

—Joe Winniger of Waterloo spent Sunday with Manchester friends. —C. J. Reimer and little son of Edgewood were in Manchester yesterday. —The big sale at Gidner Bros. clothing store will continue until Saturday of this week. —George Shepard of Ryan came up Saturday evening to spend Sunday with Manchester friends. —Johnny Williams left Monday on the two-o'clock train for De Smet S. Dak. to visit his sister Mrs. Wm. Leach and other relatives. —Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Marvin returned Tuesday morning from St. Paul, Minnesota, where they have been guests of Mr. Marvin's sister. —Simon & Atwater brought in an advertisement to late for this week in which they tell about the Universal Range. Look for his adv. next week. —There are two plays booked for the Central opera house this week. Earl Doty in "The World," Friday night and "Taming of the Shrew," one of Shakespeare's plays, on Saturday night. —Marriage licenses were issued during the past week by Clerk Bishop to the following: John W. Downs, Manchester and Opal N. Turney, Hopkinton. H. F. Philipp, Delaware and Louise, A. M. Esch, Greeley, and one more with "don't publish" written across it. —The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will serve a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Fred Richardson, Tuesday evening, February 7th. Chicken pie and pun padding will be some of the good things served. Aprons and other articles will be on sale during the evening. Every one is cordially invited.

—The friends of John Dubois will be glad to learn that he is improving. —The Manchester Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. L. Preussner on Main street, next Monday evening. —Transfers of Real Estate. Michael Kelly to Maggie Kelly, lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. —The people of Manchester and vicinity were surprised and saddened Monday afternoon by the unexpected announcement of the death of Mrs. Betsy S. Harris at her home in Prairie township. Mrs. Harris attended the funeral of the late Edison Merrill a week ago last Saturday, and on the following Monday or Tuesday she had a severe attack of the prevailing influenza which soon developed into an acute attack of peritonitis. —Betsy Sheldon was born in Oneida County New York, July 16, 1838, and married with her parents to Aaron, Illinois when she was but four years of age. On July 3rd 1856, when she was eighteen years old she married Charles Harris, and for about eleven years thereafter lived with her husband on a farm near Sandwich, Illinois. On February 27th, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and their family of young children moved to Manchester, and since that time the decedent has made her home either in this city or on her farm in Prairie township. About two years after the family came to Manchester Mr. Harris died and shortly after his death George, the oldest son and Hugh, the youngest joined their father in immortality. There were five small children left, four sons, Herbert, Sherman, Burdette, and Clarence, and one daughter, Clara, now Mrs. Irvin McGee. The manner in which Mrs. Harris cared and managed for her children during her long widowhood won for her the confidence and respect of everyone who knew her. She lived to see her five children become prosperous and respected members of the communities in which they reside, and they all live near here, except Clarence, whose home is in Boulder, Montana. Mrs. Harris was a good woman who will live long in the memory of her kinspeople and neighbors. —The funeral will be held at the decedent's late home in Prairie township at one p. m. next Thursday afternoon, and interment will be made in the cemetery in this city. Rev. Mr. Cream will preach the funeral sermon.

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# FOUR DAYS MORE



## Gidner Brothers YOUR CLOTHIERS.

In order to accommodate our many customers we have extended our sale to Saturday, Feb. 4th. This will give you an opportunity to attend the Big Sale and The Farmers' Institute at the same time. Although our sale has been a big success and hundreds of people are taking advantage of it. We still are overstocked on overcoats which must move this week. If you need an overcoat for next winter it will pay you to buy now. Just think of these prices on overcoats:

MEN'S OVERCOATS, in blue and black kerseys, regular \$5 and \$6 coats go this week at \$3.98  
MEN'S OVERCOAT, in blacks and oxfords, loose and full backs, regular price \$9 and \$10, go this week at 6.98  
MEN'S OVERCOATS, in fancy brown with belt back, also oxfords and blacks, regular price \$12.50 to \$13.50, go this week at 8.98  
MEN'S OVERCOATS, in fine greys and blacks, heavy serge and venetian lining, regular \$15 and \$16 go this week at 10.98  
MEN'S OVERCOATS, some of the best Kuppenheimer make, hand tailored, in kersey and beaver cloths, always sold at \$18 to \$22 go at 14.98  
BOY OVERCOATS, in fancies, blacks and oxfords, ages 4 to 16, going from \$1.98 to 3.98

