

The ice harvest has begun. Geo. Simmons, Jr., spent Friday last in Osgoon. Miss Mary Hayden visited with friends in Golden the first of last week. Henry Hilton, of Lamont, is visiting his son, Charles, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Prof. R. W. Wood is among the grip sufferers who are confined to the house. You would do well to read Wells & Eldredge's "Starter for the New Year," in their half column space. Ephraim Dean, the Waverly politician known to many of our citizens was in Manchester one day last week. Rev. E. J. Bakerville, of Detroit, Michigan, is conducting a series of revival meetings this week at the M. E. church in this city. Mrs. O. A. Dunham was elected to the presidency of the W. C. T. U. to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mrs. Wood at its last meeting. Mrs. H. R. Holmes departed for Maquoketa last Friday where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Percy Langridge's children. Geo. Howell and Miss Pearl Howell, of Grinnell, are in the city, guests in the homes of their uncle, Mr. H. B. Brown, and cousin, Mrs. Adelbert Mead. Bert Barr, of Prairie township, returned Wednesday from a trip to Chicago and other points in Illinois where he spent the holidays with friends and eight seeling. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Champion, of Independence, visited friends in this city last Tuesday, Mrs. Champion being enroute from a visit with her parents in Dubuque, and Mr. Champion coming with the visiting basket ball team. Ed Reed, of Hopkinton, made this office a friendly call Monday. He informs us that his father, H. W. Reed, who removed from this county to Nebraska, about sixteen years ago has sold his farm near Albion, and with his family will locate in Hopkinton the first of next month. Joseph E. Eldredge, a former well known resident of Honey Creek township, died at his home at Porterville, Kansas, on the 1st ult. He served his country faithfully four years as a member of the 12th Iowa Infantry, and it was during his service as a soldier that he contracted the disease which finally resulted in his death. A very valuable tame duck was sold in Chicago one day last week. Upon dressing it, gold worth nearly \$25 was found inside of it. An effort has been made to ascertain where the duck came from, and it is believed that it was shipped to Chicago either from Monticello, Iowa, or Zurich, Illinois, and the farmers in the vicinity of those places have been notified to examine the feeding grounds of their ducks. The gold is said to be of fine quality. About eight o'clock Friday morning a fire alarm was sounded, calling our fire department to the store room occupied by J. G. Mitch as a cigar store, factory and lunch counter. The fire originated from a gasoline stove. It was soon extinguished, not however, until damage by fire, smoke and water to the amount of from \$250 to \$300, had been done to the building, and more than that to Mr. Mitch's stock and furniture. The range stove peddlers are working the unwary farmers in Cerro Gordo and other counties thereto adjoining. It is not likely they will take in Delaware county on this trip, as they have heretofore, on two occasions, reaped good harvests here, and sufficient time has not yet elapsed since their last incursion for them to secure another good crop. The ranges that they sell for from \$65 to \$70 can be purchased of our dealers for from \$40 to \$50. Floyd A. Peet, a graduate of the Democrat office, and who is therefore well versed in all branches pertaining to the editing and publication of a country newspaper, has purchased an interest in and assumed control of the Edgewood Journal. The Journal has been established on a good paying basis by its predecessor, Mr. B. W. Shepard, who was compelled by ill health to quit the business, and we are sure that its present standard of excellence will not diminish under Mr. Peet's management. Rev. Mrs. S. L. Crum began services in the Universalist church last Sunday, which services it is intended to continue for a year at least. She expects to remove here with her family in the immediate future. She is already well known in this vicinity as a minister of no mean ability, and the members of the parish and their friends are glad to extend the hand of welcome and fellowship to their new pastor. She has three accomplished daughters, Misses Maude, Frances and Ruth, who will be with her most of the time. Now that rural free delivery mail routes are being introduced into this country, it may be well to state that: "The first assistant postmaster general has issued a circular stating that mail boxes when put up with the approval of the postmaster general are regarded as falling under the protection of the law which provides that any person who shall willfully or maliciously injure, deface or destroy any mail matter deposited in any letter box, pillar or other receptacle established by authority of the postmaster general, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment for not more than three years. Mrs. Hodge, mother of Mrs. O. P. Harnish with whom she makes her home, is enjoying an extended visit with friends in West Union, after spending several weeks among relatives and old acquaintances at Hopkinton where she resided many years. Rev. Hodge, her husband, was founder of Lenoax College and its esteemed president for twenty years. Mrs. Harnish was well received in her debut before a Manchester audience at the contest last Wednesday evening and the musical circle of our city is brightened by her entrance into it. She has been a teacher of music and painting and is also a pipe organist of ability. Manchester is glad of her residence among its people.

