

TOWN TOPICS.

Mrs. A. M. Cloud visited with relatives at Earlville last week.
Rev. Henry W. Tuttle of Grinnell was in the city Friday on business.
Mrs. L. E. Tyler, Mrs. Frank Stuck and Miss Viola Stinson were in Dubuque Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Meservey were in the city last week, visiting with friends.
Mrs. John Mertz and daughter, Iola, were guests of friends at Earlville a part of last week.
Jay Smith and family are moving to Des Moines this week, to make the Capital city their home.
Miss Constance Smith of Waterloo was a guest of Miss Grace Reibach Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Law of Cleveland, Ohio, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sabin in this city.
Mrs. H. F. Arnold left Thursday for Beloit, Wisconsin, where she will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. Stevens, for several days.
George Hooker left last Wednesday for Wisconsin, where he will spend several weeks at the home of his niece, Mrs. Alfred Boe.
Mrs. William Barr and daughter, Aetna, left Thursday for Atlanta, Georgia, where they will spend a greater part of the winter.
I. B. Clark is at home from Pukask, New York, where he enjoyed a visit with his brother, Charles Clark, whom he had not seen for twenty-four years.
The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church on east Main street, there will be a sale of all kinds of fancy work. Bring scissors and thimble.
Miss Vina Perkins of Minneapolis was a guest of Miss Jessie Tyler last week, having visited at Chicago for some time and returning to her home in Minneapolis by way of Manchester. Miss Perkins is a trained nurse.
Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Blair arrived home Thursday evening from Rochester, Minnesota, where Mrs. Blair has received medical attention at the well known hospital, and is now much improved, which will give good news to her many friends in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kortright have moved to Wadena, Minnesota, from Coggon, where they have been living since their departure from Manchester a year ago. Mr. Kortright intends to do an auctioneering business at Wadena. His son, Roy, is also located at that place.
Capt. H. G. Ulley is at Independence, today attending an officers' school of instruction, which is in charge of Colonel H. A. Allan. There will be about twenty-five company officers of the Iowa National Guard present, and side arm drills, military tactics and innumerable subjects for discussion and study will be taken up.
Mrs. Margaret Smith and daughter, Miss Ada, went to Rochester, Minnesota, Monday, where an operation for appendicitis will be performed upon Miss Ada, who has been ill for several days. C. J. Fordway will go to Rochester this week and accompany Mrs. Smith and daughter on their return to Manchester.
Mrs. A. A. Palmer and daughters, Edith and Ruth, leave next week for South Dakota, where they will join Mr. Palmer, who has located in the western part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and family have resided in Manchester for several years and prior to that time, lived at Spring Branch. Their departure from this city is a source of regret to their friends.
Reports from the western part of the state, which were received last week over the Western Union telegraph wires, indicated that the furries of snow which visited Manchester and this section, were more general around Fort Dodge, Le Mars and other western towns. The trains arriving in town Saturday morning from the west and Cedar Rapids were covered with snow; the freight cars, which are more exposed to the weather, holding several inches of winter's mantle.
For the first time this fall, the river was completely frozen across, from bank to bank, Friday morning with a thin coating of ice. The news of this incident prompted the small boy's heart to suddenly rejoice, and to immediately ask his mother questions, whether or no the river would be safe by Thanksgiving day. Straightway, he began pelting the smooth and icy covering of the water with small pebbles, and finally with rocks, which, of course, crashed through the eighth of an inch coating, indicating that the river wasn't safe. However, if this cold weather continues, the youngsters may enjoy ice skating to their heart's content in a couple of weeks.
H. J. Wilson, who recently moved to Portland, Oregon, where he is managing the Hotel Brellin, left Monday for that city after a several weeks visit in Manchester. Mr. Wilson is associated with Messrs. Lang & Potter, a firm which conducts an agency for ladies' ready-to-wear fabrics and garments. Mr. Wilson will attend the office work of the company, while the other two members of the firm will travel throughout the Pacific coast country, representing the City of Portland, and is entirely satisfied with his home business, the house containing 75 rooms, all of which are completely furnished and having modern conveniences. Running the hotel on the European plan, Mr. Wilson will have an opportunity to devote a part of his time to this business spoken of, as his son, Clyde Wilson, will assist him in the management of the hotel.

