

—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tirrill spent Thanksgiving with friends in Aurora.

—Fred Collard was home from Cedar Rapids to spend Thanksgiving.

—Mrs. J. C. Hadley spent Saturday with Mrs. Wm. Ball at Delaware.

—E. Huey of Golden was a business and pleasure visitor in the city Friday.

—Mrs. Odenbaugh of Ryan was a last Wednesday visitor with her parents here.

—Mrs. Betsy Harris is expected home this week from a visit with her sister in western Iowa.

—Mrs. Hayden of Minneapolis is the guest of her sisters, the Mesdames Hutchinson and Hoag.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allen spent a part of last week with Conductor and Mrs. Hart in Cedar Rapids.

—A very timely bit of advice to rural route patrons was crowded out last week, and appears this week in another column.

—An interesting letter from F. C. Flint, who with Senator Dan Young, is at Carlsbad, New Mexico, appears on our correspondent's page.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris are visiting relatives at Aurora and other Illinois points, whence they will go to Chicago for the fat stock show this week.

—Gilder Bros. have been giving away gentlemen's and boys' furnishings for the past three weeks on special days. See what they are giving this week.

—The Court of Columbian Circles will hold their annual election of officers at their meeting next Monday evening, December 7. A full attendance is desired.

—The M. & O. have a large list of excursion rates advertised for dates during December and January. If you are contemplating a trip, better watch their locals.

—Letters addressed to Misses Clara Barrins, Cora Bohan, Mrs. Irene Frontress, Mr. Robt. Synods and Ed Vanbarger and advertised as uncalled for at the post office.

—Do you want the Iowa Homestead and its special editions for the coming year? If so, we have arranged so that we can furnish them and the Manchester Democrat one year for \$2.00 payable in advance.

—By an oversight we failed to call attention to the statement of Delaware County State Bank, published in the Democrat last week. The showing made is a splendid one, the time and sight deposits aggregating over \$400,000.00.

—The First National Bank of this city publishes in this issue its report made to the Comptroller of Currency, on the 17th inst. By referring to it, it will be seen that it is prospering as indeed it has ever since it commenced business.

—J. C. Barr of Strawberry Point, who in Manchester Wednesday taking home with him for the Thanksgiving vacation his daughter Maud, and son, Lindsay, who are attending school here, the former being a junior and Lindsay a first year student.

—Mrs. Anderson and daughter, Miss Gertrude, leave today Tuesday with Herbert for Chicago where the latter resumes his business college duties and the two ladies continue their journey via the Santa Fe railway to California where they will spend the winter.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hogan delightfully entertained at noonday dinner Thanksgiving day, covers being laid for eighteen. These were their guests: Messrs. and Mesdames T. and H. Harris, G. Keiser, Geo. Storey, J. D. Hogan and W. H. Hutchinson.

—It is said that a pouch of through-mail from St. Joe to Minneapolis, was stolen from the Chicago & Great Western depot at Oelwein early in the month. The matter was kept first until the discovery of the mail pouch and hundreds of opened letters in a shock of corn two miles south of Oelwein a few days ago.

—Lamont Leader: Edward Rolf returned Saturday from Manchester where he has spent a week visiting friends. \* \* \* Mrs. Myers, of Dubuque, and Mrs. Reynolds, of Manchester, were guests at the J. Q. Boldman home for a few days the first of the week. \* \* \* Fred Retz was business visitor in Manchester Monday. \* \* \* Mrs. Anna Blackburn is in Manchester taking medical treatment for her face.

—A very quiet affair of week before last was the house party given by Mrs. M. Brown to twelve of her lady friends on Friday of that week. The ladies arrived early and spent the forenoon at euchre, this game being succeeded by a one o'clock dinner that was sumptuously perfect. After partaking of which the ladies in a decorous and quiet manner made merry at various games and with music and dancing until the afternoon was entirely spent. These were those present: The Mesdames J. H. Allen, Andrews, Barry, Bradford, Jennie Jones, Sherwood, Sabin Thorpe, Trenchard, Trumbull and Mary Work and Miss Coleman. P. S.—The opportunity of the ladies of the party that this reporter should mention the affair as a "quiet" one has prevailed, despite the contrary reports of the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who claim it was an unusually giddy crowd which was the basis upon which they judge. But we can only give what those who were there say and tho' they agree that they were both to depart for home and all were sorry that the day was ended, yet they all insist it was a quiet day.

