

—Read "Kalamity's" holiday ad

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—Harry Allen was a business visitor at Sycamore Ill., Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoag are nicely located in their new home.

—Arthur McNamany of Ryan transacted business in this city Friday.

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—Miss Nelle Penny of Winthrop spent Friday last with Manchester friends.

—Chuncy Segar is a guest of relatives and friends at Earlville, New York.

—Hazel Pelly of Dundee spent last week with relatives and friends in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zemanek of Dundee were Friday visitors in Manchester.

—Edw. Hruby was a business visitor for the Quaker Mill Co. at Lamont last Wednesday.

—G. O. Harrison, who has been a guest of his son, John, at Independence has returned home.

—M. L. B. Richmond shipped a car of staves to Sycamore, Ill., Saturday over the M. & O.

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—Mrs. Frank T. Negly of Cedar Falls, is a guest at the Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter home.

—Don't forget the fireman's dance to be held at the Central Opera House New Years Eve.

—Carhart & Nye manufacture a tank heater that will thaw out a forty barrel tank of solid ice.

—Bert Noble of Howard South Dakota visited friends in this city the latter part of last week.

—Miss Blanch Otis, who is a teacher in the Stuart, Ia., schools is at home to spend the holiday vacation.

—W. H. Norris, Calvin Yoran, C. E. Bronson and E. M. Carr, transacted legal business at Colesburg Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carr have a second daughter at their home. The younger Miss Carr was born last Friday.

—Hunt Armistead, who has a position in a bank at Blue Earth, Minnesota, is expected here this week for a visit with home friends.

—Denton & Ward have a large and complete stock of Holiday goods, game boards, games of pit and flinch and copyrighted books.

—Last week Elmer Cates sold out his drayline business to Ed. Cowles, of whom he had purchased same. Mr. Cates departed Friday for Dakota.

—The Newsletter at Dyersville came to us last week perfumed with a Palmer extract—the idea certainly being an excellent advertisement for the perfume.

—Ryan Reporter: Deputy Sheriff Morgan of Manchester is here today on official business. Miss Grace Beacom has been spending the past week with relatives in Manchester.

—Frank Kleckner, who has been buttermaker at the Lamont Creamery for five years did not apply for the position this year and he will be succeeded by L. S. Edmunds of Waterloo.

—Dr. Shallenberger, the Chicago specialist for nervous troubles, will be at the Clarence House next Monday. He has a large practice here, this being his thirtieth monthly visit to Manchester.

—Rev. A. A. Ostreich, pastor of the Lamont-Strawberry Point Baptist churches, has accepted a call to the church at Humboldt, his resignation to his present congregations to take effect March 1st.

—Miss Bateman, who has been the accommodating and efficient milliner in the Burton Clark store for the past three years, closes her fall and winter season here Friday and on that day goes to Chicago for a visit with relatives and friends.

—Anticipating that sleighing will be in order in the near future, Young & Doty have prepared for it by getting in a carload of fine cutters which they request the readers of the Democrat to call at their agricultural warehouses and examine.

—Brown, the Furniture Man is giving you a coupon chance to get a beautiful rocking chair—see what he says about it. He is also offering a bargain in a rattan rocker and fine screen, an overstock being caused by a belated shipment of these goods.

—Hon. B. W. Jewell of Omaha was a Thursday and Friday visitor with friends here. Mr. Jewell was on his way to Dubuque where he addressed an open meeting of business and professional men in the interests of the Woodmen of the World.

—Miss Grace Davis, daughter of Mrs. Melissa Davis, and Burton Hamblin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hamblin, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother Tuesday at high noon. Rev. H. O. Pratt, officiating. The newly married couple are two of Manchester's most worthy young people and the Democrat joins their host of friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

—Lamont Leader: Frank Cass went to Manchester Monday and from there he goes to Kansas City, Oklahoma City and San Antonio, Texas, and will see the Golden state before his ret. Mr. Cass received a letter from his only brother, T. M. May, who lives at Dayton, Washington, that he is dangerously ill with dropsy with no hope of recovery. Mr. May was not able to see him.

