# The Democrat.

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### Waverly's Success With a Short-Line Ry. Tax Stock Worth More Than One Hundred Cents on the Dollar.

Waverly, the county seat of Bremer county, had two railroads, the Illinois Central and what is now known as the Chicago Great Western, before it built its short-line to a connection with the B., C. R. & N. In 1895 there was not much difference in population between Waverly and Manchester. The state census of that year gave Manchester a population of 2683, and Waverly 2916. In many respects Manchester is the more favorably located of the two. Manchester is nearer the center of its county than Waverly, and the two roads which Manchester proposes to connect with, operate more than fifty miles of railway in Delaware county; while the road that Waverly connected with did not operate to exceed five or six miles of railroad in Bremer county. It would seem safe to figure that if Waverly could make a success of a short-line, to connect with a single line of road, and compete with two roads which it already had, Manchester should be able to do at least as well with a short-line to connect with two roads, and compete with only the single road which it now has.

Four years ago, when the Manchester and Colesburg line was being talked about, we wrote to C. W. Miller, Waverly's postmaster at that time, and asked him for full information in relation to that city's experience with its short-line. His answer was published in this paper at the time, and will be remembered by many, but we reproduce it again this week, for it is well worth another reading. Last Thursday we called up Mr. Miller by telephone, and asked him if he recollected his letter of four years ago, and whether he was willing at this time to indorse all that he had previously written. He answered unhesitatingly that nothing had happened in the interven ing four years to change any statement he had made. He said that their short-line was a success, and always had been a success.

Here is Mr. Miller's letter in full:

Complying with your request I herewith submit a few facts regarding the experience of Waverly people in building the Waverly Short-Line. In the year 1885 a company was organized to build a spur to connect with the B. C. R. & N. Ry. at a point 5½ miles southwest of here. A proposition to levy a 5 per cent. tax was submitted to the people of this township at a special election in the spring of 1886 and was carried, though not without considerable opposition. The terms of the proposition required that the road should be completed and in operation by August 1, 1886, but there grew up various dissensions among its projectors and for a time it seemed that the whole thing would be allowed to go by default. But as the time approached when the tax would be invalidated they got together in earnest and prepared to put the road through with a rush. Before the first spike was driven, however, the road was leased to the B. C. R. & N. Ry. Co., the terms of which lease I will state later. I think that it was after July 1 when the work was gotten underway, and by the specified time it was completed and trains were running to a point within the corporate limits of the city as required, but still a mile from the business part where it was intended the depot should be located. This was on account of an unforseen obstacle that arose when it came to crossing the track of the Illinois Central, the Short-Line builders one morning being surprised to find their future progress checked by a side track of the former road which had been built during the night and filled with dead engines and old box cars. I cite this incident merely to show the extra expense that was incurred in building our Short-Line, which in all probability would not occur in the building of other similar lines. A permanent injunction against the crossing was secured in the court and there was no alternative left but to pass under the Central's track. Owing to the character of the grade at that point this required the elevation of the I. C. track for a long distance and for this expense the Short Line Co. had to put up a cool $10,000, and a gentleman prominently connected with the building of the road informs me that the urgency of the construction and the busy season of the year when it necessarily had to be done, made the cost of the road another $10,000 greater than it should have been.

As it was the total cost of the completed road with commodious depot centrally located, ample stock yards, etc. was $64,000. Of this sum $25,000 was raised by taxation. $10,000 was taken in stock or donated outright by leading citizens. This left the road with an indebtedness of $29,000 and there were plenty of gloomy predictions as to what would become of it. The tax receipts of those upon whom the burden of taxation fell, and with awful as weight they then thought, were converted into stock at its face value, and this is the only stock that is in existence today, except $3,000 worth issued to those who went down into their pockets as donators and asked the stock as a slight return for their generosity. Some of the taxpayers sold their stock for a song, and others held onto it. If all had been far-seeing enough to retain it we would have the rather unusual condition here of every tax-payer being interested in an investment that PAYS AN ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FROM 14 TO 16 PER CENT FOR THAT IS WHAT OUR LITTLE SHORT-LINE DOES. No doubt it is due to this community of interest, which, nevertheless, exists to great extent by reason of many farmers, dairymen and merchants retaining their stock that makes it pay so well. Besides the road is a Waverly enterprise and our people are of a peculiarly loyal kind.

The arrangement entered into with the B. C. R. & N. Ry. extends through eighteen years with privilege of renewal for similar length of time and is as follows:

The B. C. R. & N. Co. furnishes the rolling stock, pays the operating expenses and taxes, keeps up the repairs—in fact really treats the road as part of its own line—and the Short Line Co. receives 7 per cent. of the gross earning between this city and Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and intermediate points. On the proportion of the freight and passenger charges beyond these points the Short Line has no share. This arrangement had been in existence last August for nine years, during which time six per cent. interest had been paid on the indebtedness and the INDEBTEDNESS ITSELF REDUCED FROM $29,000 TO $2,000, ALL OUT OF THE ROAD'S EARNINGS. This year the stockholders will receive their dividends in cash. Last year the business of the Short Line amounted to $65,000, which is remarkable considering that we have two other good roads in competition with it.