Judge A. S. Blair was at Waterloo today.
Mrs. A. D. Brown was in Dubuque Thursday.
J. W. Brazelton of Ryan was in the city last week on business.
The Manchester short course will be held February 15 to 20, inclusive.
James Harlan, president of Cornell college, was in the city last Tuesday.
Mrs. Chas. Cruise of Earlville was a guest of Capt. J. F. Merry Saturday.
Charles Grant was at Cedar Rapids Sunday, spending the day with his mother and sister.
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown, Miss Mildred and Master Clarence, were in Dubuque Saturday.
John Fisher has returned home from California, where he has been residing for several months.
Mrs. Roy I. Morse of Strawberry Point visited with friends in the city Friday, and also in Independence.
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Grema were in Cedar Rapids last week, as guests at the home of Mrs. Mildred Johnston Rothford.
J. F. McEwen was visiting at Grinnell last week with his mother, Mrs. Adeline McEwen, who intends to remain in Grinnell during the winter.
The delinquent tax list is smaller this year than it was twelve months ago, only sixty descriptions being made against property owners in the county.
Hon. J. W. Miles was visiting at Miles, Iowa, last week returning some Wednesday. He was accompanied by a brother, H. A. Miles, of that city.
R. W. Bell, assistant superintendent of machinery, of the Illinois Central railroad, passed through Manchester on Train No. 5, Saturday morning on a tour of inspection.
Messrs. J. A. Strickland, G. W. Miller, and J. G. Sabin left this morning for Lewistown, Montana, to inspect a large tract of land lying adjacent to the Milwaukee coast extension line.
Miss Blanche Clark returned home last week from Aurora, where she was entertained at the Westcott home. She was accompanied to Manchester by Miss Mabel Westcott, who is now a guest of Miss Clark.
The Young Ladies society of the Congregational church will serve supper in the parlors below, this week Friday, November 20th. There will be an apron sale in connection with the supper. Do not forget the date.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gildner are now occupying the O. C. Clark cottage on Brewer street, near Union. The Mather residence, which has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gildner for several months, has been rented by Victor Collard.
J. A. Strickland returned home last week from an extended trip through Montana, representing the Milwaukee railway, as immigration agent. Mr. Strickland has not as yet secured offices in town, and for the present will continue to occupy a room in the City Hall building.
Frank Slack is expecting to harvest about three thousand tons of ice in this winter, but before the work begins, the ice houses must be repaired, as the strain upon the girders and frame work of the wooden buildings has been quite severe during the past year, on account of the immense weight inside, and the settling and bulging of the ice cakes. A force of fifteen men is used in the work of cutting and hauling the ice, besides two teams.
Our neighboring town of Delhi, according to a dispatch contained in last Tuesday's issue of the Cedar Rapids Republican, is to have an electric light plant; the machinery to be installed by a Chicago firm. The citizens of the town have subscribed eight thousand dollars toward the project, and a twenty-foot dam is to be constructed across the Magdalen river, which will be used in connection with furnishing the power. F. E. Stinson, cashier of the Delhi Savings bank, has been elected trustee of the newly organized company, and not only is the village to be lighted by electricity, but machine shops and small factories may be accommodated with the available force.
It will be remembered that The Democrat printed a week or two ago an account of the sudden illness of William McDuff, the veteran mail clerk on the Cedar Rapids branch of the Illinois Central. Mr. McDuff died last Tuesday, November 10, at his home in Cedar Rapids. He was sixty-seven years of age, and was born in Scotland. He came to the United States when a young man, served throughout the Civil war, eighteen years ago, he received from the government a civil service appointment and four years later assumed charge of the mail car on the Cedar Rapids branch. "Mac" was well known along the line, having many friends in this city. Frank Heddon of Cedar Rapids has been temporarily appointed in his place as mail clerk.
Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry entertained A. H. Hanson of Chicago, passenger traffic manager, and H. J. Phelps of Dubuque, division passenger agent, of the Illinois Central railroad company, at their home Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Phelps were on a tour of inspection of the western lines of the company, and being intimate friends of Captain and Mrs. Merry, were their guests for several hours. Mr. Hanson was for many years general passenger agent of the Central, at which time Captain Merry was assistant general passenger agent with offices in this city and later at Dubuque. Some time ago, Mr. Hanson was made manager of the passenger traffic department, and Captain Merry was then appointed general immigration agent, being relieved of the innumerable details of passenger work. Mr. Phelps had been city passenger agent at Chicago until this change was made effective, at which time he was given the office of division passenger agent with headquarters at Dubuque.

