

TOWN TOPICS.

Two more days till election. W. D. Hoyt returned from Chicago Friday morning. E. M. Carr and A. M. Cloud were in Waterloo Friday. Mrs. Earle Hutson and children went to Waterloo Saturday evening. Harry Dubois of Central City visited with friends in Manchester last week. John Kelly, democratic candidate for State Senator, was in the city Thursday and Friday. Grover Pope of Des Moines, who formerly lived south of town, is visiting with relatives in the county. F. L. Crosier of Dubuque, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central, was in town last Wednesday. Captain and Mrs. J. F. Merry left Friday for a few days visit with relatives at Beloit, Wisconsin, and Roscoe, Illinois. The Misses Lela Manning and Carrie Daning of Walker were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burbridge a part of last week. Peter Boardway has purchased an adjoining 80 acres to his farm seven miles south of town, the land having been owned by Thomas Pope. Seth Severance entertained his mother at his home south of this city the past few days, Mrs. Severance leaving Thursday for Oswego, New York, where she resides. R. M. Merriam and A. L. Tielbeld of Ryan were in the city last week en route for O'Neill, Nebraska, where they will register for land located in Tripp county, South Dakota. John Marshall sold his 200 acre farm northwest of Manchester last week to E. E. Douglas who has rented for several years the F. C. Hall farm. Mr. Douglas takes possession March 1. Mr. Marshall received \$82,500 per acre. Lawrence Hollister took an automobile party to Independence Saturday afternoon in his Winton car. Those enjoying the drive were Mrs. E. B. Siles, Mrs. A. D. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Norris and son Tom and Mrs. A. Hollister. At the state shoot of rifle teams from the various companies of the Iowa National Guard, which was held this week at Des Moines, Company 1 was represented by Capt. H. G. Utz, Lieut. L. G. Lewis, Serg. W. W. Matthews and Private J. A. Meyers. Oscar Smith and D. A. Prensner, who left Monday for Des Moines. The Carnegie library has a box labeled, "Suggestions for new books." Anyone wishing to do so may, through this medium, request the purchase of books. The patrons of the library are requested to bring slips on which are written their choice for works of fiction and the board will be pleased to give the preference due consideration. Miss Vera Collings has been elected as a teacher in the grammar grades of the Winthrop schools. The papers of the county and state have contained the past two weeks accounts of the disruption in the public schools of Winthrop, and as an outgrowth of the misunderstanding and controversy, a new corps of instructors were appointed in the places of those teachers who were obliged to resign. Last Sunday was the first in many years that both meat markets have been closed on that day. Placards announcing this decision on the part of the proprietors, W. D. Work and O. U. Hockaday, were exhibited conspicuously last week, and hereafter refrigerators will necessarily be stocked with meat on week days, rather than on Sunday. The agreement is approved by nearly everyone, and the shop men may enjoy the day and its rest as a fitting reward for their services. Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Beacom and children leave the fore part of the month for Pierre, South Dakota, where they intend to live in the future. Mr. Beacom has been in Pierre for some time, for the purpose of ascertaining the advisability of removing his medicine business to that city, and receiving encouraging support from reliable sources in the South Dakota town, will open offices and conduct the business of the Beacom Medicine Company immediately. Manchester loses another family of worth, but it wishes them success and happiness in their new home. A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Sons of Veterans association in the city, will be held this (Wednesday) evening at the Grand Army of the Republic rooms, Capt. Atter Dunham and Dr. A. J. Collings have secured 108 names of men in Manchester and immediate vicinity whose fathers were enlisted soldiers in the Civil war. A paper was circulated last week by Captain Dunham which was a petition to the commanding officers of the association mentioned to organize a camp in Manchester, and a large number of names were signed by those who will make up the local order. A disastrous fire consumed the Illinois Central round house at Cedar Rapids Thursday night, making wrecks of two locomotives: freight No. 60, and a switch engine. A Rock Island engineer succeeded in pulling out the equipment making up the Cedar Rapids train which comes to Manchester each day, although the passenger coach was quite badly scorched and the paint blistered. A night watchman drove this train's engine, No. 1130, from the building in time to save it from the fate of No. 60, which it will be remembered, was in a small accident at Manchester a few weeks ago, when it ran through an open switch at Second street crossing. Trainmen believe and have believed for some time that No. 60 is a "ho-doo," as it has been in several smash-ups and meeting hard luck frequently. Its final destruction unless the iron work and mechanism is repaired, makes the engine a total loss, the heat warping and drawing the metal parts and making ash of the wood work about the cab. W. H. Croaskey was in Earlville Wednesday. Mrs. A. Hollister was in Dubuque Wednesday. Mrs. A. D. Brown was in Dubuque Thursday. J. W. Brazelton of Ryan was in the city Wednesday. Mrs. A. M. Cloud was in Dubuque Thursday and Friday. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Griffin of Masonville were in town Wednesday. Colonel W. B. Jewell of Omaha was in the city a part of last week. Mrs. M. 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We take this means of informing you of the Big Corn Contest we are holding at our store.
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1st--A \$15 00 Suit, Overcoat or Fur Coat for the best 12 ears of corn.
2d--A \$10 00 Suit or Overcoat for the second best 12 ears of corn.
3d--A \$4.00 pair of Men's Shoes for the-third best 12 ears of corn.
The corn must be grown in Delaware, Clayton or Buchanan county, and must be entered by the person who raises it. All corn must be left at Gildner Bros. Clothing and Shoe store, any time between now, and about the middle of December, 1908, when competent judges will be appointed to decide the winner.
Bring in your corn, it costs nothing to enter.
GILDNER BROS. CLOTHIERS & STORES

