

Mrs. Nettie Hill is on the sick list this week.

Judge Blair is holding court at Waterloo this week.

W. E. Gildner was in Anamosa several days last week.

Miss Bess Thorpe spent Sunday in Waterloo with friends.

Mrs. A. R. Barnes of Independence was in Manchester Monday.

Mrs. W. W. Swager went to Mohall, North Dakota, Tuesday.

Mrs. Chaney Williams is visiting her parents in Edgewood this week.

John Britt went to Vinton Monday for a short visit with relatives.

The district court is in session at Independence, Judge Platt presiding.

Dr. H. B. Gratiot of Dubuque was in Manchester Friday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hruby will soon occupy the Ferris residence on Franklin street.

Wm. Davis and E. B. Hess of Greely were business visitors to this city yesterday.

Grant Brayton shipped three car loads of cattle to Chicago via the M. & O. Monday.

Miss Ida Topf of Independence visited friends in Manchester several days last week.

The High School basketball team will play at Independence Friday night March 3rd.

The Manchester Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Hatch on East Butler street next Monday night.

W. L. Drew has a fine new lot of lace curtains, laces and embroideries. See his advertisement this week.

A. P. Immet will be at the Novelty Stable Saturday March 4th and Monday March 6th, to buy horses.

Olive Tucker returned to Chicago Sunday to Mercy hospital where she is taking a course as professional nurse.

Letters addressed to Mrs. Walter Gilchrist, Miss Ruth Pilgrim, and Mr. Walter Gilchrist are advertised as unclaimed at the Post Office.

Miss Mabel Miller, of Independence who has been employed at Black's dry goods store in Waterloo is now clerking in A. H. Blake & Son's store.

Gildner Bros. say, "You'll feel much better if you lay aside your winter cap and wear a hat." They have a fine line of new spring hats. Read their advertisement this week.

Licenses to wed were issued during the past week to John Schenke and Emma Holscher, M. H. Maynard and Dorothy Hoagland and George Pulver and Pearl Brazelton.

The Manchester fire department elected the following officers at the fireman's hall last Friday evening: J. J. Goen was elected chief; T. Oliver, first assistant and R. A. Denton, second assistant.

Mrs. Ola Edmunds who has been having charge of the Ferris restaurant on the west side has taken charge of the Riverside and Mr. and Mrs. Ferris have gone back to their restaurant.

Mrs. Ellen Johnston pleasantly entertained three tables of her lady friends at Five Hundred Saturday evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. J. W. Lewis received the prize awarded to the winner of the largest number of games.

E. F. Schuknecht, a representative of the Register and Leader, has been here for the past several days canvassing for that paper. The Register and Leader is a good newspaper, and under its present management its editorial department is quite liberal.

The twelve year old son of Daniel Brown of Collins Grove township accidentally shot himself with a rifle last Saturday. The bullet entered his body near the lower part of the breast and passed through coming out at his back. The boy is still alive and there are some reasons to hope for recovery.

The fireman's dance given at central opera house last Wednesday evening was a grand success as there was 325 tickets sold and they cleared a neat little sum of \$240. They have now in their treasury \$380 which will be used towards the purchase of a new horse cart. An elegant supper was served by the ladies of the St. Mary's church who cleared \$42.

Raymond's High School Orchestra, of Independence, will give another one of their popular concerts of the Central next Monday evening March 6. The orchestra is spoken of as one of the best organizations in Iowa. Aside from the orchestra members, several high class specialties will be introduced. Mrs. F. B. Ireland, nee Smola, will appear as one of the soloists. Miss Carsey, the crayon artist, will also appear. We predict a crowded house for this meritorious organization. The admission price is only 25 cents, any part of the house. Seats reserved at Smith's drug store Friday March 3, without extra charge.

