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Alva Johnson was in Chicago last week on business.

Mrs. B. W. Jewell is confined to her home by illness.

Fred Becker departed Monday evening for Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nels Dewoody, of Coggan, made this office a pleasant call Monday.

Miss Mary Satterlee went to Dubuque Monday for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Day, of Dubuque, were in the city Friday evening.

Rev. C. F. Lusk, of Newton, transacted business part of last week in this city.

Mrs. Earl Bronson, of Spencer, arrived in the city Friday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Seth Turner has been very ill during the past week at her home on Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rollins, of East Dubuque spent Sunday with friends and relatives in this city.

Mrs. A. Hollister left last week for Delevan, Wisconsin, called there by the illness of her father, Mr. Sheldon.

Mrs. Norma Butterfield-Merwin, of Chicago is visiting in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Butterfield.

Mrs. Wirt Bronson, of Spencer, is visiting relatives here, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bronson.

Looking for something good are you? Then read the Racket store's advertisement. It talks on that subject.

Miss Amy Boggs has been at home from Waterloo the past week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Boggs.

Theo. Wolf, one of the most successful of North Fork's many progressive farmers, was a caller at this office Monday.

Harry Toogood has returned from Waterloo, where he has been for several weeks assisting in a series of evangelistic meetings.

F. B. Dickey the wide awake merchant and all around business man of Hazel Green, was transacting business in this city Saturday.

Mrs. W. P. Dickenson, of Minneapolis, was in the city part of last week, a guest at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Dunham and Mrs. J. T. Abbott.

Mr. W. J. Lawrence, of the firm of Clark & Lawrence is expected home this week from Battle Creek, Michigan, where he has been for several weeks.

Mr. Edward Stramb, of Oneida, and Miss Elsie Hollis were married in this city Wednesday last week. Rev. C. F. Lusk formerly of this city officiating.

Riddell & Co. announce that they have just received a full line of tailor made suits and skirts. For particulars read their change of advertisement this week.

Mrs. W. J. Lawrence went to Winthrop last Monday to be present at the celebration of the seventy-sixth birthday of her father, John Barnard, who resides at that place.

Judge E. P. Seeds departed last Sunday evening for Washington, D. C. where he has accepted a position as clerk on the House committee of merchant, marine and fisheries.

Nel Sheldon has started a milk wagon and is ready to supply customers with milk from his dairy just east of town. He has a new wagon which attracts attention as it goes on its rounds.

A small blaze in the barn on the residence property of Mrs. J. B. Boggs on Fayette street brought out the fire companies last Friday afternoon. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Scharles & Sebeck's change of advertisement was received too late for this week's issue. They announce that their full line of spring fashions goods has arrived and invite the public to call and inspect the same.

Wm. Crosier, who has been a faithful employe in the Democrat office for the past two and one-half years, has determined, for the present at least, to sever his allegiance to "the art preserver of all arts" and engage in farming, the most independent of all occupations. The best wishes of the Democrat go with him in his new field of labor.

A minstrel entertainment will be given Friday evening of this week at the Central Opera House by the Elk's lodge of Dubuque. The production was given in Dubuque a short time ago and made a decided hit and will undoubtedly be well worth seeing. Forty people take part in the play. Upon their arrival here at 5:45 p. m. they will conduct a street parade.

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to Milton J. Bacon, of Hopkinton, and Lillian Mae Barker, of Delhi; Guy Hathaway and Mabel Beal, E. W. Straub and Elsie Hollar, John Schass and Emma Vernon, Geo. W. Bardin, of Hawkeye, and Kate McGarvey, of Edgewood; Jessie P. Strain and Lillie E. Smith, John W. Moser and Maggie E. Adams and Otto G. Starr and Anna Richter.

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin Sunday, March 4th, in the Central Opera House. Services will be held morning and evening conducted by S. D. Gardner, of Cleveland, Ohio. All the protestant churches in this city will unite in these meetings. The singers of the different churches are urged to attend the first meeting as it is the intention to organize a large choir. The meeting will continue for one week.

About three o'clock last Thursday morning two heavily loaded freight trains collided on the Central about one mile west of the depot. Both engines and trains were badly wrecked but the train crews escaped by jumping and received but slight injuries. Box cars were smashed and piled on top of each other and their contents scattered on the ground. One engine was totally disabled and the other badly damaged. Officials of the company say that \$60,000 will not cover the damage.