Mrs. P. E. Friem was in Dubuque Wednesday. L. L. Hoyt was in Cedar Rapids Wednesday. Mrs. B. W. Pierson was in Dubuque Thursday. Miss Margaret Lindsey was in Earlville last week. A. A. Belknap of Strawberry Point was in own Friday. Mrs. William Donnelly of Ryan, was in the city Wednesday. Mrs. J. W. Benda visited with relatives in Delaware Thursday. A. M. Sherman, O. A. Dunham and W. E. Storey left for Quasqueton this morning to enjoy several days of fishing. John Kelly has purchased the interest of his partner, Erwin McCloud, in their Backbone farm, paying therefor \$10,000.00. Read C. L. Adams advertisement concerning chrysanthemums, which are now for sale. Byron Bronson of Muskogee, Oklahoma, was in the city, as a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bronson, part of last week. Burton Clark has a change of advertisement this week, calling attention to a complete line of coats, cloak and the latest creations in dress goods. C. L. Ewing, general superintendent of the Illinois Central, passed through Manchester Thursday afternoon on Business Car No. 5 which was attached to Train No. 2. Miss Idell Miles went to Cedar Rapids today to attend a meeting of the state library association, being accompanied by Miss S. A. Woods, librarian. Miss Miles will also visit at Mount Vernon with Miss Grace Wolfe. Word was received by his family yesterday that F. N. Beacom had traded his lot in Sioux City for a 24 horse power auto. He went word that he was headed this way and expected to be home in time to vote. W. H. Ward of Ryan, who owns the store building occupied by the J. H. Allen clothing house, has let the contract for laying a 12-foot cement walk on the north side of the property, to C. H. Parker, the entire length being 160 feet. The wooden platform and steps are to be removed and a concrete platform, 6 x 12, will be built in its place, the walk to be the same width from the frontage to the rear. The city, which owns several lots immediately west of the Hetherington implement house, will construct a crossing at the alley, besides in front of their property. Mr. Hetherington will lay a walk, as will W. H. Norris, who owns one lot in this block, the entire extent of the walk reaching to the Novelty stables. The Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning, the Rev. T. E. Fleming, D. D., district superintendent, delivered a scholarly sermon, the subject bearing upon the relation of man to God, and the meaning of the Trinity. His preaching is at all times helpful, and his able presentation of the gospel is heard with genuine interest by his audiences. On account of district work, Dr. Fleming will not be able to occupy the pulpit of the local church for six months. At the evening service, the Rev. R. A. Barnes, minister, addressed his congregation on the subject of constant attendance to divine worship. Dr. Barnes was returned to this charge at the recent conference, and his work here, no doubt, will result in good, with the help of the parish. Gildner Brothers have begun their "corn test," which will continue for several weeks. Their advertisement in this week's issue of The Democrat is of special interest to the agriculturist, who believes that his corn production this year has been somewhat better than that of his neighbor. A competent judge will be secured by this clothing firm, who will pass upon the exhibits brought in and make a decision at the close of the contest. Gildner Brothers conducted a similar corn campaign at Nora Springs a year ago, and not only did their store enjoy a satisfactory business, but a fair sense of rivalry existed among the farmers, who were greatly interested in ascertaining an accurate test of their corn. Efforts are being made to secure Professor P. C. Holden of Iowa State college, but no definite statement can be made as to his coming.

