

Ben Miles is seriously ill with neuralgia of the stomach. Mr. J. A. Strickland was an Earlville visitor, Thursday. Miss Gertrude Clemans has returned home from Aurora, Ill. J. B. Hoag and W. H. Hutchinson were Chicago visitors last week. James Kneel of Colesburg was a Manchester visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. William Davis, of Edgewood, was a Manchester visitor last Wednesday. Miss Verda Lutton, of Anamosa, was the guest of Blanche Taylor Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. F. F. Carv and daughters, Maude and Maye are guests of relatives at Creston, Iowa.

Frank Pitt, who is traveling salesman for Charles Noble, was in the city a few days last week.

Miss Helen Britt and Mr. Sam. Elsbury have unclaimed letters at the post office in this city.

Mrs. Lore Alford, of Waterloo, was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Carr, part of last week.

Mrs. Maggie Mills Coleman of West Branch was a guest of her mother, Mrs. C. B. Mills, part of last week.

Mrs. G. E. Halloran, of Chicago, and her two daughters are visiting Maude and relatives in this city.

Seth Miller and Elias Faust, of Almaro, transacted business in this city Saturday, and favored this office with a visit.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Thorpe M. E. church will hold an ice cream social on Wednesday evening, June 18th, at the Conrad Wendel home, one mile west of Thorpe. All are invited.

Albert Hollister, president of the Hollister Lumber Co., of this city, was elected president of the Northwestern Retail Lumber Dealer's Association at Minneapolis, Minn., on the 5th inst.

Miss Ida Van Hon, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Iowa, will be here June 10th. A special meeting of Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 142 I. O. O. F. is called for that date. All Rebekahs are requested to be present.

We are in receipt of the program of a gold medal contest by the junior piano students of Morning Side Conservatory of Music in Sioux City, which was won by Miss Cathryn Gibson, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoag of this city. Miss Gibson will be remembered by many in this vicinity, for she visited for some time last fall with relatives and friends in this country, who will be pleased to learn of her success.

A farmer of near Ft. Dodge, and one who spends his leisure hours in that city and has invested liberally in real estate there, had an opportunity the other day to listen to a phonograph. He was shown how to adjust the ear pieces and the machine started. Suddenly he dropped the whole thing and started for the street, exclaiming: "Go! There comes a brass band out the street and I left the mules untied."

When people are taken in by traveling fakirs the writer never loses any time in mourning for the taken-in party. He should have known better. It is said that sundry farmers in the vicinity of Fort Dodge are still waiting for the dental fakirs to return and provide them with the false teeth for which they paid one-half in advance. The fakirs pulled their teeth for nothing and they are unable to grasp their teeth in rage.—Oelwein Register.

People who have read the auction bills posted up around the county will appreciate the following written by Bill N. S., the humorist: "Owing to my ill health I will sell at my residence in township nineteen, range eighteen, according to government survey, one plump raspberry cow age eight years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she will be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home by a stay chain, but she will be sold to anyone who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth shorthorn and three-fourths byena. I will also throw in a double-barreled shot gun which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell to a non-resident."

Miss Edith Putnam, who has been attending Cornell College, has been engaged to teach the grammar grade in North Manchester for the coming year. The school board and patrons are very sorry to lose the efficient services of Mr. G. E. Snell and Miss Jennie McCarron, who have so acceptably taught the North Manchester schools. Mr. Snell will go to Ann Arbor to enter the college there for a course, and Miss McCarron will remain at home to regain her health which has become so impaired as to necessitate her resigning her position. The best wishes of all their friends and acquaintances go with them. Miss McCarron's place will be filled by Miss Florence Atwater. The board is indeed fortunate to secure such good teachers as Miss Atwater and Miss Putnam to take the places of the efficient instructors who have left the work.

