

BRIEF MENTION.

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—Sam S. Evans arrived in town Saturday from Kansas City.

—Mrs. M. Stewart left for Princeton, Minnesota, Saturday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. John South.

—M. F. Leroy returned Thursday from Charles City, where he was interested in the M. N. R. business.

—Geo. and Aaron Masters have purchased an American threshing machine which was delivered to them in this city last Thursday.

—Messdames E. B. Siles and J. H. Allen went to Lake Okoboki last week to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bronson, who are occupying their cottage for the summer.

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—I. L. Walters was in Strawberry Point Thursday.

—J. R. Gurney of Thorpe was in town Thursday.

—Mrs. John Anderson was in Lamont last week visiting with friends.

—J. O. Seevey of Edgewood was in town last week and was a caller at this office.

—Fred Hruby spent a few days in town last week, returning to Dubuque Saturday.

—Mrs. Gilchrist and daughter left last week for Frankfort, South Dakota, for an extended visit.

—Mrs. E. E. Gildner is at home from Exeter, Missouri, after having been away for a month or two.

—W. H. Norris returned to Spirit Lake Saturday, where he will remain for several weeks with his family.

—Mrs. H. M. Bradley and Mrs. E. W. Hruby returned last week from a visit in Clear Lake with Mrs. R. A. Denton.

—Reese Jones of Des Moines, who visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Jones, went to Anamosa Thursday on business.

—Mrs. Mary Phillips and Miss Florence Hollingsworth of Martinsville, Illinois, were guests at the home of William D. McIntosh last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lapey were in Saint Paul last week, accompanying the former's parents to that city, who were en route for the west.

—Mrs. Edith Putnam Mangold was a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Putnam, last week, going to Marshalltown the other day to meet Mr. Mangold who is a chauntauque lecturer.

—Shooting parties, in various portions of the state, are interesting sportsman generally. At Iowa Falls last week, where a shoot was held, A. H. Cleveland, J. J. Eckert, Robt. Riston and F. M. Hamblin were in attendance.

—At the recent meeting of the Knight Templars at Spirit Lake, A. B. Carhart was appointed grand standard bearer of the grand commandery of Knight Templars, an honor justly bestowed, as Mr. Carhart is one of the leading Sir Knights in state Masonry.

—The Honorable Weather Man continues to keep the farmer and near-farmer happy, by supplying an inexhaustible amount of warm and growing weather. Frequent showers add to the corn growing and the stand of small grain is especially good. Iowa seems good for bumper crop of corn and Delaware county is doing all it can to help along.

—Lewis Corning Atwater of Washington D. C. arrives in town tonight for a few weeks visit, and will be entertained at the home of his grandmother Mrs. Cornelia Atwater. Mr. Atwater has been spending some time at the summer resorts of the east, and will spend a short time in Manchester, before returning to Washington, where he is an organist in one of the prominent Congregational churches in that city.

—Mrs. John Jordison received a telegram Friday from Tacoma, Washington, advising her of the death of her brother-in-law, John McElroy, formerly of this county, and who has been in Tacoma for several years, being employed as a motorman on the street railway service. In an accident, occurring Friday, Mr. McElroy was instantly killed, although no definite information, in regard to the matter, was given.

—Mr. John Paul, who lives north of Masonville, left Saturday night for Tacoma, to attend the funeral service. Mr. McElroy was well known in Delaware county and his parents and other relatives have the sympathy of their friends at this time.

—A salesman, selling hand painted china ware, was in town last Thursday, and gave a private exhibition of his stock in the Clarence house. A local jeweler spoke the other evening of the manner in which people buy hand painted china. The design and harmony of color seem to be first considered, rather than the naturalness of the flower, in the right shades. Oftentimes a customer is distinguishable only by his contour, scarcely ever by its coloring. The poppy, a most popular design, is often painted in the most astonishing pinks and yellows, while violets are often green and red. Lillies of the valley may be told by the leaf rather than by the flower itself, which is shaped more like a gooseberry than the spring flower, which it represents. Many so-called critics of china, those who are continually purchasing the line, seem forgetful of the real beauty of naturalness of a design and desire coloring in its place.

—On last Sunday evening, at the First Congregational church, Rev. W. H. Suckow of Grinnell, formerly pastor of the church in this city, preached a most intelligent and scholarly sermon; taking his text from the old testament, in connection with the occurrence when the prophet Jonah was commanded by God to preach to Ninevah, as he expressed it, became disgruntled at certain events transpiring and "sat in the shade," retiring from any further active work. Rev. Suckow discussed in a most interesting and original way the manner in which some Christians may be likened to Jonah, of their contentment in sitting in the shade and refusing the needed support on account of some minor detail undertaken, which is not always in accord with their views. They hide behind certain excuses, and, as stated in the sermon, "a cheap bale of cotton can stop a bullet." The music of the evening was furnished by the choir of the church and several organ numbers, played by Miss Charlotte Atwater, also a duet, "Love Divine," sung by Mrs. Helen Granger-Yoran and Dr. Herman Heykens. The church was crowded to its utmost with representatives of the four churches.

—M. F. Leroy is in Chicago this week.

