

BRIEF MENTION.

—O. E. Huene was in Ryan Thursday. —Mrs. J. A. Strickland was in Earlville Thursday. —Larry Dobbins was in Winthrop Thursday evening. —F. W. Anders was in the city Thursday on business. —Mrs. W. M. Crosier of Oogoon was in town last week. —Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schwietert were in Cedar Rapids Thursday. —Miss Lurene Walker is in the city, as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman. —Mrs. A. J. Lemper of Waterloo is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lister. —Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt of Lamont were in town Thursday, as guests at the home of L. L. Hoyt. —Hon. and Mrs. Charles E. Ransier were in the city last Wednesday, as guests at the Norris home. —Miss Fannie Duren of Waterloo was a guest of Miss Idell Miles Sunday. Miss Duren is a librarian at Waterloo. —Mrs. W. F. Newcomb of Chicago returned to her home in that city Thursday, after having spent several weeks with Mrs. Ida Newcomb. —The colleges at Mt. Vernon, Grinnell and Coe college at Cedar Rapids will close the second week in June, after which the students will be at home for the summer. —Mrs. A. W. Stearns and Mrs. E. B. Stiles were in Waterloo Thursday, attending the State Association of Congregational churches, which convened in that city last week. —Mrs. J. W. Brazleton of Ryan was in the city Thursday morning, on her way to Dubuque, where she is visiting her daughter, Miss Vivia Brazleton, who is attending school at Sinsinawa. —The Gildner Clothing house advertise the Merry Widow necktie this week, a new creation by the Golden Rule Neckwear company of Chicago. The Lusitania patternized collar is also a feature of their advertisement. —At the Chautauqua to be held in this city next month, there will be a class in Indian bead work, to be conducted by a competent instructor. In this connection, a field agent for the Redpath Lyceum System was in the city Saturday and arranged for the sale of costumes for children who will attend this class, to be held during the morning hours of each day. The costume will be for sale at one of the clothing stores and will consist of a two-piece suit, together with leggings and head gear, all of which will tend to increase the happiness and satisfaction of the youngster. —E. E. Gildner went to Ottumwa Monday to attend the Iowa State Retail Merchant association, which convenes this week in that place. The association is made up of grocers, dry goods, clothing men, hardware merchants, furniture dealers and representatives of every line of goods sold, and meet together at stated times to discuss the best policy to pursue in common. The main feature of the association is a small fee each year, which is used for legislative purposes, etc. The law provides that a merchant has the right to garnish the wages of a single man, but not that of a married man, which they wish to alter slightly, or to such an extent that a certain per cent of any man's wages may be secured to apply on a debt to the retailer. The association provides insurance for their members on their stock of goods, up to and including \$2,000. —When a stock car, standing in the yards of a railway company on a perfectly level tract of land, is started by the wind, and blown nearly a mile at the rate of twenty miles an hour, the mind of man discredits such a statement, but such was the case on last Thursday morning, when a Palace stock car, left near the coal sheds west of the Illinois Central passenger depot, suddenly made a get away and started down the track at a twenty-mile an hour clip, and crashed through a locked switch, demolishing that innocent offender, and racing through another switch near the bridge and out onto the right-of-way eastward bound, and after it City Passenger and Ticket Agent Pierce, who declared that he was within a hundred feet of it at one time. However, the genial passenger representative of the company, owning this wayward car, was reminded that springing was not an endowment given him, sufficient for a mile run, and concluded that the car would finally-somewhere and somehow-stop of its own accord, and perhaps before meeting another train. Fortunately, the miniature cyclone, driving the lone car lessened its fury and allowed the already tired piece of rolling stock to rest on the crossing at Love's Grove, east of town, and there again it caused considerable annoyance and anger with the farmers driving to town, who were unable to move the run-a-way an inch, and impatiently waited, until a freight engine from the west, dispatched from the station, recaptured the thing and brought it back to its moorings hurriedly. Nature has a peculiar way of living up things a bit at times, and when a common old stock car is quickened with sprightliness and animation, doing the uncommon and extraordinary, causing wonderment and worry, it is nearly the limit, but this time it went but a short distance beyond the car barns—not quite to the limits.

