

A Happy New Year to all. The public schools of this city open next Monday.

Miss Amy Boggs is the guest of friends in Waterloo.

E. T. Grassfield is offering leg-gins at bargain prices.

Miss Susan Paxson is at home from Omaha to spend the holidays.

Ben Smith of Charles City, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Allison Granger is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Granger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lemse of Marion visited friends here last Thursday.

Milton Waugh of Chicago is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Waugh.

Miss Mary Board of Mt. Carroll, Ill., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ellen T. Jorgod.

Miss Mayme Kenyon is the guest of her brother, Harry Kenyon and wife in Chicago.

Alvin Johnson and wife of Dubuque are guests of relatives and friends in this city.

Louis Heberle of Dubuque is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haerberle.

Harry Thompson of Des Moines is expected this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Edith Rann of Chicago is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

Don't forget the Firemen's dance at the Central Opera House, Friday evening, January 1st.

Wm. Lopley returned Thursday from Minneapolis and South Dakota where he has been on business.

Miss Pearl Heune of Chicago is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Heune.

Mrs. B. F. Miles is at Jacksonville, Ill., being called there by the serious illness of her grandfather.

No. 147 is the number that draws the ticket case at Anderson & Phillips' pharmacy, High Clemons held the lucky number.

The adjourned meeting of the Delaware County Agricultural Society will be held at the court house, Monday at 10 a. m.

Burdette Griffin of Minneapolis and the Misses Sadie, of St. Paul, and Mary, of Des Moines, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. R. B. Griffin, over Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morse spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Patton, at Elber. Mrs. Patton accompanied them home and will remain for a week's visit.

Christinas Eve was appropriately observed at the various churches in the city. All the protestant churches had Christmas trees large numbers attending the services.

Kalamity announces that he is now closing out his line of men's heavy blue over-shirts at 39 cents each. A good time now for one needing them to lay in a supply.

Last Monday the deal was consummated whereby Henry McDonough became the owner of the D. W. Barr farm in Elk township. Possession will be given March 1.

The following changes have been made in the time table of the M. & O. Railway. Train No. 10 leaves at 5:00 o'clock p. m.; No. 9 arrives here at 6:00 p. m.; No. 8 leaves at 2:00 p. m., and No. 7 arrives at 3:45 p. m.; No. 5 arrives at 9:45 a. m.; Nos. 1 and 2 will after Jan. 3rd not be run Sundays.

Mr. Elmer Lang, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lang was married yesterday at Greeley, Iowa, to Miss Cora Patterson. The wedding ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Patterson, by Rev. John Dawson. A wedding dinner was served to the guests after the ceremony. Mr. Lang has a responsible position at Alton, Illinois, as an electrician. Miss Patterson is reported as being an estimable young lady of christian character. The young couple left for Alton, Illinois, shortly after the ceremony. They carry with them the good wishes of their friends in Monticello and Greeley.—Monticello Express.

The German Lutheran congregation of Ryan celebrated Christmas eve in a right royal manner with a christmas tree and program at the church. There was a large crowd in attendance, the church being packed. Sixty children took part in the program, a trained choir rendered musical selections in a very creditable manner, and the Christmas tree, tastefully decorated, was a sight beautiful to look upon, making the celebration the most successful in the history of the church. Beneath a mammoth imitation holly, the little children spoke their pieces in an excellent manner, much to the enjoyment of the large audience. The musical portion of the program consisted of fifteen well rendered numbers. Mrs. Wm. Donnelly presided at the organ with her usual ability. At the conclusion of the program the pastor, Rev. Eugene Melchert, delivered a brief but able sermon, after which he presented all of the little children including all who took part in the program and also the little ones who were too small to speak, with many beautiful gifts. As a complete surprise to their worthy pastor, after the other exercises of the evening the congregation presented Rev. Melchert with \$40.00 in cash as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by them. Rev. Melchert also received many other gifts from members of the church. The occasion was a pleasurable one for all concerned one that will not soon be forgotten by all who were in attendance.

E. H. Hruby is a Chicago visitor.

A. F. Clark is at home from his trip to South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Lammman are at home for the holidays.

Hon. M. F. LeRoy was a Chicago business visitor Wednesday.

T. A. Herdman and family were Chicago Christmas visitors.

C. D. Arnold of Cedar Rapids is a guest of his brother, H. F. Arnold.

Will McCormick and E. L. Moore are Chicago business visitors.

Clarence Boardway is at home from Collegeville, Minn., for the holidays.

Earl Peterson went to Hawkeye Wednesday for a visit with his brother, Bert.

Miss Bertha Beck of Webster City is the guest of Miss Ruth and Faith Crum.

Attorney John Arbuckle of Waterloo, was a business visitor to this city, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brown of Stuart, Iowa, are guests of relatives and friends here.

