovaart ---- He represents the photographic interests of the city. He was born in Iowa.

C. G. Blodgett --- He is, except one, the oldest liveryman in the county. He was born in Indiana and came to Iowa thirty six years ago, to Jasper county twenty years ago, and to Prairie City fourteen years ago. He keeps a full stock of teams, buggies and carriages.

G. W. Wells --- He is the knight of the razor on the north side of the square, has been here almost a year and is a first class barber. With him is T. B. Jones who has been in Prairie City six years. He was a soldier in the late war.

E. McConnaughey ---- He is the new proprietor of the Tremont House and receives his share of the traveling public. He is a native of Ohio and came here in November from Guthrie county.

J. W. Dinsmore --- Operates the pool and billiard hall. He has been in Iowa thirty eight years and in Prairie City many years. He was formerly engaged in the restuarant business.

William Cochran --- Has his business at the north-east corner of the square. (type of business omitted) He has been in Prairie City many years.

(There is a harness shop and a doctors office mentioned but it is impossible to read the names, due to bad condition of paper.)

Miss Hattie Churchill --- Has a millinery establishment at the north-west corner of the square.

Mrs. J. W. Bedell --- Located on the west side of the square with a full line of ladies wear.

C. W. Friedrich --- Blacksmith, who has done work for farmers around Prairie City for a good many years. He has a shop north of the square, and his anvil rings from morn till night. With him, in the wood department is Wm. Wickers, who will mend a wheel, re-stalk a plow, or do any work in this line.

J. G. Gilbert --- Has been a blacksmith in Prairie City 20 years, Having come to this town in 1865. He was in the 22nd Kentucky regiment during the war. He is now at the Philip Smith stand. Last year he was of the firm of Sexton & Gilbert, at the J. M. Adamson shop.

J. A. McClellan --- Has recently taken charge of J. M. Adamson's old stand. He is a young man of energy and is kept busy.

Newton Moore --- Carpenter, and one of the best in Prairie City. His shops are south of the M. E. church. He was born in Ohio in 1846 and came to this county in 1864. In the last year he has finished several of the best jobs about here, among them the following houses; Alfred Potter, L. H. Springer, J. Shorten, C. Wagner, and others.

J. Holdefer --- Groceries. He was born in Ohio in 1839 and came to Iowa in 1840. He lived in Lee county until 1868 and then came to Jasper county. He was a farmer until 1881 when he sold

his farm and went into the grocery business. In 1884 he was burned out but rebuilt in 1886. He later sold out because of poor health. At present he is with Tysseling Bros. of Pella.

A. Yuill --- Whether it rains, storms or is fair weather every train finds Andy at the depot. Express and freight is promptly delivered. Yes, Andy is a good drayman.

Wilson & Jenks --- Hardware. Jesse Wilson, senior member, is a native of West Virginia, as is also A. B. Jenks, his associate. They played together when they were boys in their native state. Mr. Wilson emigrated to Jasper county in 1867, and in 1880 with P. C. Higgins, purchased the hardware store of Slemmons & Son. Mr. Jenks followed his friend to Iowa. In 1882, the firm of Higgins & Wilson emerged into Wilson & Jenks. They handle all kinds of machinery and implements. Mr. Clarence Jenks is their salesman.

Norton & Bisbee --- This large corner hardware store is well known. In April, it will have been ten years since the firm of these two men was formed. C. P. Norton was born at Concord, Ohio in 1832 and came to Jasper county nineteen years ago. He embarked in merchandising in 1874 and two years later joined in a partnership with J. C. Bisbee, who was born at Anson, Maine in 1839. He came to Page county in 1864 and two years later came to Jasper. C. G. Dawson, a good tinner is in charge of the job department.

M. Feathers --- Proprietor of the Fethers' House. A resident here for sixteen years. He expects to devote his time to the process recently patented for the evaporation of potatoes. In the meantime you will be wise to partake of an elegant meal at his hotel, on the south-east corner of the square.

D. Kramer & Co. ---- The boot and shoe interests of our city are ably represented by this firm, having located in our midst in the fall of 1882. It is the only exclusive boot and shoe house in the city.

John Selby --- Restaurant. A good place for a meal. You can also find choice candies, fresh fruits in their season, fine cigars, bread, anything you would look for in a first class restaurant. He was born in Kentucky in 1843 and has lived here twelve years, four of them in his present business.

L. H. Springer --- Born in Pennsylvania. He has been in this city thirteen years. All this time has been spent in the lumber trade. Both he and Mrs. Springer are fine musicians.

Leanord May --- Proprietor of the post office bookstore. He was born in Illinois. His parents moved to Texas when he was six years old. He went back to his native state as a young man, and came here after the war. In 1868 he started out in the book business. He has an interest in a store at Stuart, Iowa also.

J. Mummert ---- Jewelry store. Jake has spent several years in the wholesale trade and began a retail business in 1885. Along with this firm is J. P. Graham, born in Iowa in 1859, one of the finest jewelers in the state. He has had thirteen years experience as a jeweler.

J. H. Wallwork ---- Meat market. He has been here eleven years. Most of that time in Prairie City as proprietor of a meat market. He has slaughtered on an average, six beeves a week, seven months of the year and three beeves, five months of the year. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1844. When ten years of age, the family moved to Illinois, and in 1876 he came to Iowa.

J. P. Turner --- An important factor in the general business of Prairie City is its steam flouring mill. This enterprise is under the management of J. P. Turner. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1832. In 1868 he came to Jasper county and for the last fourteen years has been connected with the milling business of this city.

T. N. Newell--- Dry goods and clothing store. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1853 and came to Jasper county in 1867. He engaged in business in Newton four years, then moved to Nebraska for a short time before coming to Prairie City. He purchased the stock of Gill & Zachary. His assistant is D. M. Hammack.

Roach Bros. ----They are pioneers in Jasper county. They came here from Abington, Illinois as early as 1855. Their home was on a farm seven miles south-west of town. Their father was a minister. After eight years residence on the farm, the boys went where the ministration of the gospel called the parent. They later returned to Prairie City. In 1879 the firm began business with a general stock. J. B. Roach, the senior member, is employed at the citizens Bank while George W. runs the store. The chief salesman is L. C. Dowden

Reasin Moore ---- Runs the Central House. He came here from Ohio in 1863. He taught school the first few years and two years ago began to keep hotel.

The M. E. Church --- This society was organized in 1858. A house of worship was built in 1867 and dedicated by Rev. J. G. Dimmitt. The cost of this church was about \$1,200. This building was succeeded by another in 1885, the present structure, at a cost of \$7,000. The seating capacity is 500, furnished in modern style, well lighted and heated by furnace. Rev. C. H. Newell, the present pastor, is the only resident pastor of the city.

