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—R. y. Father O'Connell spent Wednes- day last with Rev. Father Rowe in Strawberry Point.

—Regular meeting of Manchester Lodge No. 105 A. F. & A. M., Saturday evening, May 9th.

—Clifton Hillier, who is a student at Epworth Seminary, was home last Saturday and Sunday.

—Regular Conclave of Nazareth Commandery No. 33 K. T. this Wednes- day evening. A full attendance is desired.

—The Manchester Telephone Co., has increased its rates for the use of its 'phones, twenty five cents per month, or \$3.00 per year.

—Miss Gertrude Anderson was a member of a delightful box party at- tending Mansfield's Julius Caesar in Dubuque last Saturday.

—Mrs. Beale Anderson Dewey and little daughter, Miss Jeannette, of To- lido, Ohio, are here for a month's visit with relatives and friends.

—The Euchre Club met with Mrs. W. D. Hogan last week and this week Mrs. H. O. Harris will entertain the ladies of the club also at the Hogan home.

—The large barn of Dan Sarkis who lives near Thorpe burned to the ground last Friday night together with 17 head of cattle and horses. The fire is thought to have caught from a lantern used in doing chores.

—The Misses Florence Atwater and Nell Cotter spent Saturday and Sun- day in Dubuque, guests in the J. F. Jackson home. The young ladies heard Mansfield as Brutus in Julius Caesar Saturday evening.

—The Dyersville bowling team de- feated a local team of bowlers at the Malven alleys Thursday afternoon by a total of 48 pins. This is the first time this season that Manchester has been defeated on her own alleys.

—Mrs. Garwick, sister of Mrs. Geo. Hillier, and Mrs. Dial, both of Ched- wick, Ill., and Mrs. Rogers of New York City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hillier the latter part of last week leaving Saturday afternoon for the west.

—Word received Monday by Mrs. H. O. Pratt from Rev. Pratt bore the pleasing news of his steady progress toward recovery. The wound made by the operation was healing rapidly and Rev. Pratt was going to be able to walk out on Thursday, Monday.

—The Senior class of the High School, which by the way is an even dozen in number—three boys and nine girls—are fortunate to have secured Senator John P. Dolliver to deliver the graduating oration. The exercises will be held in the Opera House the evening of May 28th.

—Hon. M. F. LeRoy returned last Wednesday from an I. O. O. F. business trip to Des Moines and Iowa City. At the Eastern Iowa District Association meeting held in the latter city on Tues- day it was determined that Cedar Rapids should be the place of all future meetings of the association.

—The Friday Afternoon Club held their final meeting of the study year a week ago Friday with Mrs. A. M. Sherwood, the meeting being mainly for business attendant; upon the election of officers for the coming year. Mrs. Boynton was re-elected president of the club, a position she has held with great credit to herself and of benefit to, and to the entire satisfaction of every member of this club for a succession of ten years. Mrs. Hattie Hunt was made vice president, Mrs. F. Hall, secretary, Mrs. Lily Allen, treasurer and Mrs. Jane Bronson, librarian.

—The fire at Ryan last Tuesday in the J. P. Striegel drug store burned the entire stock belonging to that gentle- man, the brick building belonging to J. A. Thomas having its walls left standing. Mr. Striegel had \$2800 in- surance on his drug stock and Mr. Thomas carried \$800 on the building. Concerning the fire the Ryan Reporter said: The origin of the fire is a mystery. It appears to have started in the cellar, but as there had been no fire in the building for several days Mr. Striegel is at a loss to account for it. We understand that Mr. Thomas will re- build at once and the chances are good for Mr. Striegel being in business at the old stand within a month. Our water- works system is certainly a perfect one, we had plenty of water and pressure all the time and the system has certainly been given a thorough test.