—Read the advertisements all of them.

—Peter Even of Earlville was in town Friday.

—Geo. H. Klaus was in town City on business the past few days.

—Martin Parker of Waterloo formerly of this city, was in town Saturday.

—Dr. Heykens enjoyed a visit from his father H. Heykins, of Ackley last week.

—Mrs. Floyd Morse and daughter Alice visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morse in Strawberry Point last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Assmus are enjoying a week's visit with relatives and friends in Independence.

—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dunham entertained at their home over Sunday the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Suckow of Grinnell.

—Miss Nell Pikkil of Waterloo, who was visiting with friends in this city last week, returned to her home Saturday afternoon.

—Mrs. J. B. Schwieter and daughter, Miss Alice of Colesburg, are visiting at the home of H. J. Schwieter, arriving in town this morning.

—Reese Jones and his mother, Mrs. Jennie Jones, went to Des Moines today, Mrs. Jones expecting to spend several days at the home of her son.

—The Delaware County State bank calls attention this week to the savings department, which was installed the first of July. Their advertisements may interest you.

—Mrs. Edward H. Hollister returned to her home in Belvidere, Illinois, Saturday, after having spent a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott.

—The W. A. Morse Woman's Relief Corp will serve ice cream and cake Friday evening, July 24th, in the room on Franklin street recently vacated by Mr. J. G. Lewis.

—Enos Hamblin has completed his new residence on Gay Street, near the Hubert Carr property. The house is conveniently arranged and adds much to the appearance of the street.

—Mrs. Irene Sissen and daughter, Miss Dora, whose home is near Buffalo, New York, are guests at the home of V. A. Colard, on their way back to New York from a trip to California.

—In the storm of last week, D. W. Barr had a narrow escape from losing his life while crossing a swollen stream. As it was his two ponies which he was driving were drowned, a loss keenly felt by Mr. Barr.

—The officers and directors of the M. & O. railway are engaged in a tour of inspection this afternoon. The track is in good condition, and with repairs recently made on the combination coach, the system seems to have the matter of traffic well in hand.

—H. J. Schwieter was in Chicago last week, relative to arranging for the shipping of the Illinois Central exhibit of southern farming products, which are to be shown in the state of Illinois next month by special train, in charge of J. F. Merry and Mr. Schwieter.

—The bootleggers in the county were thoroughly frightened last week, when Fred Turner of Manchester and Nick Radcliffe of Lynn county were arrested on the charge of selling liquor contrary to law, being fined \$50 each and costs, after pleading guilty. Justice J. M. Pearce heard the proceedings.

—The Royal Chef, a musical comedy to appear at City Opera house August 15, will appear under the same local management as the Isle of Spice, which was presented in town last winter. The Royal Chef carries forty people and their own special scenery. A more complete story of the musical comedy will appear next week.

—Several interesting games of tennis have been pulled off at the Yoran court the past few days. In the past, when Clarence Torrey, M. Yoran, C. J. Yoran, H. L. Barr, W. H. Scofield, R. Dunham, Alton Dunham, and several more of the old guard fought every season for supremacy, tennis was much in vogue, and it is well that the enthusiasm is again reaching a high pitch. Among the players of this season are C. E. Lynde, M. J. Yoran, H. L. Rann, Geo. A. Newman, E. J. Middleton and others. The court is in excellent condition and the cool evenings are most enjoyably spent in playing this scientific and athletic game.

—The team belonging to the Gillilan dairy, which draws the Dairy City Creamery's old milk wagon about town, took flight Thursday evening, at about 9 o'clock, and made a get-away on Franklin street, near Gay street. They made a dash down Union street to Madison, where they attempted to make another turn. However, the old coach was not limber enough to keep up that sort of thing very long, and decided to lay down, which it did, but with much trouble, breaking all the milk bottles but six, and smashing the front of the wagon and tongue into bits. The horses continued their exercise down Madison street to Main, where they were caught. The driver of the team was delivering milk, and of course, was not in the wagon when the team started. Through the courtesy of Wm. Lemmeron, the supply of cream and milk from the demolished wagon was transferred to Mr. Lemmeron's vehicle and the remainder of the route was made without further delay. W. H. Croakley had a narrow escape from being run down by the frenzied team. Mr. Croakley was driving north on Franklin, and seeing the runaway, turned onto Union, and the team followed him, missing by a few inches.

—D. H. Finch was in Marshalltown last week on business.

—Clarence E. Dittmer is in Chicago and Milwaukee this week.

—S. L. Cary of Jennings, Louisiana, is in town for a few weeks.

—C. S. Lister is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lister.

—Miss Mabel Davis is at home from an extended visit with relatives in Denver, Colorado.

—Mrs. M. F. LeRoy and daughter, Miss Alma, returned Saturday afternoon from a several weeks outing at Spirit Lake.

—Court is in session this week, on account of a few special matters to be disposed of, before the regular term of court in October.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Yoran, Mrs. H. A. Granger, Miss Belle Graham and Rev. Chas. E. Lynde are camping at the Backbone this week.

