

Rev. Father O'Meara is out of town this week. Miss Carrie Eller is visiting friends at Oelwein. F. W. Meyen of Dundee is in Manchester today—Tuesday. Dr. Slattery of Dubuque was a Monday visitor in Manchester. Tim Sullivan of the Bay was a pleasant caller in Manchester Saturday.

A week from this Wednesday evening the Rathbone Sisters give their leap year dance. Letters addressed to Miss Eva Earl and H. C. White are advertised as unclaimed at the post office. Mrs. Mary McMillen of Sanborn is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Barr, and other friends here. Mrs. Jost of Edgewood spent a part of last week with her mother, Grandma Langhammer, who was quite ill.

Proprietor B. B. Baxter of the new furniture store is putting in a very large stock and will no doubt be ready for trade very soon. Master Ray Robinson, who was progressing so nicely toward recovery, is not so well again. He still continues to have a high fever. Simon & Atwater are selling a great deal of the Elwood & American woven wire field fencing and next week in their advertising space they will tell you about it.

The K. O. T. M. will meet on Thursday evening, March 10 at 7:30 sharp. It is especially requested that all Sir Knights be present. There will be work and business on the program. There is to be an Entertainment of Moving Pictures and Illustrated Songs at the Central Opera House next week Thursday evening. You will not want to have any other engagement for that date.

W. B. Jewell was a last week caller in Manchester, having stopped on his way from Davenport to Omaha. While in Manchester, Mr. Jewell disposed of his home, County Superintendent Joseph buying same. H. M. Utley on Monday sold the business conducted in the Post Office lobby to Frank Reiger. Mr. Utley had taken hold of the business with an experience that bode its success and no doubt Mr. Reiger will also prosper in its ownership.

Mrs. Thos. Elder was called to Dubuque Monday by the illness of a little grand son, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Elder. Lyle, who is a conductor on the Great Western, was also sick and weak and compelled to lay off from railroad duties Saturday.

Stairs are being built for convenience of the new People's goods store in the F. J. Atwater building. This will give them the upper floor for carpets, curtains and various other goods and is a really necessary addition for the storing of their large stock of merchandise.

The Mesdames H. M. Bradley and A. Hollister have issued invitations to a number of lady friends for an afternoon in the pleasant Hollister home Wednesday afternoon. On Friday evening, also at Mr. and Mrs. Hollister's, a number of guests both ladies and gentlemen, will spend the hours of the evening at cards.

The Misses Elizabeth and Josephine Hutchinson and Masters Arthur and Robert are very happy these days in the possession of a dear little Shetland pony. All of the children are famous drivers and their neighbors are now anticipating a pleasant ride behind this new pony with probably Miss Elizabeth guiding the reins.

The most striking sign we have seen in Manchester is the one attracting the down town population these evenings, a beautiful mortar and pestle in front of the H. C. Smith pharmacy. The red, white and blue is very effective as illuminated by the electric light and causes no end of complimentary exclamations from the passersby.

A. A. Morriss & Son are fast getting their cream station building in a completed state and they say they will be ready for business within a week or ten days. They will then take all cream from hand separators but none from gravity separators; the business promising to enlarge into a prosperous industry for the community.

Dr. E. Bowker is here packing his furniture and storing same with Mrs. Tush. Dr. and Mrs. Bowker have been at Newton visiting relatives, a visit that was prolonged by the continued illness of the Doctor. They now intend to return here where Dr. Bowker had acquired a nice practice in osteopathy, as soon as his health will permit.

William Barr, who is progressing nicely under a specialist's care in Chicago, was expected home last Saturday but remained for another week's treatment. He, with Mrs. Barr and little daughter, will probably arrive home this week, at least for a short visit, returning to Chicago later to continue the treatment which is proving of benefit to him.

A happy wedding was that of and by when Mr. Thos. Confare arrived from Chicago and in the afternoon was united in marriage with Clara Hensley. Mr. Confare is a talented and a musician of talent, several of his compositions having lately appeared with Sunday Chicago American. He is brother of William Confare of city. Miss Hensley is a daughter of Mr. J. B. Hensley of this place. He has a host of friends here to testify to her many charms and talents. Mr. and Mrs. Confare Monday morning for Chicago where they will make their

F. N. Beacom is at Cresco today Tuesday. Victor E. Collard was a Wednesday visitor at Cedar Rapids. H. P. Toogood was the guest of friends in Dyersville last week. Dan King of the Bay a business visitor in Manchester Saturday.