—Dyersville Newsletter: John Legassick of Earlville was trading in this city Wednesday. Geo. Toogood of Manchester was here a short time Tuesday afternoon.

—Miss Tillie Lammers is very sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lammers, in this city.

—Miss Kate Toomer, who has been visiting her sister at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Summers at Manchester the past week, returned home Saturday.

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James Le Gassick.

James Le Gassick died at his home in Bremen township on last Thursday, December 17th 1903.

Mr. Le Gassick was born in London, England, on July 19th 1830, and came to this country with his parents in 1841. The family first settled in Ohio, but moved from there to Cook County, Illinois, in 1848 and from there to the farm, on which he died, in 1852.

He was married in 1857 to Miss Sophia Hayes, who survives him. They had but one child, John Le Gassick, who with his wife and four children will continue to live on the farm which was occupied by his father for more than half a century.

Last spring the deceased suffered for several weeks from a severe bronchial difficulty, accompanied by a weak heart; but he recovered from that attack and it was thought that his recovery was complete, until four weeks ago last Sunday when premonitory symptoms of a return of his previous illness made their appearance. At no time, however, was he considered dangerously sick. He was not confined to his bed until the day before he died, and his last hours were so peaceful that his family thought that he was enjoying a restful sleep.

No man in Delaware county enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people to a greater extent than James Le Gassick, and he deserved all that he enjoyed.

No man's bond was any better than James Le Gassick's word. Incapable of duplicity or falsehood, he could be depended upon to stand for what he believed to be right.

He served the people of his township as assessor for three years, as township clerk for four years, as secretary of the school board for sixteen years, and as justice of the peace for sixteen years. He also held the office of county supervisor under the former system for nine years, and when the law was changed so that this county had but three supervisors, he was elected on the democratic ticket as one of the three. A year ago last fall he was again nominated by the democrats for the office of county supervisor and elected to that position, running upwards of a 1000 votes ahead of the other candidates on the ticket.

The deceased was a member of the Omaha Lodge, L. O. E., and his brother Odd Fellows had charge of the funeral.

Rev. B. F. Soper, pastor of the M. E. church at Earlville, preached the funeral sermon, and spoke feelingly of Mr. Le Gassick's kindness and generosity. His years, the speaker said, were filled with deeds not words, and that to his personal knowledge several poor persons would miss their kind hearted benefactor.

The funeral was held at the family residence and was very largely attended. The procession that escorted the remains to the cemetery in Earlville was upwards of a mile in length.

—R. L. Kortright transacted business in Waterloo Monday.

—Mrs. James Turley of Masonville visited friends here Friday.

—Wm. Barr was a Rochester Minn. business visitor last week.

—O. C. Clark returned Saturday from a ten days visit with relatives at Hartley.

—Miss Lang, head milliner at Blake & Son's, has returned to her home at Algona, Iowa.

—F. J. Klosterman, after a ten days visit, returned yesterday to his home near Remsen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Doney and children of Peterburg were Manchester visitors Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Moines are visiting relatives in Des Moines guests of the latter's mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Dubois were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ben Davis of Strawberry Point Saturday.

—Eddie Hollister, who is attending the Shattuck Military Academy at Shattuck, Wisconsin, is at home for the holidays.

—Only one marriage license was issued the past week by Clerk Georgan and that was to Elmer A. Lang and Cora E. Patterson.

—Hugh Hines, a student of St. Joseph's Academy at Dubuque, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

—A. C. Acres, formerly telegraph operator at the Illinois Central station here but now of Des Moines visited friends in this city last week.

—Gildner Bros. have some very pretty calendars one of which in their ad they invite you to call and get. See their Xmas decorations.

—Fannie Haebler who is a teacher in the Riceville schools is spending the holiday vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haebler.

