

BRIEF MENTION.

Chauncey Segar is very sick at his home in this city. W. D. Hoyt is on a business trip to Chicago and Racine, Wis. A. Funk of Edgewood transacted business in this city Thursday. Charles Richardson of Vegerville, Alberta, Canada, is visiting former friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rundell of Clinton, Ill., were guests at the J. J. Pentony home in this city Thursday. The members of the K. P. Lodge will give a dance at their hall on Friday evening. Kuneys orchestra will furnish the music. "Folks up Willow Creek" at the Central Opera house Friday night drew a fair sized crowd. The company gave general satisfaction. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold its regular meeting Wednesday Jan. 24 at the home of Mrs. S. K. Meyers. On Thursday evening the girls and boys' basketball teams of Hopkinton and Manchester will play games at the Central Opera House. Mrs. E. J. Friend received a telegram Sunday announcing the death of her infant grandson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mast of Graham, Iowa. Owing to the increasing patronage the Proprietor of the Novelty Stables is contemplating an addition of 40 x 100 feet to the east side of the stables. Work to commence as soon as the weather will permit. Carter, the magician, entertained a large crowd at the City Hall Saturday evening. This entertainment is pronounced to be the best yet given by the lecture course and his efforts were highly appreciated by the audience. Harris Fishel, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fishel of near Greeley, and a grandson of ex-Sheriff Fishel, while coasting in his father's farm yard last Saturday ran onto a coal, causing it to kick him a vicious blow on the head fracturing the skull, from the effects of which he died Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Fishel have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. Mr. Barney Faske recently purchased the Barney Wessels farm of 120 acres at \$127 per acre. This farm is about two miles west of New Vienna and adjoining Arnold Bockenstedt's farm on the north. We predict that it will not be long until land will be sold in that vicinity for \$150 per acre. Iowa investors will soon refer to \$200 Iowa land as they do now to \$200 Illinois land. During the summer E. Lucke bought the Barney farm of 80 acres in this vicinity for \$136 per acre. Eaaville Phoenix. The firm of Gilder Bros. is too well known in Manchester and the country tributary thereto, to need an introduction, for they have, during the several years they have been in business here, by good business methods, fair dealing and courteous treatment of their patrons, established a wide acquaintance and large trade. The reader will not fail to see, and of course, read their large advertisement on the first page of this paper, announcing their regular annual clearing sale, which is to begin next Monday and continue for ten days. At this sale, as has heretofore been their custom at such sales, they will make large discounts from their regular prices, and the thrifty purchaser will take advantage thereof. A number of Delaware county people will read with special satisfaction the following dispatch from Sioux City: "H. A. Ritchie, J. A. Tracey and J. H. Featherstone, members of the real estate firm of Ritchie & Co., were arrested here this afternoon by Deputy United States Marshall Tracey, on a charge of using the mails to defraud. They were released on bonds of \$300.00 each. It is alleged that by means of printed contracts, containing misleading paragraphs, the firm has deceived and defrauded many persons, and that J. A. Tracey, one of the defrauders, who is an attorney took advantage of the similarity of his name to that of J. A. Tracey, United States marshal, to enforce collection on claims of the real estate companies." Mr. Maurice Hennessey and Mrs. Abbie Dutton Dunlap of this city were married at Dubuque on the 3d inst. The wedding was a quiet one, so quiet that the Democrat failed to learn of it in time for last week's issue. Mr. Hennessey is one of the leading business men of this place and is deputy sheriff of this county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dutton of Milo township and is an estimable lady, and enjoys a large circle of friends. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey went to Minneapolis and while there were guests of Mr. C. E. Dutton, a brother of the bride. After March 1 they will be at home in the residence recently purchased from Mrs. W. W. Young by Mr. Hennessey. The many friends of the bride and groom extend hearty congratulations. Mrs. Mrs. G. H. Dutton is here from Cherokee for a visit of a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gearhart. Her husband is expected to be here in a few days. We learn that Mrs. Patrick Shearn died last night. She was over 70 years of age and her demise had been expected for several days. We are unable to give particulars. H. P. Midkiff, who stood second in the Lenox oratorical contest, will represent the college in the intercollegiate contest which takes place in February. Miss Taylor, who held first place, feels unable to undertake the strain of preparation for the larger contest and so gives way to Mr. Midkiff. Henry