Miss Evelyn Stewart of Dubuque visited Manchester friends part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore Kennedy of Storm Lake are guests of relatives and friends here.

The Misses LeRoy entertained a number of their friends at cards Saturday evening.

The days are growing longer. Tuesday of last week was the shortest day in the year.

Roy Trenchard of Pierre, S. D., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Trenchard.

C. T. Hasket of Fredericksburg was a guest at the B. W. Grems home the first of last week.

Mrs. Roy King of Lime Springs, Iowa, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glissendorf.

Miss Bess Williston, who is attending Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Allen held the lucky number which drew the diamond ring at the J. G. Lewis Grab Sale.

Mrs. E. M. Zink, of LeMars, is spending the holidays in Manchester, the guest of her brother, John Nix.

Harvey Keyes of Fairmont, Minnesota, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keyes.

Mrs. Kate Cummings of Cedar Falls, is spending the holidays here the guest of her sister Mrs. Patrick Smith.

Kit Edmunds has returned from South Dakota where he has been for some time looking after his land interests.

Lawrence & Grems, of the City Hall Pharmacy, in their new ad, extend a New Year greeting to their patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tierney and children of Deadwood, S. D., are guests of relatives and friends in this city.

Clarence Torrey returns to Chicago today (Wednesday) after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Torrey.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Kidder of Sabula, Ia., are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Middleton.

The Misses Mildred and Ethel Johnston of Cedar Rapids spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Frank Johnston.

Messrs Geo. McEwen, Fred Tunis, Harry Burbridge and Francis Dunham are at home from Ames to spend the holidays.

Merle Welch, a student at the Shattuck Military Academy at Fairbault, Minnesota, is a guest at the H. C. Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schwieter and Miss Maude Graham are in attendance at the State Teachers Association at Des Moines.

Clifton Hiller, who is a student at Cornell, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hiller, west of town.

Charles Williams, who has been the guest of relatives and friends in this city for the past few weeks, returned to his home at Clarinda.

The annual holiday greeting of Brown the furniture man will be found in his space on the first page, to which your attention is called.

Ralph Dunham, a senior in the law department of the Iowa State University, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Dunham.

Hicks advises us to look out for a big blizzard about the 26th. Mail Press, Well we got it all right only it came one day earlier than Hicks' promised it.

The Court of Columbian Circles will hold their regular meeting and supper next Monday evening. Ladies to bring cake. A full attendance is desired.

Anders & Philipp of the Central Pharmacy, in their new advertisement extend their thanks to their patrons, and best wishes for all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Michael Barr of Prairie township has returned home from Rochester, Minn., where he underwent an operation for hernia. His host of friends are glad to learn that he is improving rapidly.

A farmer had a dream. He dreamed that he had raised a thousand bushels of wheat and was happy over the fact. Then he dreamed that he sold it for \$1.50 a bushel and his happiness was complete. But he dreamed now that he sold it to a thousand different people, a bushel to each one, and that no one had paid him, and he was at sea. When he awoke it was broad daylight, and leaping out of bed he exclaimed to his wife: "Rebecca! I have had a solemn warning and I know the meaning of it! I am going right off to town and pay the printer the dollar and a half I owe him for the paper.—Ex.

Sam Dixon and family were Decorah visitors Christmas.

Miss Kate Ford is the guest of her father, John Ford, at LeMars.

Clyde Heath of Waterloo is the guest of relatives and friends in this city.

M. J. Yoran spent Christmas with relatives and friends at Traer, Iowa.

Miss Ina Chamberlain is the guest of Miss Thessa Gately in Chicago.

Letters addressed to B. F. Sawyer and Chas. Schumaker are uncalled for at the post office.

O. E. Huene is at home from a visit with his son, D. A. Huene, at Anecd, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Chas. Husted of Clear Lake is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Rob. Denton.

Mrs. W. H. Searles of Waterloo is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glissendorf.

Earl Tabor of Cedar Rapids spent Christmas with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Alvin Pemble of Waterloo was the guest of relatives and friends in this city Christmas day.

Miss Avis Goodwin of Cedar Rapids spent Christmas with relatives and friend in this city.

E. M. Carr is expected home to day from South Dakota where he has been for several days past.

Ben Gilles, Division Superintendent of the Ill. Central at Omaha, was in this city Saturday.

Ben Hamblin of Cedar Rapids was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Hamblin, over Xmas.

Ed. Stimpson and Ed. Dutton, who have been in South Dakota for the past six months, returned home last week.

Dr. T. F. Liddy of Chicago and sister, Mrs. A. L. Beardslee, spent Xmas with relatives and friends at Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson and children of Dubuque spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Jackson's father, E. A. Atwater.

Richard Malone, formerly a resident of this city but now of Sioux City was shaking hands with Manchester friends Saturday.