—Mrs. Clas Brownell of Dorchester, Wis., is the guest of relatives and friends in this city, being in attendance at the marriage of her sister, Miss Grace Davis.

—In our issue of December 30th we expect to give the readers of the Democrat an interesting and instructive article on the subject of "The World's Trend in 1903"

—Will Ward returned the latter part of last week from St. Louis where he took in the exposition and during his absence also visited his brother, John, at Carbondale, Ill.

—Remember that every subscriber of the Democrat new or old, who pays his subscription one year in advance will be entitled to one of its premiums by calling at this office and selecting same. We have a large number to select from.

—L. G. Gates received a telegram last Friday announcing him of the serious illness of his mother who went with the Thanksgiving excursionists to California and who is now at Los Angeles. A second telegram was received Saturday announcing a turn for the better in Mrs. Gates condition and it is to be hoped the improvement will prove permanent.

Christmas Will Be Here In A Few Days.

HOLLY! HOLLY! HOLLY!

Come and get a Sprig of Holly for a Christmas Souvenir.

If you haven't the latest thing in calendars, come in and get one. Time is short for your decision—what to get for Christmas.

Dress Suit Cases, House Coats, Bath Robes, Latest thing in Hats, Sterling Silver Handle Umbrellas, Mufflers and Pajamas.

Special Prices on Fur Coats!

We must reduce our stock before Christmas. Remember to come in our store and see our Holiday Decorations.

Gildner Bros.,

YOUR CLOTHIERS.

12 Pairs of Cranial Nerves

There are but Two Kinds of Diseases,--Nerve and Blood. You have twelve pairs of cranial Nerves and when you know that the system of four and one-half pairs, (as there are any more) that your eyes drawing upon the brain from its point of nerves force, produce Headache, Nervousness, Stomach Troubles and many other symptoms due to eye-strain.

DR. BOYCE Makes a Specialty of Fitting Glasses,

to stop all nerve drain and strain, allowing nature to resume her normal way in performance of nature's functions without drugs or operations. If you have glasses that do not stop such troubles, they are not properly fitted. Cross Eyes straightened without cutting the muscles with a knife. Hours 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. MONDAY.

At Hotel Clarence,--Dec. 28,--One Day Only.

Returning Every Six Weeks.

DR. G. E. BOYCE. EYE SPECIALIST, Waterloo, Iowa.

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—Miss Nellie Lane of Monticello is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hogan.

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—Cecil Hines is at home from Sinsinawa Mound to spend her holiday vacation.

—Gene Emerson of Denver, Colorado, is the guest of relatives and friends in this city.

—Will H. Scanlan is at home from Toledo, where he is attending Western College, for the holidays.

—E. F. Gately of Denver, Colorado, was the guest of relatives and friends in this city last week.

—Emma Dobbins of Montis visited relatives and friends in this city a guest at the J. J. Goen home.

—Geo. Adelsperger of Dubuque is in the city in the interest of a new paper being started at Dubuque.

—Miss Hanna Fleming has returned to her home in Castle Grove, after a several weeks visit with Manchester friends.

—Miss Helen Granger, who is studying music in Chicago, is at home for the holidays a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Granger.

—Bert Matthews, Alonzo Wells, Clarence Yoran, and the Misses Mertie and Edith Wells, students of Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, are at home for the Christmas vacation.

District Court.

PROBATE.

In the following cases the final reports were approved: Estates of H. F. Hamlin, W. H. Graves, Sophia Brauer, C. J. Smith, Geo. Ecker, Mary Ann Nicholson, Fanny Dimond, Ludwig Schneider, Mary Millenkamp, C. A. Lewis Tupper, William Busker and guardianship of Johanna Pauli, Mildred Hart, Michael J. Morgan, Willeby Moulton, and Eugene Joseph.

Estate of Lucinda S. Ford, Geo. Ford appointed guardian.

Guardianship of Edward Sherlock, report approved.

