

BRIEF MENTION.

—Miss Clara Barr was at home Sunday from Delhi.  
—Mrs. Ola Edmunds was in Waterloo last Wednesday.  
—E. M. Carr was in Mason City last week on business.  
—Harry Gray was in Winthrop Wednesday evening on business.  
—F. S. Griffin of Masonville was in the city Wednesday on business.  
—Editor E. E. Cackley of the Ryan Reporter was in town Wednesday.  
—C. L. Noble left Wednesday afternoon for the state of Oklahoma on a business trip, expecting to be away several weeks.

—Mrs. A. Boggs and Miss Ennis Boggs, Mrs. B. W. Grims, Mrs. C. E. Cawley and Miss Nell Vance were in Dubuque Wednesday of last week.  
—Mrs. H. F. Cowells, who has been in the city several days left Thursday morning for her home in Woodley, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. J. Clemans also returned to their home in Pringhar Thursday.  
—It has been noticed that farm hands in Nebraska have petitioned the Legislature to make laws, compelling the owners to furnish riding plows, rather than the walking machines. Luxury is demanded by everyone nowadays.

—Attorney Charles Albrook of Eldora, a brother of the Rev. J. B. Albrook, both of whom formerly lived on a farm south of this city, was in the city last week on business. Mr. Albrook is regarded as one of the leading attorneys of Harbin county.

—Mrs. H. C. Parsons and children of Anamosa were entertained at the home of Mrs. Parsons' parents, Capt. and Mrs. Ayner Dunham, Wednesday of last week, leaving Thursday morning for Dunlap, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. R. G. Ingersoll.

—The State University of Iowa has secured Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to this country, to be the speaker at the 1908 graduation exercises, which will be held in the armory at Iowa City. On the 17th of June, the ambassador will deliver the annual address to the seniors.

—The physics class of the High school were entertained by Dr. E. G. Dittmer one day last week, by a demonstration of the X-ray machine and electrical experiments. There are twenty members of the class, and with their instructor, Prof. J. R. Luman, enjoyed an hour's interesting work in the laboratory of Dr. Dittmer's office.

—Mrs. Ola Edmunds has awarded the contract for the erection of a restaurant to D. R. Dennis. The building will be located just across the street from the Illinois Central depot, and will be 26 x 36, one story with a basement. There will be a lunch room and dining room in the front of the cottage, the kitchen and two bed rooms being in the rear. The wood work will be oil finished.

—Sam McCoy of Morton, Mississippi, who is visiting at the home of O. A. Dunham, in this city, lives in that portion of the state which was visited with a very severe tornado last week. Mr. McCoy's people advised him that the storm had not caused any damage in their immediate vicinity, but swept over the country within fifty miles of them. Mr. McCoy intends to leave for his home in the south about the first of June.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Middleton of Canton, Mississippi, arrived in the city Saturday for a several weeks' visit with relatives. Mr. Middleton reports that the prospects for agricultural products for this season are exceptionally bright in the south, and is more than pleased with his property and with the conditions obtaining in Mississippi. A letter written by Mr. Middleton, regarding his plantation on which he produces almost every line of grain and cereals, to Capt. J. F. Merry, General Immigration Agent of the Illinois Central, will be published in circular form and sent throughout the eastern and northwestern states as advertising matter for the railroad company.

—Captain J. F. Merry returned home from Omaha Wednesday afternoon, after having attended a conference of the executive committee, who are in charge of the National Corn Exhibition, which is to be held in Omaha December 10 to 19. A corn expert, who is also an instructor in one of Mississippi's state institutions, upon the suggestion of the Immigration Department of the Illinois Central, started what he called the "Boys' Corn Club" last season. Upon half an acre of land experiments of corn raising were made and an average of 75 bushels to the acre was realized. Out of a class of 120, there were 82 who finished the course, and one of the boys raised 130 bushels, while the general average throughout the state was only 10 bushels. This year 23 counties have organized corn clubs. Captain Merry is now in correspondence with the institution where these experiments were made, and it is expected that this club will make a fine exhibition at the National Corn Exhibition at Omaha.

The exhibition will be confined to the exhibit of grasses and grains, and a promise has been received from B. H. Strong of West Point, Mississippi, who won the Gold Medal prize at the St. Louis exposition for the best exhibit of alfalfa, to furnish such specimens as will astonish the alfalfa growers of Nebraska and Colorado, who will be in attendance at the National Corn Exhibition in December.

—M. K. Brown is home for a short visit.

—James Kehoe of Union township was in town Friday.

—Dr. J. D. Parker and daughter of Fayette were in the city Thursday.

—Miss Genevieve McCann of Winthrop is visiting at the home of A. Thorpe.

—Mrs. S. W. Barker of Cedar Rapids is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Smith.

