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—Miss Blanche Taylor and Bernice McCormick have returned from Keokuk.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rollins, of Marion, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

—Rev. T. E. Taylor, of Independence, spent part of last week with his parents in this city.

—Mrs. Charles H. Day, of Dubuque, was in town Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. E. P. Seeds.

—Mrs. Edward Grassfield, who has been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, is much improved.

—Hogan Bros. shipped three hundred and sixty head of two year old cattle to New Castle, Wyoming, last week.

—Our lady readers, or at least a large majority of them, will read Clark & Lawrence's spring announcement.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Taylor, of Evanston, Ill., visited with the former's parents in this city a part of last week.

—Miss Crosby has returned from Chicago where she purchased a stock of reasonable millinery for Henry Good-hill.

—Mrs. T. M. Johnson, of Storm Lake arrived here last Friday evening and is a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen.

—W. W. Worden, of Des Moines, spent Sunday in this city at the home of Dr. P. E. Triem. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Triem.

—Fred Ford went to Colesburg last Friday to look after the branch store there of the Racket Store. He will be gone about a week.

—Miss Florence Day is in Chicago informing herself in the latest styles and purchasing a line of millinery goods for D. F. Riddell & Co.

—Miss Addie Flack and Miss Crosby returned from Chicago last Saturday where they have been looking up the styles in spring millinery.

—Ed Hruby, A. C. Philipp and Dr. C. L. Leigh spent Sunday at Earlville, the guests of Albert Stabile who returned home from Cuba last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hadley, of Sioux City were among those from abroad who attended the funeral of Mrs. E. P. Seeds here last Thursday.

—W. H. Hutchinson's pointer, Brighton Joe, took two second prizes at the bench show in Chicago last week. His blood-brother, H. R. H., was awarded third prize.

—Miss Winnie Brownell who has been visiting friends and relatives in this city for the past two months returned to her home in Bradford last Monday morning.

—Roy Morse leaves next Sunday morning for Chicago where he will take a course of instruction in the Chicago Secretarial and Physical Training School. He expects to spend the summer at Lake Geneva.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Pogue had the misfortune to lose their infant daughter who died at their home near Masonville, last Sunday. The funeral was held Monday and the remains were interred in the Masonville cemetery.

—The article, "Kidean Hall etc" on second page is a continuation by Mrs. Wilson of what she saw on her trip to the "Thousand Islands," and like her contributions to the Democrat that have preceded it, is very entertaining and instructive.

—Charlie Stewart who stole thirty dollars from the Y. M. C. A. two weeks ago was sentenced last Friday afternoon by Judge Platt to fourteen months confinement in the state penitentiary. Sheriff Fishel took him to Anamosa Monday morning.

—The latest swindle reported is that of a fellow going the rounds with a supply of Lima beans saturated with oil of cinnamon which he offers to sell at ten cents a dozen, at the same time representing that his brother shipped him a quantity of the beans from Manila and that they are a sure protection against mths.

—S. B. Balcom, who has been a resident of this city for the past fourteen years, has decided to remove to Independence, and he and his family expect to leave for that place sometime this week. Mr. Balcom is an experienced brick builder and is now and has been for the past year, in the employ of the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan Co. building bridges there under the supervision of the Board.

—The letter from our army in the Philippines was written by Mr. McCarran a member of the first Washington regiment, to his sister, Miss Jennie McCarran, of this city, and by whose permission we are enabled to publish it. Since the letter was written our boys have had a number of engagements with the Filipino insurgents, in some of which the First Washington has taken part, and Jimmie has had his whiskers for chance of seeing "what would happen" in such a case.

—It was the deliberate judgment of a well-informed person with whom we were conversing the other day, that when our people put open fire places in their homes they will have less sickness than they do now. This seems reasonable because a fireplace, especially when used, will draw every bit of foul air out of the room and leave the atmosphere sweet and fresh. If breathing foul air is one of the greatest promoting causes of disease in these latter days, the old fashioned fire place is an easy and cheap remedy. In the long ago, when the open fire-place was the rule in every home, typhoid and other low forms of fever and new and startling diseases were but little known. If it is a good thing in a sanitary sense why not return to the old practice?—Bulletin Journal.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jackson, of Dubuque, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

—Mrs. Addie H. Madison, of Denver, Col. attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Seeds, last Friday.

—Real estate in this county is on the move, as is evidenced by the long list of transfers shown in another column.

—J. W. Woodward, of Hazel Green, was doing business in the city last Wednesday. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

—Andrew Clark, of Lake City, arrived here last Monday morning and is looking after property interests in this vicinity.

—E. Faust, the reliable lightning rod dispenser and insurance agent at Almond station, was a county seat visitor yesterday.