The Board of Supervisors are in session this week. J. S. Jones was a Cedar Rapids visitor one day last week. W. Lampman spent Thursday last in Central City on business. Henry Prowse spent the day Thursday last with Dubuque friends. Charles and F. A. Mead were in Epworth Thursday on business. What he does and doesn't claim is stated by R. W. Chambers in his shoe ad. The Thirteen Club met with Mrs. R. M. Marvin this week Monday evening. Miss Hilma Sefstrom spent the past week the guest of friends in Delaware. The Tourist Club met yesterday, Tuesday, afternoon with Mrs. M. F. LeRoy. Miss Grace Beacom, of Ryan, is attending the State Normal School at Cedar Falls. Preston Bruce has returned to Chicago after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends here. Miss May Preston, of Edgewood, was in the city a few days of last week visiting her mother. Miss Lizzie Luther was among the Independence visitors at the basket ball game New Year's day. J. C. Moon went to Alburnett Friday morning on business connected with his portrait work. Hugh Clemons visited his brother and family in Cedar Rapids a day the latter part of last week. G. A. Hines and son, of Chicago, was in the city last week visiting relatives and many other friends. L. Matthews visited Earlville relatives and friends from Thursday of last week until this week Monday. Fred Flack, of Ryan, has decided to locate in Oklahoma and with his family will leave for there in the spring. Miss Cree, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Greg, departed Thursday for her home in Iowa City. The Six-handed Euchre Club ladies will be entertained this, Wednesday, afternoon by Miss Henrietta Beeher. Miss Emily Otis entertained her friend, Miss Agnes McClernon, of Independence, through the New Year's week. The members of the Duplicate Whist Club spent the evening last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Peterson. Mrs. H. M. Middleton and Miss Pearl spent a few days of the holiday vacation with Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kidder in Arlington. Geo. W. Miller and T. S. Doty attended the State Convention of agricultural implement dealers, held in Des Moines last week. Harry Kenyon returned to his duties in the Illinois Central office in Chicago, Thursday, after a short visit with home people here. Miss Florence McCoy, who was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. C. Heberle, during last week, returned Friday to her home in Waterloo. Richard Barry spent the holidays with his parents at Masonville, returning last Wednesday to his studies at Bayless Commercial College in Dubuque. Mr. and Mrs. Mabb had as their guests over the New Year's, Mr. and Mrs. Armour and son, of Traer. The visitors departed Wednesday for their home. Mrs. C. W. Fishel was an arrival last Thursday morning from Chicago and will visit for a week or so with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Fishel. The members of Chapter A. S. P. E. O. postponed their meeting for last Friday afternoon until this week Friday when they will meet with Miss Dora LeRoy. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson and the babies came out from Dubuque to spend the first days of the New Year with their many Manchester relatives and friends. Miss Anna Wolff departed last Friday morning for Charles City to resume her school duties as principal of the city schools of that place, after a vacation spent with relatives and friends here. Rev. A. W. Caul and I. W. Lampman were in Central City last Thursday where they went to sit on an ordaining council at the Jordan Grove Baptist church near that place. They returned Friday morning. Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, is an ardent temperance man, and will not permit any of the church property under his control, to be used for the sale of intoxicants. He recently ascended a saloon on church property in Dubuque and he promptly took measures compelling the Ex-Mayor to vacate the premises. L. N. Harrington, of Marshall, Minnesota, was the guest of his uncle, Wattson Childs a few days of last week. Mrs. Harrington came sometime ago and will remain through the month of January, which is usually the most severe of the winter months in their part of the country. Mr. Harrington is register of deeds for Lyon county, Minnesota, which position corresponds with our county recorder. A New York dry goods merchant has related his experience as a newspaper advertiser, and among the pieces of advice which he gives to others is this: "It is a mistake to advertise only at intervals. The man who does this loses the cumulative benefit of publicity. His business name is not kept constantly before the public. He is virtually a new advertiser every time. It is profitable to cultivate among the people the habit of looking every day for your announcement. A monthly magazine, The Optimist, devoted to the higher phases of literature and art, to bookish things, the clever and timely expression along lines of permanent interest," and edited by H. S. Kuesler, of Boone, Iowa, is a new candidate for public favor. The first number was issued last September and the demand for it is such that 10,000 copies of its January issue were printed. It is the most unique and tasteful magazine ever published in this state, and justly merits the hearty support that is being given to it. Its subscription price is only \$1.00 per annum.