The Congregational Church --- The organization of this church was affected in March, 1868, through the labors of Rev. C. H. Eaton. He is now in Florida. Among the constituent members of this church who are still living are Ezra Adkins, present county recorder, Mrs. John Bidwell, of this place, and Mrs. Elijah Elliott, who lives south of town. Immediately after the society was formed, steps were taken to erect a building for public worship, and E. Adkins and C. H. Eaton constituted the building committee. They began their labors September 15, 1868 and June 20, 1869, the church was dedicated, at a cost of over \$2,000. The pastors have been Rev. C. H. Eaton, C. C. Harrah, William T. Smith, Charles Slater, E. H. Sherman, W. Ferner and the present pastor, G. H. Sharpley.

The Christian Church --- (Part of the imformation on this church is missing) Some say the organization of this church started in 1857 and others in 1868. The church building was erected in 1869. The first members were J. H. Elliott, Mrs. J. H. Elliott, R. Moore, Jesse Frazier, Mrs. Frazier, M. McKeever, Dr. J. W. Adams, Charles Norriss, Mrs. Norris and others. The successive pastors have been Elder J. P. White, Elder J. P. Roach, ( ) Donan, J. C. White, again, Henry Dennis, E. R. Dungan, D. C. Morris and Joel Brown, our present pastor. (These are all Elders, I believe,) Services are held alternate Sabbaths, morning and evening. The Sabbath school numbers 75 members, with R.C. Porter S. S. superintendent.

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January 7 --- Mr. Samuel Gunsallus, of Snowshoe, Pa., has been a guest in the home of C. R. Graham.

Dickie Stevens arrived from Indian territory. Eight years ago he left this place.

The house of John Payton burned New Years day.

January 14 --- Mr. J. A. McClellan has opened a shop at Adamson's stand. He is a No. 1 blacksmith. The new two-cent postage stamp was put into affect last Thurs. S. E. Porter is moving to California.

Mrs. John Murphy came to see her mother, Mrs. Shea.

February 11 --- The Newton Journal has turned it's eleventh year, under Ralph Robinson's administration.

Rev. J. N. Pierce, of Clinton, Missouri, was here to visit his daughters, Mrs. C. H. Newell and Mrs. A. A. Thompson.

A. T. Dowden received a patent for his potatoe harvester, this past week.

March 4 --- T. J. Cowman is the new owner of the east side restaurant, formerly operated by Vest Milsap.

Jos. Hinish, of Bonaparte, is here. Years back, Mr. Hinish was the tailor in Prairie City.

Wm. Johnson is the son of J. P. Johnson, south of town.

Wm. Fickess has left for Kansas.

April 1 --- J. P. Turner, our reliable miller, is repairing and improving the mill.

B. F. Worden, of Louverne, Minnesota, is at his son Frank's.

Mrs. Mary Donahoo, of Des Moines, is visiting among friends.

Jesse Rinehart moved, Monday, to a farm 5 miles south of here. Enoch Hanes has been to California. He says out there they

live on climate and strangers.

The J. S. Burns family are on their way to California. They are stopping off at their daughter's home in Adair, Mrs. Hemphill.

Rev. Edward B. Heaton, of Monroe, preached in the M. E. church at this place Sunday.

John V. Yowell, of Dunreath, has traded his store for a farm near here and will move on it.

W. K. Pomeroy moved to Dunreath.

April 15 --- The out-put of coal in Jasper county for 1886 was 286,034 tons.

Julius Berhand took out his first papers yesterday, to become an American citizen.

Jasper has 135 miles of railroads. (Jasper county)

Mrs. Allen, of Davenport, is visiting her son, E. D. Allen.

Mr. Ed. Zachary is now located near Ashland, Kansas.

Ira Butters has gone to Kansas, intending to locate there.

April 29 --- The Wabash round house burned Wednesday night, in Des Moines.

The six year old son of Mr. Carpenter, who lives south of town, by the brick church, was hurt while playing with a revolver.

Mrs. Carper, a widow, living 1½ miles north of Colfax, got burned quite bad when her dress caught fire while burning trash.

A. Rosecrans, founder of the Citizens Bank in 1875, is here from Illinois.

William Cowman, whose home has lately been in Missouri, is visiting his son, T. J. Cowman.

Mrs. H. C. Jobes has spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Churchill, of Fairmount.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1887

May 6 --- Word was received here of the death of Mrs. E.W. McDade, wife of the former pastor of the M. E. church. She died at her home in Boone, last Monday. She will be buried at Maryland.

W. B. Gilbert has purchased a book store at Stuart.

The barn of J. D. Barnevelt, burned on Monday.

Miss Clara Churchill is teaching school at Dunreath.

A. H. Brous went to Swan yesterday, where his brother is post master.

Mrs. A. J. Barton has gone to Plano, Illinois, to her daughter Mrs. Freeman's home, where a child is very ill.

Phillip Dinsmore, of Newton, visited his brother, J. W. here.

J. V. Yowell ran another new carriage into his barn Wednesday. It was made at Monroe.

Mr. Hiram Remmell, of Farmington, Maine, an old time school teacher of 1854 to 1862, at Vandalia, was back there visiting his old pupils and friends this past week.

May 20 --- The City Council are considering the purchase of more ground for cemetery purposes. The purchase in mind is the plat of ground, known as the Feathers cemetery, north of town, and recently laid off by him.

Hon. R. H. Porter, of New Hampshire, dropped in upon his brother and other relatives.

Dr. King, of Michigan, has bought Dr. Clark's office fixtures and team and will locate here. Dr. Clark is going to California.

W. C. Strawn, an old time member of the News force, is here from Marshalltown, visiting with his parents.

S. S. Wilson, post master of Colfax, was in town today.

May 27 --- Mr. and Mrs. James Wickwire, of Farmington, Ill., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, May 17. Two miles east of Farmington, Illinois, stands a large stone house, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wickwire. In the rear of this building stands the old log house in which they were married. It was the home of the pioneer, Eli Wilson, father of Mrs. Wickwire. This humble building was a station on the U. G. railroad in slavery days. Mrs. Wickwire is a sister of L. P. Wilson, of Prairie City and of Pomeroy Wilson, of Des Moines. They both attended the anniversary.

Mr. B. C. Ward received a case of pure maple syrup, from his uncle, T. D. Rood, of Milton, Vermont.

Freddie Meacham, 12 years old, driving from town yesterday, was swinging his foot outside the buggy when it became entangled in the wheel, breaking the leg just above the knee. Dr. Moore and Dr. Kramer set the fracture.

One of the worst train wrecks known of lately happened at Zachary's switch on Tuesday. No one was hurt but cars were strewn wildly along the track.