Mrs. Time Raymond died Saturday morning at her home on the west side after an extended illness. She was born in Dover, New Hampshire, December 10th, 1851, being 53 years 2 months and 15 days old at the time of her death. When but a child she came to Iowa with her parents, and was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist when she was 12 years old. On the 24th of November 1875 she was united in marriage to L. A. Raymond and to this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter who with her father are left to mourn her loss. The funeral services were held Monday from the U. B. church, Rev. Stone officiating.

Herbert Alecock will leave this week for Oakland, California.

Morse and Andrews are building an addition to their creamery.

The local high school team was defeated at Epworth last Saturday night.

Raymond's High School Orchestra of Independence will be at central opera house Monday March 6th.

Henry Dolley jr. and family expect to leave about the middle of March for Washington state where they will remain indefinitely.

The Gifford-Haering Company will be at the central opera house for one week beginning March 13th. This company has their own band and orchestra with them.

John Rector of Oneida who is a student of the high school here will represent the Manchester high school in the high school parade at the presidential inauguration at Washington next Saturday. He will join the other Iowa school boys in Chicago next Thursday.

George Duncan.

On Thursday evening February 24th, 1905 occurred the death of George Duncan a well known and respected citizen of Ryan.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 15th, 1834, being at the time of his death 70 years, 3 months and 8 days old. He came to Canada with his parents in 1843, settling first on the plains near Brantford and from there went to Huron County, Ontario, or as it was called The Queen's Bush, being one of the first settlers of that place. He was united in marriage to Miss Jane Brown, April 3rd, 1863, at Blueville Ontario, where they resided until 1887, going from there to Warren, Ill., where they lived two years afterwards coming to Manchester in 1889, and on the following year went to Ryan where they have since made their home.

Mr. Duncan was a member of the Presbyterian church and was an honorable and straightforward man a kind and devoted husband and a loving father.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and five children three boys and two daughters all residents of this county.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in Ryan, Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. Interment in the Golden cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a great many friends.

David LeRoy.

A telegram was received in this city last Monday announcing the death that morning of David LeRoy, at his home in Streator, Illinois.

Mr. LeRoy was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, April 5th, 1821. He came with his parents to this country when quite young, settling first in Cattaraugus county, New York. During the years of his young manhood he moved west, and studied medicine and graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. After graduating he located at Morris, Illinois, where he practiced his profession until the outbreak of the civil war. He went out at the commencement of the war as surgeon of the 91st Illinois Infantry, and remained in the army five years. Since the war his home has been in LaSalle county, Illinois, except a few years when he resided here in Manchester. He edited a daily paper in Streator for a number of years after leaving this place.

The deceased was the youngest of twenty-one children born to his father and mother. He leaves three children—Mrs. T. J. Opydyke, of Peoria, Illinois; M. F. LeRoy, of this place; and D. F. LeRoy, of Streator, Illinois.

Dr. LeRoy was a true type of that splendid race of men who have done so much toward the upbuilding of the western world. He had all the characteristics of a typical Scott—courage, endurance, mental vigor and strength of character. Far from the land of his birth he rounded out a life of more than four score years, and when fully prepared for death's messenger, he went to sleep to wake upon the shores of eternity.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The programs that were given in the various grades last Friday were well attended. We appreciate the interest shown by the patrons and extend an invitation to them to come again when we have our regular school work.

Rev. Wagner gave an inspiring talk to the high school last week. He told of his school life in the south. The address was much appreciated by the students.

Charley Cavley will talk to the high school next Monday morning at nine o'clock.

The boys of the West Waterloo high school have challenged our boys to a debate. The Waterloo boys are to choose the subject and the Manchester boys the side. There will be a preliminary debate here to decide who is to debate against Waterloo. The following have signified their intention of entering the preliminary contest: Howard Allyn, Tom Walker, Levi Gates, Seth Brown, Earl V. Davis and Roy Hilton. The final debate will be held here some time in May.

The teachers reading club will meet this week Wednesday. The topic for discussion will be Daniel Deronda. Miss White will be the leader.

