

—Write it 1901.

—Happy new century—Happy new year.

—Mrs. Cora Pelley is visiting her sister in Cedar Rapids this week.

—Mrs. W. D. Goodwin departed Monday to spend a week with her mother.

—Hon. W. H. Norris went to Des Moines Friday, returning home Sunday.

—Mrs. J. A. May and children, of Independence, were guests of relatives here Christmas.

—Frank Mack, Cedar Rapids, was in the city a few days of last week, the guest of friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moran spent the Christmas vacation days with Mrs. Moran's relatives in Trier.

—J. M. New, of Masonville, very pleasantly called upon his friends in this office one day last week.

—Roy Morse, who recently purchased a jewelry business in Coggon, was home for an over Sunday visit this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Eaton had as their guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hersey and family, of Earlville.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carr, of Des Moines, were in the city over the Yule tide, guests in the home of Mr. Carr's parents.

—Mrs. P. O'Brien, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ed Johnson, of Dell Rapids South Dakota are guests of their sister, Mrs. L. M. Davis.

—Jake Brown, who was the popular pitcher of our local ball club is expected here today (Monday) for a visit with friends. He will be a guest in the N. Malvin home.

—Mrs. A. W. Cautl is spending the holidays with friends in Cedar Falls and Parkersburg, and the Reverend Cautl joined her in the latter place this week Monday.

—For the benefit of the Manchesterites who are spending the winter in the South, we remark, that thus far this winter we have had exceedingly pleasant weather here.

—Mrs. R. E. Clark and daughter, Miss Sibyl, of Webster City, and Miss Edith V. Rann, of Chicago, are guests during the holidays of Mrs. Mary Rann, and other relatives and friends.

—H. F. Arnold will leave within the next ten days for Welch, Louisiana, to improve one of his rice plantations located there. He expects to be absent from home three or four weeks.

—Mrs. Flora Stowe, daughter, Gelitah, and son, Ralph, departed Monday morning for their home in Mt. Vernon after a week's visit in this city. While here they were guests in the pleasant Hunt home on Main street.

—A. M. Sherwood is worrying because his business prevents him from going South to join Mrs. Sherwood. However he expects to so arrange his matters as to be able to start for the Southland about the 10th of this month.

—C. L. Coates, wife and family, of Maraca, Iowa, have been visiting relatives and friends in this city during the past week. Mr. Coates says he likes the western part of the state very much and he bears the appearance of prosperity to carry out his statements.

—Miss Nellie Cruise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cruise, and Andrew J. Faust, of Almorat, were united in marriage on the first day of the new century at the residence of the parents of the bride. The Democrat extends congratulations to this worthy young couple.

—Mrs. A. Conger and daughter, Gladys, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Manchester and vicinity for some time past, departed the latter part of last week for Milwaukee and Chicago where they will visit with friends and after which they leave for their home in Los Angeles, California.

—County Superintendent Schweitzer, city superintendent Woods, and the Messrs. Jennie McCarren and Inez Chamberlain of our schools and Miss Anna Wolff and Amy Boggs were attendants, at the State Teachers' Association held in Des Moines last week. Miss Boggs was a member of the Executive Council.

—A. D. Brown, the furniture man, had his holiday drawing for the Christmas chair, as advertised, on Xmas day. The committee appointed consisted of W. D. and J. D. Hogan and B. F. Miles, who after shaking the names, drew one.

—Miss Myrtle Russell. The chair was a beauty and Miss Russell is to be congratulated upon receiving so handsome a Xmas gift.

—Friends in the city of Miss Madge Cunningham, who was compelled to resign her stenographic position here and go to Colorado on account of ill health, are pleased to hear that she has been appointed to the responsible assistant Matronship of Ft. Lewis Academy in Colorado. Her health is much improved and she writes that she is charmed with her new home. Knowing Miss Cunningham's faithfulness to duty and efficiency, it is without doubt that she will be successful in her present work.

—As a report from the tax ferrets who are at work upon the delinquent lists in this county is looked for at an early date, when active operations for the collections of the amounts due will be at once entered upon, anything concerning their work in other counties is of local interest. A dispatch from Eldora has this to say of the results of their work in Hardin county: "The tax ferrets are getting in their work in good shape these days. The adjustments now run from \$200 to \$1,000 a day, and yet the work has only just begun. The largest amount so far received from any individual was \$908, and the average is from \$200 to \$300. A well known former judge in this district was in the city yesterday in the interest of several clients. He advised them to settle up the taxes justly sought to be assessed against them. He said that while there were two or three delinquents against the collection of such taxes, there were ten or a dozen upholding it. He said that Iowa could not afford to be behind her neighboring states of Minnesota, Illinois and Ohio, where such assessments had been fully tested and sustained, and with excellent results."