Messrs. C.B. Cozad and Joseph Freeman are going into the drug business. Mr. Freeman is from Jefferson.

Willie Duntley has the Prairie City and Colfax mail route for one year, commencing July 1st.

G. W. Cole, one of the oldest merchants of Monroe, was here.

Ed. Churchill has leased the Feathers' property and will provide the traveling public with a fine hotel.

Mr. Henry Wilson, of Delmont, Dakota, arrived here. He is the son of L. P. Wilson.

Mr. R. B. Zachary left yesterday for San Antonio, Texas. He is going to buy 100 Texas ponies and ship them to Prairie City.

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June 3 --- George L. Jarrett, proprietor of the Jarrett's engine and machine works, Des Moines, has contracted with A. T. Dowden to build his potatoe harvester.

The city has decided not to buy additional land for cemetery purposes, at this time.

B. F. Keables, of Laurel, is a son of J. B. Keables.

Mr. Eugene Potter, of Conn., is visiting his brother, Alfred.

Miss Carrie Linsey, of Geneva, Nebraska, is visiting in the family of her step brother, C. P. Emery.

Miss Mattie Plaskett, a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Barton, is here from Lawrence, Kansas.

Miss Jennie Keyser, of Des Moines, is sister of Mrs. Butters.

June 10 --- James Rose has the contract for carrying the mail from Vandalia to Des Moines, starting July 1st.

J. W. Jeffries team took fright at a bicycle and ran away.

Mayor James M. Brous, of Swan, is visiting his father, A. H. George Roach, the merchant monopolis at Dunreath, was here.

The J. W. Blaine family, of Warren county, is visiting the parental W. K. Blaine home.

Mrs. Anderson, of Ft. Madison, is sister of Mrs. R. Baird.

Will Richmond, of near Galesburg, Illinois, is at his uncle, William Lotts.

E. H. Dowden, of Madrid, is visiting here.

June 17 --- J. S. McWilliams is now living at Trabing, Wyoming.

Mrs. F. McMullen, of Harlan, is visiting her brother, Jacob Holdefer. She will then go to Lee county to visit.

Word was received of the death of Dr. G. P. Clark, now of San Diago, California, where he went for his health.

A step-son of Wm. Guthrie was hurt in a turn table at a mine near Swan on Thursday as he and other boys were playing.

There will be a camp fire at Bennington, two miles west of Percy, on Wednesday. All old veterans, their families and friends are invited. Bring your tin plates, cups, beans and coffee. Camp kettles will be furnished.

Mr. John Vandermast, of the Mirror, and Mr. Shaw, the jeweler, both of Monroe, paid us a visit.

Mrs. James Fleming, of Palo Alto Twp., had a cancer removed.

July 1 --- Mrs. Cowman, of the Casey Vindicator, was elected principal of the Casey schools for the coming year.

Mrs. Barbara Ryan, in her 76th year, is keeping house for her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Wood, while her daughter is away.

Parkers juvenile band consists of the following: Lillie Woodell, Cora Longmore, Lella Woodard and Mamie Porter, who has only one hand but plays the base drum. Also in the band are W. S. Parker, F. Butters, F. Woodard and W. Draper.

Mr. McLaughlin, of Dead Wood, Dakota, is here. He came this way to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laughlin. He is on his way to Chicago.

Miss Minnie Fais finished her school term and went to Ottumwa.

Mr. Harry C. Scott, a former Jasper county boy, is now an attorney at Denver, Colorado.

Miss Jessie Davis, daughter of A. W. Davis, received a gold watch and chain from her uncle, John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson were driving home Monday night when one of the lines broke. The team started to run. Mr. Johnson was thrown out but Mrs. Johnson was dragged some distance when the buggy upset.

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July 29 --- U. O. Bryan and his brother, George, have opened a produce business at Sarcoxie, Missouri. They report that Joe Bryan and A. McHenry are doing a good business at Bentonville, Ark.

Mrs. Samil Brown, daughter of Robert Owens, is very ill with typhoid fever, in Des Moines.

Mrs. Sarah Blodgett, of Dakota, is visiting her son, O. G. Word came to W. O. Rule of the drowning of his brother, J. W. Rule, who lived at New Port Bar, Santa Anna, California.

Mrs. Wm. Springer returned to Hastings, Neb., accompanied by her brother, Sherm, who will go into a printing office there.

J. Libolt's house, north of town was burned last week.

Mr. A. Means, of Vandalia community, is threshing his wheat. Abe Delph and Al Blood have the "Boss" machine and know how to use it. One piece of Dakota smooth wheat made 30 bushels an acre.

Amos Flint is building a floating palace which he is going to launch on the raging Des Moines. We can get plenty of fish then.

August 5 --- J. L. Johnson, of Hickory Grove Twp., is another candidate for sherrif of Jasper county.

Henry Daly, of Des Moines, says he lived in Prairie City 20 years and wants the paper sent to him.

As the west bound Wabash passenger train was nearing Dunreath last Saturday morning, six horses met death in front of the engine. The horses belonged to J. M. Adamson.

Lee, the five year old son of W. C. Lacy, broke his leg.

A. Kindall Esq., of Onawa, is here. He used to live here.

August 12 --- Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cozad, of Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. G.B. McCullough, of Jefferson, visited their son and brother, C. B. Cozad, our druggist.

Ole G. Baker has opened a Boot and Shoe shop here.

Superintendent John L. Stuart, of the Dunreath Red Sand Stone Quarry, was in town this week.

Mrs. J. V. Yowell is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Pleasantville.

John Clymer, last week, while digging for water on his farm, struck coal at the depth of 15 feet.

The Rock Island have removed their water tank, east of town, on the land of A. W. Davis, where water is supplied from a deserted coal shaft, about 200 feet deep.

W. F. Holmes is proprietor of the Milburn Wagon Works, of Milburn, New Jersey.

Reasin Main lost two horses from eating wheat.

Monday, as John Ryan and Ira Winchell were pulling their steam thresher into Marshall Feather's lot, one of the teams caught a pipe at the front of the boiler and broke it off, letting steam on the horses. The team ran away, upsetting the machine in a ditch.

Yesterday, G. M. Wood, station agent, received a dispatch that a train of fifteen coaches bearing excursionists to Niagara, had gone through a bridge between Peoria and the state line, killing over one hundred and wounding twice that amount. None of our Prairie City people were on that train.

August 19 --- M. H. Davis is moving to Des Moines.

The registration at the county normal this year is very large. The following are in attendance from Prairie City: I. N. Beard, Charles woodard, Laura Cowman, Anna Vetter, Blanche Little, Ella Groom, Mrs. E. Woodard, Anna Turner, Cora Murphy, Pitt Remsberg, George Scott, Rhoda Offill and Emma Offill.