As to the present value of Short-Line Stock I may say that there is none for sale. The B. C. R. & N. folks last year bought up considerable of it for 100 cents on the dollar, but none can be had at that price now. The president of the Short-Line today told me that $1.50 would not touch his stock, which was earning quite as much as stock that is quoted on the market at $1.75. Furthermore he predicts that in five years it will be worth $2.50.

We think the road is a big benefit to our town. It has opened up a new market for our shippers, giving them direct communication with St. Louis and Cedar Rapids, which they did not have before. Besides the great benefit it has been in the way of transportation facilities, it has directly added more than a dozen good families to our population, the heads of which receive good and steady wages.

Well, I guess I have drawn this out long enough. Of course I know not whether there is any similarity between our line of road and the one you have in contemplation, but if the information herewith furnished is of any benefit to you, I shall be fully repaid for providing it. Assuring you of my kind wishes, I remain most respectfully,

C. W MILLER.

### If Shaw Only Could.

[From the Creston American.]

If Governor Shaw could only censor Herriott's articles before publication, what a consolation it would be to the governor.

Signorina Loretta Garibaldi, granddaughter of the famous Italian liberator, arrived at Baltimore last week and will take a course of instruction at the woman's college there.

During the senatorial campaign in Alabama, one of the most animated in the history of the state, Senator Morgan remained in Washington attending to his duties. He was re-elected.

Adna Adams Treat, of Denver, Col., is probably the oldest Mason in the world, having joined the order in February, 1823. Mr Treat is now in his one hundred and third year and still in vigorous health.

Hanna prevented Quay from securing a seat in the senate, and Quay's friends openly charge that Hanna's action was influenced by the promise of an enormous campaign fund from John Wanamaker, Quay's uncompromising enemy. If Hanna and Quay conclude to fight their differences to the bitter end, the friends of honest election methods will find it difficult to choose between them. If the result prove as disasterous to each as did the contest between the two Kilkenny cats, the country would suffer no great loss.

### The Gospel of Labor.

Work is the gospel of labor. The town that has wisdom enough to furnish plenty of work for workmen will soon be a city filled with happy homes. For that reason, if for no other, we should strive for a new railroad. It will give employment to many, and that is all the honest, enterprising citizen asks for, and that much he should have. The poet has truly said:

Work is the gospel of labor—ring it, ye bells of the kirk—
The Lord of Love came down from above to live with the men who work.
This is the rose that he planted, here in the thorn-cursed soil—
Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil."

Manchester should have the sympathy of Dubuque in her effort to secure additional shipping facilities. At a time when our big neighbor had two lines of railway, its people voted a five per cent. tax to aid in the construction of what is now known as the Chicago Great Western. And the people of Dubuque builded better than they calculated. To their enterprise and credit stands one of the great railway systems of the north-west, a system that has done much toward the upbuilding of Iowa's Key City. Dubuque's experience with a railroad tax should at least encourage Manchester people to do likewise, or rather do better. Dubuque paid a five per cent. tax for one new road, while Manchester's expenditure will insure a connection with two new roads.

### City of Dubuque Will Own Water Works.

It is now practically settled that Dubuque will own its system of water works the same as Manchester owns the system of this place. The success of the undertaking was assured by the large subscriptions for bonds by the monied interests of the Key City. The Dubuque waterworks trustees have placed $510,000 4½ per cent. bonds, at par, to the following named purchasers:

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| F. D. Stout | $100,000 |
| George B. Burch | 50,000 |
| W. H. Day | 50,000 |
| First National Bank | 50,000 |
| Second National Bank | 50,000 |
| Iowa Trust and Savings Bank | 50,000 |
| Citizens' State Bank | 50,000 |
| German Trust | 50,000 |
| German Bank | 50,000 |
| J. J. McCarthy | 10,000 |

Dubuque is to be congratulated. Municipal ownership has solid principles for a foundation and is sure to stand the test of time.

### Make the Majority as Large as Possible.

No friend of the new railroad should neglect to vote next Monday because he may feel certain that his vote is not necessary to insure a majority in favor of the tax. The larger the majority the greater will be the success of the enterprise. Every vote will be like an asset to the new company. The more friends the new company has here in Manchester, the more business it may reasonably count upon being able to secure, and patronage is property. The company that has many supporters and bright business prospects will be more eagerly sought after than one with less friends and supporters. Make the majority for the tax as large as possible It will in a certain degree, measure the company's future success.

