

—Oscar Smith is a Chicago business visitor.

—W. E. Glidner is a business visitor from Springfield.

—Miss Meila Graves is the guest of friends in Waterloo.

—The city schools will close Friday for the usual week's vacation.

—W. N. Knittle has leased the Excelsior laundry of Rowley & Johnson.

—J. M. Morris of Masonville was a Manchester business visitor Monday.

—Chas. Leigh marketed 15 six months old hogs Thursday which averaged 250 lbs.

—Miss Jennie Holm's attended the dressmaker's convention at Chicago last week.

—Warren Dickinson of Dubuque visited friends in this city part of last week.

—Louis Quiekmeier of Richland township was a Manchester visitor Saturday.

—Kit Edmunds is at Aberdeen, South Dakota, looking after his land interests in that section.

—Old settlers say that never in the history of the county, were the roads as bad as during the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blake, of Masonville, visited at the S. H. Morgan home in this city over Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen of Independence were over Sunday guests of relatives and friends in this city.

—Peter O'Hare and son, Harry, of Waterloo, were over Sunday visitors with relatives and friends in this city.

—Mrs. H. A. Denton pleasantly entertained a number of her lady friends at six handed euchre last Wednesday evening.

—E. H. Hoyt departed the first of the week for Lebanon, S. D. Leslie Hoyt is expected to arrive home some time this week.

—Miss Mabel Montgomery, of Boone, Ia., is the guest of friends in this city. She was formerly a teacher in the High School in this city.

—Will Ward of McIntyre, Iowa, arrived here Friday. Mr. Ward has been seriously ill and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is rapidly convalescing.

—J. B. Hoag and W. H. Hutchison were at Bellevue the latter part of last week hunting. They brought home nineteen ducks as a proof of their skill in the use of firearms.

—At the adjourned meeting of the council rooms last Friday evening a resolution was passed authorizing the laying of a sewer in the alley between Butler and Fayette streets.

—The Carnegie Library will not be opened Thursday, the date set for the opening. Owing to the illness of Librarian Jones it has been found necessary to postpone the date until Monday, March 30.

—Meadames Grant Ruby, C. M. Heath care of Chas. Ash, Misses Nellie Terry, Susie Kaufman, Messrs. Leon Millard, A. Allen, and Clarence Ash have unclaimed letters at the postoffice in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunham are now domiciled in their new home on their farm just east of town. Mr. Dunham has been in poor health and takes up life on the farm in the hope that it will prove beneficial to his health.

—A wreck of a special freight about three miles west of this city tied up the trains on the Central for several hours. The train consisted mostly of empty cars which were thrown from the track by a defective rail. About twelve cars left the track, four of them going down the embankment. About 200 feet of track was torn up and it was necessary to lay a side track around the wreck before traffic could be resumed.

—Mrs. J. Britt died at her home in Union township last Tuesday, aged 72 years. Mrs. Britt was one of the early settlers of this county and had the esteem of all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her death six children: Mrs. P. Flanagan, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, P. H. Britt, M. J. Britt and Thomas Britt all of this county and John Britt of Valentine, Nebraska. Her husband died about two years ago. She was a devout member of the Catholic church and led a true Christian life. The funeral services were held at the Catholic church at Delhi Thursday morning.

—The Friday evening of last week a farewell reception was in the parlors of the Congregational church in honor of W. A. Friend, who has gone west for his health. Although the weather and other circumstances were not favorable to a large attendance, quite a large company took advantage of the occasion to show their regard for one who has been a most faithful and efficient worker for all good objects. The evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse, though the enjoyment of those present was considerably marred by the sadness of parting. Mr. Friend departed Monday morning for Leavenworth, Washington, followed by the sincere good wishes of his many friends in this city.

—We learn from the Independence Bulletin Journal that Dr. J. A. May formerly of this city but now located at Independence in Old Mexico where he has gone in the interests of the Iowa-Sonora Mining Company a corporation recently organized at Independence. The company is considering the advisability of opening some of the abandoned mines in the country which in June, when under the control of the Spaniards yielded large amounts of gold. Mr. May is president of the company and will endeavor to secure the property for the corporation and if successful they will re-open the mines and begin operations on a large scale. The Bulletin-Journal says in part "Dr. May and his associates are undoubtedly turning their attention to a very rich mineral country, where, with the advantages of cheap labor and a fine climate, they ought to make lots of money. The doctor expects to return in a few weeks, and it is to be hoped his mission will prove eminently successful."

—Mrs. E. M. Carr is seriously ill at her home in this city.

