

—Read the announcement of A. Born, the new meat market man.

—Miss May Denton visited here Friday, leaving that evening for Chicago.

—Attorney C. Yorlan was attending to law matters in Hopkinton Saturday.

—Letters addressed to Miss Mary Witherrall and Mr. J. B. McKinney are advertised as unclaimed at the Post office in this city.

—The Manchester Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Fishell December 26 instead of December 19 as noted in the club calendar.

—The snowfall here Saturday night and Sunday, was the first of any consequence here this season. It fell to the depth of about six inches.

—Miss Nell Penny of Masonville was one of our most pleasant visitors both Saturday and Monday, having come to spend Sunday with Manchester friends.

—Married—at the office of J. M. Pearse, the esquire officiating, Saturday, December 10th, Mr. Hagelberg of Greeley and Miss Jessie Rowley of Dundee.

—The Four Stars at City Hall this Wednesday evening. This is a Lecture course attraction and comes with exceptionally strong recommendations both from press and platform.

—Regular meeting Orient Chapter No. 15 O. E. S. Tuesday evening Dec. 20th. There will be work and election of officers and the officers and members are requested to be present at seven o'clock sharp.

—The Young People's society of the Baptist church will meet with Miss Maude Flint on Friday evening instead of Wednesday evening as heretofore announced. This change was necessary to avoid conflicting with the Four Stars entertainment of the Lecture course.

—Jackson Green and family of Prairie township will soon cease to be residents of this county, Mr. Green having recently purchased a two hundred acre farm in Virginia, about fifty miles from the city of Washington, which he will take possession of in the near future.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Young desire to express their thanks to their neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted them in the care of their infant son during that little ones illness and after his death. Their tender ministrations and sympathy will ever be remembered gratefully.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Young of this city mourn the death of their five weeks' old baby which died Saturday of some brain trouble. The little one was a healthy baby and was apparently up to nine o'clock Friday evening as bright as ever babe could be. It was a first born and the parents have the sincere sympathy of all in their sorrow.

—The funeral services were held Sunday and interment was made in the Lillibridge cemetery at Bailey's Ford.

—This week Thursday, commencing at ten o'clock, James Norris will sell at auction on the R. R. Robinson farm in Prairie 120 head of cattle, 150 hogs, a number of horses, all kinds of grain and machinery—in fact this is probably the biggest sale in the county this fall. F. B. Doolittle of Delhi will do the auctioning and as Mr. Norris has both quantity and quality to sell, no doubt every thing will go at prices that are right. For particulars as to what is to be sold and amounts, see local elsewhere, herein.

—For a long time the farmers in the vicinity of Prairie and Milo and elsewhere, more or less have suffered from the depredations of chicken thieves. Several efforts have been made to catch them and Saturday three were tracked to Dyersville where they had gone to sell their stolen poultry. It is understood that there are twelve young men in the gang and that they were thoroughly organized for their work of pilfering their neighbors' hen roosts. Because of the fact that they come from some of the most respectable and worthy families in the county, we refrain from publishing the names of those already captured. One was let out on bail Monday and the second one expects to be let out on bail to-day-Tuesday. They have been in the county goal since Sunday.

—An officer and citizen from Kossuth county were in Manchester Monday on their way east in quest of a thief who about a week ago stole a team from the latter. The Kossuth county parties had tracked him as far as Ryan; he had stopped at Dickyville Friday or Saturday and traded one of the horses to E. F. File, telling Mr. File he would try and make Worthington that night. Mr. File of course was an entirely innocent purchaser, but even not thinking of the horse being a stolen one he would hardly have traded with a stranger but for the fact that he had an exact mate for the one he got by the trade. At ten o'clock Monday morning the fellow crossed the high bridge at Dubuque into Illinois with his pursuers but a few hours behind and no doubt ere we go to press, they will have caught him.

—Telegrams have been received by Mrs. Fred Hamblin and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Hamblin of the death of Fred N. Hamblin at Bonesteel, S. D. Saturday afternoon as a result of an accidently falling from the scaffolding as he was working at his trade of carpentering. Mr. Hamblin has been employed all summer in South Dakota and at the time of his death was helping build a house on the Indian reservation a little way out from Bonesteel. Details of the accidents are lacking but his remains will be brought to this city, arriving here probably to-day. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Hamblin, and he and his family number the entire community as their friends. He was forty four years old and beside his wife, son, and his parents, he leaves two brothers, Charles of this city and Ben of Cedar Rapids and one sister, Mrs. Chas. Barr.

