

BRIEF MENTION.

L. J. Gates was in Cedar Rapids and Mariou on business Saturday.

Witt Crozier of Coggon was attending the conventions in town last Saturday.

E. P. Fogg, a representative of Cornell college, was in the city Saturday.

Glen Tabor of Cedar Rapids spent Sunday with his parents, who live near this city.

The Rev. T. E. Fleming was at Independence, Jessup, and Raymond last week and over Sunday.

Mrs. John Ocker left Monday morning for Fort Dodge, going from there to Dayton, where she will visit Mrs. Martindale.

A. J. Lampert of Waterloo was in the city the first of the week, as a guest at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lister. Dr. Clarence J. Lister was also at over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gildner left Sunday for Nora Springs, Mass., by way of Anamosa, where the Gildner Brothers operate three large clothing houses, expecting to be away the week of the week.

Mrs. Lore Alford of Waterloo was entertained at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Carr, the past few days. Mrs. Alford spent the winter in Florida, returning to her home by the way of this city.

The Rev. J. J. Hanley, at one time pastor of St. Mary's church in the city, and at present in charge of the parish at Newtonville, is sojourning in the Holy Land, being in Egypt recently, and from Jerusalem mailed to friends in this city remembrances from that far away land.

Two large fires, destroying elevators at Masonville and Thorpe, occurred last week, the loss of the former town being suffered by Messrs Behan & Reiger, while Chas. Thorpe of this city lost several hundred dollars by the destruction of the contents in the elevator at Thorpe.

Attorney Melvin J. Yoran has announced his candidacy for county attorney, his opponent being A. M. Cloud, the present incumbent of that office, and seeking for a fourth term. Mr. Yoran is a representative of the republican party and the campaign between these two gentlemen will no doubt, be carried on in an impersonal and friendly manner.

The Manchester Heat, Light & Power company have secured the services of L. C. Boyce as engineer of the plant in this city. Mr. Boyce comes from New Hampton and at that city proved a very efficient electrician, among the plans for the construction of the plant there. Mr. Boyce will move to this city in a few days, and with his family, will occupy a residence on Franklin near Gay street.

Bernie Belknap intends to leave for the Pacific coast in a short time, making Tacoma, Seattle and Portland his objective points. Mr. Belknap is a graduate from the law school at Ann Arbor, Mich., and has been investigating the western country through correspondence for several weeks, finally deciding to practice law along the western coast. His many friends in this city wish him unlimited success in his chosen profession.

The small boy and his comrade of an older growth are taking advantage of the spring weather in angling in the stream called the Muskoka river, for the fishes which are occasionally caught. The frost is disappearing in favored spots where the sun has an opportunity to thaw the ice, and the favorite bait, known as the angleworm, is being sought for the purpose of enticing the aquatic specimens from their habitat into the frying pan.

Ed Farwell will go to Chicago in a few days, for the purpose of perfecting his knowledge in regard to the installing of the Strawger Automatic telephone system. Mr. Farwell has been connected with this company in this city for some time, and his work at Chicago, together with his past years of experience, will prove of inestimable value to him as an expert and one understanding the setting up and operating a system of telephoning which is fast gaining favor in every section and displacing the older systems, to which many of the cities still cling. Manchester was the first town west of the Mississippi river to install the Strawger Automatic telephone; few towns in the entire United States having used that service prior to its appearance here.

Repairs at the city water works, pumping station have been completed, so far as repacking the cylinders in the deep well pump and the overhauling of the plant in general are concerned. From now on, until November, the work at the plant will increase, with the beginning of April, when lawn permits are given and the streets are kept sprinkled throughout the summer. During the winter the demand is not so great as in the summer, although the stand pipe is pumped nearly full every day, its contents being used during the night. The engineer V. L. Colliard, at an alarm of fire being given, pumps direct from the spring, providing the amount of water is sufficient, and if not, drawing from the river, afterwards directing such water from the mains and again admitting spring and well water. Manchester has one of the best systems of water works plants in the country, and the purity of the liquid is unusual, testing by a large percentage higher than most of the water used by cities and towns adjacent.

Will Lopley was in Waterloo the first of the week on business.

Bradley Lillibridge of Dakota was in town the first of the week.

Alva Johnson of Dubuque spent Sunday at the home of his parents, in this city.

Henry Prouse of Rockford, Ill., was in town a few days last week visiting with his mother.

Miss Mabel Miller is expected this week from Canton, Miss., where she has been teaching school the past few months.

Hubert Carr went to Chicago yesterday (Tuesday) on business and to visit for a few days at the home of Dr. E. T. Alford.

Mrs. Luke Scanlon went to Dumont the first of the week to attend a district Missionary society convention of the United Brethren church.

Theo. Belknap returned to Brainerd, Minn., the first of the week being in this city to attend the funeral services of his mother, Mrs. Geo. Belknap.

