

—Tom Sedgwick and son departed Monday for Minneapolis.

—John Porter of Delhi attended the funeral of Rev. B. M. Amsden Friday.

—Mrs. J. Breed and daughter, Leora, were in town Saturday shopping and visiting.

—"The Man in the Iron Mask" will be at the Central Opera House Friday evening.

—A regular meeting of Nazareth Commandery will be held this Wednesday evening.

—A. B. Holbert of Greeley made a brief business trip to this place last Monday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, of Elk Point, S. D., are guests of relatives and friends in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Grems returned home Monday from a visit with relatives and friends at Fredericksburg.

—Mrs. Joe Edmunds returned from Omaha the first of the week where she had been visiting the past two weeks.

—All members of the K. of P. order are requested to be present at the meeting next Monday evening. There will be work on the Knight's degree, followed by a banquet.

—James O'Hara met with a very painful accident by getting his thumb smashed while working around the engine at the I. C. R. coal shed last Monday morning.

—The residence of Capt. J. F. Merry on the corner of Franklin and Union streets, is now in the hands of the painters. Six painters from Dubuque are doing the work.

—Benj. Brown will have an auction sale on the Gates farm 1 1/2 miles southeast of Manchester on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Stock, hay and farm machinery will be offered for sale.

—"The Lewis Invincible" bowling team went to Dyeraville last Friday and were defeated by the Dyeraville bowling team. The teams played seven games, Dyeraville winning four of them.

—Louis Haebler is at Finley Hospital in Dubuque where he went to have a surgical operation performed for hernia. He is getting along nicely but will probably be detained in the hospital for two or three weeks.

—Miss Ruth Pratt of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Pratt. Rev. Pratt's host of friends will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent serious illness.

—"The Woman's Club will hold a "winter" picnic in the G. A. R. hall next Friday evening. All members of the club and their families are invited. Bring dishes and well filled baskets and come prepared to have a good time.

—"The men of the U. B. Church will give an oyster supper at the home of Rev. W. O. Smith, Friday evening, Feb. 6th. Supper will be served from 6 o'clock until all are served. Every body welcome. Every body come.

—Mrs. J. B. Hoag returned home last Saturday evening from Cleveland, where she left her mother much improved from her recent serious illness. Mrs. Hoag was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. L. Johnson, of Lakewood, Ohio.

—"On Saturday the 31st of Jan., a few friends were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rutherford. There were some pleasant surprises, as it proved to be the birthday of both Mr. Rutherford and Mrs. J. A. Morse. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morse, Mrs. Sabin, Mrs. H. B. Noyes of Dubuque, and Mr. Larabee, a cousin of Ex-Governor Larabee, of Chickasaw county. Mr. Larabee's brother married James A. Gardfield's sister. An addition to the pleasant memories of the past was brought about by this occasion.

—"The committee in charge of the baby show, to be given during the Carnegie Library bazaar, February 13th and 14th, are making elaborate preparations to please the mothers who bring their children to the baby show. One grand capital prize will be given for the most popular baby under two years of age, second and third prizes for the next most popular babies. These prizes are to be decided by vote, at the nominal charge of five cents a vote. One prize will be awarded to the handsomest baby under one year of age, also to the handsomest over one and under two years old. One prize to the fattest baby under one year of age, also one prize for the fattest over one and under two years old. First and second prizes for twin babies. One prize for the smallest baby under one year old. The last four classes will be decided by judges. The prizes will be donated by the bachelor business men of Manchester. All parents wishing to enter their babies will please send a postal at once with name and age to the following committee: Mrs. Jennie Brown, Miss Mary Link and Mrs. Elsie Cornish.

—"A middle-aged Manchester man narrowly escaped drowning at an early hour this morning, near the waterworks plant. He gave his name as Joe Low. With a companion he came from Manchester to this city on the midnight train, and expected to return at 3 o'clock, his fellow traveler going on to Waterloo. He came down town and got lost. When he got ready to go to the train he saw the waterworks building and thought that was the Illinois Central depot and started for it. His footing was all right until he approached the bank by the building, where the water is eight or nine feet deep and the ice thin, and there he went through. He clung to ice and cried for help, and Officer Donovan was soon on the scene, Officer Mason coming soon after. The waterworks men were called on for help and the man was rescued and taken in to the building. He was given stimulants and furnished with dry clothes and by the time the next train arrived was ready to go home. It was a narrow escape for the young man, and had not Officer Donovan heard cries, his whereabouts would have been a mystery.—Independence Bulletin Journal.