MENS FURNISHINGS.  
Men's white hem stitched handkerchiefs 4c regular 50c. go at 20c  
Men's Rockford socks, heavy weight 6c Boys' heavy leather mittens go at 15c  
Men's Suspenders in light and heavy web 9c to 15c Men's heavy fleece underwear, regular 50c to 75c. go at 39c  
Such Fur Coat Bargains you never saw. Our large supply is almost gone. We can still fit you. Why not buy one for next winter. A China Bear Coat to close at \$5.95. Russian calf coat in dark brown go now at \$15.95. A few good coon coats go at a very low figure. Do not miss this last opportunity of getting a fine overcoat at almost half price. If you miss this immense sale on overcoats, do not blame us.

### PROCEEDINGS IN NATION'S CONGRESS

Doings of the lawmakers in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The senate passed the army appropriation bill after modifying the provision concerning the assignment of retired army officers to active service with militia organizations. The effect of the change is to allow General Miles from his application. An executive session was held. The agricultural appropriation bill was considered in the house, but the debate turned principally on the topic of restricting railroads in the matter of freight rates. The Henshaw bill forming the basis of the discussion. No action was taken on either bill.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Through his counsel, Judge Swaine appeared in the senate to make answer to the summons in connection with the impeachment proceedings against him. The house managers were present. The defendant obtained a week's time to make complete response and the time for the beginning of the real trial was fixed at Feb. 10. The discussion of the statehood bill then was resumed, but no action taken. An executive session was held.

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### MAIN EVENTS OF A WEEK

Items of Special Interest Caught from the Wires and Prepared for Our Readers.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 26.—Ex-Governor William Linn, of Clermont, Ia., at the Iowa State Manufacturers' association, expressed much enthusiasm when he declared in favor of free coal and lumber. His address was devoted to consideration of the tariff question and was marked by most liberal views.

Stack in the Snow All Night. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 26.—A passenger train on the Decatur branch of the Rock Island was stalled in a snow drift all night near Independence. The passenger car was left in the coaches, but were rescued in the morning and taken to Independence in sleds. The coaches were kept warm and the passengers suffered little inconvenience.

Arrested on a Murder Charge. Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 25.—Jack Wilson has been arrested at Yankton, S. D., for the murder of Charles Lacey, alias Joseph O'Brien, in Sioux City a month ago. The police are confident that Wilson is the right man. Wilson was arrested for the Quimby, Ia., bank robbery, but was cleared.

Cold Causes Mench Suffering. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 27.—The continued cold of seventy-two hours was slightly broken when the wind shifted to the south and the mercury climbed slowly up the tube to 4 degrees below zero. Much suffering is reported from all parts of the state.

Temperature Falls Twenty-Four Degrees. Burlington, Ia., Jan. 26.—The mercury fell from 30 above to 14 below in twenty-four hours. A heavy gale accompanied the cold.

He Was Hit at Big Gun Shooting. Annapolis, Md., Jan. 30.—The gold medal awarded annually to the member of the graduating class at the naval academy who proves most efficient in target practice with guns of large caliber was won this year by Midshipman Edward G. Harpitz of Winchester, Ky.

She Has Many Tools, but a He Is the Handle Which Fits them All.—Hilmae

She claims to have bought her wedding trousseau and disposed of a profitable business preparatory to the marriage.

Moral Wave Sweeps Burlington, Ia. Burlington, Ia., Jan. 23.—Between the hour of 10 and 11 every store and factory in the city was closed in order to enable employes to attend revival services. A moral wave is sweeping the city. Many residences are being thrown open daily for the purpose of holding prayer meetings. Mayor Carter issued a proclamation urging all to close shops and spend the time in divine worship.

### NOT A CREDIT TO THE COURT

Acquits Ingo on the Very Thin Technicality That the Defendant Tied a "Mental Shock."

