

—Mrs. J. R. Toogood is on the sick list. —Wes Ackley is visiting relatives at Robins. —F. H. Paul was at Independence Monday. —I. W. Lammman was looking after business interests at Ryan Saturday. —A. K. Meyers left Sunday on a business trip to Freeport and Chicago. —Attention fishermen, right about face and read Kalamity's address to you. —O. E. Huene went to Cedar Falls Monday to visit his daughter, Miss Pearl. —Miss Mattie Smith was presented with a Shaeffer Piano by her parents last week. —The Robert Sherman Co. is holding the boards at the Central Opera House this week. —F. N. Beacom is nursing a sprained ankle, the result of trying to break an unruly colt. —H. A. Granger left today on a business trip to points in Western Iowa and South Dakota. —Mrs. J. R. Madison left Tuesday for Rockford, Ill., where she will visit her daughter. —The Misses Mary Link and Bride O'Brien were the guests of Masonville friends on Sunday. —Miss Amy Byggs, who has been visiting at her home in this city returned to Waterloo Monday. —Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sedgwick entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kendall of Earlville, over Sunday. —A heavy rain and hail storm visited Honey Creek township Monday. No damage has been reported. —John Hogan returned Sunday from Clermont, Montana, where he had been with a shipment of cattle. —Mrs. Rob Denton and two children departed Sunday for Epworth where they will be the guests of Mrs. Denton's mother. —Gregg & Ward started their soda fountain Monday and dispensed free drinks to all who visited their store on that day. —Miss Mame Kelly, who has been the guest of relatives here for several weeks, returned to her home in Fond du Lac, Saturday. —The electric light and power plant building is not in the hands of the brick layers and is being rapidly pushed to completion. —Ed. Davis returned yesterday morning from S. D., where he has been for two weeks past. While there he disposed of two quarter sections of land near Dell Rapids and purchased a section near Artesian. —M. Beebler departed the first of the week on an extended eastern trip which will include Syracuse, New York City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Hartford, Conn., and many other of the larger eastern cities. —Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dolly, of Hazel Green, were shopping in this city Saturday. Mr. Dolly has recently become the owner of the Howe flour farm near this city and will occupy same after the first of next March. —Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conger visited last week at the home of their son, Glen, in La Porte City. Mr. Conger combined business with pleasure on this trip, in that he looked after Delaware County Fair interests in the racing line while there. —J. A. Thomas, of Ryan, is said to be arranging for a trip across the big pond during the present summer, his destination being the big exposition and side trips over the continent. He will probably start in September. —Cognon Monitor. —The local lodge of Rathbone Sisters will have initiatory services at their rooms in Pythian Castle this evening to which they have invited the Earlville lodge of Rathbones. These ladies have an excellent reputation as entertainers and a royal good time is expected. —A large number of the boys and girls took advantage of the warm weather of last Saturday and with well filled baskets picnicked on the other side of Greeley. The day was spent in the usual care free picnic fashion, every one coming home at night tired but happy. —Prof. L. T. Eaton, formerly superintendent of Delaware county schools and now a member of the faculty of Highland Park College, spent his spring vacation with his parents and friends here. Mr. Eaton returned yesterday to assume his duties for the summer semester. —A traveling doctor, with one or two runners, was here last week seeking victims who are willing to take a stranger's word for pure gold and who would rather patronize such a person than to employ home talent. The result of his work is just coming to light and those who were beguiled into employing him are nervous and uneasy. His mode was to go on the plan of "no cure, no pay," but he exacted a note to cover the amount agreed upon in case of a cure, and these notes are turning up for collection. They are for \$50 to \$200 each and it looks like a huge windfall in which the victims are expected to pay whether they receive any medicine, treatment or benefit. —Earlville Phoenix. —Vic H. Stevens, general manager and president of the Dubuque and Standard Telephone Company, was in town Wednesday evening looking after his interests. The company of which Mr. Stevens is at the head is getting to be one of the foremost corporations in northeastern Iowa. They are now laying underground lines in the business portions of Dubuque and in a few weeks will have finished the work and have all connections made. The line now extends from Dubuque through Epworth and Farley and is connected with Des Moines. Mr. Stevens informed a representative of this paper that during the coming summer the company will extend their lines to all the towns north of here, taking in New Vienna, Luxemburg, Petersburg, Coleburg and many other places. A movement is also being made to put as many possible into as many farm residences as possible along the line and in a few years we shall see nearly every house in the county connected by telephone. When Dubuque county is completely wired they will move over into Delaware county and put in a complete system there. —Dyersville News-Letter.