—District Court will be in session in this city Monday.

—Miss Myrtle Clark has returned home from Chicago.

—"The fire department will elect officers Tuesday, February 17th.

—"Rev. Father Ryan of Allison, Ia., was the guest of friends in this city last week.

—"Roland Toogood of Manson, Iowa, is the guest of Manchester relatives and friends.

—"J. R. Toogood departed Monday for an extended sojourn at St. Petersburg, Florida.

—"Will Ward, of McIntyre, visited relatives and friends in this city over Sunday.

—"The K. of P. Lodge will hold their annual dance at Pythian Hall Friday evening.

—"Mrs. Enoch Allen was called to Wichita, Kansas, Friday by the death of her sister.

—"Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Webber of Cherokee were guests of relatives and friends here last week.

—"The school board allowed bills for over \$300 for fuel at the meeting of the board Monday evening.

—"Don't forget the Carnegie Library Bazaar to be held in the new library building Feb. 13 and 14.

—"Rev. Mrs. S. L. Crum returned Wednesday from an extended visit with a son at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

—"Miss Belle Huey departed Thursday for Platte, S. D., where she has accepted a position as school teacher.

—"A choice farm of 100 acres near Almorai, is for sale cheap if bought before March 1st. Apply to Bronson & Carr.

—"At the postoffice in this city may be found unclaimed letters for Misses Rosie Dunn, Eva Miller, and Mr. F. O. Jansson.

—"D. H. Young, W. H. Littlefield, of Hopkinton, and E. Slauson, of Prairie township, made a business trip to Virginia last week.

—"Rev. N. W. Bixby, one of the oldest ministers in the state died at his home in Edgewood Saturday. The funeral was held Monday.

—"The annual meeting of the North-eastern Iowa Press Association will be held this year at Osage on the 10th and 20th of this month.

—"Joe Belknap returned Monday from Texas. While there he purchased a farm near Eagle Lake, onto which he intends to move next month.

—"George Emerson, a prosperous merchant of Tullierie, Colorado, is visiting relatives and other friends here, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Franklin Emerson.

—"Miss Elva Dunham departed Thursday morning for Iowa City, where she has accepted a position as Superintendent of the Homeopathic hospital and training school for nurses.

—"T. O. Eaton has bought the Fred Wall lot, south of the residence property he recently sold to S. Colliard, and we presume will soon commence the erection of a fine residence thereon.

—"Don't fail to hear J. F. Hankamer at City Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 9th. He is a fine impersonator and will entertain all who hear him. Tickets 15 and 25 cents, no extra charge for reserved seats.

—"The Comedy "John Bragg Deceased," which is to be given at City Hall, Wednesday, February 11, is to be given under the auspices of the City Poor Relief Society instead of the W. P. C. as mentioned in last week's issue.

—"Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by Clerk Georgan to: Albert Henry Benke and Caroline Josephine Nefzer, John F. Pattison and Amy Beal, John Beltz and Lucy Wilson, Frank Edgerly and Cora E. Brown and Perry H. Wheelless and Ella U. Campbell.

—"O. C. Clark has bought the large and commodious store building formerly occupied by Wall & Burrows at Forestville, and will soon, it is reported, use it for a department store. Forestville is located in a thickly settled and rich community and we know of no good reason why the proposed enterprise should not be a successful one. We do not however vouch for the authenticity of the report.

—"Yesterday S. P. McCarren, of Richland township, closed the deal whereby he became the owner of the Max Beeher residence property in this city. Mr. McCarren and his family will take possession of their new home, which is one of the finest in this city, on or before March 15. The price paid was \$3,400 cash, which is not to exceed two thirds of the original cost of the property, but was bid by Mr. Beeher because of his intention to remove to Chicago, and he preferred selling at a sacrifice rather than to lease it.

—"Captain J. F. Merry of Dubuque has been in the city this week conferring with decorators, plumbers, electricians, etc., with respect to putting his old home, corner of Franklin and Union streets, in order. The house has been undergoing extensive repairs for some months past, and it had been Captain Merry's desire, as well as that of their many friends here, that Mrs. Merry might be brought back to the home which had been theirs so long to spend her last hours with friends of a lifetime and amid familiar scenes. But this consolation was denied. Captain Merry will, however, return here as soon as the house is ready for occupancy. His offices will be retained in Dubuque.