Read Kalamity's advertisement, if you intend paying a massage.

W. G. Hitchcock has returned from his visit with relatives in Nebraska.

W. H. Hyde attended the anti-trust conference held in Chicago last week.

A subscription is being raised for building a German Lutheran church at Dundee.

The "Queen Quality" shoe for women is advertised in Dove & Chamber's adv. this week.

Kinne & Madden, at Kellar's old stand, assert that they are headquarters for footwear.

Camera owners reaped a rich harvest at the wreck on the Central last Thursday morning.

Clark & Lawrence give some valuable hints to spring buyers in their advertisement this week.

There will be a meeting of Nazareth Commandery No. 33 next Saturday evening at Masonic Temple.

Prof. J. P. Huggett, of Cedar Rapids, will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

John Jones left last Thursday morning for Ames to resume his studies in the State Agricultural College.

H. W. Woodard, of Hazel Green, was a Manchester visitor on Monday and made this office a pleasant call.

Chas. Leigh has a surry, almost new, that he wants to sell, or trade for horses or cows. See notice in another column.

E. J. Conger, jr., who is employed on the Herald force in Dubuque, spent Sunday in this city at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conger.

On Wednesday of last week occurred the marriage of Guy Hathaway and Miss Mabel Beal at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Geo. Durey, Rev. C. F. Lusk officiating.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold a tea at the home of Mrs. T. W. Summers next Friday evening, February 23. Tea at half past five until all are served. Supper 10 cents.

The Misses Gertrude Robinson, harpist, and Louise Robinson, violinist, of Chicago, and Miss Bessie J. Anderson, reader, of this city, will assist at the Elk's minstrel at the Central Opera House Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. Jane Barr died at her home in Honey Creek township Wednesday of last week. She was sixty-five years of age and her death was caused by a cancer. She is survived by a husband, James H. Barr, and one son, Henry Barr. The funeral services were held last Friday and interment was made in the Edgewood cemetery.

Theodore Holmes died Friday afternoon of last week at his home in Honey Creek township. He had been in the best of health until the previous Wednesday evening, when on returning home from a walk he was stricken with heart disease. The deceased was born in Ohio in 1828, and had been a resident of Delaware county since 1860. He is survived by a wife and two married daughters. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Red school house five miles north of this city.

At a meeting of the republican county central committee at Earlville last Tuesday the straight primary was adopted, so that a candidate nomination is determined by the greatest number of votes in the entire county instead of making the voting precinct the unit. The committee chose the following as delegates to the state convention: G. W. Daulton, J. S. Merten, Wm. Sawyer, O. C. Clark, J. B. Swinburne, M. F. LeLoy, F. S. Griffin, H. G. Millen, E. C. Perkins, M. F. Hamblin, C. E. Merriam and John Warrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peterson entertained the members of Chapter A. S. P. E. O. and their fortunate husbands, together with a few invited guests, at a Valentine party Wednesday evening of last week. A supper far above par excellence, was served by the ladies, after which a paper on the origin of Valentine's day and the happy customs to be observed on that occasion was read by Miss Seeds. Following this various amusements were indulged in and at a late hour the sisters and their guests departed, having spent one of our always enjoyable P. E. O. evenings.

On Tuesday evening of last week our local basket ball team won from the Upper Iowa University team by a score of 10 to 5. A good sized audience witnessed the contest at the Central Opera House, and the Manchester rooters did their share in cheering the home team to victory. The game was hard fought as it was the deciding one of a series of three played between the two teams. A reception was tendered the players after the game in the Y. M. C. A. rooms which was well attended. The home team was made up of Williams, Seeler, Newton, Huebe, Dorman, Substitutes: W. and L. Matthews.

The Messrs. and Mesdames J. H. Allen, C. A. Peterson, A. E. Peterson and C. E. Bronson entertained some seventy of their friends at Pythian Castle last Friday evening. What was the order of the evening and at the end of a dozen games, Mrs. Will Denton and Geo. Asnden were awarded prizes for their excellent showing at this popular amusement. Refreshments were served near the hour of twelve. These hospitable people also held open house at the same place Tuesday evening of this week. Tea was served at six-thirty, at which covers were laid for one hundred and twelve. Games and pleasant chatter kept the guests until a late hour.