Amet died at the home of his son, Chris. Amet, Tuesday night, as a result of blood poisoning. Mr. Amet accidentally scratched his hand on a nail a few days before, which produced poisoning that developed very rapidly. Hopkinton Leader. H. J. Stewart was in Oelwein yesterday. Dr. H. M. Bradley was in Dubuque on business yesterday. Mrs. Sherman Harris of Prairie was a guest at the C. E. Bronson home the first of this week. The Six handed Euchre Club was entertained by Mrs. G. W. Story yesterday afternoon. Mrs. E. H. Wolcott gave a luncheon last Thursday in honor of Miss Elizabeth Williston. Mrs. L. L. Hoyt entertained a few friends at luncheon Monday in honor of Miss Elizabeth Williston. A. L. Squires will hold an auction sale on his farm 2 miles northwest of Delaware, Friday, Jan. 19th. See notice in another column. Senator G. W. Dunham was at home the first of the week from Des Moines, returning yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A. W. Stearns and Mrs. M. J. Yoran gave a bride's shower at the latter's home last Saturday afternoon, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Williston. Simon & Atwater announce the arrival of their store of a complete line of Universal ranges, and invite the readers of this item to call and see them. New goods are now being received by W. L. Drew for the early spring trade, of which he makes announcement in his advertisement, and also of a special discount during this week on all purchasers of muslin underwear. The Masonville telephone wire is cut in to a barbed wire fence and perhaps one might expect some ragged talk from that direction. One fine coming to town has used 80 rods of barbed wire on a fence for a year and it seems to jump the bars as easily as if sandpapered smooth. Winthrop News. Mrs. Lora Alford and son, Lore, J. C. Gates and C. F. Fowler of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Powell, of Cedar Rapids, Robert Alford of Iowa City and Dr. F. L. Van Kirk and W. A. Shryer of Chicago are among those from out of town who are here to attend the Alford-Williston wedding which occurs this Wednesday evening. F. N. Beacom, president of Beacom Medicine Co. of Manchester, was in town today looking up friends and placing some of the stock of the new company. He reports the remedies made by the company are having a wide and ready sale and the prospects are very flattering for a mammoth business in the future. Hopkinton Leader. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Dutton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Starbuck in this city. All of the surviving children were present, to wit: C. E. Dutton of Minneapolis, Mrs. Elmer Starbuck, E. A. Dutton, Mrs. O. E. Dunlap and Mrs. Abbie Hennessey who, in commemoration of the day, presented their parents with a handsome Morris chair. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton were married at Elba, Ohio, on January 10 1856. Two years thereafter they became residents of Union township, but their home is now and has been for the past thirty-five years, in Milo township. They are a worthy couple and enjoy the esteem of all their acquaintances, who sincerely wish them many returns of their wedding anniversary. District Court. LAW. The case of Valentine L. Schmitt vs. Dubuque County occupied the attention of the court until early Saturday morning, when the jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff for \$3,000 damages alleged to have been caused plaintiff's wife from a defective bridge. A motion for a new trial has been made. F. M. Pepper vs. Greely Horse Importing company. Continued by consent. John Peters et al. vs. W. R. Williamson. Motion for new trial submitted, to be determined by judge in vacation. PROBATE. Lewis W. Wienand vs. Rufus Gunsolly. Trial to court. Decree quieting title as prayed. Plaintiff to pay costs. Leave granted to the plaintiff to withdraw abstract from file. Louis W. Wienand vs. Joachim Vierow. Settled and dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Guardianship Earl A. Davis. Annual report approved. Guardianship Mabel I. Davis. Annual report approved. Guardianship Percy K. Davis. Annual report approved. Estate Wm. Beattie. Claim of Robert Beattie allowed in sum of \$12.00. Estate Lester Clark. Application for orders. Estate of Mary A. Grow. Claim of Florida Lash allowed. Estate of Mary A. Grow. Claim of Minnie A. Hutson allowed. Subsidizing the Press. Editors Democrat.—I deem it a public duty, as one of the people, to invite your special attention to a political evil, long existing, that the press has the power to remedy. It is the evil of having those connected with newspapers appointed to the office of Postmaster. For one, I am opposed, and have been for a great many years, to the "system" of Representatives of the people in the Congress subsidizing the press through the Government, for this, as you well know, is the purpose or result in appointing to that office those connected with newspapers. It is regarded as being subversive of the true principles of our free government and of a free press. Indeed, it would seem to be in violation of Article 1 of Amendments to the Constitution, if not in letter surely in spirit, wherein Congress is prohibited from making any law "abridging the freedom of