### From Hand to Mouth.

"I'll never speak to him again!" exclaimed the young woman in the pale blue jacket. "He called me his queen and asked if he might kiss my hand. I said yes, and—and after that he kissed me on the lips without asking."

"I suppose," said the young woman in the yellow buskins, "he followed along the line of least resistance."—Chicago Tribune.

# Sample Ballot.

A Ballot marked like the one below will count in favor of the Railroad Tax.

## Shall the Following Public Measure be Adopted?

Shall a five (5) per cent. tax be levied upon the assessed value of the property in the City of Manchester, Iowa, to aid the MANCHESTER & ONEIDA RAILWAY COMPANY in the construction of a projected, ordinary or standard guage railroad, through and from the said City of Manchester, Iowa, to the village of Oneida, in Delaware County, Iowa; the whole of said tax to be collected in one year, but no part thereof to become due until said proposed line of railroad is fully completed from the southwesterly angle of the intersection of the right-of-way of the CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY CO., and the right-of-way of the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & SAINT PAUL RAILWAY CO., at or near the village of Oneida, Delaware County, Iowa, to a point or place in said City of Manchester, Iowa, at least sixty (60) rods inside of its corporation limits, and the said part of said railroad, which is to be fully completed before any part of said tax shall become due, to be so completed on or before December 1, 1901, and such completion to be all the work required to be done?

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| YES | X |
| NO. | |

# NOW CHICAGO'S GUEST

### Admiral Dewey's Arrival Announced by Salutes.

### GREAT CROWDS AT THE STATION

**Hero of Manila Bay Is Heartily Welcomed by Cheering Thousands—Cavalry and Jack Tars Act as an Escort from the Railway Station to the Auditorium Annex, Where Breakfast Was Served—Mrs. Dewey Taken Care of by Women.**

Chicago, April 30.—George Dewey is in Chicago. For the cannons on the lake front have announced his arrival. The admiral arrived at the Grand Central station during the morning on a handsome special train over the Baltimore and Ohio road. In the party, besides the hero of Manila, were Mrs. Dewey, Lieutenant Commander James C. Gilmore and Lieutenant Harry H. Caldwell, aids to the admiral, and J. H. Maddy, representing the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

The streets in the neighborhood of the railway station were packed with people anxious to get glimpses of the nation's naval hero several hours before the arrival of the train, and the police had their hands full keeping even a partially clear way to the depot. When the train finally arrived the engine drawing it was just puffing under the train shed when the crowd within the station started the cry, "There comes the admiral!" In an instant the crowd waiting without took up the shout, and, from mouth to mouth for several blocks thousands shouted, "Dewey is here! Hurrah for Dewey!"

**Made Welcome to Chicago.**

On the train with the admiral's party when it pulled into the station were the members of the general executive committee and others, who had gone to South Chicago earlier in the day to meet the admiral and extend the city's first welcome as he passed within its limits. In the welcoming party were: Mayor Harrison, Martin B. Madden, O. W. Meysenburg, John M. Cutter, John R. Lingren, Z. P. Brosseau, John Franklin, J. W. Nye, Franz A. Lindstrand, Robert J. Roulston, G. F. Middendorf, Victor Elting, Zina R. Carter, C. H. Wacker, W. B. Main, A. F. Gartz, W. B. Conkey, Charles F. Spalding, Thomas Gahan, Graeme Stewart, James H. Channon, John C. Spry, George H. Jenny, John V. Clark, Dr. John B. Murphy, Charles A. Plamondon, Addison C. Thomas, Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor, J. M. Glenn, George Dewey, son of the admiral; Commanders L. Blocklinger and F. N. Symonds, Surgeon J. Miller Moore and Lieutenant G. E. Gelm, representing the navy.

**Women Meet Mrs. Dewey.**

At the station to meet Mrs. Dewey was a special committee of women, consiting of Mrs. Bryan Lathrop, Mrs. Carter H. Harrison and Mrs. Charles A. Plamondon. Mrs. Dewey greeted each member of the committee cordially and seemed pleased that a committee of women should be at the station to welcome her. The women who were gathered in the crowd in the station and outside seemed more anxious for a glimpse of Mrs. Dewey than of the admiral. Mrs. Dewey was escorted from the train to a waiting carriage by the members of the woman's committee and driven direct to the Auditorium Annex. She was cheered as she left the station and frequently along the route to the hotel.

**Cavalry in the Escort to Hotel.**

At the station to meet the admiral's party was a detachment from the First cavalry, I. N. G., with its jangling sabers, commanded by Major Alsip, and a guard of honor from the Naval Reserve Veteran association. Admiral Dewey, his aids and the members of the Chicago committee, proceeded from the station under this escort. The line of march was along Harrison street to Franklin to Jackson boulevard, Michigan avenue and to the Auditorium Annex, where Mrs. Dewey and the woman's committee again joined the admiral and breakfast was served to the members of both parties.