—S. K. Meyers was in Cedar Rapids Thursday. —Mrs. J. J. Lindsey was in Greeley last week. —Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCormick are in Chicago. —J. S. Jones was in Des Moines last week on business. —R. B. Griffin of Williston, North Dakota, is in the city. —M. I. B. Richmond was in Saint Joseph, Michigan, last week. —Wm. Smith went to Galena, Illinois, Monday for a several weeks visit. —Miss Myrtle Irish of Hopkinton was visiting Mrs. H. T. Smith last week. —Miss Winifred Stevens of Independence as official court reporter, in Mrs. Corliss place, last week. —Mrs. W. N. Boynton went to Chicago Monday to visit at the home of her son, Dr. W. E. Boynton, for several weeks. —Miss Florence Limback of Dyersville was a guest of Miss Mary Link last week returning to her home Friday afternoon. —W. F. Hutchinson left Friday for his new home at Champaign, Illinois, near which place is the Illinois state fish hatchery, superintended by Mr. Hutchinson. He states that both he and Mrs. Hutchinson are pleased with their present home. —Mrs. Calvin Yoran went to Chicago Thursday for a visit at the home of her son, C. J. Yoran, who lives at 5509 Greenwood avenue. Mr. Yoran will go to Chicago this week to meet Mrs. Yoran, expecting to return the latter part of the week. —Mrs. A. A. Denton, Miss Margaret and Mester Charles went to Clear Lake Thursday, where they will spend the summer, having rented a cottage on the lake. Mr. Denton will spend a few days with his family at Clear Lake during the summer. —Miss Idell Miles and Mrs. C. J. Seeds attended the May festival of music at Mt. Vernon last week, given by Thomas orchestra of Chicago under the auspices of Cornell college. While in Mt. Vernon, Miss Miles was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Martin Rigby. —A special Swift refrigerator car leaves this city every Tuesday and Friday for Philadelphia, containing butter and eggs from this city for the east. This car is additional from the regular daily shipment of dairy products from the Dairy City Creamery company for Baltimore and Macon, Georgia. —Manager C. A. Peterson was superintending the laying of a cable of telephone wires to the west side of the city last week, the cable extending to the central office south on Franklin street to the bridge, where it crosses and is carried underground to First street and from there is made to branch into the various circuits. —Dinner will be served Wednesday (today) in the Congregational church for those attending the Sunday School convention, which is in session this week in the church named. Everyone is invited to attend this dinner, as the invitation is general and not meant to include only the delegates, but the people in the community. —Harry Burbridge, who graduated from Leland Stanford, Junior, university in California last week, expects to attend summer school at Berkeley, where is located the University of California. Mr. Burbridge has been teaching a branch of engineering at San Jose during the winter, and was a member of the class, with George McEwen, which were graduated from the western university a few days ago. —It happened last week that four gentlemen of this county were assembled together in conversation in front of Anders & Phillip's pharmacy, and a matter which seemed singular, in this connection, might be mentioned. The total ages of these four men made 300 years. Judge A. S. Blair, one of the quartette, is 77 years of age, James Robinson, 64, John Michaels, 74, and R. G. Hitchcock, 85, totaling an age, at which men in prehistoric days lived to be, as some believe. All of the men mentioned are in apparently good health and as interested in living as they were forty years ago. —Rear Admiral Evans says: I am even more pleased with the personnel of the navy at this moment than I am with the ships themselves, if that be possible. The betterment has been amazing in the last five years in the personnel of the enlisted men. Because of the better class of men that are being recruited and because of the better treatment they are receiving we now have a personnel that commands my highest respect. The men of recent years have been largely recruited from the middle west. It would not perhaps, be supposed that lads from the farms would make good sailors. They do, however. —A courtesy much appreciated by the patrons of the Manchester Heat, Light & Power company was extended last Thursday by the General Manager, Joseph Hutchinson, who authorized the engineer and electrician to furnish power during the morning, at which time the storm clouds darkened the city to such an extent that the shops were almost totally without light. At this time, it was demonstrated what an accomodation it would be if both electric light companies decided to furnish day power, and, if necessary, install meters generally, not only in residences, but in stores and offices, as well. It is said that on account of a large number of patrons remaining on a flat rate basis, the management of the two plants cannot consistently consent to give day service and realize a reasonable profit, but that were the storekeepers and tenants of downtown offices to use the meter, the limit, but this time it went but a short distance beyond the car barns—not quite to the limits.