Rev. Mrs. Crum is visiting relatives at Oshkosh Wisconsin. Geo. Neitzgar of Earlville was one of our pleasant callers on Tuesday. Mrs. Ward and Miss Sarah were over Sunday visitors with friends at Cedar Rapids. George Simmons is here from Aberdeen, South Dakota, for a week's visit with friends.

Mrs. Geo. Wilson is enjoying a visit from a friend whose home is at Columbus Junction. Miss Margaret Meyers came down from Waterloo Friday for an over Sunday visit with friends here. The P. E. O's are having one of their delightful, informal suppers this evening at the pleasant Norris home.

A. G. Wallace's family arrived Monday afternoon and they are moving into the B. F. Miles cottage on Gay street. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson were called to Omaha Friday by the death of their daughter in law, Mrs. E. P. Johnson. V. E. Dow of the Greeley Home Press, as big as life and as corpulent as ever, was a stellar attraction among friends here Saturday.

E. Moore has accepted a position with the Manchester laundry. Mr. Moore is an expert laundryman and will be a great help to his employers. That Delaware County King of Rovers, J. A. Thomas of Ryan, is anticipating a very pleasant trip to Cuba, expecting to leave with a party of friends Thursday.

Ward was received here last week of the death of J. F. Andrews, formerly a merchant of this place, at his home at Dunlap, Iowa. Mr. Andrews is survived by his wife, and two sons. Mrs. S. P. McCarren recently received word of the death of her father at his home in Menasha, Wisconsin. Mr. Joseph Neumeyer was an elderly gentleman and had been ill for a number of weeks.

Frank Rieger will handle musical instruments in connection with the news and confectionery business purchased by him from Mr. Utley. He has bought the Moore stock of that line of goods. Hon F. F. Merriam and Clark B. Day, formerly of this county, have become part owners of the Muskegoe (Ind. Ter.) Daily Times. Judging from copies of the Times received at this office, we opine that the paper is a good one and the gentlemen named have made a wise selection for engaging in business.

Cal. Martin and Editor McCormick of the Herald are spending the day today—Tuesday—with friends at Strawberry Point. They may also decide that the people of that vicinity shall have the pleasure of hearing the minstrel show if satisfactory arrangements to that effect can be made with those interested there.

The first spring poem we have read comes to us from the Muskegoe, I. T. Times and reads: Round about us spring is stealing from Galveston's balmy shore. And there comes a sort of feeling that we all have felt before. 'Tis a longing for the river, 'Tis a Herculean wish to forget our cares forever and just fish and fish and fish.

A couple of grafters who had skinned a Central City citizen out of five dollars were captured by the Ryan marshal at that place Monday and brought to Manchester—that is one of them was. The chief offender managed to slip away from his custodian and jumped the train before they reached here. The younger man was taken before Justice Pearce. A number of Central Cityites came up on the six o'clock train to give testimony but the young man was not held.

"Did you ever play the old card game of Muggins?" inquires the Blackwell News, and assuming that you have it says: "Well, this new-fangled game of finch is the very same thing only it is played with cards that are lettered or numbered instead of those wicked cards with pictures of a king, queen, jack or a one spot on them. This makes it a harmless game, and enables those who are religiously opposed to playing cards, to play this game without knocking any dents in their scruples."

The prediction of Weather Prophet Hicks for the remainder of this month is not very bright. He says: "Falling barometer, higher temperature and wide areas of rain and snow may be expected about the 12th and 13th. High barometer and cold, blustering gales will follow, progressively about the 13th to 16th. The new moon falls on the 16th, passing over the celestial equator on the 17th, hence marked change to warmer, with rapidly falling barometer, will begin about these days, followed quickly by wide reaching and violent storms of rain, wind and thunder. Before the close of this period, storms will take on the form of blizzards over much of the country north and west. Warmer weather and rapidly falling barometer will end in more decided disturbances on and touching the 23rd and 24th. About the 27th a general change to warmer will begin to move out of the western extremes, attended by falling barometer, gathering cloudiness and threatening. During the 29th, 30th and 31st, these conditions will break into general and active storms. Rain, wind and thunder storms will visit most southern parts, and a boreal storm, amounting to a blizzard will sweep over northern to central states and the last half of March will be more stormy and disagreeable than the first."