There has been an average of about six extra freight trains this week.

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August 26 --- Dr. D. P. Biggor, surgeon of the North Pacific Railroad, visited last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Kingdon, whom he hadn't seen for twenty two years. He left Monday for his home in Brainard, Minnesota. Frank Biggor, a cousin from Creston, has also been here.

Mrs. Abram Gustlin, of Boone, is visiting her brother, Marshall Feathers, of this place.

Lafayette Young, of the Atlantic Telegraph, was in town.

Mr. Charles Hanes, of near Indianapolis, is visiting his brother, S. J. Hanes.

A. H. Brous attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Malinda Bader, who died at Swan. She was buried in the Cowman cemetery.

James McFadden and daughter, of Crawfordsville, are visiting George McFadden's and J. G. Bidwell's.

Mrs. J. P. Jones was called to Buena Vista county because of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Montgomery.

Baxter has actually a paper of it's own. H. W. Bruner is editor and proprietor.

September 2 --- Rev. J. P. Roach, of Creston, the oldest minister of the Christian denomination in the state, is in this city to attend the annual Christian conference. This was his early home and here his two sons still reside.

J. Q. Hargrove, of Van Buren county are visiting T. P. Jones.

Dr. H. C. Eschbach, of Monroe, is taking care of Dr. Moore's patients during his absence.

Messrs. Monlux Bros. of Monroe, have decided to establish a flour, feed and exchange business in Feathers' hall, in charge of Marshall Feathers.

September 9 --- The hole that is prospectively an artesian well, at Newton, is down 1,035 feet. The drill is in hard lime stone at present.

Up until yesterday, 355 excursion tickets had been sold for the State Fair. The number will probably reach 500.

Dr. H. M. Norton, of Kent, is visiting his brother, C. P.

Aaron Patchin is clerking for John Griffis, at Oberlin, Kan.

E. McConaughey has bought J. D. Barnevelt's interest in the north side barber shop.

September 23 --- Nearly the whole north east part of town has been hauling water from the square for weeks. This well has begun to fail and the council has ordered another one dug.

The new M. E. minister for Prairie City is Mr. J. H. Anderson.

Thomas Woods, of Helena Montana, was here after stock cattle this week. When a boy, he was penniless. He managed to get to Prairie City from New York, and made his home at L. P. Wilson's. He is a well to do man now and has a large stock farm in Montana.

The E.A. Parker family, of Reno county, Kansas, are planning to move to Oregon. Mrs. Parker is the daughter of L. P. Wilson.

Mrs. Connole, of Mt. Morris, Illinois, is here visiting. She used to live in our town.

Harry Springer, Wabash station agent at Herndon, is here. He is a brother of L. H. Springer.

J. H. Elliott, of Ladoga, is visiting his son, J. W. Elliott.

John P. Johnson is at Adair, visiting Phill Nolan's.

Mrs. A. M. Illius, of Ruthven, is back here visiting friends.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1887

October 7 --- Mr. McComb, of the firm of McComb Bros., of Otley, was in town last week.

John Libolt and family have moved to the Hotel Colfax. He is employed as superintendent of the building.

George Dickenson and Ed Marechal, both of Iowa City, are visitors at the B.R. McClellan home.

George W. Ruggles went to Bellwood, Nebraska on Tuesday.

Rev. Fletcher Brown, of Indianola, financial agent for Simpson College, was in town this morning.

October 21 --- Supervisor John Roberts called, enroute home from a visit to his son, W. E. Roberts, of Greene county.

Wes Daniels has brought his family back to Prairie City.

Mrs. Joseph Porter, of Pella, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Millison.

The following relatives gathered at the home of Ira Winchell: Mrs. W.P. Badger, of Muscota, Kansas, Mrs. Oll Coomes, of Cass county, Hon. W. P. Kellogg, of Louisiana, and mr. and Mrs. Dennis Winchell, of Newton. Tuesday they all went to visit another sister at Sigourney.

Rev. J. P. Roach is moving to Des Moines. He visited his son, George W. Roach at Dunreath and his son, Ben at this place.

November 4 --- Mrs. Mary Ann Stevens received word that her son Josiah, was injured in a railroad accident, in Illinois.

L. P. Wilson received a telegram Thursday, that his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Adair, of Delmont, Dakota, was dangerously ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Wilson and daughter, Emma, left on the train.

Frank Roush, of Dunreath, a workman of the Red Sand Stone Quarry at Red Rock, had a foot badly mashed by falling stone.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buckingham are making their home here.

In two weeks, the Mirror begins it's sixteenth Volume. Seven of these years Brother Vandermaast has been at the helm.

November 18 --- Rev. G. H. Sharpley has accepted a call from the Second Reform church at Pella, and will become their pastor.

W. H. Moore, of Kansas City is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scarbrough celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on November 16. They were married in Brownsville, Pa.

The Carey brothers are putting up an addition to their store at Dunreath. Aunt Mary Carey is the genial hostess of the Dunreath Hotel. Mr. J. V. Yowell and son-in-law I. W. Shriver were visitors there yesterday.

The A. Blood home burned recently, at Vandalia. The house was an old land mark which loomed up in 1859.

The Camp Creek Coal Co. near Runnels, have recently introduced the compressed air system of mining, at the expence of \$12000.

Joseph Reed who met with an accident in the mines is better.

D. T. Brown reports the sale of fifteen lots in the last two weeks at Runnels.

The Runnels Coal Co. are now making coke from the coal dust and are contemplating the erection of ten new furnaces.

Nov. 25 --- It has been reported that Mrs. Albert Martendale, of Colfax, died from burns she received while lighting a lamp.

Mr. Casey has resigned his duties at the Dunreath railroad station and James Shawhan sold his interest in the Dunreath Coal Mines to William Dean.

Melville Moore, of Spokane Falls, Wash., is back for a visit.