Mrs. A. Hollister was in Dubuque Thursday.
C. A. Peterson was in Dyersville Friday on business.
Mrs. Sarah H. Bradley was at Independence Saturday.
Mrs. A. M. Cloud was in Dubuque Saturday and Sunday.
For information concerning the piano contest, call at this office.
United States Fish Car, No. 3 is in the city, waiting for further orders.
Miss Margaret Meyers visited with friends in Manchester last week, going to Wisconsin Monday.
Mrs. H. G. Pierce, Miss Gertrude and Master Francis, were at Cedar Rapids Saturday.
Hutchinson & Atwater advertise Ken Kutter skates for men, boys and girls.
H. A. Granger was in Chicago last week. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Yorlan were also in the city over Sunday.
We are going to give away two \$425 pianos. Our advertisement in this paper explains how you may get one free.
Henry Prouse of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, arrived in town Monday evening for a few days visit at the home of his mother.
Miss Emma Noble returned to Greeley Saturday, after a three weeks visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. D. Graham.
R. A. Denton brought in an advertisement too late for publication this week. Toward's excellent ornament is the matter contained in the notice.
Miss Gertrude Pierce of New Hampton is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. S. Boyce. Miss summer, and has been in Missouri since she visited in Manchester last for several months, being entertained by a sister.
A. C. Colvin of Des Moines, a representative of The Homestead was in the city Sunday, and was entertained at the home of E. E. Gildner. These gentlemen were classmates at the Des Moines college, and also at the State university.
Saturday morning, "The Top O' The World" passed through Manchester from Dubuque to Cedar Rapids where they presented their musical comedy and extravaganza at Greene's Opera house that evening. The company used two special coaches and two express cars.
Gildner Brothers advertise sweater coats this week, their announcement appearing on this page. This clothing house is daily receiving exhibits of corn from the farmers in the county, and some time next month, experts from Ames will come to Manchester and judge the contest, thirty-five dollars worth of prizes to be given away by Gildner Brothers to those winning places of mention.
Mrs. E. E. Gildner received a dispatch from Exeter, Missouri, advising her of the death of her father, Thomas Elley, who died Saturday, November 14, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Elley and his family formerly lived at Nora Springs and his two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Gildner of this city, and Mrs. Charles Whelan of Oelwein, are well known in Manchester.
Charles E. Bronson was brought to his home in Manchester Tuesday morning from Rochester, Minnesota, where he has been under medical care at the hospital there for some weeks. Through the courtesy of S. C. Stickney, general manager of the Chicago Great Western railway, his private car, No. 101, was used for Mr. Bronson's accommodation, the car being placed at Rochester Monday noon and arrived at Manchester at 3:30 A. M. Tuesday. Mr. Bronson was accompanied by his wife and two sons, Earl Bronson of Spencer, and Henry Bronson of this city and a nurse from the hospital.
We have received a large number of names of young ladies who have been entered by their friends as contestants for the various prizes offered in our piano contest. We feel that there are other young ladies in the town or county, who would like to enter and we would be glad to have anyone send us their names. Coupons for making nominations will be found in another column also rules and instructions concerning the contest. The contestants are well distributed in all parts of the county which will give each young lady an equal show to win the piano. See advertisement. If you desire further information write us or call us up on the phone.
Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry leave today (Wednesday) for Hammond, Louisiana, where Captain Merry is to have a conference with a committee representing a colony of one hundred and fifty Hungarians, who have settled in the country adjacent to Hammond are fast developing the farming and truck lands in that district. The people of the colony wish to have the name of a certain town changed from Albany to Balaton, which, in the Hungarian language, means a resort. Their petition will be filed with the management of the Illinois Central railroad, and an action on the same may be made later. This meeting will take place Saturday of this week, and from Hammond, Captain and Mrs. Merry will go to Natchez, Mississippi, where the Captain is to deliver an address before the Farmers' Institute on Thanksgiving afternoon, his remarks to be based upon the subject of small farms, diversification of farming, and the proper encouragement of worthy immigration. How to exterminate the vermin of farming, and the migration. How to exterminate the boll weevil will also be spoken of by Captain Merry. From Natchez, Captain and Mrs. Merry will go to Vicksburg, where Mrs. Grace Rigby-Cameron, who is well known in Manchester, is sparing the life of her Thanksgiving turkey until Saturday, the 28th of November, and will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Merry on that day. They will arrive at home about the first of the month.
The winter term of the Oelwein Business University begins Nov. 30th. Handsome catalog sent on request. Nov. 18 2 wks.