—Miss Nell Sheldon is visiting friends in Chicago.

—W. N. Wolcott went over the M. & O. Tuesday morning to Livermore, Iowa.

—Geo. Dunham and family spent Thanksgiving with their cousin in Oneida.

—This is the season of colds. See Denton & Ward's adv. for a cure for them.

—Nels Robert Nelson departed Sunday morning via the M. & O. for Malmö, Sweden.

—O. E. Huene was an M. & O. passenger for Enid, Oklahoma, Tuesday morning.

—Mr. P. J. Morehouse left for Albuquerque, New Mexico, via the M. & O. Thursday.

—The First National Bank is not taking turkey on deposit now. They have changed their adv.

—Joseph Belknap and wife took the M. & O. for Tacoma, Washington, Thursday afternoon.

—The Macabees will hold their annual election of officers Wednesday evening, December 9th.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nye entertained the latter's mother, Mrs. Fawcett, of Monticello over Thanksgiving.

—Charley Risner is bound to be up-to-date—he is putting on the market this week a "Tom Hennessy" cigar.

—Edward Hollister returned by way of the M. & O. to Faribault, Minnesota, where he is attending school, Monday morning.

—Wesley Barr, who is on the United States Grand Jury, now in session in Dubuque, left over the M. & O. Tuesday morning.

—Mrs. A. L. Beardslee and Mrs. J. F. Johnson was entertaining their lady friends next Tuesday afternoon at a one-thirty o'clock luncheon.

—The Excelsior Laundry advertisements in this issue do work free. Read just how much and when they will do your laundry free of charge.

—A. T. Blondin, for sometime past connected with the Miller tonsorial parlors here left the first of the week for his home in Ackley.

—Mrs. W. E. Church, who has been visiting at Fred Durey's, left for her home in Helena, Montana, over the M. & O. Tuesday morning.

—A. Hollister came in over the M. & O. Tuesday from northern Michigan. He reports two feet of snow on the level, and snowing every day.

—Herbert Anderson was a few days visitor with home folks last week, having left Athenum school duties for Thanksgiving dinner at home.

—Regular meeting, Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, K. T. this Wednesday evening at which time will occur the Installation of Officers.

—Mrs. W. N. Boynton is in Chicago to spend three weeks with the little granddaughter that so recently came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boynton.

—Christmas gifts are on the Anders & Phillips' counters now and if one wishes to choose from a large stock, not picked over, it would be well to go early.

—D. F. Young, T. Doty, O. A. Dunham and W. E. Davis left by the M. & O. Monday evening, for Davenport to attend the Agricultural Implement Dealer's Convention.

—Michael and Robert Barr accompanied by Mrs. Barr, took the M. & O. Tuesday morning train for Rochester, Minnesota, where Mr. Barr will submit to an operation for hernia.

—The marriage of Miss Lura A. Lee and Mr. John M. Thompson, both of this county, was solemnized Wednesday, November 25th, in the office of the officiating justice, S. L. Doggett.

—Mrs. P. Donnell y of Ryan who was so seriously ill last week is some better. Dr. Lindsay of this city and Dr. Guthrie of Dubuque were called in consultation with Dr. Donnelly.

—Rev. J. O'Meara was an Independence visitor Wednesday attending a conference of the priests of the deanery, and Thursday was spent in Strawberry Point with Rev. Father Rowe.

—Earlville Phoenix: Miss Lena Pridge was a Manchester visitor Thursday. \* \* \* Miss Alice Eaton of Manchester visited friends here Friday. \* \* \* Mrs. A. Johnson and Mrs. Watt were visitors at Manchester one day last week.