—Will Strain of LaPorte is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

—Mrs. I. W. Lampman is recovering quite rapidly from an attack of pneumonia.

—Mrs. Sarah L. Johnson, of Chicago, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen.

—A special song service will be rendered at the Congregational church Easter Sunday.

—Miss Ruth Crum is at home from Oakton, Wis., where she has been attending college.

—"Kalamity" Thorpe is making extensive improvements on the interior of his store building.

—D. C. Sutherland is on the program for the entertainment to be given by the Greeley schools Friday evening.

—The Henderson Stock Company are playing a week's engagement at the Central Opera house this week.

—Dr. W. A. Daniels and wife of Traer, Ia., were guests of their daughter, Mrs. M. J. Moran, over Sunday.

—Mrs. John Oakley returned from Central City last Friday where she was called by the illness of her father.

—C. M. Gould of Earlville was a Manchester business visitor Tuesday. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

—The Knight Templars will hold a special service at the Congregational church Easter Sunday in the afternoon.

—Frank Reiger, who is employed as attendant at the Cherokee hospital, is the guest of relatives and friends in this city.

—Will H. Scanlan came home last week on a vacation from Toledo, Iowa, where he has been a student in Western College.

—The young ladies of the Congregational church are invited to meet at the home of Mrs. A. W. Stearns, Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

—Permits to wed have been issued during the past week by Clerk Georgan to Guy R. D. Smith and May Miller and W. M. Gore and May Nichols.

—Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Pratt departed Tuesday morning for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where it is hoped Mr. Pratt may regain his lost health. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt will probably make an extended trip to the south.

—Misses Edith and Mertie Wells, Kate Ford and Ruth Graham and Messrs. Bert Matthews, Asa Cunniff, ham and Clarence Moran, students of Cornell College are spending their spring vacation at home.

—As per adjournment the district court convened in this city last Monday morning, Judge Platt presiding. Considerable business has been disposed of and it is probable that the court will adjourn sine die today.

—The mail carriers are having some very unpleasant experiences as a result of the muddy roads. Several of them have been obliged to walk long distances. In several instances the carrier walked over his entire route.

—Phil Pawley has resigned his position as section foreman on the M. & O. and has accepted a position in the yards of the Illinois Central at Cedar Rapids. Mr. Pawley will begin his new duties about the first of next month.

—Fred Briggs has resigned his position as mail carrier for the Illinois Central Railroad. Floyd Copeland, who has been messenger boy for the Central will take the place resigned by Mr. Briggs, and Frank Sedgwick has accepted the position of messenger boy.

—A. A. Hollister returned Sunday from a business trip to Michigan. Mr. Hollister reports that the McArthur Shingle Mills located at Bruce Crossing burned last Thursday. Mr. Hollister is president of the McArthur Company and the largest bulk of the stock in the company is owned by Manchester capitalists.

—The Invincibles of the Manchester bowling league defeated the Hasbeens last Thursday afternoon and Monday evening. The Hasbeens took the scraps of the cowboys in one of the fiercest contested games of the schedule. The final game of the league will be played Friday evening between Lewis' Invincibles and the Hasbeens.

—The city election will be held Monday, March 30, at which time the electors of the city of Manchester will select a Mayor, City Solicitor, Assessor and an alderman for each of the wards. The polling places will be as follows: 1st ward, S. A. Steadman's harness shop; 2nd ward, Council Rooms and 3rd ward, Geo. Storey's residence on Gay street.

—Miss Katherine Commerford, who has been a successful and popular teacher in the Earlville schools for the past four years, has changed her plans for the future and made no application for the schools for the coming year. The board met at the secretary's office Monday evening and elected Miss Orianna Wesche as her successor. We regret losing Miss Commerford as a teacher.—Earlville Phoenix.

—This little story in verse was told last week by a county exchange: He didn't have a dollar; he didn't have a dime. His clothes and shoes were looking just as though they'd served their time. He didn't try to kill himself to dodge misfortune's whacks. Instead, he got some shoes and he filled five dozen sacks. Then, next he bought a dollar. In the paper in the morn he advertised tin polish that would put the sun to scorn. He kept on advertising, and, just now, suffice to say, he's out in California at his cottage on the bay."

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman of Dubuque, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Conger of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and E. J. Conger Jr. of Sioux Falls, S. D., pleasantly surprised their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conger, Monday, by dropping in on them unawares. Tuesday afternoon a family re-union was held at the Conger home on Howard street, this being the first time for over eight years that the family have been assembled under one roof. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and E. J. Conger Jr. departed for their homes Wednesday. Glenn goes from here to Hannibal, Missouri, where he has accepted a position with a telephone company. His wife will remain here for a several days' visit with relatives and friends.