—Miss Pearl Pierce who is teaching in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls is spending her vacation with her parents in this city.

—John J. Goen's cigar-factory was broken into last Wednesday night and a number of boxes of cigars taken. The burglary is thought to be the work of local talent.

—The Racket Store gives notice that it has inflicted the death penalty on high prices on shoes, and further states that hereafter groceries bought there will be delivered free.

—Noble Arnold has just received a new supply of canned goods and invites you to call and inspect them. He keeps a fine line of first-class groceries constantly in stock.

—Dr. W. H. DeFord, of Cedar Rapids, professor of Dental Pathology at the State University of Iowa and president of the Iowa State Dental society, visited Dr. J. T. Abbott Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edmunds, who have been living at Edgewood for the past year or more have removed to Arlington with the intention of making that place their future home.

—Anders & Philipp, of the Central Pharmacy, have an announcement in relation to their new line of wall paper, in which they say it is a vast improvement over any line heretofore shown here.

—Miss Grace Ringsrud, of Elk Point S. D., who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, departed last Friday morning on her homeward trip. She will visit relatives in the northern part of the state.

—Letters addressed to the following remain unclaimed at the Postoffice in this city: Miss Lizzie Meyer, Miss Mary Schneider, Mrs. Geo. S. Moore, Thos. McCann, J. E. Jeffers, Chas. Reeves, John Hines, B. Lusig.

—Hon. and Mrs. R. W. Terrill go to Des Moines next Friday to attend the celebration of G. A. R. posts of that city in honor of its twentieth anniversary. Mr. Terrill will deliver an address to the veterans on Saturday evening.

—F. L. Preston, who a year ago last October received a serious injury by a fall, and who was sent to the hospital at Independence for treatment, has we are glad to learn, been discharged from the reason that he has fully recovered from the effects of his injuries.

—An interesting letter from Miss Rose J. Griffin, who recently removed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Griffin, from this county to Gallaway, Tenn., appears on second page of this paper. We hope that Miss Griffin will favor us with frequent letters for publication from her southern home.

—The Collins Grove Sunday school has arranged a social for March 22nd, for the purpose of raising money to purchase supplies for the school. The entertainment will consist of a literary program, followed by refreshments, and will take place at the school house. A small entrance fee will be charged. All are invited and a good time is promised. Program commences at 7:30 sharp.

—Of the large number of undertakers that went before the State Board of Health at Des Moines on the 17th ult, for examination as to their qualifications to become licensed embalmers, fifty seven passed muster, among them Mr. A. D. Brown of this city whose examination was the most creditable of any of the applicants, his markings being 98 per cent, out of a possible 100.

—The Delaware County Spring Normal Institute will be held at the Court house in this city March 27 to April 1.

—An excellent corps of instructors have been secured. A lecture will be given in the City hall each evening during the Institute. Among those who will lecture are Prof. W. E. Guthrie, of New York; Dr. Henry Sablin, Des Moines; Hon. H. R. Pattengill, Lansing, Mich., and Judge E. P. Seeds of this city.

—The Board of Supervisors of Buchanan county have for the past year had the bridges in their county built under their supervision instead of under contract, and the experiment has been so satisfactory that they have decided to continue it. They estimate by this means alone they saved the county about \$1,000 last year. We suggest to the board of this county that they investigate this matter and if deemed advisable adopt the same plan.

—It is well worth one's time to step into the Manchester Steam Laundry and see the machines in operation there. Mr. Lanpmann asserts, and we believe truly, that no town in this state of the size of Manchester, can show so well an equipped laundry plant. It is strictly up-to-date in every particular; having the latest improved machines and devices for doing first class work in all its branches. Mr. Lanpmann's half column ad. contains matter that will interest you.

—Nick Altmeyer met with a very unfortunate accident last Sunday afternoon. He, in company with one of his sons, started to drive into the country, and when about two miles south of town the team became frightened and ran away. The buggy tipped over and Mr. Altmeyer and his son were thrown out, the former alighting on a hitching post. He got up and walked some distance to a farm-house and was brought to town and upon examination by a physician it was found that his collar-bone was broken. The team he was driving kept running until striking a bridge, when they came to a sudden stop. One of the horses was somewhat bruised in the smashup and the buggy was almost totally demolished.—Ryan Reporter.

—Father O'Mera was in Oelwein the first of the week.

—Mrs. W. H. Seales, of Waterloo, visited with her parents in this city last Friday.

—Geo. Story is making extensive improvements on his newly purchased property on Gay street.

—Mrs. Max Beecher returned home last Saturday evening from her visit with friends in Chicago.