The cold weather of a few days past has created a demand for fur coats, Gildner Bros. say they have almost a car load to select from.

Mr. and Mrs. Nunemaker and son, Frank, of Oelwein, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Nunemaker's mother Mrs. Peter Rieger, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Johnson of Spooner, Wisconsin, are visiting relatives and friends in this city, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson.

Resolve to earn and save money the coming year for your future needs. The way to accumulate a competency is told by the First National Bank in its new ad.

The Jones Mill Grange will meet in their hall in Manchester Saturday Jan. 2 1904 at 10 o'clock A. M. for conferring degrees, installation of officers and banquet.

A special dispensation has been granted by Pope Pious allowing Catholic's to use fresh meat next Friday. Mass will be read at St. Mary's church at ten o'clock New Year's morning.

Lemert McGrew of Cedar Rapids is a pending the holidays with his mother and other relatives and friends in this city. After the holidays he will resume student life in the Cedar Rapids Business College.

Hon. and Mrs. R. W. Tirrell will leave here on their second European tour on January 11th for San Francisco, where they will embark on their voyage. They do not expect to return home until next fall.

On Christmas eve the skies were bright, and every star seemed trying

To add new luster to its glow; But just as night on morning's breast was dying,

Behold!—A Christmas snow.

The grab sale at J. G. Lewis' Jewelry store, came off on Tuesday of last week as advertised in the Democrat. Four hundred coupons were sold. The handsome mantle clock was "grabbed" by night operator Hart of the Central, Mrs. J. H. Allen was the fortunate winner of the \$25.00 diamond ring. Every coupon holder drew a prize of more or less value, and so far as we have learned, every one interested in the sale departed therefrom well satisfied with the manner in which it was conducted, though each one of course wishing that he or she had been the winner of the clock or the ring.

With the closing month of this year, Geo. S. Lister retires from the ranks of the tradesmen of this city, with whom he has been identified for the past thirty years. He was for several years clerk in the hardware store of Adams Bros. but since the spring of 1877 has, with the exception of one year, been engaged in the hardware trade here, first as a member of the firm of Lawrence & Lister and afterwards carrying on the business in his own name. By strict integrity and fair dealing he acquired a large patronage, and by thrift and good management has secured a competency. Being but just in the prime of life it is not probable that he will remain long out of business, and in the meantime the care of his several farms in this county will keep him from becoming a Knight of Leisure. His hardware business, purchased of him by Messrs Simon & Atwater, has fallen into good hands. Mr. Simon is an excellent business man, and though a stranger here, will, we predict, soon rank among the leading business men of this city. The junior member of the firm, Mr. Atwater, has been in the employ, and the right hand man of Mr. Lister for several years past, is thoroughly conversant with the business, and has the good will of its many patrons.

If You are in a Money Making Mood, Come Here

Fur Coats! Fur Coats! Fur Coats at these Prices!

Gildner Bros., YOUR CLOTHIERS.

Elmer Copeland spent Christmas at Strawberry Point.

Read the new serial, "My Lady Peggy Goes to Town," in this issue.

Miss Francis Eller of Oelwein is a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Eller.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward of Carbondale Ill. visited relatives and friends in this city Saturday.

The Misses Daisy Dunham, Ora Cates and Nellie Rich are at home for the holidays from Iowa City.

W. E. Gildner is in St. Paul purchasing goods for the Gildner Bros. stores at Manchester and Nora Springs.

A watch meeting will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow (Thursday) evening from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Allen Graham who holds a position with the Des Moines Gas Company spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham.

The new firm of Simon & Atwater, successors to Geo. S. Lister, make their bow to the readers of the Democrat in a half column ad, to which attention is called.

The employers of the M. & O. gave Traffic Manager Kelsey a beautiful smoking jacket for a Christmas present, and Mr. Kelsey is the recipient of a fancy box of cigars.

Marriage Licenses were issued by Clerk Georgan during the past week to Leroy A. Wing and Catherine McFadden, E. C. Margadant and Gertrude Bower, Channcey F. Davey and Jessie M. Cruise, Elmer Cole and Nettie Toomer, Walter G. Palmer and Emily G. Ferris, Lewis Abbey and Jennie Montgomery.

Failures for the Past Week. Dan's Review reports the commercial failures during the week ending December 26 numbered 284 against 209 for the corresponding week last year.

District Court. The district court met in adjourned session Monday, Judge Blair presiding, and cases were disposed of as follows:

PROBATE. The final reports in the following estates were approved: Reuben A. Wheelless, G. T. Russell, Robt. Dunlap, Susan A. Hersey, and Martin McDonough.

Est. of Effie Cornish. Adm ordered to make assignment of mortgages as prayed.

Guardianship of Howard B. Stout et al. Bond of Burton Clark as guardian is approved. Final report of L. R. Stout is approved.

