

E. H. Kuhn is on the sick list.

E. H. Hoyt is at Lamont this week.

H. G. Kennedy was in Dubuque on business Saturday.

Clint Lusk has accepted a position in the Racket Store.

Hon. and Mrs. F. F. Merriam, of Des Moines, are guests at the C. E. Bronson home.

F. N. Beacom attended the Jack-sontian Notes Club banquet at Waterloo Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster are at home from an extended visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bronson, of Lieboon, N. D., are guests of relatives and friends in this city.

C. W. Jardy, of Onida, was a business visitor to this city Wednesday, and was a welcome caller at this office.

W. H. Amsden, of Garner, Ia., is in the city, being called here by the serious illness of his father, Rev. B. M. Amsden.

There will be a basket sociable given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Scanlan on Friday evening, Jan. 10th.

Thomas Donnelly of Adams township returned Thursday from Chicago where he had been to dispose of a car-load of cattle.

Letters addressed to Mrs. Delilah Conn, Messrs. B. L. Campbell and F. S. Waldron, are advertised as unclaimed at the post office.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson and Mrs. J. E. Hoag left Sunday afternoon for Cleveland, Ohio, being called there by the serious illness of their mother.

Wm. E. Lepley of Grant Falls, Montana, arrived here Monday and will spend several months visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lepley of this city.

Mr. Nowans who was to have appeared here some time ago as a number on the lecture course but on account of missing a train, will be at City Hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 28.

Supervisor, Jas. LeGassick, and Mr. Addison Pacey, publisher of the Brimfield, (Ill.) News, were among the welcome callers at this office Saturday. Mr. Pacey is a nephew of Mr. LeGassick, and he and Mrs. Pacey have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeGassick for several days, returning home last Monday.

The board of directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society met at the court house last Saturday afternoon and named September 9 to 11 as the dates on which the fair is to be held this year. The competition in the cattle, horse, sheep, swine and speed departments are thrown open to the world. The secretary's salary was fixed at one hundred dollars a year and necessary expenses.

L. W. Goen is again sole owner of the Independence Conservative, having purchased the interest of his partner, W. F. Miller, in the business. Mr. Goen has been connected with the Conservative, as employer, part owner and sole owner ever since his boyhood, and has made the paper one of the best weeklies in the state. Lew here is our best. May you live long and continue to prosper.

A number of people representing themselves to be native Armenians, Chaldeans and Persians have been in Iowa towns within the past few weeks soliciting funds for the relief of their suffering countrymen. A dispatch from West Union states that some who claim to be working for a charitable purpose are frauds and are simply preying upon the sympathy of the people. A minister in that city became skeptical and investigated the credentials which the foreign solicitors carried with them. They proved to be forgeries and the men fakirs. A systematic organization of these solicitors is said to be working through all of the larger cities and towns of the middle west.

On Saturday of last week a family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollister of this city, the day being the fifty fourth wedding anniversary of this old and respected couple. They have lived in Delaware township since 1838 and have been identified with the history and growth of this county since its pioneer days. Mr. Hollister's health has not been good for the past few years, yet he was able to participate in and enjoy the festivities attending the family reunion on that day. The many friends of this worthy couple heartily wish them a prolongation of their lives. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clute, Wm. Hollister Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Middleton, Mrs. E. O. Clemons, Mrs. Frank H. Johnson, of Chicago, Geo. Hollister and son of Waterloo, and J. J. Hollister, of Wanders.

The district court was in session last Friday, but owing to the illness of Mr. Powers, one of the attorneys for the defendant, the motion for a new trial in the case of the State of Iowa, against W. E. Barr of Greeley, which had been assigned for hearing on that day, was not argued until Saturday. The defendant was indicted, and at the term of court just closed was found guilty by the jury of cheating by false pretenses, and thereby obtaining from Martha Arbuckle of Greeley the sum of \$150. The defendant belongs to a respectable family, and has a large number of relatives in this county all of whom rank among our best citizens. A strenuous effort was made not only by relatives of the defendant but by prominent residents of Greeley to aid him in procuring a new trial. The effort proved fruitless, and after hearing the arguments of counsel Judge Blair overruled the motion for a new trial and sentenced the defendant to serve one year in the state penitentiary at hard labor, and to pay the costs of prosecution. The defendant was given ninety days to prepare his bill of exceptions. The case will be appealed to the supreme court. A bond for the amount fixed by the court was promptly furnished by friends of the defendant and he was discharged from custody.

W. H. Connell of North Manchester is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollister returned Saturday from a visit at Delavan, Wis.

A new game of Shuff-board has been installed in the Malven bowling alleys.

L. Hubbell of Edgewood visited relatives and friends in this city Wednesday.

Dr. Daniels and wife and Mrs. T. H. Best of Tracer are in this city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Moran.

There was but a small attendance at the fourth of the series of club dances at Pythian Castle Friday evening.

Mrs. E. G. Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Robbins of Dodgeville, Wis., were guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. F. Clark, last week.