When the procession reached Michigan avenue a salute of seventeen guns was fired by the land batteries stationed on the lake front and the revenue cutter Morrill and United States cruiser Michigan at anchor in the basin.

At night a grand naval, military and civil ball was held at the Auditorium.

**Japanese Battleship Ashore.**

Portsmouth, April 30.—The Japanese battleship Asahi has run ashore off South sea. The tide was falling as she grounded and anxiety is expressed as to the extent of the damage she may sustain. The dock yard tugs have failed to move the vessel and, as the tide ordinarily falls thirteen feet, her position is liable to become extremely hazardous. At the time of the accident the Asahi was starting on a trip to engage in trials before proceeding to the far east.

**Man and Wife Bound and Robbed.**

Toledo, O., April 30.—The house of Lynus B. Burk, a wealthy farmer, who lives near Centerton, was entered by six masked men, who bound and gagged Burk and his wife, telling them if they made any noise they would blow their brains out. The robbers found $500, which they took, and escaped. Burk could not distinguish them, but he thinks they are men who reside in his neighborhood. Bloodhounds are on their trail.

**Soldiers from the Philippines.**

San Francisco, April 30.—The first battalion of the Fourteenth United States infantry, which has been in quarantine, has landed at the reservation wharf of the presidio, after two years of almost continuous fighting in the Philippines. The battalion was escorted to its camp by almost the entire force of the post, under command of Major Rucker.

**Suicide of an Ex-Mayor.**

Appleton, Wis., April 30.—Former Mayor Herman Erb, Jr., shot and killed himself at 7 o'clock in the morning. He had just returned home from the Wauwatosa sanitarium, where he had been under treatment for more than four months for nervous and mental troubles. He had of late been improving.

# TO HARASS THE BOERS

### That Will Now Be the Object of General French.

### DEWET COULD NOT FLANK HIM.

**Foiled by the Cavalry After Vigorous Maneuvering—Boers Evacuate Thabanchu to Occupy Better Positions—During the Fighting There the British Casualties Were Slight—Endeavorers to Remedy the Remount Question.**

London, April 30.—The latest news received from the Orange Free State indicates that though the Boers have evacuated Thabanchu they have only done so in order to occupy stronger positions. On Sunday, April 29, General Dewet made an effort to turn French's eastern flank, which was only foiled by the cavalry after vigorous maneuvering. The Boers hold the ridges to the eastward, whence they will probably fall back when the pressure of superior numbers increases.

**Slight Casualties at Thabanchu.**

The British casualties sustained during the Thabanchu fighting were slight. General French's object, now that all chance of catching the main bodies of the burghers has disappeared, is to harass the Boers and prevent any well organized retreat.

From Beira, Portuguese East Africa, under date of Monday, April 23, comes the news of the arrival there of a Canadian twelve-pounder battery. It is added that General Sir Frederick Carrington, who is to command the British troops going to Rhodesia, has been cordially welcomed by the Portuguese officials and that he has reviewed the Portuguese troops.

**Dr. Jameson Well Again.**

Cape Town reports say that Dr. Jameson has recovered from the severe attack of fever from which he has been suffering, and he is mentioned as a candidate for one of the seats in the Cape parliament representing Kimberley, in succession to Dr. Frederic Rutherford Harris.

The agent of Julius Weil at Mafeking wrote, under date of April 12, most cheerfully, saying everything was satisfactory. He added that the Boer guns were firing heavily into the town, and that a determined attack had been repulsed without casualties on the British side.

**Ravages of the War.**

A conception of the continuous ravages of the war can be gathered from a Cape Town dispatch, briefly announcing the arrival from Natal of twenty-five officers and 252 men invalided home and the sailing of the Aurania for England with 400 sick and wounded soldiers.

Endeavors are being made to remedy the remount question, a Simla dispatch announcing that 500 experienced native horsekeepers, 150 shoesmiths, and fifty veterinary officers have been drawn from India for service in South Africa.

### NO SYMPATHY WITH BOERS.

**Senate Refuses to Pass the Resolution—Vote in Detail.**

Washington, April 30.—By a vote of 20 to 29 the senate has refused to consider the resolution of sympathy with the Boers. The detailed vote was as follows:

Yeas—Allen, Bate, Berry, Chandler, Clay, Hale, Harris, Heitfeld, Hoar, Jones of Arkansas, Kenny, McCumber, McEnery, Martin, Mason, Pettigrew, Ross, Teller, Turner, Vest—20.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Bard, Carter, Clark of Wyoming, Davis, Fairbanks, Foster, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hawley, Jones of Nevada, Kean, Lodge, McComas, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pettus, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Sewell, Shoup, Stewart, Sullivan, Warren, Wolcott—29.