—J. W. Funk had business at Winthrop Monday. —Attorney Calvin Yoran spent Sunday in Waterloo. —Doc Fowler, of Lamont, was in the city the first of the week. —Arthur Middleton was a business visitor in Manchester Saturday. —Robin Denton was transacting business in Masonville Monday. —Miss Belle Huey, of Golden, was the guest of Miss Grace Malvin Saturday. —Miss Nora Maroney was the guest of Miss Jennie Langhammer Friday last. —The North End druggists, Gregg & Ward advertise a full line of machinery oils. —Father P. H. Ryan, of Ryan, was a business visitor in Manchester the first of the week. —Wm. Giles went to Lamont yesterday to do some work in the cemetery at that place. —H. Sabin and J. B. Rutherford returned the latter part of the week from a Dakota trip. —H. Philipp, of Earlville, was the guest of his brother, A. C. Philipp, and wife last Friday. —R. W. Johnson left Sunday night for Waterloo where he has accepted a position in the Logan House. —G. E. Rice, of Dubuque arrived here Saturday morning and is assisting W. D. Goodwin in his barber shop. —Attorney H. F. Arnold went to Coleburg Monday on business connected with the projected Coleburg railroad. —O. C. Clark sold a team of large grey horses to parties in Strawberry Point last Saturday. The consideration was \$300. —Clyde Heath resigned his position Monday as night clerk at the Clarence House to accept the day clerkship at the Globe. —Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson came out from Dubuque Friday and remained until Sunday evening with relatives in this city. —Marriage licenses were issued the past week to Bert H. Hamblin and Mabel I. Haigh and Frank I. Plank and Verga L. Foote. —G. W. Miller received last week at his agricultural implement warehouse, two car loads of buggies and wagons, and invites an inspection of same. —Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jewell returned Sunday evening from Omaha where Mr. Jewell attended a meeting of the executive council of the W. O. W. —Mrs. Oona Glessendorf Searles returned to her home in Waterloo the latter part of the week after a short visit with relatives and friends in this city. —Miss Anna Glessendorf has been at home the past two weeks, her school in District No. 6, Collins Grove township having been closed on account of the scarlet fever. —Mrs. Rebecca Carpenter is having a very neat improvement in the shape of a cement side walk made in and about her place at the corner of Gay and Franklin streets. —A. J. Brown's five room cottage on the corner of Tama and Howard streets is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will be a very convenient and pleasant residence. —Mrs. C. S. Giddings, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Hutchinson and Mrs. J. B. Hoag, and other friends in Manchester for some time, returns Friday to her home in Cleveland, Ohio. —Miss Edith Dunham leaves Thursday for Washington, D. C., to take an examination for a position in the Census bureau. She will stop off in Chicago while enroute for a few days visit with relatives there. —The Manchester second nine and the Strawberry Point high school team crossed bats in a game of base ball on the latter's diamond Saturday afternoon resulting in a victory for Strawberry Point by a score of 14 to 9. —Miss Blanche, of Walker, a trained nurse graduate from the Iowa Homeopathic Hospital at Iowa City, arrived in the city Monday and is assisting Miss Elva Dunham in caring for the sick at the home of Mrs. E. O. Clemons. —Mr. Frank Spence, of White Oaks, New Mexico, is visiting here at the home of his brother, C. Spence and wife. He is one of the Spence Brothers, who own and operate a large sheep ranch at that place.—Hopkinton Leader. —An emergency meeting of the school board was held Sunday evening at which it was decided to close the public schools of the city Friday of this week as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the scarlet fever. —We hope that the letter from H. L. Walter, on another page will be followed by others from his pen. Mr. Walter was formerly engaged in the photograph business here, but for the last ten years or more has been located at Jonesboro, Ill. —Three stock cars loaded with blooded horses were attached to the east bound passenger train Saturday night. The horses had been on the road since the Tuesday previous, being enroute from California to Chicago, where they will be entered in the coming Chicago Derby. —The warm weather of the past few days has caused a large demand to be made upon Austin Brown for refrigerators, his furniture store being head quarters for the popular Herrick for this section. His arrangements are such however, that he expects to be able to supply all who desire them. —Manchester base ball matters are flourishing. Manager Abbott has heard from Oelwein, Waterloo, Strawberry Point, Volga City, Epworth, Dyersville, Kansas Indians and Hopkinton the past week. These towns all have well organized teams that are desirous of crossing bats with Manchester. —Chas. W. Ferris has arranged with the Illinois Central officials to furnish supper lunches to Clipper passengers between Dyersville and Jessup. He takes the afternoon freight to Dyersville and boards the Clipper there. This train does not stop here for supper as it formerly did, so that Mr. Ferris will undoubtedly meet with success in his new venture.