—The district court is still in session, the slander case of Platt vs Huntington was decided in favor of the defendant.

—Mrs. L. B. Richmond leaves the last of this week for Dayton, Ia., where she will make an extended visit with relatives.

—Ed Farrelly, of Dubuque, has accepted a position in Brown's C. O. D. in this city. His family and household effects arrived here Monday.

—Freeman Lowell, of Dayton, Iowa, was in the city last week being called here by the illness and death of his brother-in-law, Walter Richmond.

—Crawford Hutchinson who has been visiting with relatives in this city for the past two weeks returned to his home in Chicago yesterday morning.

—Mr. R. G. Kennedy is very sick at his home in this city with appendicitis. Just as we go to press we hear that a physician at Dubuque has been summoned for consultation with the attending physician.

—The item in the last issue of the Democrat relative to Mrs. James Conner of Delhi was wholly erroneous, owing to misinformation on the part of the person who handed in the item. Mrs. James Conner we are glad to state is still alive and enjoying good health.

—At the school election in this city last Monday J. S. Jones and Dr. N. S. Craig were re-elected for a term of three years as members of the board of education for the Independent District of Manchester. There were only thirty five votes cast. There were no contestants on scratched tickets.

—At the meeting of the school board last Monday evening it was decided to have a class day for the graduating exercises this year. The productions of the graduates will be delivered during the day and a speaker will be secured for the evening exercises. It is understood that Judge E. P. Seeds will be invited to deliver the address to the class.

—The sad news has been received here of the death of Mrs. Margaret Gately Phillips, who died at Cripple Creek, Colo., last Saturday night. She deceased was for many years a resident of this city and a daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Gately. At this writing it is not known whether or not the remains will be brought here for interment.

—Congress has made an appropriation of \$6,000 to be used in making improvements at the U. S. Fish Commission Station at this place. A portion of this sum will be expended for the purposes stated in Superintendent Johnson's "notice to contractors" in another column and to which the attention of parties interested in the lines of work therein mentioned, is called.

—Walter Richmond died of consumption at his home in this city last Saturday. He was born in Solon, Ohio, sixty-one years ago and became a resident of this state in the year 1859. At the opening of the civil war he enlisted in the 3rd Iowa infantry and served for three years. His wife Mrs. L. B. Richmond survives him. The funeral services were held at the house last Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Hamilton officiating.

—There were only a few present, a fact due no doubt to the more counter attractions, at the C. L. S. C. memorial held at the Steadman home on Main street Tuesday evening of last week. A very interesting program was rendered and those present speak enthusiastically of the evening's success throughout.

—At the close of the program the following ladies were chosen as delegates to attend the Biennial State Federation of Women's clubs, to be held at Burlington the first week in May: Mrs. Myra U. Wheeler, Mrs. Jane E. Bronson; alternates, Mrs. Bertha Clemans and Miss Blanche Terrill.

—An exceedingly pretty wedding was celebrated last evening at the residence of Mrs. Harriet Bell at Eighth avenue and Thirtieth street, Marion. It was the marriage of her daughter, Helen Estella, to Peter Allen Grassfield, Jr. The ceremony was at 7 o'clock and was performed by Rev. Dr. F. W. Luce, in the presence of about thirty-five relatives and intimate friends. The bride was attired in a very becoming gown of cream satin and carried a bouquet of bride roses. After congratulations an elegant wedding supper was served. It was an occasion of much joy and happiness, as both Miss Bell and Mr. Grassfield are possessed of the highest esteem and affection for their many friends. The groom is a promising young business man, and a partner in a boot and shoe firm at Manchester, where they will make their future home.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

—A few of the friends of Bradley L. Libridge planned and neatly executed a pleasant surprise for him on last Friday evening, March 10th being that young man's birthday. At the close of an evening devoted to games of all kinds, the baskets and bags brought by the guests were opened and a delightful feast was spread, and altogether a merry time was had. Those present were:

- Misses: Estella Orr, Sadie Stewart, Emily Martineau, Jennie Belland, Nellie Vance, Cora Stubbins, Florence Hetherington, Gertrude Johnson, Hope Sennett.
- Meesses: Hoyt Copeland, George Hanna, Harry Davis, Norman Achley, Claude Austin, Chas. Beecher, Bernice Sabine, Gertrude Johnson, Mabel Beecher, Lafayette Matthews.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen have announced the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Andrew L. Hart, to take place at the family residence on Howard street, Wednesday evening March fifteenth at half past seven o'clock.

—The attendance at the Extra Nons on Wednesday evening last was not so large as expected, but the members present enjoyed the evening with the usual merriment and jollity. A few numbers were danced after the regular hours of whist.