—Miss Cree, Iowa City, is the pleasant guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Gregg.

—Mrs. P. J. Roche was in Solon the first of last week, spending a few days with her mother.

—Dr. C. L. Leigh spent Christmas day with his parents and other relatives and friends in Dyersville.

—Mrs. E. G. Dittmer spent the Xmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill in Morning Sun, Iowa.

—A shoe sale is on at Grassfield Bros. The reason for making the cut on prices is given in their new ad.

—Florence Klaus, a student in the M. H. S. is spending her vacation with her parents and friends in Colesburg.

—A. S. Gibbons, of Anamosa, was visiting his many friends in this city last week departing for his home Saturday.

—Phil Snyder, who had been visiting friends here for a week previous, departed for Waterloo, last week Wednesday evening.

—Miss Ethel Ferguson went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, last week Monday where she will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Mrs. Dr. Donnelly and two children, of Ryan, were in our city over last Tuesday, guests of Mrs. Donnelly's mother, Mrs. Klonus.

—Robt. Blue, Belle Plaine, is in the city, a guest in the Rev. Wolf home. Mr. Blue is a Cornell student and has many friends in Manchester.

—Miss Sadie Griffin, who has a position as stenographer in the law office of Bois & Bois in Waterloo, spent the past week in her home in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Merwin, Chicago, are in the city, guests of Mrs. Merwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Butterfield, and other relatives and friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Brown, Stuart, Iowa, were in the city last week, the guests of Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Cowles, and other relatives and friends.

—H. E. Robinson, the efficient manager of the Hollister Lumber Company's office at Pearl City, Ill., and his family, were here to spend the Christmas time with relatives and many friends.

—Dr. Bradley returned Friday from a trip to Aberdeen, North Carolina, where he was called by telegraph to prescribe for Mrs. Crawford Hutchinson, who is reported as dangerously ill.

—Jas. Congrove, Winona, Ill., who spent Xmas with his parents and friends here, left Thursday for his home. Mr. Congrove is a fireman on the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

—Rev. and Mrs. Pratt and the Misses Gertrude and Ruth ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Jackson is a daughter of the Rev. gentleman and his estimable wife.

—Miss Sue Paxson, a teacher in the Omaha City schools, and Miss Ruth Paxson, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., were guests during the past week of their mother, Mrs. Paxson and other relatives and friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Dixon, of the Clarence House had a merry party of guests for over the Christmas week, their daughter, Mrs. H. L. Graham, Minneapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon, Decorah, being of the number.

—A. D. Brown, Manchester's up to date furniture man, has fully recovered from the effects of the sweeping clearing out of his store made by his patrons during the closing days of the last century, as will be seen by referring to his 1901 announcement.

—Last evening, New Years evening, a number of the young folks danced the old year out and the new year in at Central Opera House. The dance was given by N. P. Malven and thanks to his efforts was thoroughly a success. The music was fine and a very nice crowd danced until long after the new century had been assured in.

—The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has been recently made the recipient of a climbing rope, which is proving a new pleasure for the boys and an addition of worth to the paraphernalia of the "army." The feat of climbing the rope to the ceiling and coming down again in hand over hand fashion is no small performance being one which requires considerable agility and a certain amount of practice.

—Mrs. Louisa Hilliger died last Sunday at the residence of her son, R. C. Hilliger in Highland township. She was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, on March 14, 1824. Six children, four sons and two daughters, two of whom are residents of this county: Mr. R. C. Hilliger and Mrs. Albert Sandhagen, are left to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother. The funeral services were held at the Lutheran church in Dundee, Rev. Melchert officiating.

—The proprietors of the Works meat market conferred a lasting favor upon a large number of our mortals who have short pocket books when they took out their show windows the meats of all kinds and all the appurtenances thereto belonging so temptingly arranged therein last week. Many a man and woman too coming down town from a full noonday dinner stopped to look at the big roasts, the ox tall soups and all sorts of appetizing looking meats and after the briefest of inspections was compelled by sheer hunger to go inside and purchase a delicious cut. Thanks awfully boys for taking them out of the window.

