

BRIEF MENTION.

S. B. Shilling of Chicago was in town last week on business. H. R. Keagy of Independence was in the city last Wednesday. L. L. Hoyt, who was in Dakota on business last week, returned Friday. The spring vacation was observed by St. Xavier's school last week. Mrs. Earle Mucker left yesterday (Tuesday) for Wasta, South Dakota. Miss Edith Perkins of Cedar Rapids is visiting with relatives in this city. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Smith entertained Mrs. Susanna Wheat at their home last week. Hon. E. M. Carr was in Chicago Wednesday and Thursday of last week on business. H. G. Goss and Earle Peterson returned home from the southern part of the state last Thursday. Charles Hruby of Washington, D. C., is in the city for a few days' visit with his father, John Hruby. Mr. and Mrs. Will Crozier of Ogden were in town over Sunday, as the guests of Mrs. Crozier's parents. 'Jimmy' Gorman was in Waterloo last week and over Sunday, spending the time at the home of his parents. Roy Hilton and Earle V. Davis are at home from Coe college, this week during the vacation allowed by that school. Hon. M. F. LeRoy and Dr. H. A. Dittmer were in Charles City last week on business pertaining to the Modern National Reserve. Mrs. A. B. Stiles and Miss Frances Stiles of Berkeley, California, are being entertained at the home of their son and brother, E. B. Stiles. Sign painters were at work last week on the Torry building, and inscribed a large Henry George cigar sign on the north side of the block. J. E. Nye was at Cedar Rapids over Easter, and with Mrs. Nye, who has been in the Rapids for some time, visited at the home of the latter's sister. Mrs. James E. Wagner, Miss Alta and Masters, William and Hughes, left Monday morning for Eud, Oklahoma, which place is to be their home for the present. Among the students from Manchester attending the State University, who are at home for the Easter vacation, are Harry Davis, Floyd Arnold, Fred Rabenau and Harry Smith. Miss Vina Brazelton, who is a student at the Academy Visitation in Dubuque, and who formerly resided in Manchester, visited at the home of Miss Mildred Brown a part of last week. Mrs. I. L. Walters was in Cedar Rapids last Wednesday to meet her daughter, Mrs. Grace Walters Millard of Montour, who is a guest at the Walters home on Howard street this week. Miss Belle Young is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young. Miss Young is an instructor in the schools at Dolton Station, Illinois, an suburb of Chicago, and is spending her vacation with her people. The Clarence House barber shop is fortunate in having secured the employment of James Odenbaugh, who, for some time, has been in Independence. Mr. Odenbaugh is a first-class workman and his friends are glad to know that he has returned to this city. Large shipments of veal calves have been made in the past, but M. L. B. Richmond set a new mark last week, when seventy-two head were shipped to Chicago. The calves will average one hundred pounds each and at 5 cents per pound a total of nearly \$360.00 was realized from the car load. Mrs. A. S. Hart of Cedar Rapids was in the city last week, and was accompanied by Mr. Hart's mother, Mrs. C. W. Hart, who went to Chicago Thursday and from there will go to Plainwell, Michigan, for an extended visit. Mrs. A. S. Hart remained in the city until Saturday evening, returning to Cedar Rapids at that time. Mrs. F. L. Crosier and daughter of Dubuque were in the city Wednesday evening, en route to Cedar Rapids, where they will spend several days at the home of Mrs. A. H. McGrew, who, it is understood, contemplates going to California in a few weeks and make that state her future home. Mrs. McGrew will be well remembered by a large number of people here, who will be interested to know of her intended change of residence. U. S. pension Commissioner announces that the widows now on the pension roll will not be required to make application for the increase from \$8 to \$12 a month recently voted by congress. The commissioner has instructed the pension agencies throughout the country to put the law into effect automatically the first payment of the increase to be made May 4. This action will result in a saving of several hundred thousand dollars to pensioners affected. The widows not already on the rolls, but who are entitled to the increase, are required to make application, as in the past. When the scissor grinders come to town, and the frogs commence to sing, winter might as well release her hold upon the weather, although it seems it is with a mighty effort. However, the man carrying the grinding machine, on which tinkles the familiar sounding bell, has made his first appearance, and with the chorus of the frogs at night, spring ought to be on its way. But a nuisance, a yearly occasion, has begun, the tramp, and the city officials might again observe the practice, if not already obtaining this season, of setting to work these knights of the dusty road, and make it a rule, without exception, that this town does not intend to support this class of unemployed.