—"His public spirit, energy and liberality make him a citizen of the highest value to a community and his old friends will rejoice sincerely to know that he is soon to be among them again. Next Tuesday Captain Merry in company with Senator Blanchard of Oskaloosa and Colonel H. H. Rood of Mt. Vernon, members with him of the subcommittee appointed to contract for the Iowa state monument to be erected in the Vicksburg national park, will leave for Chicago, New York and Boston, where they will consult some of the leading sculptors of the country. The trip will consume the better part of two weeks, and will be a fitting close to the service rendered by Captain Merry in the securing and laying out of the great park. He has been foremost in the movement from the very beginning.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

—"The State Dairy Association is in session at Cedar Rapids. It will close tomorrow.

—"Fred Blair and Ned Hoyt have gone to Chicago. They are chaperoned by Burton Clark, who while there will purchase a stock of spring goods for his store here.

—"Angell's Comedians, who are to be at the Central Opera House all of the week beginning Feb. 9, have received the best of press notices in towns in which they have played. This is without doubt one of the best shows of the kind on the road. The theatre going public are assured of seeing high class entertainments.

—"The marriage of Miss Rosalind Moseley, daughter of Mrs Sarah Moseley 4533 Prairie avenue, to Charles Henry Lowenthal took place at 5.30 Wednesday at the Victoria Hotel. Dr. Hirsch officiated. Miss Henrietta Beeher of Manchester, Iowa, was the bride's attendant, and Sigmund Wetner was the best man. The bride's brother, Edward J. Moseley, served as master of ceremonies. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Leon A. Jacobs. Reception to 250 guests followed. Mr. and Mrs. Lowenthal will be at home after April 1 at 4793 Prairie avenue.—Chicago Record Herald.

—"The legend of "What is Home Without a Mother?" evidently has the same effect on the Cedar Rapids Gazette as the flouting of a red rag has upon an enraged bull, as the following from its paper will verify, "We happened in a home the other night and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "What is home without a mother." Across the room was another brief, "God bless our home." Now, what's the matter with "God bless our dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils the egg, grabs his dinner pail and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly handout for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and banker, and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour. He stands off the balliff and keeps the rest paid up. If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go downstairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darts the socks in the first place and the needles and the yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit; well, dad bought it all, and jars and sugar cost like the mischief. Dad buys chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the roasts after every one else is served. "What is home without a mother?" Yes, that is all right; Ten chances to one it is a boarding-house, father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow. Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but you're all right, and we will miss you when you're gone."

—"The Excelsior Steam Laundry ad. is made up of words and signs. Can you translate it?"

—"Solid leather shoes that usually retail for \$1.50 are being offered for \$1.25 by E. T. Grassfield.

—"The cut shown in Carhart & Nye's new ad is "something new under the sun." Don't you think so?"

—"Scharles, the ladies' and gents' tailor, announces the arrival of an elegant stock of spring goods. His ad. tells particulars.

—"A large assortment of elegant extension tables has just been received by Brown, the furniture man, and he requests you to call and see them.

—"February the 14th is St. Valentine's day and Kalamity has prepared for it. He tells in his ad. how the day will be observed here and the part his store will take in it.

—"EARLVILLE. Mrs. Geo. Irmacher of Dubuque was in town calling on her many friends the first of last week and while here sold their house and lot to Henry Hunt for \$1000. The property has already been rented to Frank Westbrook and Mr. Hunt does not intend to occupy it.

—"E. L. Brecken returned the latter part of the week from Sunflower, Miss., where he had been to purchase land.

—"Miss McDaniel went to Chicago from here with two carloads of H. J. Vanfleets' stock last week.

—"Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carley and little son were visiting relatives in Dyeraville last week.

—"Rev. B. W. Soper assisted the pastor of the M. E. church at Greeley in revival meetings last week.

—"Mrs. L. P. Lowry and daughter Edna of Riceville returned home Friday by way of Charles City where they will visit Mrs. Lowry's brother, Geo. McCabe.

—"John Arnold received a carload of shelled corn from Nebraska last week and had a hauling lee Thursday. There were about 1270 bushels in the car which he bought at 44 cents.

—"H. J. Vanfleet took in three carloads of hogs and J. C. Nieman two carloads of hoeses Friday which they shipped to Chicago.

—"Misses Caro Millen and Opal Vanfleet have been at home from school duties at Cornell college the past week owing to a holiday on Thursday.