Albert Ritz has located at Lamont and will assist his brother, Fred, who is engaged in buying and selling stock at that place.

Last week Monday Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Larabee of Richland township celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. About 60 guests were present.

Say, have you ever anything of a stray dog? James Brown has lost one and will pay a reward for his return. For description, see "Lost Dog," notice.

Misses Florence Day and Cordella Riddell go to Decatur, Ill., the latter part of this week for a week's visit at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Riddell.

The Dyersville Bowling team will be here Monday to bowl a local team in the afternoon and evening. The Dyersville team is a strong one and an interesting contest may be expected.

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by Clerk Georgan to Edward McDonough and Mary Mitchell, J. P. Reed and Anna Thorp, and Reginald S. Tracy and Mabel B. Aldrich.

A large audience was in attendance at the City Hall last Tuesday to witness the feats of magic performed by Germanine, the magician. Germanine is very clever and had the audience guessing throughout the entire entertainment.

Arthur Spare living 6 miles northeast of town has sold his farm and on Wednesday, Jan. 21, will sell at public auction a large amount of stock and farm machinery. Mr. Spare expects to remove to the south in the near future.

"The Denver Express" will be produced at the Central Opera house in this city next Wednesday evening. This is promised to be one of the best attractions to be seen by the local theatergoers. Watch for announcement in our next issue.

V. L. Barker and Anna L. Stevenson were married at Sand Spring on New Year's day, the ceremony being witnessed by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, Rev. Ross officiating. The groom is a farmer and lives in the Hay settlement, which will be their home.—Hopkinton Leader.

F. H. Paul, chief clerk in the insurance department of the auditor's office, will retire from office with the advent of Auditor elect Carroll's administration. Mr. Paul said today that his relations with Mr. Merriam and those of the department with the insurance companies during the administration now about to close had been of a most pleasant character. He is not as yet decided what he will do when his term expires. He has several propositions under consideration, the acceptance of one of which may keep him in Des Moines.—Des Moines Capital.

New Advertisements.

The Racket Store advertises cut prices on all lines of its goods.

Dr. Boyce, the eye specialist, will be at the Hotel Clarence on January 27th, for one day only.

A slaughter sale of clothing is now on at Allen & Storey's clothing store. They are bound to reduce stock. Take advantage of it.

Delaware County Farmers Institute.

The following is a list of the questions to be discussed at the coming session of the Farmers' Institute to be held at the Court House, Manchester, Iowa, Jan. 27 to 29.

The sheep as a debt payer.

Beef from birth to block.

Lessons of the past two seasons.

General management of the farm.

Fruit growing in Delaware County.

Proper management of the hay crop.

The hog as a debt payer.

Why do we rent our farms?

How can we best use our new road law?

Feed and care of dairy cows.

Care of milk from cow to creamery.

Besides these questions there will be papers, recitations, music etc, and also a dairy program for the 29th by the Eastern Iowa Buttermakers. All should make it a point of attending all through the session.

A. S. COON, T. WILSON, Pres. Sec.

Teachers' Association.

A joint meeting of Clayton and Delaware counties Teachers' Associations will be held at Edgewood, January 24th, in the High School room beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Railroad accommodations are very convenient both going and returning and it is therefore hoped that a large number will attend from Delaware county.

The program to be carried out is as follows:

10:00 Organization.

Reading in the grades. Miss Clara Dunlap.

Discussion—How May a Principal Assist Order and Discipline. Prof. Philo Hammond.

Discussion—Supt. C. J. Adam.

English in the Grades. Miss Kurzeimyer.

Discussion—Prof. John G. Saam.

Music.

1:30 Music.

Discussion—That Boy. Prof. J. T. Trotte.

Discussion—How May a Principal Assist his Teachers. Supt. C. H. Atkinson.

Primary Reading. Supt. M. H. Boyd.

Address—Principles Essential to True Method. Rev. F. W. Crossman, Pres. Lenox College.

Music.

The good citizens of Edgewood will entertain all visiting teachers and other persons who may attend. All teachers in Delaware county are required to be present. The true spirit of the teacher is shown by her presence at and her interest in educational meetings.

SUPR. H. J. SCHWETERT.

The Big Sale is Here!

Suits and Overcoats are going fast.---Everybody seems to be taking advantage of these Slaughtering Prices.

---TEN DAYS ONLY---

Saturday, January 10, to Tuesday, January 20.

Everything must be sold as we never carry over goods from one season to another.



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- All \$7.50 and \$8.50 Suits and Overcoats going at \$5.95
All \$10.00 Suits and Overcoats are going at \$6.95
All \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats are going at \$8.95
All \$15.00 and \$16.00 Suits and Overcoats go at \$10.95
All \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats go at \$14.95
All \$3.00 and \$4.00 Boy's suits and overcoats go at \$2.45
All \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boy's suits and overcoats go at \$3.96

Black Worsteds Excepted.