W. B. Robinson of Ryan was in town Monday. Mrs. H. M. Bradley was in Dubuque Thursday. J. G. Lewis was in Cedar Rapids the first of the week. C. S. Todd of Edgewood was in town last week on business. Orin Greenwood of Lamont was calling on friends here Saturday. Earle Tabor of Cedar Rapids spent Easter Sunday with his parents. Mr. A. L. Beardlee has gone to Rochester, Minnesota, for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Matthews spent Sunday with friends in Cedar Rapids. Merton Cox and Will McCormick were in Chicago last week, returning home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kaltenbach of Elizabeth, Illinois, were visiting with friends in this city last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Hetherington and Mr. and Mrs. L. Matthews and Jay Matthews were in Dubuque Friday. Earle Tabor and wife of Marble Rock were in this city recently as guests at the home of Mr. Will Magill. Mrs. A. L. Beardlee and son Leon and Mrs. Wesley Barr left Monday morning for Rochester, Minnesota. Join one of the Brazelton & Johnson excursions to Kansas. Write them at Cedar Rapids, Ia., for full information. Clarence M. Chapel of Chicago was a guest at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Chapel, Sunday and Monday. The republican friends of the Hon. B. F. Carroll, who is a candidate for governor, entertained him in this city last Wednesday. Misses Nell Hatch and Irene Thorpe, who attend the State Normal school at Cedar Falls, spent Easter Sunday with their parents. Miss Nettie Douglass was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott the first of the week, returning to Waterloo Monday evening. Henry Nieman of Earlville leaves May 15 for Galena, Ill., where he will begin practice with an independent base ball aggregation from that city. The republican electoral ticket was slated at Des Moines last week and the Hon. D. H. Young of this city was selected as the elector from the Third district. The Rev. Barnes, the new pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, is expected to arrive in the city Saturday, and will occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Hon. G. W. Dunham leaves this week for points in Washington and Oregon on a business trip, and will meet his son, Francis, who is sojourning in that country. Mrs. J. C. Kirkwood and son Harold and Mrs. Rebecca Sweesy of Hopkinton were entertained at the home of their sister and daughter, Mrs. A. A. Palmer, last week. The construction crew of the Illinois Central from Waterloo have been at work along the line east of this city the past week, rebuilding culverts and improving bridges. Harry P. Toogood, as first tenor in the Standard male quartette, goes to Crystal Springs, Mississippi, in the near future, where the company opens the Chautauque season. Harry A. Dixon, for several years a traveling salesman residing at Dubuque, and well known here, now in the banking business at Presho, S. D., visited with friends here last Saturday. Mrs. Mary Bradford is expected home this week from St. Petersburg Fla., where, with a company from this city, she has spent the winter. The remainder of the party will start for the north in a few days. Henry Goodhile expects to make a trip into Greeley county, Kansas, this week, and with him will be a company of homeseekers who will investigate conditions obtaining in that state. F. C. Cary, J. G. Arduser and Messrs. Jordison will accompany Mr. Goodhile. A Boston bull dog and one of the most valuable animals in the state of its kind, was presented to Miss Florence Lindsey by Mr. George Meyers of Dubuque the first of the week. The animal is a thoroughbred and its markings indicate its long pedigree, which makes it so valuable. Farmer George Sheldon reported at this office last Saturday, in reference to crop prospects in his locality and according to Mr. Sheldon conditions are more promising than they have been any spring during the past ten years. Grass and fruit and small grains he says are all in prime condition on the prairies of Prairie township. A disgraceful and unsightly affair occurred late Saturday evening in the business district of the city. A young fellow, under the influence of liquor, succeeded in starting a quarrel with an elderly man and perhaps serious results were avoided by the interference of Night Patrolman Sedgwick. Manchester may be a temperance town, but oftentimes the peace of the village is disturbed by such affairs as this. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson leave Thursday for Champaign, Ill., where the Illinois State Fish Commission have established a hatchery and appointed Mr. Hutchinson as superintendent. This position will occupy his time during the summer months, and during the winter, a station at Wakegan, a town north of Chicago, will be in charge of Mr. Hutchinson. It is with genuine regret that the friends of these people regard their intended departure from our community, but nevertheless wish them success and happiness in their new surroundings. No appointment has been made as yet to fill the vacancy occasioned by this removal.