R. Fee of the Masonville Enterprise was in the city today—Tuesday.

Clem Fangman of Dyersville was a pleasant visitor with Manchester friends Tuesday. Illustrating the promptness with which the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company of Delaware County adjusts its losses, we note the fire in the Wm. Clute residence in Oneida township on Thursday last. Friday morning the loss was adjusted and Mr. Clute received the Company's draft in full payment for same.

Union Caucus. There will be a union caucus for the purpose of selecting candidates for one school director and a treasurer for the Independent School District of Manchester, in the Firemen's hall, Friday evening, March 11th at 7:30 o'clock.

A Letter from the South. SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 2nd, 1904. EDITORS DEMOCRAT:—Gents, Please discontinue sending the Democrat here as we leave here in a few days for the north. Time flies very fast with us here in this beautiful city and climate. It is with deep regret that we are obliged to exchange our present location and nice climate for one of continual extremes of either heat or cold, wet or dry. Southern California is celebrated for only one extreme—a dry even temperature, a land of almost perpetual sunshine the year around, summer and winter alike. The temperature at noon has not varied over 10 degrees, generally around 75 degrees up to 80, since we came here December 10th, and I have seen no frost here in San Diego. The air is as balmy as a June day in Iowa. Have had no use for overcoat or fire. I do not think there has been a day this winter when one could not go down to Coronado beach and find the boys and girls in bathing in the Old Pacific. We are buying nice oranges right from the trees for seventy-five cents a bushel, other kinds of fruit in their season galore. We expect to get back to the beautiful city of Manchester in about 4 or 5 weeks. I hope the backbones of winter will be broken by that time. With kind regards to all of our Iowa friends, I am very respectfully,

S. J. EDMUNDS.

"W. R. C. Doings." On Friday, March 4, by invitation about seventeen W. R. C. ladies and quite a number of the local Post met with the Post and Corps of Ball and it turned out to be one of the most pleasurable occurrences of the season, and cast a slight imputation upon the far-seeing wisdom of Old King Solomon when he asserted, with the dignity of a monarch, and the gravity of a sage, "There is no new thing under the sun", for could he have been among the privileged number who took in that excursion, and who surrounded the hospitable board on that day of the banquet, given by J. M. Holbrook Post and W. R. C. to their guests of our town, he would have been compelled to admit that a dinner, and such a dinner prepared by the fair hands of the Delhi W. R. C. ladies was something that had not been dreamed of in his philosophy.

The memorable Fourth was one of the loveliest of March days with a fresh breeze sweeping caressingly over the landscape, the smiling aspect of the skies above, the beauty of the grand old earth around, the friendly greetings of those assembled to welcome us, combined to render more inviting, the dinner which needed not to send forth "Aromatic odors" to tempt the appetite of those who were to partake of the feast which the incomparable skill of the Delhi ladies had provided. The love of eating and drinking, especially when away from home, is a curious phenomenon in the history of mankind and seems to establish the idea that we are all more sensualists than thinkers if we only give our likings scope and play.

Has not the "feast of reason and the flow of the soul," so much sung of by the poets, had but little to do with other feasts, worth an infinity of dinners and suppers, but the meal being ended ladies and gentlemen withdrew together, and it would seem from what followed, that the latter needed no other stimulus than bright eyes and sunny smiles, to enable them to furnish an intellectual feast worthy of the Gods, besides old stories, jests, puns, and hearty laughter made all vocal with delight, and "now I hate to tell, but then I must" but in this instance, it was not Eve that tempted Adam with the forbidden fruit, but was just the reverse, and Old Adam was the tempter and gave the apple to Eve, and Past Commander Newcomb, but Oh My! what would his wife say—but the recollections that we have experienced some delight in the world seems to compensate for many an after struggle and prepares us to bear the evils yet in store for us with a more thankful heart, but I really should like to be sure that those buss drivers had cotton in their ears, but suffice it to say that we all retired to rest happy in all that our eyes had seen and content, also, though perhaps a little wearied with all that our ears had heard on our homeward trip.

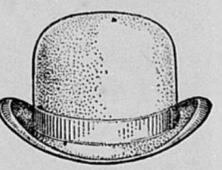
M. Sec'y Corps No. 29.

Manchester Markets. Corrected weekly by M. L. B. Richmond.