Pleasant Pell, three miles east of town, sold his 80 acre farm to Reuben French

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I will sell at my residence  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City (A. B. Jenks place), on Friday, November 25, 1887, sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp, the following property to-wit: 40 head of shoats, 7 milch cows, 4 horses, 1000 bushels of corn in crib, 12 or 15 tons of timothy hay in barn, 10 tons of oats straw, 60 acres of stock pasture, 2 sets of good work harness, 1 new wagon, 1 spring wagon, 1 new buggy top, 1 sixteen inch stirring plow, 1 Champion harrow, 2 cultivators, 1 potatoe plow, 5-can creamer and cans, 3 coal heating stoves, furniture, potatoe screens and other articles such as shovels, traps, etc.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

James S. Graham

The undersigned will sell at public sale, on the farm known as the George Ryan farm, 2 miles south of Prairie City, on Feb. 8, 1887, the following personal property to-wit: 2 work horses, 2 colts, 5 milch cows, 4 calves, 18 hogs, 200 bushels of corn, 1 wagon, 1 bobsled, 1 stirring plow, 3 cultivators, 2 tons timothy hay and other articles. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

T. J. Cowman

The undersigned will sell at public auction on his farm, one mile west of Prairie City, known as the Scott farm, on Wednesday, February 9, 1887, the following personal property to wit: 7 head of horses, 20 head of cattle, 1 set of double harness, 1 wagon, 1 bobsled, 1 top buggy, 1 new reaper and mower combined, used one year, 2 stirring plows, 1 harrow, 1 fanning mill, 2 cultivators, 1 sleigh, 1 sulky hay rake, 1 new hay rack, corn in cribs, hay in stack. Household furniture --- 1 cook stove, 1 table, 3 bedsteads, 1 cupboard with sash doors, 1 safe, 1 patent churn, 2 bureaus and other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

Wm. K. Blain

There will be offered at public auction on the farm of E. B. Adkins (deceased), three miles east of Prairie City, on February 15, 1887, sale to begin at 10 a. m., the following property to-wit: 14 head of cattle, 2 horses, 65 hogs, 450 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of oats,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons of hay, scales, corn planter, corn sheller and corn grinder, feed cooker, mower, stalk cutter, hay rack, hay rake, wagon and other articles.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

Ezra Adkins.

I will offer at public auction at my farm, 1 mile east of Prairie City, on October 10, 1887, at 10 a. m., the following property to-wit: 9 head of horses, 67 head of cattle, 65 shoats.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

A. W. Davis.

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The undersigned will sell at public auction at his residence 3 miles south-west of Prairie City, on February 14, 1887, the following property: 2 mares and 1 colt, 4 milk cows and 4 calves, 3 sows, 1 bob-sled, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, 1 Barlow corn planter, 1 stirring plow, 1 cultivator, 1 three-horse harrow, 1 hay rack, 1 four-row corn planter, 1 Hopkins mower, 1 set of work harness, 1 set of buggy harness, 1 cook stove, 1 heating stove, 1 potatoe plow, 1 grindstone, household goods and other articles.

M. A. McCord Auct.

S. E. Porter.

I will offer at public sale at my farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Prairie City, on November 10, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following property to-wit: 36 head of cattle, 3 horses, about 15 tons of hay, two-fifths of 22 acres of corn fodder, 1 three-seated platform spring buggy, 1 pair of harness, 1 Cooley creamer and can, and numerous other articles.

F. A. McMurray, Auct.

Lemuel Dowden.

The undersigned, living  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Monroe, will sell at public sale on October 8, 1887, at 10 a. m. the following articles: 45 head of cattle, 3 horses, 30 head of hogs, some seed oats, (New Welcome variety) 1 four-can creamer, some farming implements, 25 acres of corn in field and a number of other things.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

A. P. Cottrell.

The undersigned living  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Prairie City, will offer for sale on November 9, 1887, at 10 a. m., the following property: 20 head of cattle, 100 shocks of corn fodder.

J. D. Norris, Auct.

C. C. Stam.

( To save space, the following 1886 sales are below )

I will offer at public auction at my residence,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City, on November 24, 1886, the following property to-wit: 10 head of horses; 54 head of cattle; 1 Buckeye mower and 1 harrow.

M. A. McCord, Auct,

W. Wagner.

The undersigned will sell at public sale on the Norris farm, formerly known as the Weigel farm, 3 miles south of Prairie City, on December 31, 1886, the following property to-wit: 9 head of horses; 23 head of cattle; 44 head of hogs; 1 set of double harness; 1 check rower; 2 stirring plows; 200 lbs. of barbed wire. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

James H. Zachary.  
Administrator of the estate of Louisa S. Meagher.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1888

January 6 --- With the beginning of 1888, the firm of S. F. Stoll & Co. changed to Cozad and Freeman, Mr. Stoll retiring.

The Altoona coal mines have been abandoned. Monday a subterranean stream of water broke upon the works and gave the miners a chase for their lives. The mules were drowned and all their equipment was lost. This will leave one hundred men without work.

Last Thursday night, the house of James Ware burned at Colfax.

Mrs. T. Wright, of Pella, visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Anderson. Mrs. N. Woodell, of Hutchinson, Kansas, came to visit the family of M. L. Woodell. The men folks are brothers.

C.P. Norton has been feasting on oranges from his grove in Florida.

Mr. George Dickinson, of Jesup, is visiting here.

Richard Charles has purchased of John P. Johnson, the 40 acres just south of the former's home.

January 13 --- The entire row of frame business buildings on the west side of the square were burned down last night. The fire originated in the rear of Frank Robert's Store, between ten and eleven o'clock. It was impossible to save anything in five of the buildings as the fire had made too much headway. Shaw & Son, S. Dixon and Frank Hiskey succeeded in getting their goods all out. With superhuman efforts, the flames were checked on the south of the brick building occupied by Howard & Tice, although it caught fire several times, and on the north by the brick block occupied by W. Davis, Fisher & Co. and J. L. Scharf. The loss is a terrible one to Monroe. The following are some of the losses: F. Roberts, grocery stock, nothing saved, building owned by T. Schenck; J. C. Clapper, barber fixtures, nothing saved, building owned by Irwin estate; J. Kipp & Son, attorneys, nothing saved, except the safe. All town records burned with the exception of the Council records in the hands of the Recorder; Dairymple's drug stock and fixtures, nothing saved; Greenleaf & Scarth, meat shop, partial loss, building owned by Dixon Bros.; L. M. Shaw & Son, jewelers, and S. Dixon book and news store, in one building, goods all saved; F. Hiskey, boot and shoe stock, goods nearly all saved; Scharf's goods were all saved.

February 10 --- Willis Nutter, who was killed recently by cars, at Swan, was born in Monroe, and lived in Jasper county.

Mr. Van Maren, who lives five miles south of Prairie City, will move to a farm near Pipestone, Minnesota.

Edward Webb, only son of Dr. J. W. Webb has typhoid fever.

A. Silvers, our house mover is busy at Pella.

Jacob Walters, the bridge builder for Shelby county, is here visiting among friends.

The store, belonging to Mr. J. F. Maplethorpe, burned at Dunreath, Saturday night.

Mr. A. L. Miner, of Sac county, visited his aunt, Mrs. John Potter, this week. He took one of his uncle's Holsteins home.

T. C. Churchill, of Fairmount, is moving to Lincoln, Nebraska.

We are pleased to announce that Prairie City will soon have a furniture store, Mr. M. Feathers Proprietor.

Ira Draper purchased the stock of groceries formerly owned by Hammack & Shriver. His son O. W. will be a junior partner.