—J. A. Strickland was in Winthrop the first of the week. —Mr. and Mrs. George Newman and children spent Sunday at the F. H. Parkhurst home in Masonville. —Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Doty returned home Saturday from an extended trip through the eastern States. —Mrs. W. H. Searles of Denver was a guest at the home of John Clemons at Cedar Rapids the first of the week. —Miss Blanche Otis arrived in the city Saturday afternoon from Hammond, Louisiana, where she spent the winter. —Miss Mudge Hurd of Fayette was a guest of Miss Lillian Fleming the first of the week. Miss Hurd is a graduate from the musical department of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. —A windmill on the Gillan property south of town was blown over by the wind storm which visited this city Thursday morning. The steel tower had been but recently erected, and after its encounter with the wind was an entire loss. —Harry P. Toogood went to Minneapolis Friday for a several weeks visit with Glen Dixon, who, with his father, are managers of the Hotel Majestic. Mr. Toogood will go to Chicago from there, and later leaves for his chautauqua work in the south. —Miss Jessie Stearns of Rutland, Vermont, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McIntoch on Main street. Miss Stearns expects to complete her journey next week to Nebraska, which is her destination, but for a few days was visiting with relatives in this city. —The Illinois Central pay car passed through the city Thursday afternoon on No. 3, during the time of a very heavy shower. However, the expectation of receiving the month's salary check did not for a moment cause hesitation on the part of the section men, clerks, agents and foremen. —M. S. Van Deusen received a post card Monday from a relative living at Richmond, Indiana, on which was a photograph of an old residence, which was owned at one time by Levi Coffin, who conducted the famous underground railway for fugitive slaves previous to and during the Civil war. The house mentioned was one of the union stations for the railroad. —A practical joker had Marshal T. T. Oliver guessing for a minute the other morning. The gentleman alighted from Train No. 5 at the passenger depot and approached our Marshal, asking him if he had seen Mrs. Gunness that morning. The officer, pleased to oblige, and didn't tumble to what the fellow was driving at until the questioner had again boarded the train and smiled very sweetly at Mr. Oliver as the train pulled out. —Clarence Strain, who lives with his mother north of Masonville, met with a very serious and most unfortunate accident Sunday afternoon. With a companion, he was target shooting with a rifle from a shed. He left the building to examine the target, and in returning, came in range of his companion's rifle, which was fired as he passed a window. The ball entered his forehead, but cannot be located. His chances for recovery are very small. —Announcement is made by the Independence Bulletin-Journal of the candidacy of E. H. Hoyt of Lamont for nomination at the republican primaries as senator in the general assembly from the thirty-third district, composed of the counties of Buchanan and Delaware. The place has been most ably and acceptably filled by Hon. G. W. Dunham of Manchester, who is not a candidate for re-election. Mr. Hoyt is president of the Lamont Savings Bank. He will have no opposition for the nomination in the primaries, and not much more than that at the general election, for the district is strongly republican, and the name of Mr. Hoyt appears to meet with the most hearty approval so far as the newspapers of the district are able to speak for the people. In these days of factional fighting it is a fine thing to witness the name of a worthy candidate being warmly welcomed by newspapers that have been more or less at war with one another in the strife that has so unseemingly divided and dissipated the strength of the republican party. —Waterloo Reporter. —The latest swindle, and a very clever one at that, has been reported recently in Kosciusko county. Owing to the fact that it may be worked in Linn county next, it will be just as well for the farmers to keep the matter in mind, and to be prepared for the fellow if he shows up. News of the swindle comes from Algona and is to the effect that a well dressed chap, wearing glasses, recently went through the northern part of that county, stopping at several places and stating that he was authorized to test cows for tuberculosis. He then went on with the test, or mock test perhaps, and told the farmer that ten of his fourteen cows, the pick of the herd, were tubercular and that he should dispose of them. The farmer felt pretty bad over the matter and asked if he should kill them. The fellow said that he need not kill them, but if he got a chance to sell them to some one who would take them out of the state, he might do that and get something out of them. The fellow then went on to test other herds. It was the second day after this incident that an elderly man came along looking for cows that were for sale. He came to this farmer and stated what he wanted, and the farmer was anxious to sell those ten cows and let the stranger have those ten best cows at \$15 or \$16 a head. The buyer took them off and then the farmer and his neighbors began to think that perhaps the young man and the old man were in some way connected with each other.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