H. L. Rann was in Waterloo Monday. John McLotosh was in Edge-wood Friday. W. S. Beels of Hopkinton was in town Monday. Steven Popham of Lamont was in town Saturday. Fred Dewey was in Waterloo Saturday on business. Jay Barr was in Cedar Rapids and Ryan this week. H. J. Wilson was in Chicago last week on business. Mrs. A. B. Holbert of Greeley was in the city last Saturday. Attorneys Calvin Yoran and W. H. Norris were in Greeley Friday. Miss Blanche Clark visited with friends in Aurora over Sunday. Mrs. Fred Fields of Oelwein visited with friends in the city last week. Anders & Philipp advertise a new patent. Read their advertisement. Mrs. H. G. Pierce, Mrs. F. J. Joseph and Mrs. E. G. Dittmer were in Cedar Rapids to-day. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carr will be in Chicago the latter part of the week for a few days visit. Mr. Fred Denton of Webster, S. D., was over Sunday guest with relatives in this city. Sam Dixon, for a time a few years ago the head of the Clarence house, is now landlord of a hotel in Minneapolis. Mrs. Mary Emerson is at home from National City, California, where she has spent the winter with relatives. Mrs. John Cruise, Mrs. Alen McLotosh and Mrs. Dunham were in Earlville Thursday of last week, visiting with friends. The Misses Emma and Grace Noble of Greeley were entertained at the home of their aunt, Mrs. I. W. Graham, recently. Mrs. Mary Burr of Corbondale, Illinois, was entertained at the home of H. C. Smith last week, returning to Corbondale Saturday night. August Nachman has returned from Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and will be connected with a meat shop in Dubuque in the future. Fred Williams of Marion, a conductor on the Cedar branch of the Milwaukee, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wilson over Sunday. Miss Laura Norris, who is a student in the Ladies Seminary at Davenport, is spending the Easter vacation at her home in this city. Capt. J. F. Merry was in Dubuque Monday, in conference with H. J. Phelps, division passenger agent, relative to the reunion to be held in Vicksburg the 22nd of May. The district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was postponed until this week, and Dr. T. E. Fleming is in East Dubuque this week in charge of the conference. Edwin Davis returned to his school work at Coe college Monday morning after having enjoyed a short vacation and visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Davis. Mrs. E. Skinner left Monday morning for an intended visit to the home of her brother, Captain J. W. Merry, who is in charge of the state fair at Dubuque. Mrs. Fred Ferris departed for her home in Waverly, Kan. Monday night, after having spent several weeks in the city at the home of Mrs. Nelson Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop. H. J. Merry of Hartley was in the city last week, as a guest at the home of his brother, Captain J. W. Merry. Mr. Merry also visited at the home of Mrs. Charles Cruise, a sister in Earlville. Nomination papers for Democratic state candidates have been circulated in this city the past few days. The law requires such papers to be sworn to and filed on or before the 22nd day of this month, to-day, with the Secretary of State. Gildner Bros. have received six large advertising boards, which represent a street car and will be placed in conspicuous locations near Manchester. The cars are six feet by twelve and are decorated to illustrate an electric car in operation, the motorman, conductor and passengers being in view. The quartermaster of Company D is in receipt of a shipment of new Springfield rifles, 30 calibre, which arrived a few days ago from the arsenal at Rock Island. The guns are made with adjustable sights and are the highest type of military rifle in the world. The old equipment is being crated and will be returned to Des Moines. Cement users will be glad to note that the article is selling for \$1.60 per barrel instead of \$2.50 as last year, or a saving over last year of 90 per cent. This will mean increased use for this useful product the coming season no doubt. Cement at \$2.50 is taking the place of lumber in many instances. This reduction means dollars saved, until the trust bears about it.

THE REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM ANNOUNCES THE MANCHESTER CHAUTAUQUA Six Days=June 23 to 28 17 PROGRMS--22 EVENTS--NO ATTRACTION REPEATED Biggest Best Balanced, Strongest Program Ever Offered in Iowa, Will be Published Soon--Watch for It.