—Henry Ernest Peters and Miss Frieda Hanson, both of Manchester, were married by Justice Kessler at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The ceremony took place in the squire's office. The couple spent the day in town and departed late this afternoon for Milwaukee where they will be entertained a reception at the home of the groom's parents. The bride is a charming young woman of twenty-two summers. She was attired in a becoming gown away gown out after the latest fashion while the groom wore the conventional black—Dunbar Telegraph.

—Mr. Peters is the efficient night clerk of the Clarence House, a young man of ready habits and pleasant manner very popular with the trade. His bride is a young woman of worth and with many characteristics that will make her a womanly and dutiful wife. The Democrat wishes Mr. and Mrs. Peters a life of happiness and prosperity.

—Miss Maye Roney spent the day of Thursday last week with Independence friends.

—Miss Dora Hills, of Des Moines, is in the city for a two weeks vacation, visiting her parents.

—Jas. Toogood was a passenger last Friday for Dyersville where he was the guest of relatives over Sunday.

—Mr. Stillinger of Colesburg attended the dance Monday night and is now the guest of his friend Alton Dunham.

—Clarence Torrey, Librarian of Chicago University, was among the out of town guests in Manchester last week.

—Mrs. Herbert Harris, of Prairie township by notice in another column offers for sale a few choice bronze turkeys.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Huene and son and daughter, Mr. Harry and Miss Percil, spent Christmas day with friends in Strawberry Point.

—Mrs. Dr. Lindsay and daughter, Florence, spent a few days the latter part of last week with Mrs. Lindsay's father, Thos. Cole, of Greeley.

—Mrs. Sophia Marshall and daughter, Miss Clara, returned last week Wednesday from a pleasant visit of a few days with friends in Des Moines.

—Robt. Allen and Miss Emma Malven, of the nurse corps at the Insane Hospital, were down from Independence to spend Sunday. They returned Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irish and Frank Farwell and Miss Blanch Sherman of Greeley, were down for the New Years dance at Central Opera House Monday night.

—Miss Kathleen Cleve and, a teacher in the Fort Dodge schools, was visiting relatives here during the past week, a guest in the A. H. Cleveland home on the west side.

—Hugo von Oven entertained two of his brothers from Friday until Monday last, one of whom came from Savannah, Ill.; the younger is a student in the dental department of S. U. I.

—The Duplicate Whist Club had a pleasant session last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Gregg, Dr. C. L. Leigh and Fred Cary acting as substitutes for absent members.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grassfield are spending a few days with Mr. Grassfield's parents in Marion. They went to Linn county's capital Friday last and will remain over New Year's day.

—Rev. H. W. Stiles returned Saturday morning to his duties as pastor of the Ada, Minnesota, Congregational church after a weeks visit in this city with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stiles.

—The Sunshine Club held a special watch meeting Monday evening with Miss Florence Atwater. It is safe to say that a New Year was never more heartily welcomed in than was the one of 1901.

—The following letters are uncalculated for at the post office in this city for the week ending December 31, 1900: Mrs. W. Apfel, Mrs. Joseph Taylor, F. B. Hardy, W. A. Smith, F. M. Hosier, F. D. Hawkins.

—Miss Mary Wilson, whose home is in Kansas, is the guest of Miss Faye Ford at the pleasant Ford home on Fayette street. Miss Wilson and Miss Faye Ford are roommates and co-workers at the State University.

—Next week will probably see the Bridge Petition between 500 and 600 signers before the Board of Supervisors. Those having in charge this petition have met with good success and we are now awaiting a favorable return from our county supervisors.

—The Neighborhood Whist Club held a meeting which was postponed on account of Christmas festivities from Monday until Wednesday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bronson entertained the members this week Monday, New Years eve.

—The business established by the late P. J. Roche will be continued by Mrs. Roche. Competent mechanics have been employed in the different branches of blacksmithing, and the reputation of this old and well established business will be maintained. See new advertisement.

—Word comes to us rather late of the death of the 18th of December of William Williams at his home in Brandon, Buchanan county, Iowa. Mr. Williams was formerly a Delaware county sheriff and his many friends here will learn with regret of his demise. He was a member of Company F, 27th Iowa.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beeman, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Atwater, have issued invitations to a number of their friends for this week Friday and for next week Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollister in Pythian square; the invitations reading: At home, 3:15; coffee, 6:30.

—Mrs. Mary McDonald, wife of Michael McDonald, died of pneumonia at her home in Milo township last Sunday morning. Deceased was about 30 years old and leaves a husband and five young children to mourn her loss. The funeral was held on Monday at Castle Grove, Rev. father Murphy officiating.