The lecture on "Savonarola" by Dr. W. H. Crawford in the city hall last Friday evening was perhaps one of the best productions of its kind ever heard here. It was, necessarily purely historical, but the audience gave its undivided attention to the speaker while he in a plain and forcible manner told the fascinating story of the martyred prior. The life of Savonarola was depicted during the latter part of the 15th century, when he rebuked from the pulpit, alike, the highest and lowliest wrong doer, and it was his persistent denunciation of Pope Alexander VI. that caused him to be burned at the stake. Dr. Crawford handled his subject with a master hand and deserves the reputation this lecture has made for him.

Banker Thos. Cole, of Greeley, was a Manchester visitor Monday.

Blake's Daylight Store, as will be seen by referring to its announcement, is giving a coupon with every 25 cent cash purchase.

The Rev. A. W. Caul, of Rochester, N. Y., Theological Seminary has accepted a call to the Baptist church of this city and will take charge early in May. The church will be re-papered and repainted throughout.

Lack of space prevents us from making proper mention of the Monday evening visit in Manchester, of the Knights of Ylthias, of Earlville, Edgewood and Lamont. We will let the boys tell about it this time, but next time we will be our inning.

Methitable vs. Samantha.

I do wonder if our Dear "Samantha," of the Delaware County News, ever reads the Democrat.

I do not wish to appear rude nor quarrel with the lady in question, for I quite agree with her in some respects in her recent circulating library communication to the "New", but must say a few words in opposition to her ideas herein stated, for the sake of—well, just for the sake of argument and to protect the Woman's Club of Manchester, for the old saying is that if you live among the Romans, you must do as the Romans do, and in our own capacity we all would like to shine. You in your small corner and I in mine.

I think that the great project that has been set on foot by the Woman's Club of this place is a grand and glorious move. I refer to the furnishing of a circulating library for each district school in the county, and I, for one, feel that it cannot fail to be acceptable in most cases, and it will do more than entering into the good work and helping to provide the libraries.

Samantha says: "We consider ourselves better able to provide reading matter for our homes than you are to provide it for us." And that the country people of today are an intelligent, well regulated and well educated class.

Well now, I like that, for I am just fresh from the country, and what you might consider a regular old "hay seed", and of course believe some of the good things that she says about that class of people, and about our country schools being governed by progressive and well educated men and competent judges who are abundantly able to do many wise things, but you know the best people make mistakes sometimes.

I do not quite agree with our good Samantha in regard to the filth that is liable to be carried about from our beautiful city, for we do not abound in old, sour whey barrels, or terribly flavored water tanks and milk cans, or other contaminations, (though I should awfully hate to have Samantha get a squint into my kitchen this morning). So I do not see that there would be any danger of disease being spread through, out the thoroughfare by any such evils.

And though the country people as a class, as she says, are provided with good, wholesome reading without the aid of the town, I do not see wherein they are any better judges of good reading matter than some of our good townpeople, and as for the work for the charitable inclined, goodness knows, there is always an abundance to do in both town and country and no danger of any of us hurting ourselves in that respect.

She further says that we have no saloons in the country. Oh, my! that is indeed inspiring, but had we not better drop the curtain here. What is that sound of revelry by night, when the whole town and country had gathered here? We did not bring our boys to town, for we have more than we can do to take care of our own property, but "as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined," etc., and I verily believe that if a snug little fire had been made in the parlor, if not already there, and the game of authors or cliché, perhaps, proposed, those boys might have spent a social evening at home, though I do not know one card from another myself, for I could never become interested in card playing, but some people like it, and Dr. Johnson says, "Who lives to please, must please to live," and I have in days gone by seen the boys play cards in the granary or in some out of the way place on the farm at home, and neighboring boys play with them, because my mother could never tolerate this now popular amusement in the home circle.

My dear Samantha, do the men on the farm never congregate here and there and drink their beer and play cards? And if not, please tell me in what clime you live, or rather in what part of the country, for you see I have seen there myself, and would like to ask if they do not do all of those vile things in the country as well as in the towns to set examples for their boys.

Well, I guess yes. And you will find if you apply your mind unto wisdom, that the "trail of the serpent is over them all," and that "they have been weighed in the balance and found wanting," for they have the example set for them to follow, not always in the words of Cowper will apply here: "God made the country, man the town."