By the Name of "X." In France, where great care is taken that men shall have no other name than that to which they are lawfully entitled, and where every citizen's name, profession, social condition and history are carefully recorded and his goings and comings are officially kept track of, some very curious incidents take place. On one occasion a young man was arrested in Constantine, Algeria, on charge of stealing money belonging to his employer. When it was sought to make a record of his name, it was found that he had no lawful name at all. He had been "inscribed" at Bordeaux at the date of his birth, but his father and mother were not known, and the name of Lafonde, under which he had been inscribed without authority, had since been forbidden by a court of justice to bear because it was not rightfully his. After having been forbidden the name of Lafonde he took that of Brynton and was refused permission to bear that. Nevertheless he managed to exist in some way without any name at all, but when, having been accused of taking some money that had disappeared, the law was obliged to take cognizance of him in some way he was entered on the lists of the court as one "X." And it was "X" that he was sent to prison.—New York Tribune. An Inspired Sculptress. As a mere girl Miss Vinno Ream, the sculptress, visited Rome, her soul filled with enthusiasm for music and art. On one occasion she was taken to one of Liszt's concerts and was fortunate enough to obtain a seat near enough to have touched him with her hand. As the great master played she listened rapturously to the wonderful music, enthralled and forgotful of everything save the glorious sounds produced by his inspired touch. At a pause Liszt turned and looked at her, and quietly, without a word, he leaned and overlaid one hand over hers and gently pressed it in silent recognition of the appreciation which glowed in her large black eyes and filled her whole being. At the close of the concert he turned to her and said, "My child, we need no introduction." At her earnest request that he would sit for her he readily consented, and she modeled the bust from life, putting in the work the true artist's inspiration and power, which alone can give to the touch of strength and life.—Baltimore Sun.

Progress Reported. "Did you have any luck fishing?" "Yes." "How many did you catch?" "I didn't catch any. But I thought up some mighty good stories to tell the folks at home."—Washington Star. Poker and Bridge. Klucker—If was sitting up with a very sick friend last night I tell you, Mrs. Klucker—Yes, I sat up with his sick wife all this afternoon.—Harper's Bazar. Rebuttal Testimony. The Guest—Isn't your little boy rather nervous, Mrs. Blinn? Mrs. Blinn—No; I think not. Little Boy—Yes, I am, but when people who come here stay too long it makes me wriggle around and kick my chair. Badly Expressed. In Grant-Duff's "Notes From a Diary" it is told that when Landseer, the great animal painter, was presented to the king of Portugal his majesty said: "Ah, I am so glad to see you! I always like beasts!" Study Material Subjects. In the Slavonic section of the New York public library there are 8,827 volumes, and a very large proportion of the Russian readers select books on social and governmental subjects.

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