FUR COATS! Still a few left, going at greatly reduced prices. Save your money and buy during the sale. This will be one of the greatest clothing sales ever known in Manchester. Remember the date—January 10, to 20

ALL OVERALLS 50 CENTS.

GILDNER BROS.,

Clothing and Tailors,

Eighty Third Birthday Anniversary.

At a meeting of the Farmer's Grange in this city on the 3rd inst, it was casually mentioned that the following Monday (5th) Mrs. D. W. Jones would be 83 years of age.

At once arrangements were made by the members present to make the day memorable to that worthy lady. And so on Monday morning members of the Grange and their families to the number of seventy, went to the home of Mrs. Jones and spent the day with her.

Of course she was greatly surprised, as no intimation of the visit had been given her, but was nevertheless well pleased and gave them a hearty welcome. The day was passed in social intercourse, a sumptuous repast being served at noon. Before their departure the visitors presented their hostess with a handsome and costly silk hand bag as a reminder of the occasion.

Mrs. Jones, whose maiden name was Margaret Davis, was born in South Wales, January 5, 1820, and was married to the late D. W. Jones on September 27th, 1842, and in the spring of the following year they emigrated to this country locating first in Pennsylvania, later in Ohio, and in 1854 came to this county, and located on the tract of land in this township on which Mrs. Jones now resides.

Mrs. Jones has ever since the organization of the Jones Will Grange, taken a deep interest, and has been an active member in the work of the order, and still does so. Though past fourscore years of age her physical health is good and her mental faculties are unimpaired, and that many more years of health, pleasure and comfort may be enjoyed by her, is the sincere wish of all who know her.

Installation Services of Manchester Post and Corps.

Wednesday evening, January 7, Manchester Corps No. 29 met in joint session with the Post, having been invited to meet them, to install the officers elect of both orders for 1903.

Quite an appreciative audience of invited guests witnessed with us the ceremony which was very impressive and most ably performed.

Past Commander George Comberford of W. A. Morse Post was the installing Post officer, and Past President Eliza J. W. Tirrell of W. A. Morse W. R. C. was the installing officer for the corps.

The colorbearers and flag salute are a beautiful addition to the floor work. Certainly an inspiration to patriotism. Wednesday proved to be a bleak wintry day with mercury hovering around zero but most of our members braved the elements and seemed well repaid for the effort, for we were welcomed so heartily and entertained so royally by the Post that the evening passed all too quickly, and the refreshments that our comrades prepared for us were good enough for a king.

The Post and Corps are in harmony and meet occasionally in joint meetings where old and young participate in social enjoyment. We have not been forgetful of the needs of the dependent ones in our midst for they have been made glad by needed relief or soothed in sorrow by beautiful flowers, ex-pressions of love more eloquent than words.

Our Past Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. R. W. Fishel, was on hand with a short program from the Corps, and a number of the old comrades spoke feelingly. Take it all together it was an evening well spent and one long to be remembered by us all. The new officers for the coming year are as follows: Pres.—Mrs. Mary T. Crosby, Treas.—Mrs. Della Logan, Secy.—Mrs. Lida M. Elder, Chap.—Mother Otis, Sr. Vice.—Mrs. Marie Hessner, Jr. Vice.—Mrs. Blaielid, Con.—Mrs. Mary Briggs, Asst. Con.—Mrs. Julia Chapel, Guard.—Mrs. Anne Mitchell, Asst. Guard.—Elizabeth Cheney, Color bearer No. 1.—Mrs. Ida Lister, No. 2.—Mrs. Kate Ellis, No. 3.—Mrs. Amanda Skinner, No. 4.—Mrs. Nellie E. Adams, Patriotic Inst.—Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, Musician.—Mrs. Anna Fishel. Our Patriotic Instructor is preparing a program and we are contemplating a grand celebration on January 29, in commem-

oration of the birth of our martyred president, William McKinley.

LIDA M. ELDER, Sec. and Press Correspondent.

Manchester Markets.

Hogs, per cwt. 5.60

Sheep, per cwt. 3.50

Cattle, per cwt. 3.00

Cows, butcher's stock, per cwt. 2.00

Butter, per lb. 1.00

Eggs, per doz. 1.00

Wheat, per bu. 1.00

Flour, per bu. 1.00

Hay, per ton. 7.00

Timothy, per ton. 7.00

Butter, creamery, per lb. 1.00

Butter, farm, per lb. .80

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Cut Prices on all lines of Goods at the Racket Store While Invoicing.

W. W. FORD.

Business Locals.

For Sale. House and two lots. Inquire at this office. 11f

Piano Tuning. A. A. Hawkins, of Cedar Rapids, is in town tuning pianos. Orders can be left at S. K. Myer's music store. 1-2w

For Sale. A well improved 155 acre farm, located 6 miles from Manchester. This farm will be sold at a reasonable price. Inquire of G. W. Miller. 31f

CHEAP—Residence Property in this city. Enquire of Bronson & Carr.