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**CLOTHIERS**  
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—W. S. Beels of Hopkinton was in town Saturday. —H. W. Lawrence was in Cedar Rapids Saturday. —Ed Gliesendorf is expected from El Paso, Texas some time this week. —The W. R. C. will meet in the Wolcott building Friday to make wreaths. —W. S. Smarzo of New York City was in town the past few days on business. —Willis Cunningham of Waterloo was here last week for a short visit with friends. —Mrs. John McElroy of Tacoma, Washington, visited with relatives in this city last week. —Miss Sarah Griffin visited at the home of Mrs. R. W. Johnson at Waterloo over Sunday. —Mrs. E. E. Gildner is in Exeter Missouri, where she was called on account of the illness of father. —Ray Cowin of Waterloo one of C. E. Pickett's political managers was in town Saturday afternoon on business. —Sister Leo of Sinsinawa Mound spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Roney. —Mrs. Ellen Johnston went to Cedar Rapids Saturday afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Johnston Rockfort. —F. W. Anders left for his home in Des Moines Saturday morning, after having spent several days in this city. —Ormond Patsy, who has been living for some time with his sister, Roy I. Morse, of Strawberry Point, was in town Friday, and that evening, left for West Liberty, Ohio, for an indefinite period. —Mrs. Perry Belangee of Waterloo, who was a guest at the W. C. Blake home last week, returned to Waterloo Saturday morning. Mrs. G. M. Coykendall of Waterloo is visiting with Mrs. Blake for several days. —Next Saturday is Memorial day and notice is hereby given that the banks of the city will be closed. It is probable that many of the shops will be closed during the afternoon, at which time the address of the day will be given by Captain J. F. Murray to the W. A. Morse Post of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at the Fair Grounds, providing the weather permits; otherwise at City Opera house. —On Saturday afternoon was installed the new postoffice safe for this station, which replaces a safe which served the government in Manchester for many years. The new safe is one of the most modern in appliances, and will accommodate the needs of the office satisfactorily. The iron railing will be placed upon the wooden partitions this week, which will complete the equipment of the building. —There will be a political meeting held in Central Opera house on next Friday evening, at which time the Hon. C. E. Pickett of Waterloo, a candidate for Congress from this congressional district, will speak commencing at 8:30 p. m. The Waterloo band will accompany the speaker, and from 8:00 to 8:30 a concert of overture and patriotic music will be given, by this well known musical organization. —The Rock Island System are advertising a special train to the Democratic National Convention at Denver for Iowa delegates, to leave this state for various points on their line the night of the fourth of July. The train will stop at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at Fairview, the former, the home of the Hon. W. J. Bryan, and the latter, his summer home. Tickets will include Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado, points without additional cost. —The state Game Warden of the state from Dubuque, Harry Barnier, was in the city last week on business, relative to ascertaining whether or not sluice ways are provided for in the dams at the Woolen mills and at the Hog mill. The laws of the state demand that fish be provided with a means to swim from the mill pond into the main river, and in a number of instances it has been found that the dams in the various rivers did not contain such a sluice-way. Peter Milroy of Hopkinton; I. L. Walters, representing Quaker Oats company; B. Hoag and John Adams of Forestville were served with notices from the Warden that proper sluiceways were not provided in their respective dams. The law provides for a fine of \$100 or from 15 to 30 days in the county jail.