Our neighboring city of Dubuque has a case of small pox. Thos. Parkinson, of Greeley, was on our streets last Friday. The Entre Nous members dance this week Friday evening at Pythian Castle. W. S. Beals, of the Hopkinton Leader, was in Manchester on business Monday. S. S. Squires, of Ryan, was a business visitor in our city Wednesday of last week. If desirous of buying or renting a place in Manchester, see notice "for sale or rent." R. V. Lucas, of the Earlville Phoenix, was in Manchester the first of the present week. The bridge petition will be presented to the Board of Supervisors this week Thursday afternoon. Miss Mary Glissendorf spent a portion of her holiday vacation with her sister Mrs. Will Searies, in Waterloo. The regular meeting of Manchester Lodge No. 48, R. A. M. occurs this Wednesday evening at the usual hour. Harry Seeds spent a portion of his holiday vacation with his mother and brother, Edward, in Chicago. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Young on the evening of the last day of the century just closed. Miss Gertrude Pratt spent a few days of her vacation the past week with friends in her former home at Mount Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thomas of Hazel Green, were shopping in town Monday and were welcome callers at this office. The school bell rang full merrily Monday morning and the little tots are back in school again after an interim of two weeks. Miss Lucy Clark, of Delaware, returned Wednesday from a three week visit with her brother Andrew at Lake City, Iowa. The following letters remain un-called for at the post office in Manchester: Fred A. Kloge, Geo. Little, 6x2-11, Will Miles, F. March, C. F. Griess, Fred Hamilton, Geo. O. Halloran, J. P. Peterson. Friends in this city of Miss Madeline Tucker will be sorry to learn that the climate of the part of California where she has been has proved very bad for her and she is now in San Francisco under the care of a throat and lung specialist. W. M. Sawyer of Elk township has rented his farm and about March 1st will seek a new home. He has not decided just where he will locate, but is seriously thinking of making this city his home. We hope he will do so. Albert Luak who went to Chicago to have an operation performed on his eye returned Saturday morning and is getting along nicely. He left Tuesday morning for Minneapolis, his future home. Mrs. Luak preceded him going last week Thursday. Will Malven was called to Omaha last week by the illness of his youngest son, Harold, who has been living with his mother there. The young man is better and Mr. Malven will probably bring him back to Manchester for a visit as soon as he is able to stand the trip. Dr. C. L. Leigh had as his guest Friday and Saturday last, Dr. J. F. Leigh, of Elkader. Dr. J. F. Leigh is also a dentist, and we presume these two gentlemen had many a friendly squib to tell one another of the frailties of the mortal man with poor teeth and small courage. Miss Florence Day was called to Des Moines Saturday last by the illness of Deputy State Auditor, Chas. H. Day. Word was received Tuesday morning that Mr. Day was much better and after a few days of rest would in all probabilities be ready to resume his duties at the State House. The Art Club will meet with Mrs. Boynton Monday, January 13, at 7 p. m. Subject—The Romantic School in France. Artists: Germain, Delacroix, Delacroix and others. Leader, Miss Allie Russell. Mrs. R. W. Tirrill has kindly consented to read a paper on the subject before the club. Last Saturday Michael Haeseby purchased from E. M. Ward eight lots on the West side opposite H. P. Duffy's place, paying \$800 therefor. As soon as the weather will permit he will commence the erection of a residence upon as soon as completed. Rev. T. D. Dotter, former pastor of the Universalist church at this place but now of Sullivan, Mo., is called to mourn the loss of his father, in which bereavement his many friends here extend their sympathy. During the past year Mr. and Mrs. Dotter's infant son was also called to the higher home. Jas. A. Poor, who has been Treasurer of Buchanan county for a number of years, died Sunday morning at his Independence home. The funeral was held this Tuesday morning, a large number of the local lodge K. of L's. attending from here. Mr. Poor was a member of Company C, 27th Iowa during the Civil war. Frank Gill, a Delaware county boy, visited a part of last week with old acquaintances here, the guest of his brother, J. S. Gill. Frank read law with Blair, Dunham & Norris, and after his admission to the bar, located in Sioux City, where he has been very successful in the practice of his profession and has acquired a lucrative practice. He served as city attorney of Sioux city several terms. A new Illinois Central time card will go into effect next Sunday. The early morning train which has been coming in at 6:22 will hereafter arrive at Manchester station at 9:50 a. m. And an eastern passenger train will meet the passenger from the west, the one getting in at 8:15 and waiting for the other at 8:18. The Clipper has changed time also, from 6:00 to 6:15. The Chicago papers will come in on the 9:50 mail train. Postmaster Summersides wishes to include the Public that from and including next Sunday, the Post-office will not be open Sundays until 12 o'clock noon, instead of 10 o'clock as heretofore. The change is made necessary by the new time card, as stated above.