February 24 --- Mrs. J. H. Anderson was called to St. Charles because of the death of her sister's child, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Baldridge.

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Our friend Harry Bowen was married February 21st at Unionville, Missouri, to Miss Nellie Thompson, of that place.

Daniel Gutter, wife and daughter, of Knox county, Nebraska, is back here visiting. They left nine years ago,

J. E. Groom closed a winter's term of school north of town.

W. A. Hanes has been granted a pension.

March 2 --- Mrs. Rogers, of Prairie City, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cowman, at Casey, became very ill last week and her daughter, Miss Ida, was sent for.

Miss Viola Inglesby, of Oskaloosa, is teaching near here.

John V. Adkins, former resident here, has been admitted a partnership in the banking firm of John Metcalf & Co. at Paullina.

The Wabash passenger train from Des Moines and the water train of Ottumwa & Kirkville road collided four miles of Ottumwa at 9.15 last night. Three deaths and many injuries.

Springer has disposed of his hotel and moved to Oskaloosa.

Buck Robinson, formerly of Monroe, froze to death last Sat. near Yankton, Dakota.

Mr. T.M. Sparks, of near Lynnville, has purchased from D. T. Brown, a farm of 140 acres, near George Van Dyke's.

Mr. John Shorten has lived in this vicinity twenty five years and he says he never saw the severity of the weather as bad as the last ten days. Wm. Kingdon was snow bound in Monroe and finally left his team and came home on the train Saturday.

Freeman Lape departed with his family for Cheyenne county, nebraska. E. E. Galusha and family moved to near Boliver, Mo.

George Weigel, son of Jacob Weigel, of Creighton, Nebraska, is here. James Kempley and Jesse Rinehart have gone to northern Iowa. We hope they send us a snowball next July. Jesse goes to Lyon county.

March 9 --- The Norris coal bank is on fire and has been for some time. This town is very short of coal.

Charles Sullivan purchased the restaurant stock from T. J. Cowman.

The Swan News has changed hands. H. W. Hicklin takes charge.

Stephen Onstank has moved his family to Pella.

George M. Dearth is general agent for the Red Rock Land and Coal Co. His home is Dunreath.

March 23 --- Kittie Main, four year old daughter of Reasin Main, was badly burned when her clothing caught fire.

Harvey J. Griffis moved into his town property last week and his son D. A. Griffis moved to the farm.

Mr. A. T. Dowden has already opened the blacksmithing department of his machine shops. He will receive all custom work.

April 6 --- George Stauffer will take his family to Kingston, Missouri.

A. T. Dowden has employed George Tomlinson to work in his shops. He is a first class blacksmith.

Dr. I. H. Moore is moving to Des Moines. Dr. McConaughey has come to this town. His office is at the Tremont House. He has practiced six years in Jasper county and lately at Red Rock.

Ward Churchill, of New York, was here. He has gone on to Lincoln to see his brother T. C. Churchill.

A. J. Wiggins is building a new barn on his farm.

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April 13 --- B. W. Brown is hauling lumber to his farm to build a new house.

Without word or warning the Whitebreast Coal Co., last Friday stopped operations and began loading it's machinery on cars. This leaves 150 men without work at Swan. They have had water trouble.

We notice a patent iron fence post at the Citizens bank, the invention of Wm. Crabb, of Percy.

A. U. Bernard has purchased the Zachary bank block. He is from Grinnell.

Mrs. Benjamin Cope, of Mitchellville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Moore, last week.

Operators John Porter and Joe Clifford, and conductor, Charles Keating, of the Rock Island, all Sundayed at home.

B.R. McLellan moves to the farm this week.

April 27 --- Mr. John Brown, who formerly resided near Fairmount, removed from Indianola to Prairie City, Monday. He is father of Rev. Fletcher Brown, of Simpson College, who was also here getting the old folks settled.

Mrs. Lizzie Rou went to Harlan to see a sick sister.

The attendance last Sunday at the M. E. Sabbath school was 125.

Ed Churchill takes formal possession of the Arlington House at Stuart, on May 1st.

Rev. Allen Hickey, of Stockton, Kansas, has returned to make this his home. He is a Christian minister and lived here seven years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hickey are the parents of Mrs. L. C. Dowden.

L. T. McUllough, of the Shenandoah Sentinel, visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Zachary.

Mr. Z. T. Williams, wife and two children, of Montpelier, Ken., arrived to visit his brother, L. A. Williams and family.

B. F. McConnell, recently of Montana, is back for a visit. He once knew this vicinity quite well, having been raised from boyhood on a farm between here and Colfax. His brother, J. Q. is in the stock business with him in Montana. His other brother R. J. lives at Syracuse, Kansas.

May 4 --- Wm. Porter paid us a call. It will be 30 years next August since he settled in Jasper.

R. E. Montgomery has moved from Los Angeles to Pasadena.

Mr. Gadbury, of Percy, of the firm of Gadbury & Worley was in town yesterday.

It is said the Swan News is to move to Runnels and become the Runnels news.

Dr. Harp will occupy the room vacated by the News in a few days. We move to other rooms in the same building.

Fifteen successive days of rain have give us hope for crops.

George W. Roach has sold his stock of merchandise at Dunreath to Pleas Brown, of Runnels. Delbert Blodgett will take charge.

One of the most attractive places in Prairie City is Sullivans Palace Restaurant.

The men are sinking a shaft and mining operations will begin on the Alva Wilson farm two miles north west of town.

May 18 --- Marshall Feathers sold the lot adjacent to Cozad & Freeman's drug store to Stephen Riffel. He will erect a brick building. Norton & Bisbee are already in the process of building. This is on the north side. The two vacant lots at the north-east corner should furnish a site for a Hotel.

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We have a new flour manufactured by the Prairie City Roller Mills. The first Saturday after the mills started over fifty sacks were sold. Champlain & Turner are to be congratulated.

Miss Hyre, of Muncie, Indiana, is visiting her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norris.

Miss Bertha Wilkins, of Ill., is at her aunt's, Mrs. Norton.

Mrs. A. J. Barton has gone to Lawrence, Kansas, to see her two sisters.

Mrs. Stephen Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Blodgett, went to Mo.

S. D. Montgomery is the newly elected principal in the Colfax schools.

May 25 --- Mrs. Worthington, of Pleasantville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Harp.

Mrs. H. M. Harp returned to her home in Otley, after a weeks visit in the home of her son, Dr. Harp.

Deakin & Herweh keep a supply of coal on hand in Prairie City.

Rev. George H. Cotton and wife, of Brunswick, New Jersey are coming to visit their sister, Mrs. J. D. Snyder.

Ex-Supervisor Roberts is building a new house on his farm.