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DEALERS IN  
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POSTS, WOOD, ETC.  
GAY STREET, MANCHESTER, IOWA.

—W. S. Bemis of Davenport was in town Monday. —Mrs. Frank Assmus is visiting in Independence. —Rev. A. C. Caul of Vinton was in town the first of the week. —The Rev. H. W. Tuttle of Grinnell was in the city last week. —Mrs. M. H. Williston returned to Chicago Monday, after a three weeks visit with friends in this city. —Mr. and Mrs. Lore Alford of Waterloo were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Carr this week. —Miss Florence Hetherington is expected home this week from Dyersville, where she has been conducting a millinery shop. —Memorial services will be held in the Methodist church at Masonville Saturday afternoon, program to commence promptly at 2 o'clock. —The Manchester Co-operative Creamery Company will make payment to its patrons on the 27th of this month, instead of the 30th, Decoration Day. —Mrs. Christina Young of this city died at her home Friday night, at the age of 70 years. She was born in Ohio July 23, 1838. The funeral was held Monday. —The quarterly statement of the Delaware County State Bank of this city, made to the Auditor of State, appears in this issue. As usual, the showing is an excellent one. —Mrs. Oscar Hockaday returned home last week from Oelwein, where she was called, on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Dr. Francis Elmer, who is much improved. —H. C. Smith advertises the American Window Shade Adjuster this week, which is a most novel and ingenious device. They have one for demonstration on their front door. —Miss Verna Wagner of Eagle Grove will spend the summer in this city with friends. Miss Wagner was a milliner in the Burton Clark dry goods house several seasons ago. —When you see a green and red cardboard, it means that the sale of tickets for the chautauqua is being conducted in the shop which displays the card. It is now time to secure these tickets. —Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Penny of Pipestone, Minnesota, who have been guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. John Sullivan of Dubuque, and Mrs. Thos. Healey of this city, left for their home Monday, after a two weeks visit. —B. W. Grems was elected manager of the Manchester Baseball Association at a public meeting held Friday night in the City building. It is hoped that several hundred dollars may be raised, in order to employ salaried men. —Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt of Lamont and Dr. Mr. H. M. Bradley of this city will attend commencement of Upper Iowa University at Fayette next month. Mr. Hoyt and Dr. Bradley are graduates of that institution. —The Moon Beam, a publication edited by C. E. Dittmer of The Herald, contains this month articles by several members of the United Amateur Press association, of which Mr. Dittmer is a member and a candidate for editorial laureateship. —G. S. Bassett of Decorah, an employe of the government, was in town over Sunday. Mr. Bassett will make Manchester his home in the future, having rented the residence near that of Theodore Hatch on Butler street. His family expect to move to this city in a few days. —Mrs. Betsy O. Brownell died Sunday night at her home on the west side of town. Mrs. Brownell was 88 years of age, and was born in Pennsylvania, October 31, 1820. The remains were taken to Norway, Iowa, Monday night, where the funeral service will be held.

**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 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.

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We have a large and well-selected stock of Ladies' Dress Skirts, Jackets and Cravattes ready for your inspection.  
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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.  
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**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 Shoes on the market today.  
Infants' as low as 50c. Children's 8 1/2 to 11 per pair, \$1.15, \$1.35, 1.50. Misses' 1 1/4 to 2, per pair, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75.  
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