Estate of Joseph Holbert, report of distribution approved, administrator discharged.

Guardianship of Clara Hamilton, H. F. Arnold appointed guardian.

Estate of Eliza Edmunds, claim of Delaware county for taxes approved.

Estate of Thomas Davidson, by agreement Nellie Gates appointed commissioner to take testimony of Joseph Chapman at Colesburg, Iowa.

Estate of Hanna White, final report filed, distribution ordered as prayed.

Guardianship of Bernard J. Zemanek, Hubert Carr appointed guardian ad litem. Real estate ordered sold at private sale at not less than appraised value.

Estate of Wm. Dunsmoor, annual report approved.

Estate of John Botcher, widow allowed \$400.00 for years support.

Guardianship of John J. Miller et al. Christiania Miller appointed guardian.

Estate of Jane E. Bethel, C. J. Seeds appointed trustee.

CHANCERY.

Delaware Co. vs. P. H. Loomis. Settled.

Catharine Schneider et al vs. Louisa Peters et al, referees report approved.

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Wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Manchester Markets.

Hogs, per cwt.	84 00
Stock Steers	3 00 00
Stock Hogs	2 25 00
Cows, butcher's stock, per cwt.	2 00 25 00
Ducks, white, per lb.	08
Do, dark, per lb.	07
Porter Chickens	2 75
Colicena, per lb.	74
Old Hen, per lb.	41
Corn, per bu.	50
Hay, wild, per ton	6 00
Tany hay	6 00
Butter, creamery, per lb.	45
Butter, farm, per lb.	22
Eggs, per doz	20
Timothy seed	20
Olive seed	600

30th Monthly Visit.

Dr. Shallenberger, the Chicago Specialist, will make his 30th monthly visit in Iowa. What other Specialist has made so many? If you are sick go and consult him free of charge at Hotel Clarence, Manchester, Ia., Monday, December 28th. The Doctor has given great satisfaction as his many patients speak highly of his ability in curing Chronic diseases. It will do you good to talk to him even though you do not take treatment. Consultation free.

FOR SALE.

Good residence property on Franklin Street, Mt. Vernon, Ia.

J. J. FENTON.

Horses for Sale.

Four mares. For terms see inquirer of the undersigned on the Bronson & Carr farm in Collins Grove Township, Wm. STRAUER.

Novelties In Silks And New Winter Dress Goods.

We are now ready for the winter trade and are showing as fine a display of fabrics as can be found anywhere. A splendid assortment of the newest, and yet we are them at the popular low prices that have brought us our former enormous business.



Dress Goods

Are not gaudy in effect this season, but everybody who likes rich tasteful colors will find them here.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S JACKETS.

New entirely new, but correct in style and superior in material and finish. There will be a variety of styles to choose from, but these we tell of can be depended upon as the right things. You will find our prices mean unusual savings too.

SEPARATE DRESS SKIRTS.

A new skirt will go a great way towards freshening up a woman's wardrobe. We now offer our customers more unlooked for surprises in beauty of fabric, cut, trimming and style, than you can get elsewhere for the money.



Burton Clark.

Diamonds, Watches, Chains, Rings, Solid Silverware, Silver-plated Ware, Tea Sets, Gold Spectacles, Opera Glasses, Umbrellas, Magnificent Mantel Clocks, Toilet Sets, Silver Novelties, Fountain Pens, &c, &c, &c.

Come and see what Boynton has to show you. Make your purchases early, if you wish any engraving done.

W. N. BOYNTON.

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For The HOLIDAY Trade!

Fine selection of Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Furs, Pocket Books and Hand Bags in great variety.

Millinery!

Many fancy articles in the Millinery Department that are desirable for Christmas Gifts. Call and inspect same.

Fur Coats!

Large stock of Men's Fur Coats, Men's and Boy's Overcoats and Suits, with prices as low as the lowest.

Cloaks!

Cut prices on Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks to close. A call is solicited.

Respectfully,

W. L. Drew.