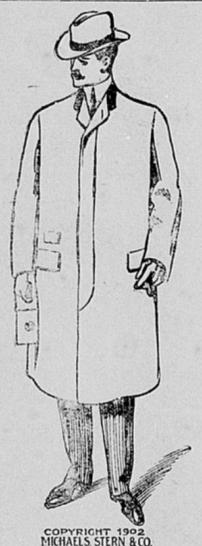
—"The banquet and ball given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this place on last Tuesday evening were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The banquet was held in the banquet room of their building, after which a social time was had in the lodge rooms. The ball was held in the Town Hall, the Beloit Orchestra of Waterloo furnishing the music, at which 74 couples were present. It was not only socially a success but also financially.

—"Arthur Stebbins of Alburnett has been buying cattle in this vicinity the past few days and will ship this week.

—"O. H. Ede held an auction sale Thursday on the premises he has been farming one and one-half miles west of town preparatory to his moving to North Dakota soon. The sale amounted to about \$2000.

—"Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gould spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gould at

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A new line. No doubt the best assortment shown here for some time, consisting of trunks in extra large sizes, canvas covered, with heavy iron and brass trimming.

Dress Suit Cases, Full leather in the latest colors, leather lined, and a large assortment of sizes.

Club Bags-In light and dark colors, sizes from ten to eighteen inches. If you contemplate taking a trip, we are ready to fit you out.

Although our heavy goods have been going fast, we still have a few elegant numbers left in—**FUR COATS!**—That must be sold. Do not hesitate longer, as you'll not buy them any cheaper this season.

Merchant Tailors—Have you seen any of our work? If not kindly come in and let us show you.

A New Stock of Overalls, 50c.

Gildner Bros.,

One Price Clothiers and Tailors.

Waterloo. Carl Hohwiler went to Chicago Saturday with Joe Nieman's horses. The new Congregational church at Almorai will be dedicated next Sunday, Feb. 8. Speakers from abroad will be present to assist.

Rev. B. M. Amsden. At the ripe old age of eighty-four years, Rev. B. M. Amsden, one of the oldest and best known residents of this city died at his home here, last Wednesday, and the funeral services were held at the family residence last Friday afternoon, Rev. A. W. Caul, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Benjamin Monroe Amsden was born in Chautauque county, New York, Dec. 18, 1818, and his early life was spent upon his father's farm. He was a graduate of Williams college, and in 1846, soon after he graduated, spent the next two years of his life in the south, going from there to Oberlin in 1848 where he became a student in the theological department of the well known college at that place, graduating therefrom the following year.

For many years thereafter he followed his profession as a preacher, first in his native county, then in the vicinity of Belvidere, Illinois, afterwards in Dubuque county, and from there he came to this county.

In 1854, while he was located in Boone county, he came to what is now the city of Manchester and purchased a considerable tract of real estate which is included within the corporate limits.

On December 4, 1855, at Belvidere, Illinois, he was united in marriage with Miss Reliance Avery and in 1858 they became residents of this place, remaining here until 1861. The next ten years they spent in various places in Illinois and Dubuque county, returning to this city in 1871, which has since been their permanent home.

Mr. Amsden was a man of positive convictions, and expressed them freely and fearlessly. He was an honest, upright and conscientious man, and a good, true and public spirited citizen. He is survived by his widow and five children, Avery, Geo. S., Will C., and Miss Harriet Amsden, and Mrs. Carrie Stanger.

District Court. Judge Platt will preside at the February term of the district court to open in this city next Monday.

There are on the several calendars 51 law, 23 equity, 4 criminal and 26 probate cases. The cases noticed for trial are Connolly vs. Fangman; Flaherty vs. Neilman; Hebron vs. Hebron; Iowa Saddlery Co. vs. Hackbarth; Mayers' Sons vs. Dairy City Cigar Co.; Riddell & Co. vs. Strain; Yeager vs. O'Mera and First Presbyterian Church vs. Bush et al.

The jurors summoned are: E. B. Hess, A. N. Smith, Jerry Mahoney, Wm. Ball, W. H. Hines, S. H. Morgan, Robert Davis, H. C. New, James N. Kehoe, M. S. Banta, F. W. Klaus and W. H. Magill.

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Manchester Markets. Hogs, per cwt. \$6.20. Hens, per cwt. \$5.50. Butter, per cwt. \$3.00. Cows, bulkhead's stock, per cwt. \$3.00. Cattle, per cwt. \$3.00. Canners, per cwt. \$1.00. Ducks, white, per lb. \$1.00. Spring chickens, per lb. \$1.00. Old hens, per lb. \$1.00. New corn, per bu. \$2.00. Hay, wild, per ton. \$1.00. Potatoes, per bu. \$1.00. Eggs, per doz. \$1.00. Timothy seed, per ton. \$1.00. Clover seed, per ton. \$1.00.