Iowa City, Ia., Jan. 30.—Ingo was acquitted of the charge of being accessory to the murder of Desdemona in most court by the junior law class of the University of Iowa. The case, which has been before the court during the past week, has attracted wide attention. But for the conflicting evidence offered by two witnesses it is believed Ingo would have been convicted.

In all previous trials the witnesses have been held to the literal text of the Englishman's plea as far as possible, but in the present one the attorneys for the defense brought out in direct examination the fact that while Othello testified that it was 10 o'clock when he had strangled Desdemona, another character in this play had entered the bedroom at midnight, when Desdemona had roused up and said: "I am dying." This being the case, a medical expert testified she may have died from mental shock.

Asks \$25,000 From Lover. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 30.—Cynthia Ferguson of Louisville, Ky., has commenced suit in the federal court against W. H. Kennedy of Elliot, Ia., for \$25,000 for alleged breach of promise. She is but 21 years of age and says she became engaged when 16.

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# Stock Reducing Sale.

For this week we submit a page of Bargain News.

Clearing Women's and Children's Cloaks. \$10.00 and \$12.50 garments, fine Kersey cloth, to close, \$5.00 and \$6.25. \$8.50 garments, Cheviots and fine Kersey cloth, to close, \$4.25. \$6.50 garments, Black and Kastor cloth, to close, \$3.50. Every Cloak has a quick-selling price mark. In many instances, half is all we ask for these garments.

Fur Clearance. We have not hesitated about cutting in order to accomplish a rapid clearance. ONE-HALF OFF on nearly every piece of fur in our stock.

Dress Goods Clearance. 1,000 yards of high class, all wool, Dress Fabrics reduced to fraction of former price. In the lot, every piece is an excellent value.

Waist Clearance. You can save one-half on many of the season's best selling Waists. 200 Flannel Waists, tan and reds, good quality flannel, \$1.29. \$2.25 and \$2.50 Flannel Waists, blues, greens and tans, choice, \$1.49.

# B. CLARK.

Just received, our first invoice of Spring Dress Goods and fine selection of New Novelties. You should see them.

# DRESS GOODS

Low Price to Close. All heavy goods at reduced prices, especially in Cloaks, Fur Coats, and Heavy Dress Goods. You should see the prices we have made on some very desirable Dress Goods, in order to reduce stock. We can interest you.

# W. L. DREW

In order to reduce my stock of WOOL BLANKETS. I am offering the \$6.00 Fine Wool at \$5.00. The \$5.00 light color Plaid at \$4.50. The \$4.50 Grays and Whites at \$3.50. Kalamity's Kolumn.

### The Commoner Mr. Bryan's Paper

Now is the time to secure Mr. Bryan's paper. All democrats need the paper and Mr. Bryan needs the support and cooperation of all true friends of reform. The Commoner has commenced to organize the democratic hosts for 1908. Mr. Bryan's advocacy through the Commoner of public ownership of railroad and telegraph systems, the election of U. S. judges and U. S. senators by popular vote, direct legislation, the overthrow of private monopolies tariff reform and other issues, insures interesting and instructive reading as well as new life to the party.

The Commoner and the Manchester Democrat both one year for the low price of \$2.15. Regular price of the Commoner, \$1.00. This offer applies to both new and old subscriptions. ADDRESS ALL ORDERS TO THE DEMOCRAT, Manchester, Iowa.

### A GREAT OFFER.

Now is the time to supply yourself and family with

The Iowa Homestead (weekly)	\$1.00
The Homemaker Monthly Magazine	.50
The Farm Gazette (monthly)	.50
The Manchester Democrat	1.50
Total	\$3.50

ALL FOR \$2.10. Call early at this office and take advantage of this great offer. Manchester Democrat.

### Farm for Rent.

240 acres, one mile north of Petersburg, known as the Davidson farm, consisting of 60 acres of pasture, 35 acres of hay ground, balance plow ground. To the right parties, will rent the plow ground on shares; pasture and hay land for cash rent. JOS. HUTCHINSON, Administrator of T. S. Davidson Estate, Manchester, Iowa.