speech, or of the press." Whatever cannot be done directly certainly should not be done indirectly. The effect, as you are aware, of making such appointments is to estop the papers benefited from adversely criticizing the acts of either the Congressmen recommending the appointments or the party in power making them. In other words, newspapers of that kind stand by those who have stood by them, whether right or wrong. Moreover, by such appointments the Government itself, through the party in power, virtually enters into partnership, or an alliance, with the press. This, surely, is not in harmony with our form of government, being subversive of the true principles of a government of the people. The press in this way is shorn of much of its real power in its capacity as a "public servant" of the people, and, instead of exerting its power for good, lends its influence, in perhaps many cases, to the building up of political machines, in the selfish interests of individuals, regardless of the rights of the people. Certainly this is not in the interests of good government. Unquestionably, an untrammelled and independent press, is a necessity in a government like ours. Without such a press, it is evident that inefficiency and rottenness in government affairs will not be exposed. Let us then endeavor to have a pure and free press. These considerations being true, it would clearly appear that, in the interests of good government, such appointments should not be made, as they amount to subsidizing the press, weakening its power, and interfering in promoting the best interests of the people. In this congressional district, and indeed, in every district of Iowa and perhaps of the nation, the word "subsidized" is inscribed over the doors of many newspaper offices. It is somewhat doubtful whether even one republican congressman can be found in the whole country, outside the large cities, who can plead "not guilty" of subsidizing the press in this way, thus contributing in a large measure to political bossism, this being insufferable under a free government. Our republic has cost too much for that kind of politics. It is one way of undermining the foundation of the Republic. In the interests of the people, it is not high time to call a halt! The people are greater than their servants. This apothem should be well pondered by the servants in the midst of a revolution, for better political methods and more efficient government in city, state and nation. This the people are determined to have in promoting their best interests under the Government made and maintained by them for their own benefit. Now if those in power, falter, or do not openly and sincerely, faithfully and zealously espouse their best interests, sometime they will be swept into the maelstrom of defeat as unfaithful and unprincipled servants. The American people are demanding that political bossism be detroned. Concluding: It is no doubt true that the people would be delighted in having the Representatives and their subsidized papers publicly defend the evil complained of, showing wherein "the system" is for our country's good. Doubtless the people will eagerly await the answers of their servants. ROBERT KISSICK, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dec., 1905.

