

—George Link visited friends at

Dyersville yesterday.

—R. R. Robinson has returned

from his southern trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blake vis-

ited relatives at Waverly last week.

—Miss Blanche Lawrence has re-

turned from a visit with friends at

Marshalltown.

—Mrs. James Coleman formerly

of Forestville, died at Sheldon, Iowa,

on the 24th ult.

—Miss Eunice Boggs entertained

Miss Florence True of Sioux City

the first of the week.

—Joseph Gebhart of Colony, and

Mr. Myer of Liberty, Dubuque

county, transacted business in this

city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Waugh of

Chicago are guests at the home of

the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

David Waugh.

—Dr. Harry C. Parsons of Mt.

Vernon was a Manchester visitor

Friday. He was accompanied home

by his wife, who has been visiting

at the home of her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Abner Dunham.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Durey,

who reside north of Manchester,

have the sympathy of their friends

in the death of their three month

old daughter, Elsie, who died last

Saturday. The funeral was held on

Monday.

—Mrs. Almira Hemstead Taber

died at her home north of this city

last Saturday. She was born in

Oneida county, New York, in 1826

and has resided in this county since

1854. The funeral was held Mon-

day.

—No, Willie, there isn't much dif-

ference between a grafter and a

pick-pocket, except that the latter

generally lands in jail by the short

route, while the former gets his name

in the newspapers without having to

pay advertising rates, and then lays

low until "the smoke of battle clears

away."—Ex.

—Miss Nell Gilles, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gilles, was

married Tuesday evening to William

Wilson Haire at Corpus Christi

church in Fort Dodge. Miss Gil-

les is a beautiful and accomplished

young woman, whose childhood

years were spent in Manchester,

where she still has a host of friends

who will rejoice over her marriage

to so worthy a man as Mr. Haire.

—Joseph C. Gebhart has sold his

219 acre farm in sections 21 and 22,

Colony township, for \$23,000, an

average of a little more than \$105

per acre. Mr. Gebhart does not give

possession until the first of next

March. The price of Delaware

county land is rapidly increasing in

value. In a year or two we will be

reading of sales at \$125 per acre.

There is no reason why Iowa land

should not sell for as much as land

does in Illinois.

—Reinbeck Dispatch: As Thos.

Christiansen was digging a ditch

near his house to put in tiling to

drain the cellar he ran into a vein of

sand which contained particles of

mineral substance resembling gold.

His curiosity was aroused and he

brought a sample of it to town and

had it examined by E. J. Price, the

jeweler, who, after a careful exam-

ination pronounced it gold. When acid

was applied it stood the test. A sam-

ple of it has been sent to Chicago to

be assayed and to ascertain how much

of the ore will run to the ton. The

vein of sand containing the gold is

several feet deep, and it exists in

paying quantities. Mr. Christiansen

has struck it rich. He came here

from Dysart a few years ago and

purchased the farm of W. H. Sweet-

ser. It is the opinion of Mr. Price,

the jeweler, that the ore exists there

in paying quantities.

—It is probably the same gang of

fruit tree swindlers that successfully

operated in this county several years

ago, that is referred to in the fol-

lowing from the Des Moines State

Register: Farmers living in the vic-

inity of Scranton have been the vic-

tims of a clever fruit tree swindler,

claiming Des Moines as his resi-

dence, who has solicited orders in

that part of the country during the

summer. In some cases, it is al-

leged, he has been secured as much

as \$195 from unsuspecting farmers

without giving them any return for

their money. His methods of graft-

ing are novel and prolific. Claim-

ing to be a representative of a Des

Moines nursery company, the sup-

posed agent has gone among the

farmers offering them easy terms on

the purchase of fruit trees. Ver-

bally he agrees to plant the trees free

of charge after they are bought, and

replace all dead ones for a term of

three years. In the signed contract

with his victims, however, no such

agreement is found, but a promise

on the part of the purchaser to pay

60 per cent of the entire amount for

damage if the order is counter-

manded, is printed in small letters

in an obscure corner of the paper.

Upon receiving their consignments,

many of the farmers found that the

orders had been greatly increased in

size. Upon threatening to counter-

mand, the 60 per cent forfeit clause

was shown them. Being frightened

at this many of the victims hastened

to settle up. Some of the farmers,

however, will contest the legality of

the transaction by attempting to se-

cure an indictment against the agent

for fraud.

Death of J. B. Powers.

Hon. J. B. Powers died at his home

in Dubuque last Wednesday evening.

The funeral services were held last

Saturday, and the remains taken to

Cedar Falls for interment. He was

for several years prosecuting at-

torney for this judicial district when

it was composed of the counties of Du-

buque, Delaware, Buchanan, Black-

hawk and Grundy, and it was dur-

ing those years that he formed a

wide acquaintance in this county.

He was an excellent lawyer, a gen-

tle, courteous, high-minded man. He

held several public offices and filled

them faithfully and efficiently, but

above all, as has been justly said of

him, was his pure and admirable life

as a husband and father.

—Harry Forrester visited at his

former home here the first of the

week. He now resides at Freder-

icksburg.

District Court.

The trial of jury cases commenced

last Monday in the district court

now in session in this city.

A jury was drawn in the case of

Unaugst v. The Greely Horse Im-

porting Co., but before proceeding

further with the trial the parties and

their attorneys got together and had

a "heart to heart" talk