—The fire flend was abroad in Dela- ware county lay week. The Frank Port- er farm northwest of town suffering therefrom to the extent of a dwelling house on Monday noon. The day was very nice and while Mrs. Louis Jar- muth (whose husband rents the place) was getting dinner in the summer kitchen, she left the windows of the front part of the house open. It is thought that sparks from the short pipe chimney which was placed low in- sulating from the summer kitchen, flew in at these open windows and as the men came in from the field at noon they discovered the flames bursting from the windows and doors of the main part, while Mrs. Jarmuth, busy with all cooking, was still unconscious of the conflagration. A part of the house- hold furniture down stairs was saved but the house and all the furnishings upstairs were wholly burned. We understand there was \$300 insurance on the building and some, though to what amount we could not learn, on the household goods. Mr. and Mrs. Jar- muth enjoyed the hospitality of their neighbors for a short time until a shed was made habitable for their stay while the house is being built.

—J. P. Hall of Delaware was a Man- chester visitor Monday.

—Mrs. L. Bronson will spend Sunday with friends in Chicago.

—W. J. Strain of Richmond, Virginia, is visiting friends in Manchester.

—The Ladies of the M. E. Aid society took in \$22 at their May breakfast.

—Miss Jo Powers visited Strawberry Point friends last week Wednesday.

—G. W. Miller left for Missouri this (Tuesday) morning to look after land.

—Mr. M. R. Doolittle of Hopkinton visited friends in Manchester last week.

—Hon. M. W. Harmon of Independ- ence was a Manchester visitor Fri- day of last week.

—W. B. Smith returned from Ham- mond, Louisiana, last week, called here by the illness of his son, L. C. Smith.

—Mrs. Harriet Rollins of Dubuque was a visitor last week with friends here, a guest in the Seger and Hadley homes.

—Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Kingsley and daughter, Mrs. Carrie Bean, of Straw- berry Point, were Manchester visitors last week.

—The Misses Stewart and Miss Lillian Bateman were Sunday visitors in the Will Durey farm home south- west of town.

—Webb Lampman was visiting friends here the last days of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lampman are now re- siding in Des Moines.

—In the Cornell-Drake game at Mt. Vernon last Wednesday, the former won by a score of 6 to 4. Bert Mat- thews is captaining a great team this year.

—The Snow and extreme cool weather of last Wednesday and Thursday will be responsible for an almost com- plete failure of the fruit crop over northern Iowa.

—The Congregational Ladies Aid Society will serve supper in the church parlors Wednesday of this week. Serv- ing will begin at half past five. Every- body is cordially invited.

—Miss Lilla Baxter of Ida Grove is the guest of her uncles, Will and Luke Section, in Collins Grove. Miss Baxter was called here to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Q. Seagrath at Ryan.

—President Dan F. Bradley, of Iowa College at Grinnell will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening, Mr. Tuttle going to Grinnell to speak before the students.

—Superintendent Atkinson gave out the grades of the seniors for their past four years work on Friday morning, the three receiving the highest marks were Miss Bell Graham, 96.9-16; Miss Mary Bailey, 95-13 and Harry Smith, 94-13-16.

—The total number of pieces of mail carried by the carriers going out of Manchester during April were 27,230. E. S. Beal on Route No. 6 carried 4,832 pieces, this being the highest number carried by any during the month. The average number of pieces carried were 3,590.

—J. B. Ross, who has been a resident of southern California, near San Diego, for the past several years, is making his sister, Mrs. S. J. Edmunds, a visit. Mr. Ross owns a small vineyard of grapes from which he sold last year, 6 1/2 tons of select raisins. He was formerly a resident of Jones county, Iowa, and says that he has no desire to change his residence for any of Iowa's best soil and climate. Mr. Ross will visit Herkimer Co., N. Y., where he was born and still has some near relatives living. He will not return to California until fall.

—Last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. Young, occurred the marriage of Mr. William Smisor, of Webster City, and Miss Ida Young, Rev. Paul of the Baptist church performing the ceremony. The wedding was private, only mem- bers of the family and the most inti- mate friends of the bride being bidden to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Smisor departed the same evening for Webster City, where Mr. Smisor has a lucrative business as a machinist. Mrs. Smisor has a large number of friends here whose best wishes follow her to her new home in Webster City, that her wedded life may be long and hap- py.