Stanley Clark left Sunday for Sioux City, being called to that place on account of the serious illness of a niece, Miss Florence Williamson.

Hon. Geo. W. Dunham left Monday for Des Moines to attend the Republican state convention. The other delegates from this city and county left yesterday.

Miss Bertha Seeds was visiting with friends in the city last week. Miss Seeds is a graduate of the Homeopathic hospital at Iowa City and is a professional nurse, and at present is acting in that capacity.

Miss Olive Tucker graduated from a well known hospital in Chicago as a trained nurse some time ago, and has her time fully occupied in connection with hospital and outside duties.

L. D. A. Snyder the well known breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle, has a notice in another column offering for sale a high grade yearling animal also several full blooded Fox Terrier pups. For other particulars see notice, "Bull for Sale."

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fowler will be guests at the home of the Mrs. Fowler's sister, Mrs. R. A. Denton this week. Mr. Fowler has been playing in the west the past few months, appearing in vaudeville at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver and other points, and from here intends to go to Indianapolis.

Mrs. M. H. Williston of Chicago is expected to pay an extended visit with relatives and friends in the city in the near future. Mrs. Williston recently returned from a trip to New Orleans, and is at present, in Marshalltown, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker, and intends to return to Chicago by way of this city.

I. W. Lampman who was in Dubuque several days consulting with physicians in regard to his health, is again at home, and much improved, although the advice received from the hospital authorities was that he should not do any active work for sometime, perhaps a year, and it may be possible that Mr. Lampman may remove to a more equable climate during that time.

A. B. Terrell and daughter, Miss Blanche Terrell, went to Grinnell Saturday to attend the dedication of the new Lyon and Healy organ which was presented to the Iowa State College by Mr. Terrell as a memorial to Miss Lillian Terrell. The service is to be held this (Wednesday) evening, but rehearsals were to be held previous to that time which Mr. Terrell wished to attend.

R. A. Toogood of Chicago was visiting with friends in this city a few days last week. Mr. Toogood with his brother, A. A. Toogood is actively interested in magazine and publication work for the daily and Sunday papers in Chicago. He stated that his mother is much improved, so much so, that it was possible for her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Toogood-Chaffee, to return to her home in S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bruce returned home last week from Hammond, La., where they have been spending the past few months. S. A. Meyers arrived in the city Friday morning from Hammond, Mrs. Meyers having gone to Indiana for a few days visit with relatives, before returning to her home in this city. Mrs. O. A. Dunham and son Roy are also home from the south, and Mr. Dunham is expected this week.

The Delaware County Telephone company has issued a new Manchester book, containing the names of three hundred and thirty eight patrons, living in this city. The design of the book is entirely different from the card which it has used in various sizes since the installation of the automatic system, and is convenient and much smaller in dimensions. The city list is constantly growing, and the new exchange was published, so that additional names might be added without difficulty.

For the first time this year, the street sprinkler put in an appearance Thursday. Although the event is not especially noteworthy, yet it is a continuance of signs for the approach of spring. However, a word might be whispered to the city council in regard to the advisability of sweeping the pavement and keeping it clean. The ice on the streets disappeared some days ago, but the dirt, accumulated during the winter, and the dust, which is annoying when accompanied by a March wind, might be easily remedied by a few hours of work by the sweeper, which the city has in its possession. The dismissal of the one "white wing," which the city hired a year or two ago, for the purpose of keeping the pavement clean was a loss which is very noticeable. It might be well to again consider the hiring of such a person this season.

Jessie Nye was in Cedar Rapids over Sunday.

D. R. Finch was in Waterloo the first of the week.

Judge A. S. Blair was in Waterloo today (Tuesday).

Henry Bronson went to Chicago this morning on a business visit.

Miss Jennie Holmes is in Chicago, going to that city Sunday.

Mrs. Thorpe visited at the Smith home in Dyersville part of last week.

Claude Chapel visited in Cedar Rapids Sunday with his father, Frank E. Chapel.

St. Patrick's day is being celebrated today (Tuesday) by the wearing of "the green."

H. J. Schwietert entertained his brother, Ben Schwietert of Colesburg, last Saturday.

Miss Graham and Miss Anderson, instructors in the high school, were in Dubuque Saturday.

Miss Annie Dudley went to Contract City Monday morning to do millinery work in one of the stores in that place.

J. L. Kelsey, inspector of passenger equipment with the Chicago Great Western, was in the city the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt of Lamont were guests at the homes of Mesdames E. E. Hoyt and R. A. Denton Sunday.

Mrs. Horace G. Goss expects to leave in the near future for St. Louis for an extended visit with her mother, who resides in that city.

The students from Cornell college are expected home the latter part of the week, as the usual Easter vacation, so-called, will be effective next week.