A happy scene was witnessed at the home of Mrs. Huffman, Saturday, June 7th, when those of her former kindergarten pupils now residing here met with a few of their friends to have a social reunion. The gifts once so familiar were brought forth from their two years' rest and enjoyed again, after which recitations and songs by each little visitor formed an interesting program. Hedge-hog pudding and sugar plums served as refreshments, and then the train that was to take the guest of honor, Miss Charmion Holbert, to her Greeley home was due, so goodbyes were said such as loving children only can give at reluctant parting. There were present Misses Edith and Edna Fairchild, Grace, Alice and Clara Wolcott, Marion and Zaida Blake, Mabel Barber, Dorothy Keyes, Margaret Dittmer, Hazel Aldous, Sarah and Rebecca Scanlan, Charmion Holbert and Master Francis Pierce.

Thos. Lindsay was in Dyersville on business Monday.

Miss Olive Tucker was a Dubuque visitor, Wednesday.

Miss May Denton is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Carpenter.

Ion G. W. Dunham transacted business in South Dakota, last week.

Clarence Lister is at home from Grinnell to spend his summer vacation.

Mrs. M. Cossey, of Forestville, was a guest of relatives in this city last Saturday.

George Wheeler and son, of Strawberry Point, were Manchester visitors last Saturday.

A marriage license was issued to C. R. Way and Lucy Smith by Clerk Georgan during the past week.

Mrs. Chas. Thorpe attended the commencement exercises of Lenox College at Hopkinton last week.

Mrs. S. M. Chase, of Dehl, was the guest at the home of her brother, Al. Thorpe, Wednesday last week.

Will Strain departed Monday for La Porte City, Iowa, where he has accepted a position in a drug store.

Miss Mary Griffin, who is a teacher in the Des Moines city schools has returned home to spend her summer vacation.

Mrs. Wm. MacHogan, who has been a guest of relatives and friends here returned to her home at Dyersville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chambers and Mrs. Chambers' sister, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chambers.

W. H. Hutchinson and J. B. Hoag have purchased a new gasoline launch which they claim can beat any tub on the Maquoketa.

John Clark, of Forestville, and Miss Maude Flaucher, of Lamont, were guests of relatives and friends in this city on Sunday.

Bradley Lillibridge, who is attending Highland Park college at Des Moines, is spending his vacation at home in this city.

All members of the K. of P. lodge are requested to be at castle hall Sunday afternoon, June 15th, at 2 p. m. Pyrrhic Decoration.

N. P. Malven has gone to Chicago to buy two alloys for his bowling ball which he will open in the basement under the Racket Store.

Mrs. Elmer Chapel, of Viola, Wisconsin, and her sister, Miss Livergreen, of Chicago, were guests of relatives and friends in this city last week.

Ralph and Daley Dunham who are attending the University of Iowa, at Iowa City have arrived home to spend their summer vacation.

Mrs. Nethercut, of Chicago, was a guest of Mrs. Geo. Ford part of last week. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ford gave a reception in honor of her guest.

"It is growing weather," everything has been flourishing in this section except Ex Rex Howard's ability to make and dispose of county officers as his inordinate dictate.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Yoran attended the annual commencement exercises of Epworth Seminary last Thursday. Mr. Yoran is president of the board of trustees of that institution.

Mrs. Von Meyers, who for some time past has been making her home with her brother, Seth Brown, departed last week for a visit with relatives and friends at Waterloo, Tripoli and other points.

Miss Florence Bailey departed the first of the week for Devil's Lake, North Dakota, where she will visit her sister Mrs. S. J. Small. Miss Bailey will visit other points, planning to be away about a year.

The editor of the Press makes much ado about the increase of 37 votes in North Fork township over the republican vote cast last year, but says nothing about the increase of 177 votes in Manchester, his home town. "It is growing weather."

J. W. Davis, of Richland was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Towne, of Waterloo, over Sunday. Mr. Davis went to Waterloo as a delegate to the district judicial convention, and while there met Mr. Towne, an old friend, whom he had not seen since 1865.

Geo. Storey lost his valuable bird dog last week from poisoning. There have been several similar deaths of canines in the locality recently and whoever is placing the poison is both civilly and criminally liable. Sec. 4818 of the code of Iowa, says: If any person maliciously kill, maim, or disfigure any horse, cattle or other domestic beast of another, or maliciously administer poison to such animals, or expose any poisonous substance with intent that the same should be taken by such animal, he shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than five years, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding one year, or be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars.