**American Loss in Philippines.**

Washington, April 30.—In comparison with the casualties suffered by the British troops in south Africa, those sustained by the American forces in the Philippines seem very small. A statement just compiled by the war department shows that from July 1, 1898, when American troops reached Manila, until April 27, 1900, these of wounds, 43 officers, 552 men; total, of wounds, 4 3officers, 552 men; died of disease, 26 officers, 1,635 men; total, 69 officers, 2,187 men; grand total, 2,256. Several thousand men have been wounded, but only a small percentage have died of wounds and most of them have returned to duty.

**Famous Strong Men Matched.**

New York, April 30.—Arvid Anderson, champion heavy weight lifter of Europe, and G. W. Rolandow, Gotham's famous Hercules, were matched to decide the strong-man championship of the world and a side bet of $3,000. The match is to take place in this city within eight weeks.

**Barbers Want More Pay.**

Peoria, Ills., April 30.—The barbers of this city have demanded an increase in wages of their bosses, and have been refused. The union is very strong here, and the leaders say that unless the demand is granted a strike will be declared.

# HISTORY OF WEEK

### Items of Interest from All Over the World.

### PREPARED IN CONDENSED FORM.

**Events Reported by Telegraph Given in Short Paragraphs—One Week's Happenings Chronicled to Suit the Busy Reader—Crimes, Casualties and Other Matters of Public Interest.**

THE BOER WAR.

Information to the London Times says that the present Boer strength is 80,000 men, 50,000 of whom are in the Free State.

Bread is 50 cents a loaf at Bloemfontein and sugar is 62 cents a pound.

General Sir Charles Warren has been retired to a civil office and General Buller is also to be removed.

It is reported that other European ambulance corps, besides the Irish-Americans, are taking up arms in behalf of the Boers.

In spite of a protest that a fair trial was impossible sixty-nine "rebels" have been sentenced at Cape Town.

Russian aeronauts will organize a military balloon service for the Transvaal.

Pole-Carew's advance with French scared Boers out of strong positions they held at Dewetsdorp, and raised siege of Wepener which Brabant entered. Estimated 4,000 Boers in flight northeast.

Burgher forces from Wepener and the southern part of the Free State are believed to have escaped the British trap.

A Boer smokeless powder plant and arsenal near Johannesburg was wrecked by an explosion. Twenty-three people were killed and eighty-two injured.

French, Hamilton, and Rundle, with 23,000 British, are at Thaba N'chu ready for Boers, but cannot get them into battle.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Official reports to the war department indicate that the Philippine insurrection is now confined to small robber bands.

The United States transport Sumner, carrying enlisted men, nurses and money for the troops in Manila, has reached Port Said, Egypt.

General Bell declared he would burn all towns which harbor guerrillas. His troops killed eighty Filipinos in a fight on April 16.

Manila advices say Filipinos are extremely active in North Ilocos. Many bloody engagements are occurring.

General Otis and staff will leave Manila for home early in May.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Sultan of Turkey, acting on the American indemnity claim, orders rebuilt the church property destroyed during Armenian massacres.

The senate—33 to 32—refused to seat Mr. Quay.

It is stated that Clark, of Montana, will resign his seat in the senate, to avoid expulsion.

The house has passed the postoffice appropriation bill and increased the pay of the census director and supervisors.

The senate accepted the conference report on the Hawaiian bill and passed the agricultural appropriation bill.

The house passed the postoffice appropriation bill with an amendment giving extra compensation to letter-carriers who work over forty-eight hours a week.

The house passed ninety-one private pension bills, among them one granting $60 per month to the widow of Colonel Stotsenberg of Nebraska, killed in the Philippines.

The note by the United States to Turkey has failed of its purpose.

IN THE POLITICAL FIELD.

Senator Platt says Roosevelt would accept second place on the Republican national ticket.

In the race for governor in Alabama there are four candidates and the instructed delegates are divided between them.

The Twelfth Indiana district Democratic convention nominated James M. Robinson for a third term in congress.

Republican state conventions in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania elected delagates-at-large and indorsed McKinley's administration.

Admiral Schley declines in advance any political nomination.

The Indiana Republican state convention nominated Winfield T. Durbin, a colonel of volunteers, for governor, and a full ticket.

The Alabama Democratic state convention nominated W. J. Samford for governor.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

Mrs. Charles Smith, of Brownville, Neb., shot her husband and herself. The woman probably will die, but the man may recover.

C. P. Casgrain of Chicago committed suicide by drowning in Mountain Lake, Minn.

William Aylward, a Chicago fisherman, murdered William Larkins and gashed with a knife an 18-year-old boy.

Corporal Harry Matthews, U. S. A., being jealous of Stella Hamilton, fired 125 shots from his rifle into a hotel at Plattsburg, wounding the woman. He then killed himself.

John Anderson, of Chicago, committed suicide because his wife refused to live with him.