New Advertisements.

The subjects that Carhart & Nye want to be talked to, are stated in their ad.

A. D. Brown, occupies his space on first page, with an essay on carpets, which read.

Scharies, the tailor, has received a full line of the latest styles of men's summer shirts, call and see them and leave your order.

M. & O. Annual Stock-holders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the M. & O. Railway Company will be held on April 7, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., at the Council Rooms in Manchester, for the purpose of electing five directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

Manchester, Iowa, March 23, 1903.

BY ORDER OF SECY

Presbyterian Ladies Entertain.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will serve dinner and supper, Saturday, March 28, in the building recently vacated by Gilder Bros., charging twenty and fifteen cents respectively. Following is the menu:

DINNER.

Roast of Ham, Brown Gravy, Baked Beans, Pickles, Hot Dish, Maple Syrup, Doughnuts, Coffee.

Supper

Creamed Potatoes, Pickles, Hot Dish, Maple Syrup, Doughnuts, Coffee.

A Mystery Solved.

Last fall a mention appeared in these columns of the burning of the large barn of James McElliott, together with about 200 tons of hay, a large and complete line of machinery, harness, wagons, buggies and also twelve stacks of grain. The loss amounted to something like \$6000, with insurance of \$2800. It was then not known how the fire originated, but it was thought it was caused by spontaneous combustion. A little girl at the house who discovered the fire said that she saw a young man going out of the barn when it was on fire, but her story was not credited.

On March 17, 1903, we are credibly informed that a man learning that Mr. McElliott wanted a hired hand came and hired out to him for three months. When the young man saw him she said he looked just like the man she saw coming out of the barn the day of the fire and subsequent events prove that the girl's accusations were true. The man worked at the farm but one day but left some time the following afternoon leaving his clothing behind, no doubt fearing he was suspected of setting the fire. After his departure a note was found in a hen's nest, in which he confessed to setting the fire, saying, "I don't want to go to prison, I am afraid; I was I who burnt the barn."

Base Ball Minstrels.

The Manchester Base Ball Minstrels at the Central Opera House last Tuesday evening was well patronized every available seat in the house being filled. Two hundred and sixty-seven dollars was taken in and the amount left after paying all expenses will probably amount to \$175. This, with the balance already on hand, will give the base ball association a neat sum with which to start the season. Wednesday evening the boys repeated the performance at Lamont, about which the Lamont Leader speaks as follows:

"The 3.30 train Wednesday brought to Lamont the home talent minstrel troupe from Manchester in a private car over the M. & O. They were domiciled at the National where "Mine Host" Svoboda treated them to "possum" and looked after their wants in general. A large audience greeted the "Knights of the Burnt Cork" at the Opera House in the evening.

The program rendered, was as good as most troupes that make the smaller towns and for amateurs was an excellent one. The music was under the direction of H. L. Rann of the Manchester Press. Ed Hruby was interlocutor, "Kitty" Moore and Harry Bradley were end men.

The jokes were mostly new and were localized in a manner to cause some ridiculous situations. The singing was of a high class and elicited hearty applause and was well taken by the audience.

Should they ever see it to again appear in Lamont they can be certain of a liberal patronage.

After the close of the entertainment a dance was announced with music by the orchestra.

The minstrels are all right."

BAILEY'S FORD.

The Misses Jose and Avis Grommon and their brother Charles spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay L. Lillibridge and Martin McElmeel attended the base ball minstrels at Manchester last Tuesday evening.

J. W. Hartman sold hogs at Delhi last Wednesday.

Jay Lillibridge, Bert Russell and Peter Jaskin shipped a cartload of hogs from Manchester Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Robbins was in this vicinity last week repairing the Delaware County telephone line.

The Baptist Aid Society of Delaware met with Mrs. Jerry Kester last Thursday.

M. S. Banta was in Manchester last Thursday.

Harry Conner and Clarence Petton are recovering from the mumps.

Mrs. R. E. Grommon called on Mrs. Elvira Davis one day last week.

G. B. Davis was in Delhi one day last week. Mrs. Wm. Petton was shopping in Delhi last Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Hartman called on Mrs. Richie one day last week.

Loren Elledge is visiting J. G. Daker.

A Visit.

In a beautiful grove near this village stands a cottage under the umbrageous shadows of several wide-spreading oaks, where dwells one of our number, and a special meeting of the city council of Manchester, Iowa, will be held at that, with her husband and daughter. On Friday of last week something like the following came to us as an invitation:

"Will you come to the bower we have shaded for you?"