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High School Class 1900. There will be no graduating exercises this year. This action was deemed necessary because of the fact that our High School Commencement exercises have always been attended by packed houses and the scarlet fever epidemic although well under control, has made it compulsory that as yet we refrain from congregating in large numbers. The patrons of the Manchester schools and all citizens will commend the action of the School Board in this particular though it is a sad blow to the ambitious class of 1900. However, the class will hand in their orations and will be presented with diplomas on the last day of school—Friday. The M. H. S. Class of 1900 is an unusually large and bright one. There are sixteen names on the class roll as follows: Hunt Armistead, Mary Edith Bushnell, Nina Belle Carhart, Theron A. Coon, Helma Luella Johnson, Bradley Lillibridge, Grace Elizabeth Malven, Edward James Middleton, Ruth Edna Frait, Cora Ella Sabin, Mattie Satterlee, Artzena J. Scanlan, Bertha Willa Seeds, Hilma E. Sefstrom, Myrtle Mable Wells, M. Ola Wilson. One Dollar to Dubuque and Return Friday May 25. An excursion, the first of the season will be run from Independence to Dubuque Friday, May 25th, on account of the May festival to be conducted by the Dubuque Y. M. C. A. The Manchester association will be given a percent of the receipts of all tickets sold at this station. This will be a splendid opportunity for all who wish to visit Dubuque to do so. The special attraction for this occasion is the liquid air demonstration by Prof. Chas. E. Tripler the inventor of this latest scientific discovery. The following are some of the experiments which will be performed. Liquid air is exhibited so every one can see it; an ordinary rubber ball is bounced, then being subjected to the liquid air becomes hard after which it is smashed upon the floor like glass; humorous experiments will be given showing steam, eggs, fruits, etc. frozen in liquid air; nails will be driven with hammers made of frozen mercury; a spectacular experiment of burning carbon in a tumbler formed of ice and containing liquid air, the burning carbon not melting the ice. These are a few of the experiments which will be performed with this new discovery which has opened up a large range of startling possibilities. A baseball game has been arranged for the entertainment of the excursionists in the afternoon. This will be as cheap a trip to Dubuque as there will probably be this season and all who can should avail themselves of the opportunity. Letter From H. L. Walter. Jonesboro, Ill., April 28, 1900. ENDS DEMOCRAT.—The vernal season has opened in all its splendor. Birds, flowers and greenery everywhere. With all the beauties come not a few of the annoyances, nats, mosquitoes and wood ticks are on tap, also snakes in great variety and numbers than at the north. O.K. poisonous reptiles we have the rattlesnake, copperhead and cottonmouth. Of the non-poisonous the list is long, however we have one very enterprising member of snakehood known as the chicken snake, and we have lost a lot of eggs and a few chickens through his depredations. Farm work is on in good style. Conditions for nearly a month have been singularly favorable. Considerable corn has been planted and some of it is up. Wheat in this locality is very fine and well advanced. I hear that some of it is heading. We have a great many very excellent and enterprising farmers here. Many are of the reliable and sturdy old German stock, the personification of good faith every where. This is a better wheat country than Iowa and I believe larger corn is grown here than there. I am told that fifty crops of wheat have been raised in succession on the same piece of land. Irish potatoes grow large and yield well but the labor is not as good as those grown farther north. Ninety-three bushels were grown on a quarter of an acre in Jonesboro two years ago. I saw larger Irish potatoes in Anna grown in the Mississippi bottom than ever came under my notice in Iowa, Minnesota or Wisconsin. This was surprising to me. Not long since with some friends we took a buggy ride through the bottoms, an all day drive and found it one immense wheat field. The bottom on the east side of the river is about four miles wide and excellent land for any crop this country produces. The peach crop is promising, also apples and pears. I am told that strawberries are in the market and strawberries are being made. Gardening for some years has not been profitable. A large gardener told me he had been losing money raising and shipping the same products that enabled him to purchase his large and valuable farm adjoining Jonesboro, a few years since. There are many points of interest in this curious old country to which I might introduce your readers if in your judgment desirable. There are a great many old friends and patrons in and about your beautiful city I should be glad to greet again. H. L. Walter. —Manchester Markets. Hogs, per cwt. \$4 00-25 00 Steers, per cwt. 4 00-5 00 Cows, per cwt. 3 00-3 75 Cows, butcher's stock, per cwt. 3 00-3 25 Lambs, per cwt. 1 00-2 00 Turkeys, per lb. 5 4 Ducks, per lb. 5 4 Chickens, per lb. 5 2 Old hens, per lb. 5 2 Corn, per bu. 1 00-1 25 Oats, per bu. 5 00-5 50 Hay, wild, per ton. 100-120 Potatoes, per bu. 1 00-1 25 Butter, creamery, per lb. 16-17 Butter, dairy, per lb. 14-15 Eggs, per doz. 1 10-1 15 Timothy seed. 1 10 Clover seed. 1 10 Ancient Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine at Washington, D. C. 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