—John U. Rector of Oneida was in town yesterday to attend a meeting of the Delaware County Agricultural Society. We go to press too early this (Tuesday) afternoon to give the proceedings of the meeting, at which we understand officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

—Word comes to us from Colerburg way of a very happy gathering of friends at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dittmer, the guests having been bidden to an old fashioned rag bee. A number from Earlville attended the big dinner and the day altogether was an exceedingly pleasant one.

—The marriage of Dr. L. L. Beeher and Miss Essie Lucile Marf is to be celebrated at half past five o'clock on the afternoon of December tenth in the Auditorium Annex, Dr. and Mrs. Beeher will be "at home" after January 10th, at 4903 Indiana Ave. The host of friends here of Dr. Beeher will wish for him and his bride that their wedded life will be a life of prosperity and happiness.

—Ryan Reporter: Miss Bessie Morgan of Manchester was a visitor in Ryan yesterday. \* \* \* Les Hoyt of Manchester was a visitor here Tuesday. \* \* \* Dad Cleveland was a business visitor in Ryan last Tuesday. \* \* \* Mrs. M. Summers and Mrs. E. B. Pugh were visitors in Manchester yesterday. \* \* \* Silver Creek Cor: Mr. and Mrs. John Scanlan were Manchester visitors Monday.

—A. O. Sevey was a Strawberry Point visitor last week.

—E. J. Conger, Jr., was out from Dubuque on Thursday last.

—Dr. Leigh was a Thanksgiving visitor with his parents at Dyersville.

—Mrs. W. G. Kenyon is spending today with friends at Delaware.

—Walter Cox was up from Cedar Rapids Sunday for a visit with home friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pinch are the parents of a baby girl born Sunday morning.

—Miss Florence Atwater was a last week visitor with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson in Dubuque.

—Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Mr. Patty of Winthrop were Thanksgiving visitors with relatives here.

—Miss Julia Hyde leaves today—Tuesday—for Bisbee, Arizona, where she will remain indefinitely.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Richardson and Mrs. R. H. Cotton spent Thanksgiving day with Aurora friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. George and Miss Dorothy Keyes spent Thanksgiving day in the T. T. Carkeek home in Dubuque.

—Richard Butterfield still continues very ill and his daughter, Mrs. Osgerby, has arrived to assist in his care.

—M. and Mrs. D. N. Emmons of Cedar Rapids were last week visitors with the former's brother, J. T. Emmons, and wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Arnold are to entertain two companies at dinner this week, on Wednesday and one on Friday evenings.

—Another newspaper—the twelfth in the county—is to begin publication Thursday of this week—the Enterprise at Masonville.

—Miss Gertrude Pratt, a teacher in the Cedar Rapids schools, spent part of last week with her parents, Rev. H. O. Pratt and wife, here.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Trenchard spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barry, at Berryville going especially for Turkey day.

—The Knights of Pythias are giving their annual dance this (Tuesday) evening and a goodly number will no doubt trip the light fantastic to music as rendered by Carpenter's Orchestra.

—A very handsome silver "loving cup" exquisitely engraved, is on exhibition in the Lawrence & Grem's window. It is the one presented to Mr. Smarzo of Masonville as the prize winner in the butter-maker's contest at the Dairyman's convention held at Waterloo recently.

—Frank McKeever and Miss Cashman, both well known here, were married last week at the bride's home in Castle Grove. Mr. and Mrs. McKeever have most hearty congratulations from a host of Delaware County friends. May they have the three blessings, health, prosperity and happiness.

—The members of the school board have their regular monthly meeting for the allowance of bills next Monday evening. At a special meeting last week, the resignation of C. G. Miller, as teacher in the North Manchester school, was accepted. Mr. Miller goes to Des Moines to take a position in the 4 C's.

—Geo. S. Lister has contracted to sell his stock of goods and the good will of his business to Geo. Simon of Cedar Rapids and H. B. Atwater of this city. The business however will be continued by Mr. Lister until the 14th of this month when an inventory will be taken and the business will pass into the hands of the new firm, Simon & Atwater.