Guardianship of Mabel Brower et al. Final report as to Mabel Brower is approved.

Guardianship of Jennie B. Haening et al. Report approved.

Estate of Eliza Edmunds. Report of sale approved.

Guardianship of Hazel Kenyon. Report approved.

Guardianship of Allen Love. Report approved.

Estate of Mary Canine. Executor ordered to purchase lot.

Estate of Jane Bethel. Harry P. P. Toogood allowed the sum of \$3000.

EQUITY. F. A. Orr vs. August Uredet et al. Judgment against defendants.

BAILEY'S FORD. J. P. Belcher and wife visited at the home of M. S. Banta Sunday of last week.

J. G. Daker had business in Manchester Monday.

R. E. Grommon delivered hogs in Earlville Tuesday.

J. W. Hartman was in Manchester Wednesday.

Fred Hicks and wife were Manchester callers last Wednesday.

Wm. Kaster had business in Delaware Wednesday.

Orman Hartman, a Fayette student, is spending his vacation at home.

Mrs. Wm. Kaster and daughter, Iola, were shopping in Manchester Wednesday.

J. W. Hartmann and son, Orman, had business in Delhi last Thursday.

Mrs. Mable Talmage is visiting her parents, Wm. Kaster and wife. G. B. Davis was a business caller in Delhi last Thursday.

Manchester Markets.

Table with market prices for various goods like Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, etc.

Business Locals.

FOR SALE. Good residence property on Franklin Street, 287, J. J. FENTONY.

Horses for Sale.

Four mares. For terms &c. inquire of the undersigned on the Bronson & Carr farm in vicinity of Ames, Iowa.

Why do you fret and grumble, Why don't you take a tumble, 'Tis because you're not a Kalamity, They will drive away your ills, Try them. 25 cents. All druggists, 601

\$53 85 to Portland, Oregon and Return Via the M. & O. National Live Stock Association, Portland Oregon, January 12-15, 1904.

Annual Convention National Live Stock Growers Association, Portland Oregon, January 11-12, 1904.

For the above named occasion the Manchester & Oelwein Ry. will sell round trip tickets via the direct routes at \$53.85, January 6, 7, 8 and 9th, 1904 good to return until January 31st 1904.

Stop over allowed west of St. Paul, Cheyenne, Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

For further particulars call on or address the undersigned at Manchester, Ia. J. L. KELSEY, Traffic Mgr.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.

STATE OF IOWA, ss. Delaware County, In District Court, March Term, 1904.

In the matter of the Estate of William Dunsmoor, Deceased. To W. W. Dunsmoor, Herbert Dunsmoor, Miss Dunsmoor, Abbie S. Sager, Herbert A. Perry, and Sadie E. Wertz, all of said County, Iowa, Administrators of said Estate.

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Delaware County, Iowa, the Final Report of W. W. Dunsmoor, Administrator of the estate of said William Dunsmoor, Deceased.

Notice is hereby made that the said report will be called for the approval of said court on the 14th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House at Manchester, Iowa, on the 14th day of March, 1904.

MILES DUNSMOOR, Administrator. By Bronson & Carr, his Attorneys. 504

Low Homeseekers Excursions South via the M. & O.

The Manchester and Oelwein Ry. will sell Homeseekers Excursion tickets to points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia on Jan. 5, 19; Feb. 2, 16; March 1, 15; April 5, 19, 1904; at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip good for going passage 15 days from date of sale. Final limit 21 days from date of sale.

For further particulars apply to or address J. L. Kelsey Traffic Mgr.

\$2.00 More Than Half Fare Via O. G. W. Railway.

To points in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Tickets on sale Jan. 5th and 19th, 1904; and Feb. 2nd and 16th, 1904. March 1st and 15th; Apr. 5th and 19th. For further information apply to any G. W. Agent, or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill. 52-w16.

One Fare Plus \$2.00 for Round Trip Via O. G. W. Ry.

To points in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Mississippi. A ample return limits. Tickets on sale Jan. 5-19th; and Feb. 2nd and 16, March 1st and 15; Apr. 5 and 19th, 1904. For further information apply to any G. W. Agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A. Chicago, Ill. 52w-16.

Fleece Blankets and Ladies' and Gent's Tennis Flannel Night Robes, a fine assortment.

My Lady Peggy Goes To Town.

—BY— Frances Aymar Mathews.

Is the new serial we begin in this issue. Be sure and read the opening chapters.

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.

CARVING KNIVES and FORKS, LADIES GUARD CHAINS, GENTS VEST CHAINS, EMBLEM RINGS, CHARMS, LOCKETS, GOLD SPECTACLES, MANTEL CLOCKS, SILK UMBRELLS, LANS, GOLD PENS.

W. N. BOYNTON.

Closing Out Our Line of Men's Heavy Blue Over-shirts at 39cts.

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