—Mrs. Sophia O'Brien of Chicago, Mrs. Edw. Johnson of Dell Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Marshalltown, Iowa, attended the funeral of the late L. M. Davis, returning to their respective homes the first of the week.

—Mrs. W. R. Stoddard and daughter, Miss Helen and Miss Mildred, left Saturday for Stewartville, Minnesota, before returning to their home in Saint Paul, after having visited in this city with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Marvin for the past four weeks.

—The Misses Julia and Lillian Pierce arrived in town Monday afternoon from Chicago, and a several months residence in Los Angeles, California. They will spend the summer at the home of Mrs. William McIntosh who is a sister of the Misses Pierce.

—The first attraction for the late summer season will be opened by the "Missouri Girl," written and managed by Fred Raymond, which is most popular with the theatre-going public and a story of American country life with a healthful and invigorating atmosphere.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Appleby of Portland, Oregon, were guests of the former's uncle, H. J. Wilson, last week, leaving Sunday for Monticello, where they visited with Mr. Appleby's mother, Mrs. Eva Appleby, expecting to leave for their home in the west sometime this week.

—On next Sunday evening, at the Baptist church, Rev. R. A. Barnes will preach at the union services his sermon to be on "The Wages of Sin is Death." The Rev. Mr. Barnes intends to discuss certain local matters, which may be closely allied to this text. The union services thus far have been very successful and the people seem satisfied with the arrangements made between the managers of the city.

—J. L. Kelsey has been appointed general manager of the Chicago, Anamosa & Northern Railway, with headquarters at Anamosa. Mr. Kelsey was at one time general traffic manager of the Manchester & Oneida railway, and later traveling car inspector for the Chicago Great Western. His recent appointment is an advancement in position, as well as in salary, and his many friends wish him success in the new work.

—Manchester is playing ball this afternoon at Strawberry Point. Strawberry Point was defeated by Manchester in the local park on the 4th of July, and is desirous of redeeming itself. On Thursday afternoon, Dyer'sville will send their baseball aggregation to this city, and a most interesting game may be expected. The same battery, as played in the Earlville-Manchester game, will contest the event. It will be remembered that Allen allowed but two hits, while Cobb, an ex-Iowa University pitcher, was hit for eleven safeties, including four two baggers and one three-bagger.

—A Delaware County Association of Des Moines was organized on Friday last week, when the people, formerly of Manchester and this county, met at Union Park in Des Moines and made this permanent picnic association. W. A. Roe was elected president, F. W. Anders, vice president, and Frank Paul, secretary. There were thirty-two people present, among which was E. W. Seeley of Grinnell, who was visiting in Des Moines. In Chicago an association of this order was established some years ago, its object being to reunite former acquaintances, at least once a year. Their meetings annually are held in Jackson park, and Des Moines-Delaware county people are happily following this custom, which will mean a certain amount of real pleasure at each meeting.

—The improvements are about complete, which have been made on the residence property of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Lindsay. For several months, contractors and mechanics from Chicago and Dubuque have made the Lindsay home one of the finest in this section of the state, and the decorations and furnishings are beautiful and harmonious. The wall paper for the down stair apartments was made in Europe, and the furniture and other fixtures secured through Marshall Field & Company and other Chicago dealers. The parlor is done in French ivory and rose colors, the library in greens and the dining room is most becoming in deep brown, with an electric hanging table lamp in art glass. The hall is Colonial, in white and red. The bath room is a piece of perfect workmanship, being as nearly antiseptic as modern day plumbing can make it. The floor and walls are of tile and the ceiling covered with a heavy canvas, painted with white enamel. The wall fixtures are of nickel. The electric lamps throughout the house are of the latest pattern. The floors on the first floor are of hard wood parquetry, in artistic designs, while the rugs are rich and elegant in quality and weave. The portiers and window shades harmonize charmingly with the entire color scheme.

—Mrs. Susie Breckon visited with relatives in Oneida Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Todd of Edgewood were in town Friday.

—Mrs. Harriet Duffey and Mrs. Ola Edmunds visited in Marion Sunday.

—Miss Florence Riddell of Strawberry Point was in the city Monday visiting with friends.

—The Misses Blenda and Anna Tgellgren of Rockford, Illinois, are guests at the home of their uncle, Oscar Sallsberg.

—F. E. Chapel visited with his family over Sunday, returning to Earlville the first of the week, where he is engaged in business.

—Rae Dunham leaves in a few days for Lake Petosky, a summer resort in the state of Michigan. The lake is a noted place for hay fever sufferers.

—Misses Julia and Nell Davis, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, returned to Dubuque Monday afternoon, after a short visit with their parents.

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—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cary are at home from a several weeks trip, through Colorado. While in Denver, they attended the national Democratic convention, and on their return, were guests of William J. Bryan at his home near Lincoln, Nebraska.

—Central opera house is undergoing a general redecoration, paper and paint having been administered improving the building somewhat. Additional dressing rooms have also been built, extending about twelve feet along the sides of the front part of the house.

—Joseph Hutchinson, manager of the Electric Light & Power company, requests us, to say that persons finding any of the company's street lights out will confer a favor by promptly notifying him, or some employe of the plant, Phones 197 and 162. It calls bring no response drop a postal card.

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