—Charley Adams has Christmas trees for sale.

—Miss Gertrude DeLong returned from Colerburg Monday.

—H. E. Light, the horse buyer, is to be at Tunis' barn the 19th of this month.

—Lawrence and Grems are announcing the opening of their stock of Xmas goods this week. Their display is large and you will find many beautiful gifts there.

—The Get-Rich Quick fellows and their trouble furnish the First National Bank a text this week and you will do well to read and heed what they say.

—All lady readers of the Democrat will want to read Gildner Bros. adv. this week. Not only will they get pointers on Xmas gifts for their men friends but they will find prices quoted.

—Every one is cordially invited to attend a free recital, to be given by the piano pupils of Miss Catherine McTavish in the parlors of the First Congregational church, Monday evening, Dec. 19th at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Josephine Barber of Central City Iowa, will play a violin solo.

—Congregational Supper.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will serve a supper at the church Friday evening, December 16, from 5 o'clock until all are served.

—Shot Himself.

—W. H. Thompson, a well to do and respected farmer of Hazel Green township while temporarily insane last Friday morning killed himself by placing the muzzle of his shot gun in his mouth, which when discharged cleft his skull in two.

—Mr. Thompson has been a tireless worker, by his ceaseless labor and brain force he has made for himself a place among the most prominent and prosperous farmers of Delaware county. During the past summer he practically worked night and day, which no doubt accounts for the nervous condition of his health, which led to this last fearful act.

—When he arose Friday morning at about five o'clock he exclaimed "My head, oh my head!" and immediately afterwards he stepped into a closet off the dining room and committed suicide as before mentioned.

—He was a man probably in the forties and leaves a wife and family of seven children. The funeral services were held at the Buck Creek church Sunday afternoon at half past two.

—Business Meeting.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will hold a business meeting at four o'clock on Wednesday, December 14, at Mrs. Williston's home.

—Public Sale.

—James Norris will sell at public auction on the R. R. Robinson farm in Prairie township, Thursday, December 15, commencing at 10 o'clock 120 head of cattle (30 milch cows, 10 2 year old heifers in calf, 20 yearling heifers, 40 heavy feeders, 34 2 year old steers, 6 yearling steers and 8 calves); 12 head of horses (1 4 year-old, 1 7-year-old and 1 8-year-old gray gelding, 1 4-year old brown gelding, 1 5-year old and 1 8-year old bay mare, 1 5-year old sorrel mare 4 horse colts and 1 mare colt); 150 hogs; 800 bushels of corn; 800 bushels of oats; 200 bushels of barley; 25 tons hay in barn; 1 stack straw; farm machinery, including hay feeder, mower, binder, 3 riding plows, corn planter, 2 sulky plows, 1 gang plow, 3 16 inch stubble plows, 2 3-section harrows, 2 wagons, 1 top buggy, 1 set light and 3 set heavy harness, side delivery hayrake and hand dump rake.

—Resolved: That the members of Hypatia Temple, sincerely sympathize with her husband, daughter and parents in this bereavement.

—Resolved: That as a tribute of their sympathy and sorrow, these resolutions be spread upon the records of the temple, a copy sent to the husband and parents of our beloved Sister, and that the same be published in one of the city papers.

—Committee: Amy Cary, Martha Hall, Alice Philipp.

—Freight Train Kills a Team.

—Winthrop Review: A railroad accident which is surrounded by peculiar circumstances, occurred at the Singer crossing one mile west of this city, on Wednesday morning. About half past eight that morning a west bound freight train struck a team, lumber wagon and a man on the crossing. The team was killed, the wagon was broken to pieces, but the man seems to have escaped uninjured. After the accident the man went to the Singer place and was told he could ride to Independence with them, as they were going to that city. He stood around for a few minutes and appeared to be dazed. When the men at the Singer place were ready to start for Independence they looked for the man of the accident and found he had walked down the road towards Doris.

—The odd part of the affair is that the man who was driving the team the night previous to the accident had gone to the barn of Mr. Tyner, who resided north of the county poor farm, and there taken a wagon, hog rack and team. He left a note pinned on the barn door which stated that Wm Higgins, a neighbor, had borrowed the outfit and that he would return it about noon. From there the fellow drove some other place and loaded the wagon with eight hogs. He then came to Winthrop, arriving here between seven and eight o'clock. The hogs were sold to Geo. Spangler, and it being after banking hours, the check amounting to \$54 was cashed by A. T. Robinson. After the transaction the fellow at once left town and the next and last heard or seen of him was at the scene of the accident.