The Iowa State Normal school at Cedar Falls observes the regular spring vacation this week, the Misses Nell Hatch, and Irene Thorpe being at home for a few days.

C. B. Williams, who was called to the city on account of the death of his mother, intends to leave the latter part of the week for Buffalo, N. Y., and from there go to Springfield, Mass.

The Manchester High school will graduate from its senior class in June a class which will undoubtedly number twenty-two; eleven young men and eleven girls. It is expected that a class play will be given, the selection of which has not yet been made. Orations and musical numbers will be the features of the exercises of graduation at the end of the school year. The superintendent of schools, Prof. J. R. Inman, stated that a more complete information may be given in two or three weeks, the exact number of the graduates, the name of the play and the subjects of the orations will be definitely known.

The spring season in millinery has opened, and W. L. Drew has secured the services of Mrs. Winsett of Shelbyville, Kentucky, to take charge of that department in his dry goods house.

Supt. F. R. Joseph has named June 15 as the date of the beginning of the teachers institute, which is held every year in this city. The instructors have not as yet been selected, but a strong corps of workers are expected to be present.

B. B. Baxter of Rochelle, Ill., was in town last week on business, and at the same time visiting with former friends. Mr. Baxter has erected a store at Rochelle, in which he conducts a very satisfactory furniture business, and is more than pleased with the conditions existing there.

Sherman Turner of Dovan, S. D., formerly a member of the flour and feed firm, Turner & Frazer, was in town the first of the week on business. Mr. Turner is engaged in farming near Dovan, and is enjoying better health in that vicinity than he did while here.

The marriage licenses issued during the past week are as follows: Geo. W. Lee and Blanche R. Moreland, John Gray and Marjory Martin; I. R. Lane and Irma M. Packard; L. Denby Pride and Mattie Franks; Robt McDowell and Lena Diech; and B. B. Dighton and Lydia M. Crozier.

Henry Bronson purchased last week of Tyler Furnon, who lives near Hartwick, a gasoline launch, which has been placed in a new boat house Mr. Bronson has erected on the west end of the Bronson property on Franklin street. The boat is about 13 ft. long and will accommodate ten or twelve people. The launch is being overhauled and when completed will prove a very efficient and speedy craft.

Glen Chapman was in town over Saturday and Sunday from Charles City, where he is attending college. Mr. Chapman expects to begin a series of work-outs for the coming season of baseball under one of the local players at Charles City. Glen has exhibited in the past some remarkable talent in his line, and his athletic work may prove beneficial to him under the trainer mentioned.

The county school spelling contest, which was held in this city last Saturday afternoon, was very successful, and attracted a large attendance throughout the county. There were sixty representatives from the rural schools and twenty six from the towns of the county. The winners of the contest from the towns were Marie Thompson and Pauline McCrea of Ryan and Ona Trumbley and Margaret Stanger of this city. The rural school winners were Blanche McEnany and Mamie Gaffney of Adams township, Helen Hicks of Hazel Green and Chas. Carruthers of Prairie. Byron and Lucy Robinson and Chas. Carruthers will compose the team which will represent Delaware county at the contest with Blackhawk county, which will be held in the City Opera house on Saturday, March 28. The pronouncement of the words will be T. M. Irish of Dubuque, and the referees R. A. Belknap of West Union and T. C. Arldson of Independence.



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Men's Extra-Fine Spring Coat, in light brown striped pattern, velvet collar to match, extra quality serge lined, hair cloth fronts, full 42 in. long, size 37 to 42, price \$18.00

Men's Fine Dark Oxford-gray top coat, 42 in. long, collar to match, all workmanship guaranteed to be the best, a snappy felt lapel, all sizes, price \$18.00

Men's Top Coats in shorter lengths, 36 in., plain diagonal goods, fronts made with hair cloth, all good fitters, size 36 to 42, price \$15.00

Men's Top Coats, in dark gray patterns, collars of same goods, very neat and sightly coats and will give good wear, \$12.50

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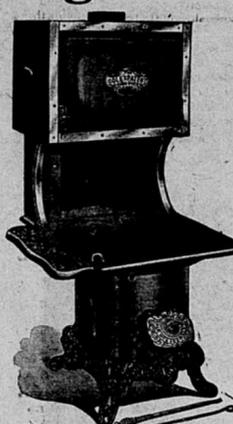
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Tel. 139 Franklin St.

Young & Doty in their new advertisement make a suggestion which farmers will do well to read and heed.

Mrs. E. Erwin of Morning Sun returned to her home Monday, after spending a number of days with her sister, Mrs. E. G. Dittmer.

Have you seen the new high oven cook stoves at Carharts & Nyes hardware store. They tell about it this week in their advertisement.

Mrs. William Wright of Crystal Lake, Minnesota, was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dutton the past few days, returning to her home Monday.