—Mrs. W. N. Boynton went to Chicago Monday to make an extended visit with her son, Dr. W. E. Boynton.

—J. Mandeville was in town last week for a few days. Mr. Mandeville is a conductor on the Dubuque division of the Illinois Central.

—Miss Gertrude Pierce of New Hampton is a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. S. Boyce, of this city. Miss Pierce will be in town for several weeks.

—J. G. Lewis was in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo last week on business. At the former city, Lieut. Lewis attended a small military social affair, given by a few staff officers of the state.

—New awnings are being placed on a number of shop windows in town. The storms of the past few days played havoc with the canvas it was necessary, to have them replaced immediately.

—Glenn Dixon of Minneapolis is visiting with friends in town. Mr. Dixon and his father are managing the Majestic Hotel and a restaurant in connection at Minneapolis and greatly pleased with their present location.

—Romaine Goodsell, a representative of the Chicago Great Western, was in the city Friday. Mr. Goodsell formerly lived in Waterloo and is known by a number of people here. His headquarters are now in Chicago.

—Mrs. M. H. Williston of Chicago is in town for a short visit with friends. Mrs. Williston has been entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker at Marshalltown for sometime, and is returning to Chicago by way of this city.

—The soda fountains in the various drug stores and shops are again in working order. The lemon phosphate and the Hires' root beer seem to be favorite drinks, although a large quantity of cream is used weekly. A firm at Independence and the two ice cream factories in this city furnish the supply demanded.

—An exchange says that alcohol will remove grass stain from summer clothes. The exchange is right. It will also remove summer clothes, spring clothes and winter clothes, not only from the man who drinks it, but from his wife and children. It will remove household furniture from the house and establish from the table, the smiles from the face of his wife and the happiness from his home. As a remover of things alcohol has few equals.

—The district association of the W. F. M. S. of the Methodist Episcopal church convenes to-day in the local church. To-night, Mrs. Evelyn Marsh, a returned missionary from the northern part of China, will speak, and her address promises to be highly interesting and helpful. There will be a dinner to-morrow in the church parlors for the delegates and families entertaining them at noon. Everyone is invited, by the president of the association, Mrs. S. K. Myers, to attend the afternoon and evening sessions.

—H. J. Schwieter returned from Salem, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, last Wednesday. Mr. Schwieter went to Ohio points in the interest of immigration matters, which department is working in connection with the Department of Immigration and Labor for the State of Mississippi. Colonel Chas. Schuler, who is at the head of that department, recently returned from Europe, where he interested a large number of various government officials and steamship agents in southern land and is also desirous of having the passenger and immigration departments of the Illinois Central work in conjunction with his state for the immigration of homeseekers.

—Calvin Martin signed a contract with A. G. Field's Minstrel company last week. It will be remembered that Mr. Martin was formerly with Field, and since that time, during which he entered vaudeville he has received such flattering inducements from the management of this minstrel organization, that he felt compelled to accept their proposition for the coming season. Mr. Martin has designed the costumes for the 1908-1909 season of the musical company, and advices received from Mrs. Field, who manages costume, etc., state that same were more than satisfactory. Mr. Martin will leave the latter part of July to begin rehearsals with the company.

—It will be well remembered when the Pythian Building association erected a building, to be used as a temple for the Sir Knights of Pythias and for store purposes. The cost of the building was nearly \$150,000, and several thousand still remains unpaid. However, the Lodge is bending every effort toward reducing this sum yearly, and it is expected within ten years to have the structure entirely free from debt, and the rent received from the first floor and basement, together with the dues and initiation fees, used for the improvement of the temple. The plan of the lodge is very convenient, and when able, the order will remodel the parlors, making their appointments complete with furniture and decorations, while the reception hall and smoking rooms will be arranged accordingly. A large number of lodges throughout the state have billiard halls installed in their temples, and such a plan has been suggested by local officers. The lodge room would be made beautiful with Pythian decorations and furniture and the entire affair made in accordance with a club.

—Dr. E. G. Dittmer was in Iowa City Monday.

—Miss Maude Graham was in Dubuque Saturday.

—Miss Pearl Middleton was home over Sunday from Cornell.

—Burdette Young and Cecil Adams were in Fort Dodge Sunday.

—Mrs. Sherman Harris and Mrs. Burton Clark were shopping in Dubuque Monday.

—Thomas Wesley of Lamont transacted business in Manchester last Saturday.

—Pearl Courtwright has gone to Watertown, South Dakota, for the purpose of finding employment.

—Cleon Millard of Montour is visiting at the home of I. L. Walters, arriving in the city Monday morning.

—George Staehle of Strawberry Point, proprietor of The Franklin hotel was in the city the first of the week.

—Joseph Hutchinson went to St. Paul Sunday for the purpose of buying blooded live stock for his farms near this city.