Special Rates to California and Arizona. Via Chicago Great Western Railway. Tickets on sale daily from Feb. 15th to April 30th, available in tourist sleeping cars. For further particulars apply to any great Western Agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill. 5-13

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

Business Locals. A well improved 15 acre farm, located 6 miles from Manchester. This farm will be sold at a reasonable price. Inquire of G. W. MILLEN, 314

For Sale. For your liver and stomach ills. Take Beeson's Picnic Pills. They will surely do you good. They will stimulate your blood. And make you feel as happy as a clam. Try them. 25 cents. All druggists. 5 cent

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

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Lost Dog. Fox Terrier Dox, (female) eleven months old. Tan colored face and ears, large tan spots in middle of back; short tail; had flat leather collar. Any party returning same to me on east Main street will receive \$10.00. MRS. J. E. BROWN, Manchester, 217

What's the matter, old man? Been losing on wheat? "No, not that, forgot to take Hock Mountain Tea last night. Wife said I'd be sick today." 35 cents. Denton & Ward.

Horses for Sale. Four mares. For terms & inquiry of the undersigned on the Bronson & Carr farm in Collins Grove Township. Wm. STRAUH.

FOR SALE. Good residence property on Franklin Street. 284

Baby sleeps and grows while mamma rests! Hock Mountain Tea is given. It's the greatest baby medicine ever offered loving mothers. 35 cents. Denton & Ward.

Farm for Rent. The Ludwig Schneider farm near Golden is offered for rent. For terms apply to Bronson & Carr. 49-1.

Mason Work. Now I am ready to take contracts in mason work of any description. C. P. MILLER, 171

WANTED—Responsible persons to act as agents in every county for article in big demand by farmers and truck growers. Salary or commission. Prompt reply necessary. The Products Co., Monmouth, Ill. 5-17

Pimples, faded complexion, chapped skin, red, rough hands, eczema, tetter, bad blood, cured in a short time, with Rocky Mountain Tea, the great complexion restorer. Denton & Ward.

Farm For Rent. One 80 acre farm for rent. Hubert Carr, 414.

Why do you fret and grumble, Why don't you take a humble. Use Beeson's Picnic Pills. They will regulate your bowels. Try them. 25 cents. All druggists. 5 cent

Very Low Rates. To points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Utah and Colorado, in effect daily from Feb. 15th to April 30th, via Chicago Great Western Ry. Write to J. P. Elmer, G.P.A., Chicago, for full particulars. 5-13w.

A DEMOCRAT "AD." PAYS.

ANNUAL Clearance Sale OF CLOAKS. Now is the time

to buy an elegant cloak or cape at your own price. Never before at this season of the year have we placed on sale at a sacrifice such an array of stylish garments. This is the one opportunity of the season to clothe yourself at about one-half regular price.

While it means a big loss to us it is our rule not to carry over to another season a single garment.

\$4.00 Cloaks now	\$2.25
5.00 "	3.00
6.00 "	3.75
7.00 "	4.50
8.50 "	5.00
10.00 "	6.75
12.50 "	7.75
13.50 "	8.75
16.50 "	9.75
18.50 "	12.75
20.00 "	13.75
25.00 "	15.00

A Great Sacrifice Sale of Dress Goods.

In order to clear our shelves and make room for early spring goods, we have put on sale 25 pieces of black and colored dress goods, which we have marked just ONE-HALF PRICE. We will not undertake to enumerate the different kinds, but come in and see the showing.

Burton Clark.

Cut in Waistings!

25 Pieces Flannelett Waistings, Former Price 10c. now 8c.
20 Pieces Flannelett Waistings Former Prices 12 1/2 to 15c. now go at..... 10c.
10 Pieces of Wool Waistings, Former Price, 25c now... 20c.
12 Pieces of Wool Waistings, Former Prices 50c. to 60c. now go at..... 35c.
12 Pieces of Wool Waistings, Former Prices 65c. to 85c. now..... 55c.

The variety is exceptionally good, and for the children we show at attractive lot at from 1c to 5c. Others range in price from 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c and 16c to the beautiful fancy kinds at 25c, 29c, 35c and up.

Housekeepers' Linens.

Choice selections of Table Linens, Napkins, Towels and Crash. Prices low as the lowest.

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