The ladies will be particularly interested in Burton Clark's announcement on this page, relating as it does to new spring styles and new wearing apparels.

Miss Ruth Crum accepted this week the position as secretary to Joseph Hutchinson, and has charge of the books and collection for the Manchester Heat, Light and Power Company.

The Modern National Reserve will hold its next meeting Friday evening at Pythian Castle. General M. F. Lelloy will conduct the drill work of the company which will be the same as was executed at the State meeting at Cedar Rapids some weeks ago. Every member is urged to be present.

The remainder of the United States postoffice fixtures arrived Saturday morning, placement beginning that evening, continuing throughout Sunday. The iron railing, which will extend to the ceiling of the room, from the top of the wood work, will be added in a few days, which will then complete the contract. The old equipment, which performed service for the past forty years, has been removed from the building, and the improvement of the boxes with the modern combination lock, together with the various windows for money-orders, registered letters, general delivery, parcels, large and small letters and postal cards, and rural free delivery demonstrates the convenience of modern offices. The postmaster's private office is located in the front of the building, while the assistant's who handles money orders and registered letters, is next below. It is hoped that the electric lighting of the building may respond, regarding appearance and convenience. Monday proved a very busy day for the clerks; the patrons of the office desiring information relative to the location of their boxes and learning the combination of each. The force of the postoffice labored under difficulties, as an entire reorganization of the handling of the letters and other mail matter had been established. However, the newness of the situation will soon wear off and the usual manner of conducting the business will be carried on. There are four hundred lock boxes and two hundred call boxes, the former number including the twenty large lock boxes, which are named in alphabetical order. The citizens of the town feel indebted to the postmaster in his effort to secure this modern equipment, and in making Manchester among the towns of the state having an up-to-date postoffice.

For Sale or Rent. Three improved 80 acre farms in Delaware county. Small payment down, balance on long time. Also a 160-acre farm. JOS. HUTCHINSON.

For Sale. A 200 acre farm three miles south of Manchester. Terms easy on long time if desired. For further information inquire at DEMOCRAT OFFICE.

House and Lot for Sale. The J. K. Pierce house on Iowa St. good house and barn and 1/2 acre of ground for sale at a bargain if taken before March 1st. Bronson, Carr & Sons.

House for Rent. A five-room house for \$5 per month. Inquire at this office. 817

Money to Loan at Low Rates. Hubert Carr

Table with columns for item and price. Items include Butter, creamery, Eggs, Potatoes, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Hogs, Beef, butcher, Beef, canning, Steers, Veal calves, Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw.

The Spring Season Has Begun in Earnest.

New Spring Merchandise and Spring Styles are now well presented throughout the store. The new arrivals give plenty of evidence of our success in obtaining better styles, better materials, better workmanship than heretofore, without increasing the cost to you.

Spring Dress Fabrics

In almost innumerable colors and weaves. This department is now at its best. If you care for an early choice, it will be to your advantage to see them at once. The new fabrics in browns, tans, greens and grays are indistinguishable in beauty and variety.

Rugs and Carpets

The values offered at this particular time should meet with the approval of intending purchasers. The colorings and designs are all of a high character. Brussels, Axminster and Velvets in various qualities. Sizes from the smallest to extra size.

Tailored Suits and Jackets

This is a season of many changes in Ladies' Tailored wearing apparel. Never have we introduced so many new models, having so many of the distinctive style touches which immediately gain favor, all at prices very much less than can be purchased elsewhere.

New Shirt Waists

The styles and materials are varied. The unusual worth in every waist is readily seen in the excellence of materials and superior workmanship. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

Long Gloves

This department could not be better equipped to supply every demand, for long gloves, in black and white and all the preferred shades in both silk and kid.

B. CLARK

CARPETS and RUGS.

We are now ready with our spring line of Carpets, Rugs, Matting, Linoleums, and Oil Cloths.

If interested, you should see our 9x12 Brussels, Axminster and Tapestry Rugs. They consist of a choice selection of patterns, at the right prices. Be sure and see them before you buy. Respectfully,

W. L. Drew

Butterick Patterns.

Have you a Fanning Mill? Oats are light this year and will need cleaning before sowing for seed. We have bought a stock of first-class Fanning Mills that we can sell you at a low price.

And to save your tired legs when harrowing, we will sell you one of the best made Harrow Caris for \$6.50. Can you afford to wait when the interest at 6% on the price of the cart is only 39 cents a year?

We still sell the old reliable Hoosier and Gorham Seeders. Both these seeders are standard makes. We also have a full line of other goods in our line.

You should see our new Disk Harrow.

YOUNG & DOTY.

Sweet Pea Seed

Our usual beautiful mixture--twenty named varieties--most popular shades--mixed by ourselves. Plant them now and get the early blossoms.

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