—N. E. Davis was in Cedar Rapids over Sunday, visiting with his son, Edwin Davis, who is at school in Coe college.

—Miss Margaret Meyers of Chicago visited with friends in town Saturday and Sunday, returning to Cedar Rapids Monday.

—Tom Simmons left Saturday for North Dakota by way of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Simmons intends to make that state his future home.

—At the Masonville crossing on the Illinois Central Monday morning, two cows were killed by a passing train. The cattle were owned by Mike Nolan.

—Mrs. W. F. Newcomb and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Chicago are guest at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Ida Newcomb.

—T. Sullivan and wife, who live near Hopkinton, mourn the loss of their daughter, Miss Manie, who died Monday morning. An obituary will appear in the Democrat next week.

—An alarm of fire was given Saturday morning, the cause of which was a defective stove pipe in the Smith house near St. Paul's church. The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the fire department, and no particular damage is reported.

—P. Newcomb sold one of his lots in Cedar Rapids Friday for \$42,000. The property is situated near the Montrose hotel, therefore its high value. Mr. Newcomb purchased the lot over thirty years ago for \$3,800, and since that time the business district has reached the site and the property was desired by a syndicate to erect an opera house and office building. Mr. Newcomb was offered from another source, provided the previous deal was not consummated, \$3,000 more for the site, but the transaction was completed with the first company.

—Dr. T. E. Fleming left Saturday morning for Baltimore, Maryland, to attend the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, expecting to be away several weeks. He was accompanied as far as Chicago by Mrs. Fleming, who will visit her son, Herbert Fleming, who is on the editorial staff of the Chicago Daily News. Dr. Fleming heads the delegation from the Upper Iowa conference to the general conference of the church, and is also a candidate for the secretaryship of the Home Missionary and Church Extension society, with its offices at Philadelphia.

—The Witching Hour company, headed by William Norris, were in the city Saturday morning, en route from Cedar Rapids to Dubuque, where they gave a matinee and an evening performance that day. Mr. Norris stated that the play was founded, somewhat, from the incidents occurring from the assassination of a governor of Kentucky, and that the author of the drama had received the praise of the critics and the theatre-going world in his work. The members presenting same were heard Friday night at Cedar Rapids by members of the Consistory of the Masonic order from this city, who were in that place Friday attending a meeting of the chapter.

—In the old files of the County Treasurer's office last Thursday afternoon was found by John Logan some very old newspapers. One was the Delhi Argus, published in the fall of 1855, the other was the New York Sun of October 20, 1850. The Sun contained lengthy editorials and articles regarding the presidential campaign, which then in progress, in which Franklin Pierce, Winfield Scott, John P. Hale, and Daniel Webster were fighting for supremacy. Pierce represented the Democratic party, Scott the Whig, Hale the Free Democrat, and Webster the Whig. Franklin Pierce was elected, his plurality being 220,890 two years later. The Sun and Argus were well preserved, although somewhat damaged, although not to any great extent. The night man, in charge of the round house and engine, attempted to back the train out of the house and up to the station for the next run, but without sufficient knowledge as to running the locomotive and consequently ran into the embankment west of the Clarence house. The passenger coach struck the shed and knocked it over in a very ungentlemanly manner, although receiving no injuries itself. The engine, upon finding it useless to pursue its backward transit, reared and started for the river but was persuaded by the thoroughly frightened amateur engineer, to stop its wild flight before further accidents could be arranged.

—S. A. Steadman has sold, since the first of the year, over \$150,000 worth of his newly patented automobile protection tire covering, and his sales on the Steadman tire have amounted to \$175,000 in the same period. There have been two shipments of the bits to California, direct from the factory in Cleveland, Ohio, as well as to points in Minnesota and other states. Mr. Steadman also realizes satisfactory returns from his driving reins, a patent for which he secured fifteen or twenty years ago. The bit mentioned is one of the most practical articles of its kind on the market. Nearly everyone in the vicinity is familiar with it and its worth is being realized generally. The business in these three articles is steadily increasing, and Mr. Steadman was obliged to cancel a large number of orders for the tire coverings, on account of additional work in the local shop.