—Miss Bateman, the popular milliner in B. Clark's dry goods emporium, departed last week for Chicago, where she will visit for about two weeks before continuing to her home in Cleveland. Miss Bateman has made many friends here who are sorry that the close of the Millinery season takes her from our city.

—Last Saturday was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tirrill, and the reception given by them to their friends during the day and evening was very largely attended and more than ordinarily enjoyable. The guests were met at the door by Pasha Richardson, in flowing robes of gorgeous silk, and escorted to the presence of the host and hostess, who conferred upon everyone the freedom of their home. All the quaint and curious things collected by Mr. and Mrs. Tirrill, during their travels in foreign lands were freely examined by the guests. Dainty refreshments were served all the afternoon and until a late hour in the evening. The fact that the reception was a wedding anniversary was a complete surprise to the guests, no one having any idea that such was the case until after their arrival.

—Miss Florence Atwater entertains tonight, Tuesday.

—H. J. Schweitzer spent Monday with Cedar Rapids friends.

—Chas. Baumgartner was in DuBuque for the day Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Georgian are spending New Years with relatives in Rockville.

—Mrs. Hubert Carr is in the city having arrived Monday afternoon for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

—The Manchester Orchestra is much in demand for dancing parties. They played Xmas night in Coggon, Thursday night in Winthrop and Monday night for dancers at Dundee.

—Tom Clabby and wife of Monticello, were passengers for Dubuque yesterday morning. Mr. Clabby will make a business trip to Vermont, while his wife remains for a visit with relatives.

—Ryan Reporter.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. LeRoy, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones, Miss Irene Jones and the Misses LeRoy entertain at Pythian Castle this week Friday and Saturday evenings at six-thirty o'clock dinner.

—The Six Handed Euchre Club met last week with Mrs. Will Work, the prevalence of the sore throat and cold trouble keeping over one half of the members away. This week they will meet with Mrs. M. and Henrietta Beeher.

—Edw. Middleton, who has been an attendant in the Business department of Highland Park College has secured a position in Des Moines. His friends in this city and vicinity congratulate him upon his success and hope such success will continue for him.

—The Christmas-New Years number at the Entre Nous was as happy a dance as has been given here for some time.

—The program was well ordered and each dance passed very merrily, the orchestra receiving frequent accolades attesting deserved appreciation for their harmony and good taste in selecting dance tunes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alva Johnston departed last Friday afternoon for DuBuque, which place will be their future home. The resignation of Mr. Johnston from the Manchester Lumber Company's employ as bookkeeper of the home yards here comes as a pure surprise to his many friends in this city but it is very gratifying to know that he has secured financially a better situation in the Key City. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will be missed by a large circle of friends here, but all wish for them continued prosperity and happiness in their new home.

—At a recent school examination for girls, says the Ledger Monthly, this composition was handed in by a girl of twelve: "The boy is not an animal, yet they can be heard to a considerable distance. When a boy hollers he opens his big mouth like frogs, but girls hold their tongue till they are spoken to, and then they answer respectable and tell just how it was. A boy thinks himself clever because he can wade where the water is deep. When a boy grows up he is called a husband, and then he stops wading and stays out nights, but the grown-up girl is a widow and keeps house."

—The week before Christmas, and especially the day before, was a brisk one in the marriage market at Clerk Paul's office, eleven of the following licenses having been issued in that week and nearly half of the entire number appearing on the record as of date December 24. Herman Eldridge, Anna Krambrink, Delhi; John J. Lambeck, Hannah M. Millard, Dyersville; Chas. L. Bath, Maud Collier, Earlville; John J. Hyde, Worthington, Ricks; Voelchow, Delhi; Sam'l. Rowe, Nellie Hamilton; Otis Miller, Golden, Ethel Keith, Hazel Green; V. L. Miller, Greeley, Frances Fretress, Greeley; Fred A. Traver, Hattie A. Hilliar; S. H. Fisher, Katie L. Calkins; Geo. M. Dorman, Grace E. Hubble; Austin V. H. Mory, Chicago, Georgia A. Graham; John E. Welsh, Delhi, Myrtle A. Lutes; H. H. Hooker, Dundee, Nellie Glazier, Edgewood; Robt. D. Tharp, Nellie May Green; Andrew Faust, Almorat, Nellie B. Cruise.

—Lewis-Wolcott Entertainments.

—The Mesdames Oia Lewis and Lillie Wolcott are giving a series of three entertainments this week. The first is a tea at the home of Mrs. Lewis.