Again, a boy may have all the elements necessary to make a first class business or professional man, but if he is not instructed and encouraged to form habits of industry, he will be a failure almost inevitably, let him be a resident of city or country as the case may be.

Parents must take the matter in hand, must themselves set the example, and see that their children imitate that example and that they have something to do.

Make the home pleasant and attractive to them, for if they like the streets of the town better than their own home you may rest assured that the home is lacking in some important particular. Provide the boys with good interesting reading matter and encourage them to employ their time in any harmless amusement that will keep them from idleness and profligacy.

But if parents, especially on the farm, suffer their own minds to grovel continually in styes and stables and to see nothing higher in life than land, money and riches, how can they lead their children on to useful lives? And if your country boys play cards, pool, or billiards, by all means let them play at their own homes, and if they drink whiskey, let them bring it home and drink it, for they certainly can set no examples for their parents, and then the parents cannot blame the town. Nor can the boys make the night hideous prowling on the streets with others of their kind, and when open temptations stare them in the face in the shape of cards, billiard tables and cider joints, and while charity begins at home, let them have their little, social, harmless games there and they will not frequent the towns. And if your immediate county township is almost able, if not quite, to buy the whole of Manchester, why not spend a little of that wealth for the welfare of your posterity and their children in their own homes, for the Bible teaches that "Who touches pitch, will be defiled."

Oh, consistency! thou art a jewel, scarce found in man but never in woman," is a quotation from some wiseacre surely, and to expect more from our children than we ourselves show by practice, is absolutely inconsistent. But to ride a small hobby up to our neighbor's door and expect him to get on behind, is worse than inconsistency.

Little boys should keep near shore, and here, I have been wandering away out at sea into a subject in which I, perhaps, am not sufficiently posted, so Samantha will in all probability, give me some pointers, but just permit me to say by way of closing, that I think the circulating library all right, and if those country boys do perform all those naughty vices of which she spoke, they will certainly have to come into town, for our people here will never carry the opportunities for vices over to them, I am very sure.

MEHTABLE.

Death of Mrs. Wm. Marchant.

Mrs. William Marchant died last Sunday evening at her home in this city after a short illness. She had been suffering for several days with a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia, which caused her death.

The deceased was born in England in 1828 and was married when she was nineteen years old, coming to America shortly afterward in company with her husband.

She has lived in Iowa for the past thirty years and is survived by two brothers, who reside in England.

Mrs. Marchant was a devoted christian woman and her upright and steadfast principles won for her the respect of the Presbyterian church.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Wm. M. Evans, formerly pastor of the church here, officiating.

The Railroad Meeting.

The second public railroad meeting was held in the City Hall last Monday afternoon. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of meeting the attendance was not large. The committee appointed at the first meeting was not ready to report and after some discussion it was decided to adjourn until next Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the City Hall. Messrs. John Sullivan of Clinton and A. Grundy of Cedar Falls who are the promoters of the enterprise were present and enlightened the audience on many points not clear since the first meeting.

The annual city election will be held March 28th, for the purpose of electing a councilman in the first ward in place of Fred Durey; a councilman in the second ward in place of A. D. Brown, and a councilman in the Third ward in place of W. D. Hitchcock.

The council chose the following to act as judges and clerks of election: FIRST WARD.

Judges—Fred Durey, L. M. Davis, R. L. Kortright, Clerks—Frank Flint, Tom Connors.

Polling place—S. A. Steadman's shop.

SECOND WARD.

Judges—W. L. Drew, A. D. Brown and T. J. Prouse, Clerks—R. R. Robinson and George Armstead.

Polling place—Fireman's hall.

THIRD WARD.

Judges—B. F. Miles, W. G. Hitchcock and Hubert Carr, Clerks—S. L. Doggett, H. Percival.

Polling place—W. G. Hitchcock's residence.

The following bills were allowed:

J. E. Wilson salary \$50 00

Hollister Lumber Co. coal 50 00

G. W. Miller, rope and fitting belt 1 00

D. H. Lewis & Bros. work on Babcock 1 00

F. J. Hoacha, supplies 1 75

Standard Oil Co. oil 1 00

F. S. Flint, washing coal 2 85

H. B. Allen, salary 67 45

Hollister Lumber Co., lumber 1 00

valet 5 00

Protection Co. No. 1, service 9 00

N. Denton Hose Co., service 1 00

D. Denton Hose Co., service 1 00

H. L. Kean, publishing 18 71

C. M. Willard, hauling boiler 1 00

H. B. & E. W. Hoag, rights 61 44

W. L. Drew, services as street commissioner 25 00

Several from this vicinity attended the funeral of Mr. Holmes, Sunday.