The Crop Bulletin for week ending June 9th, says: The past week was slightly warmer than the average, and in all districts except the northwest, there was an excess of rainfall, amounting to heavy downpours and damaging floods in extensive areas. Following are among the heaviest amounts reported: Clarinda, 6.60 inches; Bedford, 5.55; Villisca, 3.45; Albia, 3.32; Chariton, 3.18; Council Bluffs, 2.92; Carroll, 4.65; Mt. Vernon, 4.95; Jefferson, 4.10; Grinnell, 4.01; Newton, 3.01; Elkader, 4.93. At Clarinda, on the sixth, 4.30 inches fell in about an hour and a half. Such storms were necessarily damaging to crops on slopes and bottoms; and in the cornfields of the submerged districts the area of very high total destruction must be very large. We have no means of estimating the full extent of damage. In the northwest there is still pressing need of rain. While the larger part of the state needs dry, clear weather. The oat crop is becoming bulky, in many localities. Grass is doing notably well, both in meadows and pastures. Secretary Green of the Horticultural Society gives the following summary of reports on fruits: Apples, 95 per cent; American plums, 51; cherries, 40; currants, 70; grapes, 70; red raspberries, 42; black raspberries, 57; blackberries, 47; strawberries, 63 per cent.

A. R. Loomis, of Fort Dodge, was in town, Monday.

Mrs. A. F. Slack was an Independence visitor last Friday.

Miss Blanche Lawrence has returned from her visit in Des Moines.

Mrs. Clara Lillibridge and children spent part of last week in Lamont.

Hugh Phares, of Clinton, Ill., is a guest at the home of J. J. Pentony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, of Aurora, were guests of Manchester friends Saturday.

Mrs. Horace Atwater departs this week for a visit with relatives in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton departed Thursday for their home at Gas City, Indiana.

Miss Maude Crum returned Wednesday from her visit with friends in Webster City.

It was very cloudy in this county on the day of the last republican primary contest.

Miss Nellie Parrin, of Cedar Rapids, was a guest at the W. H. Norris home over Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Scharies and baby, and Miss Hilda Wall, are guests of Mrs. Scharies' sister at Alnsworth, Iowa.

Harry Austin is expected home from Ames today. He will again enter the employ of Webb Lampman in the Manchester Laundry.

The Democrat asks: "What will the harvest be?" The election of the entire republican ticket, neighbor—Manchester Press. What, and Georgetown?

Geo. Commerford, quartermaster of the W. A. Morse Post, has received 15 monuments to be placed over the graves of the old soldiers in the cemetery in this city.

An interesting Children's Day program will be presented at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. We regret that lack of space prevents our publishing the entire program.

Mrs. H. E. Rollins and daughter, Lillian, of Dubuque, are guests at the home of A. C. Philipp. Mr. Philipp's mother is also a guest at her son's home for the remainder of this week.

Five hundred and thirty-four tickets were sold from the M. & O. station in this city for the excursion to Des Moines last Wednesday. Those taking in the excursion report a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Durey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh and Rev. Caul are in attendance at the semi-annual meeting of the Dubuque Baptist Association now in session at Epworth, Iowa.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Pratt next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Ladies are requested to bring needle and thimble. After the program lunch will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, of Elk Point, South Dakota, were guests of relatives and friends here, as at Iowa City today attending the commencement exercises of the State University, Miss D. Faye Ford being one of the graduates.

Hon. W. H. Norris was appointed Grand Senior Warden of the Iowa Grand Lodge of Masons at the meeting of that order at Dubuque last week. The office is the second highest in the list of appointments and has fell on able shoulders.

The members of the Friday afternoon club will hold their regular annual picnic next Saturday. They have chartered the "Snail" which, manned by Capt. Lewis and his crew of expert sailors, will leave its dock here at two o'clock p. m. sharp, for the picnic grounds.

The Press says the canvassing committee of the primary election is composed of Georgan sympathizers. Had they been selected by ex-king Howard the inference is that Georgan would have been counted out. The Press is very frank sometimes.