—The strange man, told Spangler his name was Jay Brown. It is reported that the man is a New York waif who was brought to this locality several years ago and has been living with farmers in this neighborhood since his arrival.

—It is a question yet as to how the owner of the team and the rail road company will settle; also as to what will be the out come of the hog deal. Certain it is that partial retribution came quick to the hog thief. He must have thought the devil had him sure when the train struck his outfit. The fellow is going yet, and while he may be frightened, he's \$54 to the good.

Christmas Hints to Our Lady Friends



This is the season of the year that we always have the pleasure of waiting on hundreds of our Lady Patrons. We enjoy it too. Wish there were more Holiday seasons—for the Ladies' can't come too often.

A Man Likes Something He Can Wear.

But Beware! He doesn't like "bargain counter" stuff. This whole store is a veritable Christmas Tree of gifts.

Fine Neckwear Four-in-hands, ascots, puffs, and many others 25 cents to \$1.50.

Silk Mufflers In different shapes and colors—white, brown, black, and mixed patterns, 50 cents to \$3.00.

Shirts In both soft and stiff fronts, in assorted patterns \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Silk Umbrellas With sterling silver trimming on handle, \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Smoking Jackets, HOUSECOATS and BATH ROBES. A more desirable present you couldn't find for a man, \$5.00 to \$15.00.

See Us For Fur Coats.

GILDNER - BROTHERS,

YOUR CLOTHIERS.

Have You Heard

How those alleged Get-Rich-Quick fellows are getting into trouble all over the land?

IT IS BETTER . . .

To keep your money with your home banker where you can ALWAYS GET IT ON DEMAND than to monkey with a stranger's game. The . . .

First - National - Bank

Will take care of your Money for you, and will extend you all the courtesies and accommodations due to depositors.

Have You Tried Them?

SANTA CLAUSE

HAS ARRIVED AT THE

CEDAR RAPIDS STORE

At last our large line of toys have arrived to make glad the hearts of both old and young, and our annex is filled with beautiful toys and gifts suitable for presents for young and old. Come to the big store and see what nice things we have for you. Just think of an all SILK PETTICOAT worth \$6.00 we offer for a few days at \$3.98. GRAND SILK WAISTS \$6.00 values for 3.95. Fine cloaks, jackets and furs that will fit and please you besides saving you dollars on each garment. Our fine sateen skirts \$1.50 values for 95 cents each. Don't put off buying your Xmas presents until the last week. We can wait on you much better and our selections are larger and fresher than it will be later and prices at the very bottom in everything. In calico, muslin, dress goods, outing flannels and underwear, and remember every customer buying over \$1.00 worth gets a sack of fine choice candies for their sweet tooth. So come by all means and avoid the rush that is sure to come to see our wonderful annex crowded full of useful articles and toys of every description.

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PROPRIETOR.

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A. E. PETERSON,

GROCERY.

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For Christmas and New Year holidays round-trip tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates between all stations on the

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On sale December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1904, and January 1 and 2, 1905. Good returning until January 3, inclusive. Splendid opportunity to visit your home or friends. Ask the ticket agent for further information, or address

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F. A. MILLER,

General Passenger Agent, CHICAGO.

Christmas Trees.

Christmas Greens. All kinds of Flowers and potted plants for Christmas.

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B. CLARK.

WHAT TO GIVE FOR

CHRISTMAS

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Never were our stocks so complete with articles suitable for gifts.

Glance through the following list it is sure to suggest something which you otherwise would not have thought of.

Neckwear pleases the ladies, in the way of personal adornment, there is nothing more appreciated than a dainty bit of neckwear.

Furs are foremost in favor for Christmas gifts, anything from smallest neckpiece to Fur Jackets.

Hand Bags, in the way of assortment, style and qualities we offer decided advantages.

Fine Table Linens, practical gifts for Christmas.

Kid Gloves the popular Christmas Gifts.

Dainty White Aprons.

Ribbons in a variety of new things.

Knit shawls and headwear in abundance of styles.

Fancy linen pieces in drawn work, etc.

Ladies' and Children's sweaters.

B. CLARK.

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We wish to call your attention to the fact that we have an extensive and well selected stock of

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that we are offering at low prices, quality of goods considered, Call and inspect the largest and most varied selection of childrens' cloaks ever shown by us.

Respectfully,

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