—Winniger Bros. played to crowded houses last week and gave exceptionally strong performances. Should Manager Conger ever book them again, they would undoubtedly receive the same or better patronage than was accorded them last week. The dance Thursday evening, after the play, was also a success; the Catholic ladies serving supper in the balcony, clearing something over \$30.

**Illinois Central Change Times.**  
Beginning with last Sunday Passenger No 4 on the I. C. going east leaves at 3:42 instead of 3:20 as heretofore; and No 33 going west now leaves at 6:05, instead of 6:22 while the train on the south branch arrives at 6 and leaves at 6:30, instead of the times heretofore announced.

**Rural Mail Carriers Organize.**  
At the meeting last Thursday of the Delaware County rural route mail carriers, a temporary organization was formed pending a permanent association, these gentlemen acting as chairman and secretary respectively: J. Allen and T. F. Kenney both of Earlville. A committee of three, J. Bishop, Earl Beals and J. C. Crocker, were appointed to correspond with the secretaries of other associations now organized in Iowa counties. Their report will be heard at the meeting to be held December 12th at 7:30 p. m.

**Election and Installation of Officers.**  
At the regular meeting of Manchester Lodge No. 165 F. & A. M. Saturday evening, November 28th, the following officers were elected and installed: Geo. Hunt, W. M.; Grant Brayton, S. W.; P. A. Peterson, J. W.; Seth Brown, Tr.; J. M. Pearce, Sec.

And these appointive offices were filled: H. H. Lawrence, D. D.; H. T. Barber, J. D.; T. O. Eaton, S. S.; H. W. Welterlen, J. S.; C. E. Segar, T.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends that offered their assistance in the death of our beloved husband and father. May the richest of Heaven's blessings rest upon them.  
MRS. JULIA TURNER AND FAMILY.

**Conger Office Fire.**  
A blaze that might have ended very disastrously if not discovered just when it was, occurred Sunday evening. A party of young men walking north on Franklin street about seven o'clock that evening happened to notice flames flashing on the curtains hanging at the windows of the Conger offices and upon rushing up there with Marshall Graham, they found the rooms and hall full of smoke and a good sized fire burning. A box filled with sawdust, into which a cigar stub still alight had been thrown was the cause of the fire and the floor was badly burned before the flames could be extinguished.

**Jones Mill Grange.**  
The Jones Mill Grange will have a meeting this week Friday morning at ten o'clock at Grange Hall. There is to be a feast, and included in the business session will be initiation rites and the election of officers.

**Some Wisdom For Patrons.**  
A Mr. M. J. Martin in writing for the Minneapolis Journal last week gave these timely bits of advice to our rural route patrons. The "boys" who distribute mail along the several routes in the county will appreciate it after reading this you follow its precepts: Despite the fact that he is in the government service, the rural mail carrier is nevertheless a human being, capable of appreciating kindness and of suffering from injustice. The government expects him to be honest, careful and energetic; to furnish all necessary equipment at his own expense; and to carry the mail over his route, hail, rain or shine, every day in the year except Sunday, for the sum of \$600.

The mail carrier does not ask nor expect favors from his patrons, but he does expect justice and fair treatment, and if he does not receive it, I am sure it is because the people are unkind of what he requires, because there are few who would purposely add to the mail carrier's hardship. "What do you expect?" someone will ask. I will tell you. If you will not place the mail box where it will revolve and pivot, at least set the post in a convenient place and have the mail box extend well out from the post to give room for the whiffletree to pass by the post. Have the mail box just high enough for a buggy wheel to pass under it, and by all means have the ground six inches lower at the post than where the outside wheels rest. Wherever it is possible, hang your private driveway from which the carrier comes. This will leave a beaten track for his horse to stand on in winter instead of standing in a drift of crushed snow, something they will not do. Do not set the post too close to the fence, especially if it is a barbed wire fence, and do not use that particular part of the fence for a clothes line to hang carpets and horse blankets on, as it is often impossible to drive horses close to the box when those articles are waving in the wind. Neither should you use the post for a machine shed to stand pitchforks, axes, grubhoes and shovels against.