Arrangements have been made for five hundred high school boys to march in the inaugural procession March fourth. The party from Iowa will be in charge of Jno. F. Riggs, state superintendent of public instruction. Each high school is entitled to send a representative. The representative must be vouchered for by the Superintendent of Schools as being a boy of correct habits and physically able to stand the five mile march. Governor Cummins has appointed John Rector of Oneida to represent the Manchester High School. John will meet the party

in Chicago the morning of March second. Roy Littlejohn, who goes from the Independence high school, will join our representative here.

The Junior class enjoyed a sleigh ride last Saturday evening. After the ride they had a supper and a pleasant time at the home of George Adams.

The Seniors entertained the high school teachers at the home of Bess Graham last Friday evening. A six o'clock dinner was served. All had a most enjoyable time.

Considerable sport was had last week over the subject of spelling. The members of the eighth grade challenged the Senior and Junior classes of the high school to meet them in a spelling contest. The high school classes sent back word that they were too busy to waste their time with children and that as they did not wish to humiliate the pupils of the eighth grade by a crushing defeat they must decline to accept the challenge. The eighth grades however believe that the Juniors and Seniors are afraid of them. Later some of the upper classes agreed to meet an equal number of the lower classes. The contest will be held soon.

HOPKINTON.

C. Spence made a trip to Manchester one day last week.

H. M. Davis who has been working National Reserve took a trip home Friday.

Chas. Marshall is visiting his sister Mrs. Arthur Reed.

It is a girl at F. C. Reeves'. Horatio Merrill is home for a few days.

Mrs. Applebee of Strawberry Point was a visitor of Mrs. F. A. Irish one day last week.

The Manchester Orchestra furnished music for the dance Thursday J. S. McConnell made a trip to Manchester Monday.

THORPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Kane from Littleport visited at home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers visited at John Robertson's last Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society met last Thursday with Mrs. John White. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Geo. Thompson. All are invited.

D. Sark and H. Kane were in Manchester last Saturday.

W. D. Robertson transacted business in Dundee last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Billhorn were in Manchester Saturday.

H. Heyer was in Chicago last week.

Foster Clark is visiting his brother A. Clark.

Miss Bessa Robertson called on Winnie Hood last Sunday.

Chas. Daisy has moved from the Barr farm into his house which has lately been occupied by Ed Hood.

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Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the people of Ryan who so kindly assisted in caring for my uncle, George Duncan, during his sickness and death.

Mrs. A. R. Barnes.

Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Independent School District of Manchester, Iowa, for the Year Ending February 22, 1905.

SCHOOLHOUSE FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 22, 1904 \$ 26 28

Received from county treasurer 1 12

Contra.

Balance now on hand \$ 27 40

TEACHERS' FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 22, 1904 \$ 4,560 34

Received taxes from county treasurer 7,096 11

Received from school fund 960 70

Received from tuition 757 26

Contra.

Paid teachers \$ 7,943 99

Balance now on hand \$ 4,669 71

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance on hand Feb. 22, 1904 \$ 1,620 91

Received taxes from county treasurer 4,018 96

Contra.

Paid janitors \$ 1,077 00

Paid for fuel 1,197 68

Paid for telephone and water service 102 25

Paid for supplies 506 11

Paid for repairs 56 00

Miscellaneous expenses 210 45

Balance now on hand \$ 2,044 38

Total \$ 5,999 87 \$ 5,999 87

ESTIMATED FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

It is estimated by the Board of Directors that there will be required to be raised by taxation for the support of the schools during the next school year, sums as follows:

For teachers' fund \$ 5,000 00

For contingent fund \$ 900 00

Dated February 22, 1905.

Jos. HUTCHINSON, President.

E. B. STILES, Secretary.

1901

HUNDRED BODIES ARE BROUGHT UP

Fearful Odor in the Virginia Mine Makes Rescue Work Very Difficult.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—Up to noon 100 bodies of victims of the explosion at Virginia mines had been recovered. Three more corpses are sighted. It will be impossible to reach all the bodies until the water is gotten out of certain parts of the mine.