—Calvin Moran was in Dubuque Saturday on business.  
—Miss Belle Bailey is in Independence, attending a meeting of the societies of Christian Endeavor of this district.  
—W. E. Lepley is in Cedar Rapids to-day on business.  
—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt of Lamont visited in the city last week.  
—Colesburg readers will take notice of advertisement "Lost" on this page.  
—Miss Erin McCann of Coggon was in town Monday to attend the home talent play.  
—Miss Lena Duster and Miss Bishop of Dyersville visited in the city Saturday.  
—J. P. Wilson was in Cedar Rapids over Sunday, visiting with his daughter, Mrs. L. J. Mead.  
—The P. H. Ausman bankruptcy case was heard Monday afternoon by Referee M. W. Harmon. L. Matthews was elected trustee after an examination of the bankrupt.  
—"The Little Prospector" is the most wholesome and cleanest type of western drama ever put together. It is a play of the better kind and will be seen at Central Opera House on Wednesday evening May 6th.  
—A. J. Bruce went to Williamsburg to-day, for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the council of that city for the erection of a school house, which when completed, will amount to about a \$20,000 transaction.  
—The Court room scene in "The Little Prospector" with its many ludicrous situations and funny characters will cause you to laugh as you never laughed before at Central Opera House on Wednesday evening May 6th.  
—The Democrat is in receipt of a copy of the Rice Journal and Southern Farmer, which contains an article by S. L. Cary of Jennings, Louisiana, formerly a resident of this city. Mr. Cary talks on finance, as it prevails throughout the country. The subject is treated in an interesting manner and occupied a prominent place in the well known southern farm magazine.  
—On Sunday morning, near Delhi Lyle Sutton accidentally shot his young brother with a shot-gun, the wound being made in the lad's hip, while part of the shot lodged in his face. The youngsters had left the house, while the father and mother were attending church services, and as in the case in all accidents, the gun was supposed not to be loaded. The young man was carried home and a doctor summoned, who extracted the shot and pronounced the boy in no immediate danger.  
—On Friday May 15, will occur the exercises and presentation of the silk flags to the various school rooms of the city, instead of May 9 as stated in the Herald of last week. The schools will be dismissed at 3 o'clock and the pupils with their teachers will march to the rink, where appropriate exercises will be held. A short address to the children on our flag, by Capt. Merry, recitations and patriotic songs by the children. We hope all will help to make this a success. Program next week. By order of Anna C. Fishel, Patriotic Instructor of W. R. C. No. 29.  
—On Sunday morning in the M & O yards, occurred a smashup, the result of which is a demolished shed which covers the gasoline motor car, which is sometimes used on a morning run. The car itself was somewhat damaged, although not to any great extent. The night man, in charge of the round house and engine, attempted to back the train out of the house and up to the station for the next run, but without sufficient knowledge as to running the locomotive and consequently ran into the embankment west of the Clarence house. The passenger coach struck the shed and knocked it over in a very ungentlemanly manner, although receiving no injuries itself. The engine, upon finding it useless to pursue its backward transit, reared and started for the river but was persuaded by the thoroughly frightened amateur engineer, to stop its wild flight before further accidents could be arranged.



The School Board Meets.

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Bills were allowed for supplies from the McIntosh Stereoscopic Co. for \$3.00, and for lights furnished by the Manchester Heat, Light and Power Co. for \$26.81.

It was moved by Hoyt and seconded by Lindsay that drawing be added to the course of study from the First grade to the Eighth inclusive, beginning next school year. This motion was unanimously carried, and the scholars in the first eight grades may look forward with pleasure in having this interesting study added to the course.

The honors for the class of 1908 were awarded to Lloyd Ballard, who secured the rank of first, and the second was divided between Ray Robinson and Verna Kling, there being 7,100 of one per cent. difference in their averages.

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200 acres of CHOICE FARM LAND, within seven miles of Manchester, at \$60.00 per acre. Easy terms. For particulars apply to Bronson, Carr & Sons, 1914 Manchester, Iowa.

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Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our husband and father. Mrs. Lillie Elsbury and family.

PROTECT YOURSELF!

This catchy weather is particularly trying on clothes as well as health. The man who wears one of our Raincoats is in small danger of injuring either. If it's worth ten dollars to you to be protected in inclement weather, come in and see our coats. We've better ones, up to

\$20.00  
Get to know about our S. T. T. L. WORK SHOE, warranted for one year, or twelve months. This is the best shoe in the world for the money. Ask about it.  
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The Spring Season Has Begun in Earnest.

New Spring Mer. handise 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 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

Spring Goods

We have a large and well-selected stock of Ladies' Dress Skirts, Jackets and Cravannes ready for your inspection. Also remember us when interested in anything in the line of Rugs, Carpets, Mattings, and Floor Coverings of all kinds.

Spring Millinery

NOW READY. Respectfully,

W. L. Drew

Butterick Patterns.

Fuller & Johnson Plow.

Come and see us and let us sell you a FULLER & JOHNSON PLOW that is guaranteed to scour anywhere. Out of our whole output last year we did not have one Plow that failed to scour, and the draft of this plow is as light, if not lighter, than any other Sulky Plow that is on the market. The Fuller & Johnson plows are so well known it is useless for us to state that none better are made. We have a few of their Disc Harrows left, but they are going fast.

YOUNG & DOTY.

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.