Three fellows who are in the habit of buying for, and giving liquor to, inebriates, have been invited to call at Justice Pearse's office next Saturday and show cause why they should not pay the penalty of \$100 and costs in such case made and provided. The offenders will be lucky if Uncle Sam does not get after them for violating the internal revenue law.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen went to Chicago last Friday to attend the funeral of Herbert Hart, the young Illinois Central fireman who was killed in the collision of freight trains on the Central near Galena last Thursday.

The deceased was a son of Andrew Hart, who is a passenger conductor on the Illinois Central between Dubuque and Chicago. Mrs. Andrew Hart is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen.

Several houses were burglarized last Monday night, among them were W. C. Cawley's, N. E. Davis's and Chas. Reiser's. At Mr. Cawley's they got fifty cents, at Davis's, four dollars. Attempts were made at several other residences, viz: H. L. Rann's, Mrs. W. W. Young's, Dr. Harry Bradley's and James Bishop's. The fellows commenced operating about midnight and continued their depredations until about 3 o'clock in the morning.

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bereavement. Both children were here at the funeral which took place Tuesday from the German Lutheran church. Rev. Mail preaching the sermon.—Earlville Phoenix.

To Prohibitionists. Will the "Manchester Democrat" please inform the temperance people of Delaware county that they will have an opportunity to vote the prohibition ticket this fall as they did last year. That a prohibition convention will be held, called by the county central committee and prohibitionists nominated for county officers.

A PROHIBITION VOTER.

Destructive Fire. Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock the residents of this city were awakened by the ringing of the fire bell. A fire was discovered in the rear of Atkins & Chapel's furniture store and before the fire company could arrive on the scene the store occupied by Atkins & Chapel, and the Malven bowling alleys were a mass of flames. The fire quickly spread to the blacksmith shop of W. J. Burk and the harness shop of Geo. Simmons. It was only by the excellent work of the fire department that the livery barn of Stanberry & Dutton and the surrounding property were not destroyed. The livery barn was on fire repeatedly and at times it looked as if the whole south section of town would be swept away. The strong breeze which was blowing at the time made the fire harder to control and the fire company is deserving of great credit for their admirable work. The store building occupied by Atkins & Chapel and their entire stock, the Malven bowling alleys and Geo. Simmons' harness shop were entirely destroyed.

Following is the list of losses as nearly as can be ascertained by us: Wolcott Bros. store building, bowls alley, \$200; Geo. Simmons' saddlery and part of stock, \$750; Roy Conley, damage to blacksmith shop, \$150; W. J. Burk, bowling alley fixtures, \$700; Atkins & Chapel, stock of furniture, \$850.

Atkins & Chapel carried insurance to the amount of \$3,000, and Wolcott Bros.' property was insured for \$800, the other losses were uninsured.

Commencement at St. Xavier's. Below we give the program of the eleventh annual commencement exercises of St. Xavier's school of this city to be held at the City Hall tomorrow (Thursday) evening. The graduates are, Miss Nellie Ryan and Miss Mary Schneider. There should and no doubt will be a large attendance. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged. Reserved seats without extra charge may be obtained at any of the drug stores in this city.

PROGRAM. Piano Duet—"Grande Marche," op. 19. Soloist—Josephine Mayley. Chorus—"Let us call back the Time"—Glover Soloist—Josephine Mayley. Accompanist—Mary Schneider. Oration—"Woman's Mission." Mary Schneider. Soloist—Lead Kindly Light. Anna Graefield, Josephine Mayley, Agnes Hoyer, Margaret Grindley, Mollie Ryan, Catherine Schneider, Agnes Burns, Catherine Nolin. Piano Solo—"Nocturne No. 3"—List. Recitation—"Helene Zhanare." Mary Schneider. Piano Duet—"Nellie V. Sullivan." Nellie V. Sullivan. Graduating honors conferred upon Mary Schneider, Nellie Sullivan. Closing Address.—Rev. J. Ryan.

"But why did you name your baby after his most disreputable ancestor?" the surprised friend asked the proud young mother.

"Well, you see I expect him to improve on the former bearer of the name. Indeed, he hardly can help it, because the ancestor was so very bad. If I had named him after the most distinguished member of the family, he might not have lived up to the name. Babies hardly ever do when they are named for great personages, as I have often noticed."—New York Press.

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