—Mrs. R. W. Terrill entertained the Daughters of the American Revolution of this city at her home last Tuesday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion in blue and white. Supper was served and an interesting literary program was given by the members.

—Friday evening last the Misses Emphre entertained at their pleasant rooms in the Stephens' home on Butler street in honor of their sister, Miss Alice, who is soon to depart for college. The young ladies pulled candy and ate all they pulled until every one present was full of merry good feeling and the very best of good taffy.

—The Cosmos class met with Mrs. Huftalin this week Tuesday afternoon. Their lesson was on the Discarded Ap-paratus, and they further discussed the causes, symptoms, prevention, and cure of felons. In food, they analyzed the bean beginning with the cooking of this vegetable and tracing it to the end of its mission as a brain and nerve food producer.

—Division number three, or what is known as the oldest division, of the

Junior Christian Endeavor society met with Miss Mable Cunningham last Saturday evening, there being about twenty five present. Games of various kinds were played and a delightful time is reported by these young people. Refreshments were served during the evening.

—H. L. Itann gave an interesting and beneficial talk last Friday morning at the high school, his subject being "Journalism as Applied to a Country Newspaper." Rev. Hamilton speaks next Friday on the subject of "College Day."

—A costume dance is to be given at the central opera house March 17th under the auspices of the Harmony Social club. A Dubuque firm will have on exhibition at the Central on the day of the dance, a large number of costumes from which one may easily choose a character suit.

—The Woman's Missionary society of the Wesleyan church met at 2:30 o'clock this Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Smith. At this meeting, officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The bible class will meet at the regular hour, 2:30, of the same afternoon.

—The Woman's Club of this city met this week Monday evening with Mrs. Helen Hawley to consist of their next year's course of study, having already decided to include in the course American Literature, Civics and Economics. If laid out in proper courses, as it evidently will be, this work will be entirely beneficial and instructive.

—On account of the meeting it is supposed of the Sunshine Club last week Friday evening the weather proved changed his mind and, though it was vigorously sprinkling in the early evening, immediately after the Sunshiners assembled the rain ceased and the night became perfect. The Club meets with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Friday evening of this week.

—Miss Sue Wood very pleasantly entertained the members of the Epworth League at the home of her parents on the Corner of Union and Franklin streets last Friday evening. Among the features included in the evening's entertainment was the description of his Cuban trip by Hon. M. F. Reilly, a talk thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

—The Masonic lodge of this city held high carnival in their lodge parlors in the Masonic hall last Wednesday evening. There were fifty-five guests, brother Masons, present from Independence and Winthrop, and degrees were conferred on two members by the visiting teams. A right royal banquet was served after the work of conferring degrees had been accomplished, and when this had been beautifully and thoroughly attended to by all present and especially so by the home Masons, conversation occupied the time until long after the stroke of twelve.

—Mrs. Edward P. Seeds died at her home in this city on Tuesday March 7th, after an illness of nearly three weeks. The funeral services were held at the family residence, last Friday, Rev. H. W. Tuttle, assisted by Rev. B. M. Amos, officiating.

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—She is survived by her husband and their two daughters Sarah E. and Bertha W.

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—There will be a supper next Thursday evening, March 16, at the home of N. G. Trenchard, from 5 o'clock till all are served. The proceeds will be applied upon the debt incurred by the building of a wood house and insurance.

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everyone devoted themselves assiduously to the playing of Whist. At the expiration of twelve hard fought games, Miss Tucker, assisted by her sisters, served a delicious two course luncheon. The prizes were then awarded, Miss Miles receiving for her eleven stars a handsome jar of roses and carnations, and Mr. Hruby receiving for the same number of stars, a beautiful gilt mantel decoration. Those present were:

- Misses: Fred Blair, Fred Ford, Harry Toole, Wm. Keyes, Grace Ford, Anna Hruby, Dora Lefroy, Emily Oils.
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—Fraser-Hersey.

—Miss Corry Hersey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hersey, of Collins' Grove, and Mr. Jno. A. Frazer, were united in marriage at the residence of the latter's parents Wednesday afternoon, March 8, at two o'clock.

—Guests being arriving at an early hour, and the spacious rooms of the once famous inn of Henry Baker were filled with a happy throng of relatives and friends of bride and groom.

—At the appointed hour and to the strains of a March rendered by Miss Helen Granger, the contracting parties took their places beneath a cloverleaf of aulax of no mean proportion, where the nuptial knot was tied by the ring ceremony, performed by Rev. H. W. Tuttle.

—The bride was gowned in royal purple with white trimmings and carried roses, the groom in conventional black.

—Congratulations and good wishes continued until all had been seated at tables bountifully spread with viands and decorated with smilax and carnations.

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