THRILLING AND FATAL Fire in the West Hotel at Minneapolis Brings Death to Eight Persons. TWO JUMP FROM HIGH WINDOWS Five Others Are Suffocated by Smoke in Their Rooms. Brave Fireman Loses His Life Saving That of a Woman—Nine Other Persons Are Badly Injured. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 11.—Eight persons dead from suffocation or from leaping from a fireproof building, a score of people more or less injured by having their hands cut and gashed from smashing in windows, a magnificent property subjected to the ravages of fire, smoke and water, is an epitome of the great disaster which befell the West hotel. List of Those Who Died. The dead are: Captain John Berwin, of track No. 1, fell from the fourth floor to the Fifth street sidewalk while attempting to save Mrs. Barlow's hire; W. G. Nicksel, Minneapolis; Thomas Somerville, traveling man from Springfield, Mass.; J. E. Wolf, northwestern agent of the Sperry & Alexander company, of New York; Clinton B. Lamme, traveling man from New York; William Black, of New York—last five suffocated in their rooms; J. B. Pelsinger, traveling man from New York, jumped from the seventh story window; Mrs. M. E. Hodges, Minneapolis, jumped from the seventh story window. Those Who Were Worst Hurt. The injured—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spiesberger, of Chicago, both well recovered; Mary Rowan, maid at the hotel, serious case; Gerlan G. Sapp, of Chicago, probably recovered—all foregoing overcome by smoke; Mrs. B. D. Barlow, of Los Angeles, injured by fall, condition critical; N. S. Amsden, superintendent Minneapolis and Northern Elevator company, seriously burned, may live; Judson L. Field, of Chicago, face and hands badly burned; Alice Larson, maid in hotel, injured by a jump from the fifth floor; John F. Moore and P. K. Creighton, of New York, M. F. King, of Detroit, and Ernest Reckitt, of Chicago—all cut by glass, cases not serious. CROWD SAVES MANY LIVES. It Cries "Don't Jump" to the Despairing—Fate of Capt. Berwin. Following the first alarm the department was quickly on the scene, and the splendid work of rescue began. Although the hour was early hundreds of people thronged the streets and gazed up at the great hotel whose windows were alive with guests frantically watching the firemen below and yelling to them to hurry. Here and there men were crouched on the ledges of the windows, ready to obey the insane impulse of self-preservation which suggested a leap to the ground. The crowd realized this, and from a thousands throats the cry frantically went up "Don't jump, don't jump!" It was lucky that this advice was given, for several men, afterwards it was learned they certainly would have made the leap if the crowd had not encouraged them to hold on. Captain John Berwin, of the hook and ladder company, having broken open a window on the seventh floor which he had reached by a scaling ladder, stumbled over the body of Mrs. Emaline Barlow, an aged woman. He



Men's Shoes. Our Berkley Is a patent Colt Lace, on the new Swell Toe—a beauty for fine dress wear. The EXCLUSIVE STYLES will be found here. P. F. MADDEN GOOD SHOES.

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The January Linen and White Goods Sale. ONE WEEK Beginning Monday, January 15, ending Saturday, January 20. Nothing has been left undone to make this the sale of sales. Sheetings, Napkins, Muslins, Lunch Cloths, Crashes, Embroideries, Bed Spreads, White Goods, Art Linens, Muslin Underwear, Butcher Linen, Laces, Table Padding, Towels. A tremendous purchase of Embroideries and Insertions at 50c on the dollar added to this makes it of even more importance than ever. The sale of embroideries surpasses anything we have ever attempted, and competitors are offering with equal. The reductions have been made as follows: 8 and 10c Embroidery Edges 5c, 15 and 18c " " 10c, 20 and 25c " " 12 1/2c, 25 and 30c Corset Cover Emb. 15c, 30 and 35c Corset Cover Emb. 20c, 30 and 35c Skirt Flouncings, 20c, 45 to 60c Corset Cover Emb. 25c.

B. CLARK Dess Goods. We are now receiving our New Dress Goods for the early spring trade. Muslin Underwear. Just received, a large invoice of Ladies' Muslin Underwear. You should inspect this line if interested, as it contains many special values. A CASH DISCOUNT OF 10% allowed on all purchases of Muslin Underwear.

W. L. Drew Kalamity's Kolumn Reduced Prices on Cotton Blankets all this week.

Kalamity's Kolumn Auction Sale. Having sold my farm I will sell on the premises a miles east of Manchester and 2 miles northwest of Delaware, on Friday, Jan. 19th, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, the following property: A well improved farm of 280 acres at Ryan. Inquire of M. Deacon, Ryan, Iowa. 47ft Lots and Residence Property for Sale. We offer for sale on favorable terms, several lots near the river on Butler and Main streets, two of which have dwellings and other buildings on them, also one large business lot on Main street between the Clarence house and the Main Street Laundry. For particulars enquire of George A. Ballard, 40-41 Manchester, Iowa.