—Edgewood had a very disastrous fire last Wednesday morning, lighting striking the building owned and oc- cupied by James & Sons at about half past two o'clock and spreading rapidly to the J. D. Whipple and Dr. Newman buildings. James & Sons had a large stock of general merchandise worth at least \$12,000 totally destroyed, with no insurance. Mr. Whipple's building cost \$2,000 and carried no insurance. Dr. Newman's building was damaged but furniture and contents were saved for the most part. The meat market sustained a loss estimated at \$200. Dr. Blanchard lost \$200 in office furnish- ings. The windows of several of the buildings nearby were broken in and the total loss is said to be at least \$20,000.

—Robert Patterson made this office a pleasant call Tuesday and gave us a brief account of his travels since leav- ing his home in Washington last fall, which we give below: Mr. Patterson was one of the pioneer settlers of Dela- ware county, settling in Richland town- ship in 1853. Ten years later he crossed the plains to California and farmed in the famous Sacramento Valley. In 1870 he moved to Washington and lo- cated in Spokane county. He is past 75 years and is hearty and active. He desired to again see old friends and relatives and November 12, of last year he took a steamer from Seattle to Los Angeles by San Francisco. From there he went to Yuma, and Central Arizona and then to Iowa, a route of 5,000 miles. Since then he has visited relatives and friends in this vicinity, at Arlington, Dundee, Manchester, and at Oelwein and in Chickasaw county. He is a volume of tales for the hospital- ity of the people of Iowa. He says the changes here has entirely transformed the country from a prairie to a rich farming community. He left Wednes- day for his old home in Pennsylvania, where he spent his boyhood days. His sister, Mrs. Thompson, of Volga City goes with him. Mr. Patterson will re- turn to Washington which he calls the banner state of the union.—Lamont Leader.

—Chas. Perkins was a Cedar Rapids visitor Tuesday.

—"D. A. D." Cleveland was in Du- buque Tuesday.

—Born, Friday, May 1st, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goen.

—Hon. M. F. LeRoy had I. O. O. F. business in Waterloo Monday evening.

—Miss Nell Earhart of Hopkinton, was the guest of friends here Tuesday.

—Mrs. W. E. Wells of Delevan, Wis- consin, is visiting in the W. V. Williams home.

—Thos Hines is home from St. Josephs, Dubuque, his mother's illness calling him here.

—Miss Alice Jones visited friends in this city and left for Manchester Thurs- day.—Oelwein Record.

—W. H. Storey departed for Quas- queton Tuesday where he will doubt- less remain until the opening of the fishing season.

—Miss Ruth Paxson, National Sec- retary of the Y. W. C. A., spent a few days with home friends last week, de- parting Tuesday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gilbert were short time visitors here last week de- parting Saturday morning for their future home in Duluth, Minn.

—The district court is in session here, Judge Blair, presiding. This is not a jury term and therefore no cases re- quiring the aid of a jury will be tried.

—Andrew Heener left Sunday for San Francisco from which place he will go to Baker City and other points in Oregon, where he has moneyed inter- ests.

—The firm of Denton & Ward are preparing to move their stock of drugs across the street into the Bradley build- ing which is rapidly being put into con- dition for them.

—J. F. Schatles, the tailor, has rentd the building formerly occupied by Gild- ner Bros. on south Franklin street, and will remove his tailoring stock to this place in the near future.

—Miss M. D. Trentman of Chicago, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for F. N. Beacom Co. of this city. This company is rapidly building up a flourishing business in the sale of its medicines.

—We learn today noon (Tuesday) of the burning yesterday of the B. W. Sheppard home near Little York. Mr. Sheppard was formerly connected with the Edgewood and Strawberry Point papers, his ill health compelling his re- tirement to the farm. Some furniture was saved and we understand the house was insured.