The fearful odors arising from the dead bodies of men and mules in the mine continue to make the rescue work difficult.

The latest bodies found showed that the men were lying flat on their faces, some of them with coats and shirts about their faces in a vain endeavor to keep off the black damp. It was another day of funerals at Virginia and other nearby mining towns. Relief committees from Birmingham and Bessemer are actively at work among the sufferers.

PLAN FIGHT ON STANDARD OIL

Company Declared To Be Operating in Kansas in Violation of State Law.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 27.—Frank H. Monnett, attorney general of Ohio, arrived here to assist the Kansas oil producers in their fight against the Standard Oil company. He expresses the opinion that the Kansas people are in a position to win. He held a conference with Attorney General C. C. Coleman, at which it was agreed that proceedings should be commenced in the state supreme court to prevent the Standard Oil company from selling its products in this state.

Under the Kansas statutes a foreign corporation must have authority from the state charter board before doing business in the state. The Standard Oil company has no such authority, and has never obtained this authority.

KRAZ NOT A BOODLER

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 27.—A jury acquits Charles Kraze on charges of graft breaks down and weeps.

Butler, Mo., Feb. 24.—The jury in the case of Charles Kraze, on trial for alleged hoodlum while a member of the St. Louis city council, rendered a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and thirty-four minutes. When the verdict was read Kraze, his wife, and his mother, were in the court room. As soon as the reading of the verdict was finished Kraze burst into tears, repeatedly exclaiming: "I am glad."

The two women threw their arms about his neck and sobbed out their congratulations. Those in the court room rushed forward and expressed their congratulations to Kraze, whose feeble condition scarcely permitted him to more than nod his head in recognition.

Man and Wife Sentenced.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Without demonstration Philip Burk and his wife, Eliza Burk, heard a verdict in Judge Garry's court finding them guilty of murder and fixing their punishment at eighteen years each in the penitentiary. The case attracted considerable attention because of the evidence introduced tending to show that the crime was cold-blooded and instigated by Mrs. Burk, who according to the testimony, ordered her husband to kill the victim, Andrew Larson. The evidence showed that she had commanded Burk to cut Larson's head from his body.

Fight of Savages in Iowa.

Patterson, Ia., Feb. 27.—As a result of a dispute over some wood Charles Love, William Higgins and Myron Welliver, wood choppers, fought a bloody battle with shotguns near here. Love is in jail in Burlington. The other two are reported dead.

Open Iowa Athletic Building.

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 24.—The new armory and athletic pavilion of the University of Iowa was dedicated with special ceremonies in connection with the twenty-fifth convocation of the institution.

IT'S MEDIUM WEIGHTS, NOW.

All Medium Weight Overcoats going this week at a BIG REDUCTION. We must clean them up in order to make room for our Spring Suits.

MEN'S MEDIUM WEIGHT OVERCOATS, in blacks, grays and fancies, regular \$10 and \$12, to close now at \$ 7.75

MEN'S MEDIUM WEIGHT Overcoats, in some of Keippenheimer's best \$15 and \$16 coats, going at \$10.75

OUR NEW LONGLEY HATS ARE LOOKING FOR YOU. You'll feel much better if you'll lay aside your winter cap and put on a hat.

MEN'S AND BOYS' SPRING CAPS. Never since we came to Manchester have we had such a large and elegant line as this season.

Come and get one of those BARGAIN OVERCOATS this week.

GILDNER BROS YOUR CLOTHIERS.

LOW RATES TO CALIFORNIA

Only \$31.70 to San Francisco and Los Angeles every year until May 15, 1905, similar low rates to Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and many other points in California, Oregon and Washington, via the

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway

Tickets are good in tourists sleeping cars. The economical way to go to the Coast is in a tourist sleeper. The cars are clean and comfortable, with polite porters to wait on you, and competent conductors to look after your welfare. The berth rate is only \$7. Ask the agent for a low-rate folder, or address

F. A. MILLER, General Passenger Agent, CHICAGO. 9.0W0t

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.

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.</