James Harris, under arrest at Ottumwa, Kan., on the charge of murdering John H. Allen, has confessed his guilt and implicated the widow of his victim.

Oscar Schmidt committed suicide at Chicago because of losses by the failure of E. S. Dreyer & Co.'s bank.

Burglars robbed the bank at Coulterville, Ills., securing a booty of $5,000.

Frank Meyers, charged at Chicago with being head of an "arson company," confessed to burning a house for $35. The owner and tenant admit they hired him.

Thomas J. Hunter, former auditor of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad company, was found guilty of embezzlement at Atlanta, Ga., and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Hugh B. Christy, who was shot by Lucy Messersmith at Youngstown, O., is dead. After shooting Christy Mrs. Messersmith committed suicide.

Letter-Carrier Boyd Blackshear, of Chicago, was arrested, charged with stealing letters, marked money being found in his possession.

Captain O. M. Carter, late of the U. S. A., was received at the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and will be put to work as a bookkeeper.

BUSINESS NOTES.

The Marseilles Wrapping Paper company, of Marseilles, Ills., is being reorganized, and a sale will be made to a firm to be known as the W. D. Boyce Paper Mills company. W. D. Boyce, of Chicago, is president of the new company.

A blanket mortgage to be recorded by the Atlantic coast line of Virginia for $39,000,000 will cost $18,000 for government stamps.

The Board of Trade members at Chicago defeated a proposition to prevent the securing of cut rates on shipments.

The large furniture factory at Neillsville, Wis., is to be reopened by a Baltimore firm.

Stockholders of the old National Linseed Oil company ask for a receiver to care for about $100,000 of assets.

Dun's and Bradstreet's trade reviews note a trend toward lower prices.

MISHAPS AND DISASTERS.

John Horton, a negro, his wife, and five children were drowned in the back waters of Pear river near Jackson, Miss., while trying to escape from the flood.

The flood situation in the south again grows threatening. In some towns water stands six feet in the streets.

Harry Miller, a 12-year-old boy, was run over and killed by a Chicago cable car.

Jockey Frank O'Leary was killed in a race on the Aqueduct track. Two other jockeys and two horses were injured.

Albert Myers, aged 44, was killed by a falling shaft in a planing mill at Stevens Point, Wis.

Two children, Albert and Frank Krok, aged 4 and 2 years, ate canned meat and died from ptomaine poisoning at Chicago.

One man was blown almost to atoms, two men received probably fatal and eight men and a girl serious injuries by an explosion of blasting powder and dynamite at Larimer, Pa.

Hannah Liebowitz, 13 years; Amelie Liebowitz, 11 years, and Joseph Liebowitz, 6 years old, were suffocated to death in a New York tenament fire.

Cloudbursts in Texas drowned six residents of Waco and four or more citizens of Blackshear.

John Kortas fell from the top of a forty-five-foot hoisting derrick at the ore docks of the Illinois Steel mills, Chicago, and was killed.

Miss Vivian Clerise and J. W. Cardownie, variety actors, were drowned in Lake Whitney, near New Haven, Conn.

Nine persons were killed and a large number wounded, many of whom are likely to die by the falling of a bridge at Paris exposition.

A passenger train struck and instantly killed two unknown men who were walking on the track near Bloomsbury, N. J.

A coal train ran into a shifting engine on the New Jersey Central railroad at Philippsburg, N. J., and Michael McNally, fireman of the shifter, was crushed to death.

While fighting a fire in a twenty-acre wood lot on their farm near Lawton, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. William Brace were hemmed in by the flames. Mrs. Brace was burned to death and her husband fatally injured.

NOTABLE DEATHS.

George Douglas Campbell, Duke of Argyll, is dead.

Judge Charles Chadwick is dead at Lawrence, Kan. He was attorney general of Kansas in 1860 and paymaster general of that state in 1864.

Wilhelm Schring, the poet and historian, is dead at Carlsruhe, Germany, in his 84th year.

Charles G. Stachelberg, head of the cigar firm of M. Stachelberg & Co., is dead at his home in New York.

Professor O. K. Spence, professor of Greek and French at Fisk university, at Nashville, Tenn., is dead.

Thomas Harland, a well-known lawyer, author of our patent system, is dead at New York, aged 70 years.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Forest fires are raging within a mile of the outskirts of Duluth, Minn. Reports of heavy loss of life in Manitoba by flames are denied.

The town of Pantuer, Mex., has been completely destroyed by fire.

Fire destroyed Hull, Ont., leaped the river to Ottawa and burned half the latter city. Homeless persons number 15,000; property loss is $20,000,000.

Fire which stared in a Philadelphia paper spool factory spread to adjoining property and did $250,000 damage.

Fire destroyed the large tobacco warehouse of W. S. Matthews & Sons at Louisville, Ky. Loss on stock estimated at $125,000; on building, $50,000.

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed St. John's Reformed Episcopal church, Chicago.