Richard Miller is visiting home folks at the present.

B. Eldredham is transacting business in Almorat Saturday.

Our merchant, Mr. Heider, has been receiving a stock of new goods the past week.

J. B. Rutherford and C. H. Johnson, of Manchester, recently called on several old neighbors.

A. L. Congar has been on the sick list for several days, and G. B. Cox has also been under the care of the doctor.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Frank Westbrook, Thursday, February 22.

Mr. Ivensore, the machine agent, was at Mr. Jordy's a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dunham, of Almorat, visited at James Cox's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hockaday and Mrs. J. J. Congar took tea at A. L. Congar's Saturday evening.

Ed. Sweet, the Greeley butcher, has been getting ice here as he desires to fill his ice house with extra good quality.

C. C. Hoag and wife recently called on relatives in Greeley.

Saloon Question in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.—The board of supervisors, sitting as a board to canvass the saloon consent petition for this city, granted a motion on behalf of the saloon men for a continuance of thirty days. The saloon people want the time to secure affidavits as to the genuineness of a large number of signatures which have been assailed as forgeries.

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in fine kid, with heavy soles, an ideal boot for your crowded toes and the extremes of Style and Comfort.

We have them in all widths and sizes. The Famous \$3.00 Shoe for Women.

Queen Quality Dove & Chambers Beman's Old Stand.

SUPERIOR

Elegance in Tailored Suits, Jackets and Skirts for Season of 1900

Ready-to-Wear Skirts Each season shows a remarkable advance in the manufacture of Dress Skirts and Suits, and this season is no exception to the rule. The new spring Skirts would seem to have reached the height of perfection of this season's production. They are perfect fitting and latest in style and finish. We can sell a good skirt for \$1.50 and from that upward.

Handsomeness Tailor-Made Suits. An unusually choice assortment of well creations in high grade man-tailored suits. Tight-fitting Eaton style, made from Cheviots, Homespun and Camel Hairs, in Black and Colors. We can give a selection from dozens of the best the season shows and will absolutely save you many dollars between our price and what you will pay in the larger cities.

Jackets and Capes Exceptionally dressy styles are to be worn this season and we can truthfully say we have never had so fine a line of Jackets and Capes for spring wear as this season and prices correspondingly low. Don't make the mistake of buying before you see our stock.

Clark & Lawrence

NEW LOT

Masks for Masquerade Dress Parties and Winter Carnivals received this week.

KALAMITY

The Daylight Store

Advance showing of New Spring Merchandise

If you want to see the new things in dry goods you must come where they are. Every day now we are opening new goods. Just the kind of merchandise to interest every woman who appreciates correct styles and reliable qualities at popular prices. We expect to make a new record this season. Come in whenever you are down town, you will always find something new.

A Big Snap in..... Dress Shields.. The wellknown brand—"CANFIELDS," seconds, also lutely waterproof. Worth 25c and 5c. While they last, only 10c PER PAIR

Spring Jackets.. Skirts and Tailor-Made Suits all ready for your inspection, also have a pretty line of "CHILDREN'S" SPRING JACKETS.

New Wash Fabrics.... French Gingham, Marlboro Cloths, Pic. tines, Egyptian Dimities, Persian Lawns, India Linens. Good time now to get the best selection.

Ladies' Wrappers A stock of 450 to select from. All new and desirable. Not many stores will show such an assortment. Better see our's before you buy.

Kid Gloves.... 25c cash Purchase Our leaders.... GERSTER, MIGNON, SCHILLER have stood the test ever since we started and are better today than ever.

Don't pass us on Portiers or Lace Curtains We have the stock! We have the right prices. Yours truly, A. H. BLAKE & SON

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Tailor-Made Suits and Skirts

Just received a full and complete line of tailor-made suits and separate skirts consisting of everything that is new, attractive and stylish. Must be seen to be appreciated. Call early, before the choice numbers are disposed of. They are the kind that sell. Call, inspect and learn prices

D. F. RIDDELL & COMPANY

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