Mrs. John Davis, daughter of Mrs. D. B. Hayes, lives in Woodbury county.

June 8 --- Gilbert S. Fox, of near Mitchellville, called here.

Mrs. John Owens returned from Syracuse, Kansas, where she visited a sister and brother.

Five cars of Brick are at the depot and Andy Yuill will see to transferring them to the north side where the new brick block is.

Mrs. Jacob Van Vark is visiting her parents at Leighton.

James Ross is building a new house four miles west of town.

Mrs. Laura Blanchard, of Afton, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. A. Brammer.

Mr. Sherman Blodgett, of Yankton, Dakota, is visiting his brother, O. G. Blodgett.

John Yowell, C. B. Cozad, Fant Moore, David Brown and C. B. Adams represented Prairie City at the State Shooting Tournament, Tuesday.

June 15 --- The Misses Gertrude and Bessie Clark, accompanied by their sister, Mrs. Jennie Sallada, of Des Moines, are visiting their father, Thomas Clark, of Irwin.

Reasin Logan, of Rhodes, is visiting his sister Mrs. Ed Newell.

All the past winter Mr. J. E. Groom walked 2½ miles and taught his school. He is 69 years old and has taught 51 years.

Mr. James Kay, of Henry county, Illinois, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. O. Rule. He will go to Fonda to visit a son.

Miss Effie McLellan is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Dickinson, at Iowa city.

June 22 --- Little Ward Badger broke his arm, playing in the barn, Wednesday.

Capt. Cozad, of Newton, has lived in Jasper county 32 years.

Prof. J. W. Blattner, son of G. M. Blattner, arrived from Austin, Texas. He is a graduate of Central University. He is now principal of a deaf and dumb school at Austin.

Dr. S. J. Morris, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, has decided to locate here.

Uncle Billy's barn burned Sunday night. The fire boys worked hard to keep D. C. Gifford's barn on the next lot from burning

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June 20 --- Dr. Jones, of Percy is moving to Des Moines.

Mr. McLaughlin, of Denver, visits his sister, Mrs. Laughlin, whom he hasn't seen for 33 years. and to visit Mr. John Potter, another relative, whom he hasn't seen for 40 years

Newton's artesian well is a failure. After boring nearly 1500 feet, the drills are now fast in the hole.

Mrs. Emma McFarland, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reasin Moore.

July 6 --- The new building west of the bank, which is just completed, had the glass set in it by J. I. Montgomery. There were 107 glass, large and small.

Mrs. A. K. Stoddard, of Oskaloosa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keables.

July 13 --- L. P. Wilson and wife attended the golden wedding anniversary of E. P. Wilson, in Des Moines, last night, July 12th.

Monroe is excited over the discovery and prospective opening of large fields of ochre near town. The veins are of good depth.

Jeff Cowman has re-opened his restaurant, in the new block, west of Citizens bank.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wing received word of the death of Mrs. Wing's youngest brother, of Albany, New York, yesterday.

Robinson, Kennington and Engle, of the Newton press, are with the editorial excursion.

Mrs. S. B. Hanaway, of Dallas, Texas, is spending the summer at her father's, J. W. Taylor.

W. K. Blain had a barn raising at his farm yesterday.

George Stauffer and family returned from Kingston, Missouri.

July 27 --- The town road grader has encircled the park and it's track is made to do duty for bicycle practice.

Ben Roach went to Sheridan county, Kansas and bought a 640 acre ranch, including cows, horses and machinery.

Newt. Moore, one of the carpenters working on W. K. Blain's barn, fell twenty feet but received only bruises.

These gentlemen of Prairie City, were voters for Gen. Harrison in 1840, living at the places designated: S. S. Moore, Washington county, Ohio; George Bryan, Russell county, Kentucky; Hiram Ward, Pike county, Illinois and T. Preston Lowman, Highland county, Ohio.

Mr. J. P. French, of Fairmount, was hurt when a hay derrick fell on him.

Levi Springer's mother is very ill, at Melrose.

Mrs. Daniels, of Kansas, is at her sister's, Mrs. Holdefer.

W. O. Rule's uncle, at Toulon, Illinois, is ill.

Mrs. Charles Petty, of Sloansville, New York, is at the A.P. Wing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Isham and Mr. and Mrs. R. Litchfield, of Pleasantville, are visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rogers.

August 3 --- R. B. Barnes was injured while putting up hay.

The Mitchellville Index is six years old, Marmon proprietor.

G. W. Rouse and son, of Oskaloosa, are here making estimates on some new buildings to be erected. He built the new M. E. church.

Jimmie Jeffries went to Twin Lakes to visit his sisters.

Ira E. Draper will harvest several tons of hay on his farm.

A log cabin and republican club are talked of as early features of Prairie City politics.

Dr. Young, of Percy, was a caller at our office.

Work on the Gill and Gilbert block commences on Monday.

E. C. Kinsell will move houses for anyone desiring so.

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August 10 --- Probably the best day's stacking ever done in this section of the country was accomplished a week ago Saturday on D. C. Gifford's farm near town. Three men and four boys, with one of these patent stackers, put 55 tons of hay in the rick.

Isaac Porter had his foot cut quite bad with the mower sickle. Wilson, Jenks & Son have 1,000 good oak posts for sale.

Ezra Adkins, a one arm soldier, is our county Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Whiteside are at J. S. Graham's. They live at Sac City.

August 17 --- E. H. Winfrey, who was shot through the thigh, in the riot at Shenendoah, is a Polk county school teacher and resides at Runnells. He was attending college at Shenendoah.

We had a violent rain storm Tuesday night. Bridges and culverts were nearly all washed away on the wagon roads. Lightning struck the Capitol school house and badly damaged it. Two barns were burned. Fred Kellogg and D. C. Gifford each lost a cow.

August 24 --- Wm. Elliott has been instrumental in removing one of the landmarks from Prairie City. It is the Howard elevator built some 15 years ago and which stood near the depot. Mr. Elliott will take the building to Calhoun county to be reconstructed.

C. A. Tower is located at Zachary Switch and will pay the highest market for grain and produce.

J. R. Justice is here from Pennsylvania, buying horses. He will ship them from Mitchellville.

Amos Lester and family from near Fairmount, started Wednesday for Boise county, Idaho. His address will be VanWyck, Idaho.

August 31 --- Nevada, Iowa, boasts of the oldest voter in Iowa. He is Micah French and is ninety-seven years old.

Will Strawn is working on the Marshalltown Times Republican.

A team with three men in the buggy was driven over the top of a wire fence, in Tama county, on the hail that banked up during the storm last Saturday.

September 7 --- Mrs. Johnson of Iowa City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. E. Winchell.