C. H. Rosenstell & Sons' vinegar factory at Freeport, Ills., was destroyed by fire. The loss is $20,000.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Leading Italian newspapers oppose the renewal of commercial treaties with Germany and Austria.

Colombia rebels have captured Bocas del Toro and threaten Colon.

Kenosha, Wis., is making elaborate preparations for the dedication on Memorial Day of a monument to the war heroes of Kenosha county.

According to Mexican statistics that country is enjoying great prosperity.

"Spider" Kelly of Terre Haute, Ind., was knocked out in that city by Jack Cullen of Indianapolis.

Andrew Cordiff, an Ohio farmer, was about to wed Miss Lucy Cole when he discovered by accident that she was his daughter.

Fifty automobile 'busses, to be known as "imperials," are expected to be in service on Chicago streets within ninety days.

General Ruis Rivera has resigned from Governor Wood's cabinet in Cuba and announces he will run for mayor of Havana.

### MARRIAGE WAS IN HASTE.

**Widower Weds with His First Wife's Corpse Unburied.**

Sioux City, Ia., April 30.—Willis E. Mayne, 29 years old, and Miss Eunice Arnson, aged 27, both of Minnehaha county, S. D., were married last week, while the body of Mayne's first wife, who had died the day before, was lying in the house awaiting burial and his five little motherless children were looking to their grandmother for comfort.

It seems that before the death of the mother of Miss Arnson, Mayne had secured the good opinion of her mother, who suggested that he look after the property. The girl appeared infatuated with Mayne, and was sent to Chicago to get her away from his influence. After she returned she went to live in the Mayne family, against the wishes of his wife and her mother.

### PROPOSITION OF THE SIOUX.

**Startled the Indian Inspector by Proposing to Support Themselves.**

Sioux City, Ia., April 27.—The Lower Brule tribe of Sioux has made an unprecedented proposition to the government through Major James McLaughlin, Indian inspector, which, if accepted, will mean that it is to become self-supporting. Its thirty-year treaty expires June 30 next. The chiefs now propose that if given the privilege of disposing of two sections of tribal land they will use the proceeds to buy cattle and enter the ranching business.

The land to be offered is fine grazing country west of the Missouri and near Chamberlain, S. D. The tribe will buy 2,000 heifers and eighty graded bulls and fence the reservation. Congressional action may be needed.

**Wants $50,000 from the Standard.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 28.—The Crystal Oil company, of this city, has filed a $50,000 damage suit against the Standard Oil company, alleging that the defendant ruined its busiess by improper business methods. It is alleged that the Standard is the most wealthy and powerful corporation in the county, and exercises great influence in Des Moines; that it adopted a policy intended to ruin the Crystal's business by cutting prices below rates made elsewhere, and offering inducements to Crystal customers to buy from the Standard. As a result the Crystal's business was destroyed and it was forced to discontinue.

**Gone to Talk Classification.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 27.—The Iowa board of railway commissioners left Tuesday evening for St. Louis, where they met yesterday with the commissioners of Missouri and Illinois to discuss uniform classification. It is understood by Iowa shippers that the railroads want the classification of agricultural implements advanced by agreement of the roads, which is opposed by the manufacturers and shippers. The Iowa board members indicate they will take no final action until after full hearings in this state.

**No Open Saloons at Des Moines.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 27.—There is now every indication that there will be no more open saloons in Des Moines this year. Judge Bishop has ruled on the certiorari application asked by the anti-saloon people. He holds that the opponents of the saloons are entitled to have a hearing at the canvass of the petition and that the court will review the proceedings of the supervisors in making the canvass.

**New Railway for Iowa.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 28.—The Des Moines and Northern Iowa Railroad company has been incorporated to build from Des Moines via Boone, Webster City and Clarion, 200 miles, north to the Minnesota line.

**Live Stock Killed by Hail.**

Lincoln, Neb., April 30.—A severe hailstorm swept over the western part of Lancaster county late in the afternoon, near the village of Denton. The hail was banked up in places a foot deep, and many of the stones were larger than hens eggs. Several farmers were caught in their fields and badly bruised before reaching shelter. Small grain, mostly winter wheat, was damaged quite badly, and live stock was killed on one farm.

**Human Life Quotation for Iowa.**

Sioux City, Ia., April 30.—For taking the life of Christ Bauer, his brother-in-law, Ernest Meyer, farmer, was sentenced to merely pay a fine of $500. It had been expected that he would be convicted of manslaughter, but the jury's verdict read guilty of attempt to commit great bodily injurey. Meyer stabbed Bauer in the jugular, death resulting almost immediately. Meyer paid his fine, his father being a wealthy Scott county (Iowa) farmer. Meyer is in a dazed condition, which may result in insanity. This was the ground of the defense, which secured a light sentence.