Judge Brayton was here today. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dunham and Mrs. Margaret Taylor enjoyed a short visit from the Rev. T. E. Taylor of Independence Monday. Have you seen those 'Old Hickory' chairs at A. D. Brown's furniture store? They are the real old stock, no discount on that. Mrs. E. H. Hollister is visiting with relatives in the city, arriving from Belvidere, Wisconsin, today. Mr. Hollister is expected the latter part of the week, and it is the intention to have the Winton car, owned by A. Hollister, driven to Chicago by Messrs. Edward and Lawrence Hollister, where it will remain, to be overhauled prior to the departure of the family to that city. Mrs. J. H. Allen entertained the Outdoor club last Thursday. The members of the Tourist club gave a farewell supper for Mrs. J. E. Wagner Thursday evening at the parsonage. They will be a special meeting of the Knights of Pythias Friday evening at 8 o'clock for work in the third degree. It has been decided to cancel the date for the appearance of John T. McCutcheon, which was to have been the first week in May. The men of the Saint Mary's church will give a dance at Central Opera house to-night (Tuesday). The harp orchestra from Dubuque will play. At the home of Mrs. W. H. Norris, the P. E. O. chapter was entertained at dinner and cards last Saturday evening by Mesdames E. N. Wright and W. H. Norris. A most delightful time was afforded the members of the order. A large number of the local order are attending the district convention of the Knights of Pythias, in session at Dubuque to-day (Tuesday). A banquet will be served to-night after the business meeting and special work has been concluded. Cornell college has decided definitely in regard to the dates for their May festival this year, the 21st and 23rd being selected. The Chicago, or, as it is usually called, Thomas' orchestra, will be a feature of the festivities; Bruno Steindel, cellist, and Herbert Witherspoon, basso, are among those who will assist in making the affair a success. A May party will be given by the Pythian Sisters on Thursday evening, April 30th, in the Castle hall. Carpenters' orchestra have been secured for the affair, and the ladies will serve supper in the building at midnight. These parties in the past have been considered a very happy conclusion of the social season, and every detail is considered, in order to make the occasion an enjoyable one. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams are in receipt of the announcement of the wedding of Miss Florence Marie Williams to Dr. Nathaniel Curtis Rogers, which will take place at the home of Miss Williams' parents, at 4009 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, at 8 o'clock Saturday, April 25th. They will be at home after June 1st at 1141 North Church street, Rockford, Illinois. Miss Williams is a cousin of Mrs. E. W. Williams of this city. On Friday evening, in the parlors of the First Congregational church, the Junior class of the M. H. S. will entertain the Seniors at a 6:30 o'clock dinner, to be served by the ladies of the society. The following menu will be served: Bouillon, Veal Loaf, Escalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Peas, Jelly, Pickles, Wafers, Tomato Salad, Snow Pudding, Angel Food Cake, Coffee. At the district convention of the Pythian sisters, which was held at Independence last week, thirty-five members of the local order attended. The morning was devoted to the registration of delegates, adjourning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the regular business of the convention was transacted. The Independence chapter had carefully prepared a most interesting program, consisting of musical numbers, which were followed by discussions regarding the work of the order and benefits to be derived. In the evening, at 5:30, a banquet was served to the one hundred and fifty guests and during the remainder of the evening, drill work was participated in by the representative chapters. The local chapters from this city, Hypathia Lodge, assisted in the work. The dinner was served in the temple, which had been beautifully decorated in the order's colors, red, blue, yellow and white, with floral adornments, the appearance of the castle was especially charming. A number of state officials present were in charge of the initiatory degree given.

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The Spring Season Has Begun in Earnest. New Spring Merchandise and Spring Styles are now well represented 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 indiscribable 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 way 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 W. L. Drew Butterick Patterns. Fuller & Johnson Plow. I suffered with stomach trouble. (Catarrhal Gastritis) intestinal and liver trouble, also gotitre, for several years. At times the pain in the stomach and bowels would be almost unbearable. I treated continually for five years and received little or no benefit. I finally consulted Dr. Shallenberger the Chicago Specialist. He said he could cure me and he has fulfilled his promise. If you will write to me I will answer all questions. Mrs. Thomas Markey, Deamen, Ia. PASTURE TO RENT. 75 acres blue grass for rent. Apply to E. B. STILES. For Sale or Rent. Three improved 80 acre farms in Delaware county. Small payment down, balance on long time. Also a 160-acre farm. J. H. HUTCHINSON. 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. Misses' and Children's School Shoes. We have given the school shoe problem our careful attention Now we can offer you one of the finest selections of Little Forks Shoe on the market today. Infants' as low as 50c. Children's 5 to 8 per pair 65, 75, 85 90c. Children's 8 1/2 to 11 per pair, \$1.15, \$1.35, 1.50. Misses' 1 1/2 to 2, per pair, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75. P. F. Madden.