—Thursday afternoon these ladies will receive their friends at the Wolcott home on Howard street.

—Friday evening they have issued invitations for an evening at cards, to be held also in the pleasant Wolcott home.

—Jones Mill Grange.

—The next regular meeting of the Jones Mill Grange will be held on January 5, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp.

—The newly elected officers will be installed and other business transacted.

—Oysters will be served. Sisters will come prepared as usual.

—W. H. HOLLISTER, Master.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of The First National Bank at Manchester, in the State of Iowa, at the Close of Business, Dec. 13, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Over and discounts \$36,214 47

Loans secured and unsecured 2,145 79

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,600 00

Banking house, furniture and fixtures 9,400 00

Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 45,154 89

Due from approved reserve agents 14,237 42

Checks and other cash items 2,989 56

Exchanges for clearing-house 2,475 47

Notes of other National Banks 1,640 00

Fractional paper currency, silver and cents 78 00

Profit and loss 30,320 00

1 Specie \$18,749 00

2 Legal money reserve in bank, viz:

a 5 per cent circulation 625 00

b 5 per cent reserve in bank 29,124 00

5 per cent redemption fund 29,124 00

Total \$338,229 51

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$60,000 00

Surplus fund 10,000 00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes 2,716 24

National Bank notes outstanding 12,500 00

Due to State Banks and Bankers 289 57

Individual deposits subject to check 141,177 74

Demand certificates of deposit 121,925 96

Total \$338,229 51

Emis Boggs, Notary Public

A. H. Blake, H. A. Granger, Directors.

WHAT SHALL I BUY HIM FOR CHRISTMAS.

Allow us to make a few suggestions in regard to presents for your gentleman friends. Our holiday line is almost exclusively articles for gentlemen's wear, and we are showing some of the newest and most desirable novelties. In procuring a present for a gentleman, if you wish to be certain to please him, purchase something that he can wear. An article of this description always makes a suitable Christmas gift. We have added a new feature to our holiday business, viz., any purchase may be exchanged, so if you happen to make some little error in selecting a present such as color, size or pattern, it will be easy for you to remedy your mistake.

- NECKWEAR, HOSIERY, GLOVES and MITTENS, SHIRTS, BATH ROBES, SMOKING JACKETS, UMBRELLAS, SUIT CASES, HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY SUSPENDERS, MUFFLERS, FANCY NIGHTSHIRTS, SUITS and OVERCOATS, HATS and APS. L. R. STOUT, LEADING CLOTHIER.

IN YOUR HOLIDAY HURRY

you may have forgotten one of the FAMILY, FRIEND or NEIGHBOR in making out your list for Christmas Gifts. Possibly did not get one yourself and want to buy a present.

WE HAVE SOME BROKEN LINES OF HOLIDAY GOODS.

and should you wish to make a purchase we can fit you out at a SMALL PRICE.

If we have what you want you can buy it at UNDER REGULAR RATES.

WITH A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

'KALAMITY' THORPE.

4 Headache Facts.

- I. Headache is an almost universal ailment; 86 per cent have it, at least occasionally. II. Headaches could always be relieved by means of strong opiates, but drugging a pain is not curing it. III. It is now possible to cure a headache quicker than an opiate will believe it, and to cure harmlessly by removing the cause. IV. Our Own Headache Cure is a perfect remedy. It can't harm. It relieves the severest headache in from 20 to 40 minutes.

W. A. Abbott, THE LEADING DRUGGIST.

NOBLE ARNOLD Greetings With A

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year.

THE NORTH FRANKLIN STREET GROCERY FIRM, thanks one and all for their patronage during the year just past, and assures each one that the year beginning January 1st, 1901, will find this store as usual filled with Staple and Fine Groceries, and worthy of your continued patronage.

Again with many happy reminders for the merriest of Xmas tides and happiest of New Years.

Yours for the trade of 1901, NOBLE ARNOLD.

Annual Slaughter ... in ... Ladies' Cloaks. Includes all the finest high grade garments of the season in Castor Blue and Black, elegantly lined newest designs. These garments sold up to this time at \$13.50-\$15.00-\$16.50; take your choice now for \$8.85.

We have an unusually large and well selected stock of Fur Coats, consisting of all of the most popular skins. You should see our select lot before purchasing. We can please you in VARIETY, PRICE, and FIT. FUR COATS AT D. F. Riddell & Co's. We are offering real bargains in MEN'S, YOUTH'S and BOY'S ULSTERS, DRESS OVERCOATS and SUITS.