**Cut His Throat in Jail.**

Marshalltown, Ia., April 24.—Rather than go the penitentiary Stephen Triplett cut his throat with a razor in his cell in the county jail here. Triplett had been a resident of Melbourne in the southern part of the county. Seven years ago he married Mrs. Cutler in Kansas and at various times during the last five years had held improper relations with his stepdaughter, Myrtle Cutler, who is now only 17 years old. On Thursday last he pleaded guilty in the district court.

**Des Moines Saloons Do Not Open.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 25.—The reopening of the Des Moines saloons is indefinitely postponed once more. Judge Bishop listened most of Monday to arguments on the certiorari case by which the temperance people demand to have the canvass reviewed by the court. He says it will require some time before he can decide, as important points are involved, never before decided. However he decides an appeal will be taken.

**Iowa Middle-of-the-Roader.**

Des Moines, Ia., April 25.—At yesterday's session of the middle-of-the-road Populist state convention the following were selected as delegates at large to the national convention at Cincinnati, May 9: L. H. Weller, of Nashua; Chas A. Lloyd, of Muscatine; L. M. Morris, of Ottumwa, and A. W. Ricker, of Iowa City. Seventeen district delegates were also selected.

**Smallpox in a Police Station.**

Burlington, Ia., April 25.—A negro laborer was taken down with smallpox in the police station here Monday. There had been several exposures, and the case has ben quarantined.

### THOBURN SUED FOR $150,000.

**Young Woman Charges Bishop with Defamation of Character.**

Springfield, O., April 30.—It seems that the departure of Bishop J. M. Thoburn for New York a few days ago was caused not only by his desire to attend the ecumenical council but also because it was necessary for him to be present at the hearing of a suit for damages in the sum of $150,000 in which he is the defendant.

Several years ago, while Bishop Thoburn was in India, Miss Armstrong, a very handsome and stylish American woman, arrived for the ostensible purpose of converting the heathen, but as she had no connection with the Methodist Episcopal church there was soon a clash between her and the bishop. Miss Armstrong became the object of admiration from one of the wealthiest residents of India and a marriage was announced to take place between them. Bishop Thoburn went to the man and said something about the woman, but the marriage took place as was intended. In a few years Miss Armstrong left her husband and went to England. In New York some years later a subpoena was served on Bishop Thoburn stating that he had been made the defendant in a damage suit for $150,000 brought by Miss Armstrong for defamation of character.

**Lady Yarde-Buller Insane.**

Oakland, Cal., April 30.—Lady Yarde-Buller has been removed to a private sanitarium for the insane upon the authority of her sister, Mrs. Safford, who recently came here from the east.

**Indians Reported Starving.**

Wichita, Kan., April 30.—Is reported from the Kiowa and Comanche agency that the Indians are starving for food. Money due them has not been paid, it is said, their rations have been cut off and traders have refused them credit. Their squaws are begging for food.

**Child Killed by a Grip Car.**

Chicago, April 30.—Ida Danloff, 3 years old, was run over and instantly killed by a south-bound grip car while she was crossing the tracks at Twenty-fourth and State streets.


The easiest and most effective method of purifying the blood and invigorating the system is to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for cleansing the liver and bowels. H. C. Smith.

Golden weddings are taking place all over the country. The old couples evidently took Rocky Mountain tea in their young days. 35c.—Gregg & Ward.


### Notice of Probate of Will.

STATE OF IOWA, } ss.
Delaware County,

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the last will of Anni Kearnie, deceased, has been filed, opened and read, and Monday, the 28th day of May, A. D., 1900, fixed as the time, and the court house in Manchester the place for hearing and proving the same.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 25th day of April, 1900.

F. H. PAUL,
Clerk District Court.

By E. F. SIAS,
Deputy.


### Another Chance.

On the first and third Tuesday of May and June, homeseekers' tickets will be on sale at rate of a single fare plus $2 for the round trip to the various parts of the country.

For rates, limits, territory, etc., call on nearest agent or address.

JNO. G. FARMER, A. G. P. & T. A.,
B., C. R. & N. Ry.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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### Notice of Incorporation of the Manchester & Oneida Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that there has been filed with the recorder of Delaware County, Iowa, and with the Secretary of the State of Iowa, Articles of Incorporation of the MANCHESTER & ONEIDA RAILWAY COMPANY, and that a Certificate of Incorporation has been issued to said Company by the Secretary of State.

That the name of said corporation shall be the MANCHESTER & ONEIDA RAILWAY COMPANY.

That the principal place of business of said corporation shall be Manchester, Iowa.

That the general nature of the business of said corporation shall be the construction, operation, owning, leasing, buying, or controlling, in whole or in part, of a railway to be built or constructed to, from, or through the said City of Manchester to Oneida, Delaware County, Iowa, and such extensions of said line as may be deemed advisable; also, the buying, owning, and selling of real