—At the meeting of the School Board for the Independent School District of Manchester last Monday evening, all of the present teachers in the public schools of our city were re-elected. The Misses Bowen, Spears, Atwater, Put- nam and Shimmin were each voted a raise of \$5 per month, increase in sal- ary, which speaks more eloquently than words as to the service given by these young ladies in their respective grades.

—A very pleasant home gathering was the reunion in the Dixon home at the Clarence Houer over Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Graham of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon of Decorah, joined the members of the family here. Adding to the pleasures of the day was the presence of Mr. Graham's father, Attorney William Graham of Dubuque. The party, with the ex- ception of Mrs. G. departed Monday, Mr. Graham going to San Francisco, which place hereafter will be the home. Mrs. Graham will follow after a short visit with her parents and other friends here.

—The Crop Bulletin, for week ending May 4, 1903, says: "The week was excessively wet and cloudy and un- seasonably cold. The deficiency in daily temperature ranged from 3 de- grees at Keokuk, 6 degrees at Des Moines and 13 degrees at Sioux City, where the minimum was 22 degrees on the 30th. The lowest temperature re- ported was 17 degrees at Larchwood, Lyon county. From all reports re- ceived it appears that the northwest- ern district and the counties on the Mis- sissippi slope suffered the brunt of the cold wave on April 29th to May 3. The snow fall was general, ranging from half an inch to three inches. This measurably protected grass, grain and small fruit during the period of lowest temperature, though it greatly retarded field work. The soil is saturated and several warm and drying days will be required to put it in condition for plow- ing and planting. The reports indicate much uncertainty as to the extent of the damage to different kinds of fruit. The estimates range from 20 to 75 per cent, though few reports make any definite figures on the loss. Unques- tionably the aggregate of injury will be heaviest in the west and southwest, where the fruit had reached the tender- est stage. There has been a great pro- fusion of bloom and it may be hoped that the final output will exceed present expectations.

—Judge Seeds to Give Address. Special from Washington to the Des Moines Register and Leader: Judge Edward P. Seeds of Manchester, who is deputy auditor for the war department, has been invited to deliver the Mem- orial day address at the Soldier's home in Washington, and has accepted.

—Two years ago Judge Seeds spoke at Oak Hill, where lie the mortal remains of James G. Blaine and other distinguish- ed Americans, and last year he delivered the address at the Congressional cem- etery.

—It is quite likely that Judge Seeds will present some views touching a num- ber of questions, May 30 that may be the sub- ject of comment following their de- livery. The judge is original and does not always follow in the beaten path established by precedent.

—C. C. C. Meeting. The Three Cs. held their regular monthly convalesce in the G. A. R. hall Monday eve. The meeting being of more than usual interest in that they had for their guest, District Deputy George Bennett of Cedar Rapids. Over a hun- dred members were present and six initiations enlivened the business end of the program, those riding the goat in pursuance to the rules and regula- tions governing goat-back-riding in this province being Mr. and Mrs. Alex Purvis, Mrs. Stimpson, Frank Smith, Henry Waldo and John Frank. Ice cream, cake and coffee was served pre- ceding the literary program.

—Mr. Bennett will remain until after next Monday evening, at which time a special meeting of the C. C. C. will be held, to which the attendance of all members is urged.

—Low One Way Colonist Rates. On sale via Chicago Great Western Railway on the first and third Tuesdays in each month to September 15, 1903, to points West and Southwest. For fur- ther information apply to any Great Western Agent, or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

—Toe True. From a Texas paper we clip: Now lay away your seaikin acquie, And take the flannels from your back- que, And then the gripps will lay you low, And all your loving friends will glow Behind your body in a haque.

## Red Tag Sale Continued.

On account of rain last Saturday, we will continue our sale all this week, closing Saturday, May 9th.

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STATE OF IOWA, ss.  
DELAWARE COUNTY, ss.  
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JOHN GEORGEY,  
Clerk District Court. 19w1

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