Mr. Albert Thompson and family. of Norton county, Kansas, are visiting in Vandalia. He used to live there until 3 years ago.

John V., David, and Miss Mae Adkins are visiting here. John is cashier for a Paulina bank, David is enroute for Washington Territory, where his wife has preceded him, for her health and Miss Mae will go back to her home in Newton.

D. A. Moffett has bought the A. W. Davis farm.

Mrs. Jacob de Vries, of Pella, is visiting her sisters here. Herbert Ward was in the bicycle race at the State Fair Wed.

The Harrison and Morton club was organized last Saturday evening with the following officers installed: President -- B. C. Ward, 1st Vice President -- W. H. Daft, 2nd Vice President -- J. B. Roach, Secretary -- D. Kramer, Treasurer -- Ira Draper, Executive Committee -- S. D. Butters, A. J. Wiggins and J. V. Yowell.

September 14 --- While excavating for the foundation for the new hotel, the workmen came on to a buried tombstone which bore the date of 1854. It is not known how it got there but is thought it might have been placed in an old cave that once stood there.

B. R. McLellan is building a new barn on his farm.

For 34 years, excluding three, there has been frost by Sept. 20.

A. H. Brous has been visited by a sister from Oregon whom he hasn't seen for thirteen years.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1888

September 28 --- The contractor on the artesian well at Newton, has given up his job and packed his tools and gone back to Chicago. He gave back the \$1,000 advanced to him by the city.

Last night, at Colfax, Wm. Manning's Feed Mill caught fire and burned.

J. B. Wolfred made 320 gallons of sorgum last week.

The Free Methodists have secured the use of the Congregational church and will services every Sunday afternoon and evening. Sabbath school in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and preaching at night.

L. Van Maren went to Pipestone, Minn. to visit his children.

George W. Roach bought a stock of clothing at Mitchellville, and will take possession October 1st.

Mrs. Jane Stafford, of Little Rock, Arkansas, is visiting her brother J. D. Bedell.

Henry Efnor, the county bridge builder, who lives near the town of Reasnor, is repairing bridges here in this locality.

E. C. Freeman, of Jefferson, is at his brother's, J. H.

Seven new brick buildings have been erected in Prairie City since March and more to be built.

L. H. Harbour visited his sister at Leesburg, Ohio.

October 5 --- With this issue Messrs. Hammack & Allen take over the Prairie City News. They are from South Dakota.

Luther S. Young starts for Colorado to live.

Mrs. A. Yuill is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Haines, in Des Moines township.

Harry Taylor, from Green county, is visiting his uncle, Joe Turner, our miller.

October 26--- Mrs. Musgrove, of Oskaloosa, came here to attend the funeral of Lemuel Dowden, a brother. James Dowden, of Lincoln, Nebraska, also attended his brother's funeral.

W. D. Spurgeon, of Percy will start for Kansas, where he will visit his daughter this winter and go to Nebraska in the spring.

We hear that Harvey S. Young, of Washington, Iowa, was married to Miss Eva L. Parmley, at Colfax, October 23.

D. H. Miller, of Medford, Oregon, is a brother-in-law to A. H. Brous. Mr. James McCleary is a brother-in-law to A. B. Jenks.

Bill Crossland, of Newton, is a former Prairie City boy.

Tom Long, of Indianola, was in town. He is a Monroe boy.

J. W. Brown, editor of the Runnels Telegram, was in town.

November 2 --- About 1 p. m. the barn of J. W. Cochran,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of town, burned to the ground in less than twenty minutes, including grain, hay and a span of valuable horses. The fire was started by Mr. Cochran's five year old son, who said he only wanted to burn some straw. (This was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Colfax)

The farmers all turned out to dig Reason Maine's potatoe crop. Mr. Main and wife have typhoid fever.

Mrs. Daley, of Pella is a sister of Dr. Harp.

Miss Effie McLellan is the champion potatoe picker of Jasper county.

The shipment of potatoes from this place will reach at least 1000 cars, or 555,000 bushels. Can any other town beat that?

Mrs. McCleary, of O'Brian county, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groom.

Mr. James McCleary and sons have gone back to Missouri.

Thomas Gray received word that his daughter, living in Washington Territory had died of typhoid fever.

## PRAIRIE CITY 1888

November 30 --- Johnnie Richards was attacked by a bull, on the farm of Dug. Griffis, where he is employed. Mr. Griffis' two brothers, Frank and Joe rescued him. He was thrown into the air.

A train consisting of 27 cars of furniture consigned to Mr. M. Feathers, of Prairie City, was wrecked a few miles outside the city limits this morning.

Word was received that William Wilks, of Monroe and Sarah C. Yoakum, of Dunreath, were married in Des Moines. We have also had word of the approaching marriage of Norris Wiggins and Miss Bell Gadbury. Her home is Percy.

Having rented my farm I will sell to the highest bidder at my farm  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Prairie City, on Tuesday, November 27, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a. m. the following described property to-wit: Six head of horses, five calves, nine cows, four yearling steers, ten stock hogs, a lot of Plymouth Rock chickens and two thoroughbred short-horn bull calves. One Buckeye down binder, Louden stacker, farm wagon, plows, harrows, household furniture and other numerous articles.

J. A. McConnell

The undersigned, living  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Monroe, will sell at public auction on December 27, 1888, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. the following property to-wit: 7 head of horses, 13 head of cattle, 1500 to 2000 bushels of corn in crib, 2 sets of double harness, 1 set of single harness, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, 2 stirring plows, 2 cultivators, 1 potatoe plow, 2 harrows, 1 Boss engate, 1 cream tank and cans, wood heating stove and other articles.

J. T. Graham, Auct.

A. P. Cottrell

As I have sold my farm and expect to move away, I will offer for sale at my residence,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-west of Fairmount, Iowa, on August 9, 1888. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. The following property to-wit: 11 head of horses and colts, 2 yearling mules, 11 head of milch cows, 1 Buckeye down binder, 2 wagons, 1 potatoe digger, plow, cultivators, harrows and other farm equipment. Household and kitchen furniture. Corn in the field, potatoes in the field and hay in the stack. Some fence posts, also the pasturing of the farm until the first of March.

F. A. McMurray, Auct.

Amos Lester

Having rented my farm, I will sell the following at public auction at my farm  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south-east of Prairie City, on Monday, March 12, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property to-wit: 12 head of horses, 32 head of cattle, 8 brood sows, 1 sulky plow, 1 stirring plow, 1 corn plow, 2 drags, 1 lumber wagon, 1 buggy, 1 binder, 1 hay loader, 1 hay rake, 1 Buckeye mower, 2 sets of double harness, 1 single harness, 1 pair bobsleds and 200 shocks of corn. A number of household articles.

M. A. McCord, Auct.

Ed Churchill