See that the mail carrier's horses do not have to climb up a perpendicular bank to reach the mail box. Be sure to have your name printed on your mail box. Mail boxes opening at the side or end should be set level, those opening at the top should be tipped well forward. If your mail box has a rack for holding letters, use it; if it has not, put one in, and at all times, but especially in cold weather, keep a supply of postage stamps on hand. Do not be afraid to invest a dollar in stamps lest you may die before you have used them; any of your heirs will accept them for their full value.

Some day when it is thirty below zero place an unstamped letter on the bottom of the mail box and at the far end place a nickel and watch the mail carrier take off his mittens, throw aside his robe, put back the change and then get a stamp and put it on, which he must do if the letter is to be delivered along the route. After watching him do all this bareheaded, if you are not ashamed of yourself it is because there is no shame in you.

Not is this all. Suppose he should lose three minutes doing this and should find twenty such letters during the trip. He would be delayed one hour, and in spite of all he could not get the mail he collected that day off on the evening train. If a man should forcibly detain a mail carrier on the road for an hour he would stand an excellent chance of spending a few years in the penitentiary, and you are guilty of the same offense, only you are doing it in a more genteel way.

**Notes of the Cat.**  
Cats, large and small, make the most careful toilet of any class of animals, excepting some of the opossums. The lions and tigers wash themselves in exactly the same manner as the cat, wetting the dark, rubberlike ball of the fore-foot and inner toe and passing it over the face and behind the ears. The foot is thus at the same time a face sponge and brush, and the rough tongue combs the rest of the body.

**Waverling.**  
Nervous Old Lady (addressing officer on board a passenger steamer)—Oh, captain, I wish you'd go and speak to the man at the wheel. He keeps turning it first one way and then the other, and I'm sure he doesn't know his own mind.—London King.

**A Bit Unkind.**  
Holden—Burgess says he always says what he thinks.  
Belden—That accounts for it. Saw him at the club last night, and he didn't utter a word the whole evening.—Boston Transcript.

**Her Title to It.**  
Nell—Is she a society woman?  
Belle—Yes, indeed. She belongs to no less than eighteen societies for the suppression of as many things.—Philadelphia Record.

The genius and inspiration of American civilization rest upon the individual thought, character and action of every citizen.—Schoolmaster.

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**Corn Breeding Fields.**  
In breeding corn a small field usually an acre in size is used. The land is prepared and the seed bed treated as for the ordinary field. They are usually about 120 hills-long and thirty rows wide. Each row is planted from a separate ear. The barren stalks, poor stalks and all undesirable stalks, such as suckers, are removed before the tassels appear. The field is protected or isolated, so that no mixture can take place from other varieties or from any source. In the fall these rows are removed separately, and the seed for the next year's crop is selected from the rows giving the highest yields per acre, of best composition, with the least barren stalks and of the best type. In this way the yield per acre of the variety is increased, the quality improved and the type preserved and developed. By this plan we are able to give personal attention and direct selection to the individual stalk and ear, which would be impossible in a large field.—Cosmopolitan.

**Wanted Something Effective.**  
Under a "sketchy little thing" exhibited by Jones there hangs a printed card which bears the words: "Do not touch with canes or umbrellas." An appreciative small boy added the following postscript: "Take A. X."—London Tit-Bits.

**His Calling.**  
"My dear friend, allow me to introduce to you M. X., a man who writes more nonsense than any one living." "I see; he's a journalist." "No; he's a legislative stenographer."—Paris Figaro.

Her Very Own.  
"He says that he loves me more than his life and that he can't live without me." "Oh, all young men say that." "That may be, but they don't say it to me."

**Accomplished.**  
Ethel—Isn't Judy new? She tells so much I don't see how she gets time to hear anything.—Detroit Free Press.

**Eve's Daughter For Sure.**  
Mother—Why are you so naughty, Dorothy?  
Dorothy (aged three)—'Cause it's easier, muzzer.—Comfort.

Learn first how to make a living and make a great name later.—Dallas News.

**Farm For Rent.**  
The Henry Edmunds farm of 300 acres is for rent. For particulars, enquire of Dunham, Norris & Siles, 17.

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