Mrs. J. E. Bethel has as her guest, Mrs. J. H. Limbeck, of Dyersville. Emily Martineau spent Tuesday of this week with Earlville friends. Clarence Flaucher, of Lamont, spent Sunday with Manchester friends. Major Bert Allen was down from Independence on business last Friday. Bert Grems, the popular drug clerk for W. A. Abbott, is visiting Earlville friends. Miss Ella Morse left for Chicago last Friday after a holiday visit with parents and friends here. Hon. W. H. Norris attended the funeral services of the late James A. Poor, at Independence yesterday. John Gustavson returned the last of last week from a pleasant visit at the home of his parents in Conrad, Iowa. Miss Mae Roy returned last Saturday to her duties as musical instructor in St. Catherine's Academy, in Jackson, Nebraska. W. G. Kenyon is at Garretson and Riverside this week, inventing the stocks of the Manchester Lumber Co. at those places. Miss Jessie Russell and Mr. Eugene Williams spent Sunday with Emory Newton, Physical Director of the Independence Y. M. C. A. in that city. R. F. Stewart has our thanks for permission to publish the very rich and racy letter written by Judge Seeds, and which appears in its entirety on second page. We will furnish the Democrat and Hon. Wm. J. Bryan's newspaper, "The Commoner", one year for \$25 in advance. This will also entitle the subscriber to one of our premiums. F. N. Beacom entertained his brother P. W. Beacom, of Adams, Minnesota, a few days of last week. Mr. P. W. Beacom is station agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad at Adams. Rev. and Mrs. P. S. Mather, Mrs. S. S. Summerside and daughter are in Galena attending a reunion of the Edward Thompson family. Mr. Thompson had a birth anniversary Monday, the seventh, and his children took the occasion to all be at home once again. Manchester is getting quite infested with petty thieves and burglars on a small scale. Riddell & Co. had their second experience within a year last Sunday night, when some one broke in through the basement window and then by means of the inside stairs gained entrance to the store room above, where they stole the small change in pennies and nickels from the cash drawer. They probably also took some articles of clothing though as yet the proprietors have not ascertained to just what extent they have been robbed. It is very annoying these looting parties and it does seem as though the burglars should be caught and properly punished. The money stolen Sunday night amounted to about \$1.40. Eighteen years ago, Frank H. Paul entered the office of the Clerk of the Courts of this county as a deputy of the then Clerk, H. C. Jackson. After serving six years as deputy, he was elected Clerk and served continuously in that capacity until yesterday—twelve years—when he was succeeded by Mr. John Georgeon who is now in charge of the office, having been elected thereto at the recent election. Mr. Paul is one of the best and most efficient officers this county ever had. He is a careful, painstaking, accurate and prompt business man, thoroughly honest and reliable, and will take with him the best wishes of all of his acquaintances in whatever field of labor he may engage in. A. J. Brown, of this city, who served as clerk from 1869 to 1872, during his term inaugurated a system of keeping the records that was well nigh perfect and has been followed in the main by his successors. All of the records are speedily brought up to date and anything there that is wanted can be promptly found. Strict attention is given to probate business, and the settlement of estates is not allowed to be unnecessarily prolonged. Mr. Georgeon, we believe, possesses the qualifications fitting him for the duties of the office, and as he is assisted as he will be, by Deputy Clerk E. F. Sias, whose long service in the office has rendered him thoroughly familiar with its every need, the office we are sure will maintain its present high standard to be present.

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 would you wish to make a purchase we can fit you out at SMALL PRICE. If we have what you want you can buy it at UNDER REGULAR RATES. WITH A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

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Annual Slaughter in Ladies' Cloaks. Although this has been an unusually good cloak season and our sales have exceeded all previous years, we find upon invoicing our stock that it is much too large for this late in the season. Including Ladies Jackets and Capes, Misses and Children's Garments, we have on hand 275 garments that must be sacrificed to maintain our unchangeable rule of clearing out all goods in their season. This is your opportunity, and while it means a big sacrifice to us we shall bunch the entire stock in four lots: LOT 1. 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. LOT 2. Are garments that we sold for \$10.00—\$12.50, they include a line similar to Lot 1, but a trifle inferior quality, but well lined splendid garments, these go for \$6.85. LOT 3. This includes everything from \$6.75 to \$9.50 garments in Beaver, Kerseys and Boucle, well lined, up-to-date in every respect, to close at \$4.85. LOT 4. This lot takes in the largest assortment, garments that formerly sold from \$4.75 to \$6.50, most of them full lined and trimmed garments that were good sellers earlier in the season, to go at \$3.15. REMEMBER! That every cloak we offer is of this seasons business; no old stock to work in. There is no reason why every lady and child in Delaware county should not have a new, warm garment at the prices we are giving them away at. BURTON CLARK.

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