Hogs, per cwt. 85 00
Sheep, per cwt. 5 25
Stock Steers 3 00
Halters, per cwt. 2 00
Cows, bullocks, stock, per cwt. 2 00
Turkeys, per lb. 12 1/2
Ducks, white, per lb. 10 1/2
Ducks, dark, per lb. 8 1/2
Spring Chickens 7 1/2
Old Hens, per lb. 4 1/2
Oats, per bu. 30 00
Hay, white, per ton 5 00
Tame hay 6 00
Potatoes 50 00
Butter, creamery, per lb. 22 1/2
Butter, dairy, per lb. 22 1/2
Eggs, per doz. 30 00
Timothy seed 30 00
Clover seed 30 00

Hat Sense

Is to get a good hat. A poor hat is shabby in no time, and is an expensive investment. If you have a new suit make your outfit complete with a stylish hat. If your suit is old brighten up your whole appearance with a new hat.



\$3.00 buys a "LONGLEY" as good as any five dollar hat.
\$1.50 buys a "SERENE"—any shape and color—as good as most two fifty hats.

SPRING AND SUMMER CAPS

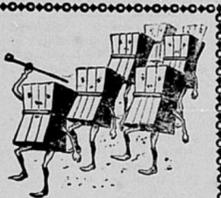
Girls wear them. Boys like them. Men need them.

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And intend to keep ahead. We can offer you as good or better figures on any Lumber, Woven Wire Fencing, Sewer Pipe, Flue Linings, Etc., you may need than any other dealer in this vicinity. We do not wish to be over confident, but let us have your opinion after we have given you an estimate.



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If there is a man, woman or child whose name appears on the subscription list of this paper that has not visited our store, we extend to you a cordial invitation to visit our

Remodeling Sale

which is now in progress. Finding our present quarters inadequate for the accommodation of our immense stock, we have secured the second floor in ATWATER BUILDING and the ring of hammer and saw now fills the air and while the racket is not particularly melodious, you will quote your prices, during the change that will CAUSE YOU TO FORGET ANY UNPLEASANTNESS that might cotherwise JAR YOUR NERVES A BIT. When Our Carpet Department is Complete to display provol the ment of Car-cluding large

"OUR MOTTO" Volume of Business, not Large Profits.

be in a position for your ap-finet assort-pets, Rugs, in- Art Squares, Portiers, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Draperies, Brass Fixtures, &c., ever shown in this city, at prices that will CREATE BUSINESS.

Just Received Our Fourth Invoice

Of Elegant PAN-DE-SOIE Ladies' Waists—black, white and light colors.

New, Nobby Dress Goods in the latest fabric. Big line of Muslin Underwear. Beautiful New Silks. Fine Imported Hosiery. Magnificent line of Embroideries. Perfect Fitting Men's Shirts. Correct styles in Men's and Boys' Collars and Neckwear. Notions of all kinds. Come in and we will be pleased to relate to you some truthful little pleasantries concerning our business methods, that may or may not be new to you.

GOOD BYE PRICES ON FURS AND CLOAKS.

Any Lady's Fur in the house at 60% of former price. Any Cloak in the house at just half of former price.

P. NEWCOMB, PROP.
A. G. WALLACE, MGR.

A Present for You.

Every old or new subscriber to the Democrat, who pays one years subscription in advance, is entitled to receive one of the elegant premiums it gives to its advance paying subscribers, by calling at this office and making the selection from the large number of premiums to select from.

W. L. Drew.

Respectfully,

B. CLARK.

Dressy Tailor Made Suits and Skirts!

The Spring display of Suits is now complete. There is such an infinite number of styles, colors and materials that any woman can find a becoming suit.



Voile Dress Goods. Their popularity for use in shirt waists and suits is increasing daily. Their wonderful durability, their bright silky finish and dust shedding qualities make them ideal for this purpose.



Mohairs. New Mohairs in blue and white, brown and white striped and boutelle effects.

Shirt Waist Special Values. We can supply a woman with a Shirt Waist at a lower price than she can buy the goods and have them made. Test the matter and be convinced.

B. CLARK.

Ladies' Muslin UNDERWEAR.

Just received a fine assortment of Underwear—bought before the advance in the price of muslin. We have night gowns at the following prices: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Skirts—from 50c to \$3.00. Corset Covers—10c to \$1.00. Drawers—25c to \$1.00.

Dress Skirts!

We have our Spring Line of Walking and Dress Skirts ready for your inspection. We have a complete assortment and can suit you in this Department.

Carpets!

Remember us when looking for Floor Coverings of any description as we have a large stock from which to select and prices as low as the lowest.

Agent for Buttrick Patterns.

Respectfully,

W. L. Drew.