Notwithstanding Friday was a warm but rainy day, when large raindrops

Cravenettes, Rain Coats and Mackintoshes



Gildner Bros.,

Clothiers and Tailors.

These Spring Rains and damp days bring back to memory—all last Spring, Summer and Fall's best friend—a coat that keeps you dry—or an umbrella that turns the rain.

Cravenettes, The latest thing out in Coverts, Vicunas, Tweeds and Homespun, from \$12 to \$18

Mackintoshes, In patterns most desirable, brown, blue, black and grey, from \$2.50 to \$12.50

Storm Coats, Heavy duck in greys and blacks, from \$2.50 to \$5.00

Work Shirts, Where do you buy yours, and what do you pay? We sell a 50c and 75c grade at 45c

Overalls! Do you wear them? We sell 75c and 85c qualities at \$1.00 50c

Men's and Boys' Every Day Hats, browns, blacks and greys, only \$1.34c

A WHOLE OUTFIT FOR \$1.34c

Every even \$2.00 purchase entitles you to a key to the \$20.00 bank.

Just Received—A new line of suitings and pantings—in tailoring.

ALL NEW!

Shoes, Dry Goods, Groceries, Furniture Tin and Granite Ware.

All Departments are full and PRICES better than ever. Mr. Roe is in charge of the FURNITURE and will do your repairing neatly and at reasonable prices.

Overalls and Shirts. Prices a little below the ordinary and Quality a little Above.

Don't Forget the Shoes!

W. W. FORD.

Money to Loan at Low Rates. Hubert Carr.

Trunks, Traveling Bags, Valises and Telescopes.

We Show the Largest Stock,

The Most Varied Assortment,

The Biggest Line to be Found in Manchester.

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Agents for Butterick Patterns.

Housekeepers' Linens.

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

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A DEMOCRAT "AD." PAYS

An Exceptional Showing of New Tailored Suits and Skirts.

Our showing of Tailor Made Suits will be the most elaborate we have ever shown; you have but to glance at the enormous array of styles to be convinced that we are headquarters.

Tailor Made Suits From \$6.00 to \$25.00.

A showing of new styles and ideas that we are frank to say, we believe to be above comparison with any other showing in town. If you want the real swell exclusive things, different from what others have to offer, you will find them here.

Shirt Waists.

Scores of new creations in plain or daintily trimmed garments in Silks and Cottons. Handsome Granite Cloth Waists, White Oxford Cloths and white Madras Waists, made in only the newest effects. Our showing is almost twice as large as ever before and illustrates all the new ideas.

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.

Housekeepers' Linens.

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

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Agents for Butterick Patterns.

Business Locals.

Shakes mother eat, makes father eat, makes grandma eat, makes grandpa eat, makes the children eat. Rock Mountain Tea does it. A spring tonic. 35 cents. Denton & Ward.

Hotel For Sale or Rent. The Greeley House, in Greeley is for sale or rent. For particulars apply to HENRY DEW, Greeley, Iowa. 11-111k

Put roses in her sunny cheeks, Makes her eyes grow bright with fun, Makes months seem like weeks; That's what Rocky Mountain Tea has done. Denton & Ward.

Great spring tonic. Drive out all impurities, Makes the blood rich. Fills you with warm, tingling life. A spring blessing in Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cts. Denton & Ward.

For Sale. A well improved 125 acre farm, located 6 miles from Manchester. This farm will be sold at a reasonable price. Inquire of G. W. A. 211k

For your liver and stomach ills, Take Beeson's Plenic Pills. They will surely do you good. They will stimulate your liver and drive away your bile. Try them. 25 cents. All druggists. 211k

CHAP—Residence property in this city. Enquire of Bronson & Carr.

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

If you want to have a picnic, Take Beeson's Plenic Pills. They will regulate your liver and drive away your bile. Try them. 25 cents. All druggists. 211k

FOR SALE. Good residence property on Franklin Street. 2814

Farm for Rent. The Ludwig Schneider farm near Golden is offered for rent. For terms apply to Bronson & Carr. 211k

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

For Sale. 80 acre unimproved farm in Collins Grove Township. 211k

Why do you fret and grumble, Why don't you take a tumble, Take Beeson's Plenic Pills, They will drive away your bile, Try them. 25 cents. All druggists. 211k

Girl Wanted. For a good, competent, trustworthy person \$3.50 a week. Inquire at this office. 111f

Bancroft's Beautiful Flowers. Our catalogue is now being mailed to all our customers. If you have not received one or are not sure of our number, and we want you to drop us a card for our descriptive catalogue of all kinds of flowers. JOSEPH BANCROFT & SON, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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