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SPECIAL NOTICE TO PIANO CONTESTANTS.

Three papers for \$1.50.
To every subscriber you get for the Democrat, new or renewal we will send for one year free, two monthly magazines, Farm Life, published in Chicago and Successful Farming, published in Des Moines, both devoted to farming and household subjects.
The subscription price of the Democrat is \$1.50 a year. Upon the receipt of that amount for a subscriber, new or old, we will send the Democrat once each week for one year and Farm Life and Successful Farming, both, once each month for one year.
For every dollar received on new subscriptions we issue 500 votes. Therefore two new subscriptions to the Democrat entitles the contestant to 1000 votes. Votes for renewal subscriptions or collections made on back subscriptions are issued in like manner at 400 votes for every dollar received.
Start early. You have as good a chance as anyone. Remember you can solicit anywhere. Every town and township is as much your field as anyone. You may win the prize for your township. This is awarded to the young lady having the greatest number of votes residing in the township. It does not matter where the votes come from. Gather up the free vote coupons printed in The Democrat. These are counted on the piano contest but not for the township prize. If you are awarded the piano you cannot receive your township prize also.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

The North Manchester Sunday School wishes to thank the grocery men who donated to their supper. A neat little sum was realized which was enough to buy our winter fuel for which the supper was given. Also Mrs. Mary Logan, who opened her house for us.
Mrs. Ard Chapman of Volga City, who visited her sister at Cherokee, stopped off for a few days visit with Mrs. Evans on her return home.
Mrs. Leslie Atkinson who has been very ill with an attack of appendicitis is again able to be out.
Mr. Henry Waldo is on the sick list. Throat trouble.
Mrs. Vibbard who has been quite sick is convalescing.
Mrs. Hattie J. King, formerly of Manchester, now of Tumwater, Wash., was united in marriage to Chas. W. Hopper of Tumwater on Oct. 15, 1908.
Mrs. King was a daughter of Mrs. Charles Clark of Manchester.
Mrs. Mary Trenchard has returned to Waterloo with her daughter, Mrs. C. Griffin, to spend the winter. Mr. Trenchard is on his way home from Dakota.
Mrs. Julia Evans will spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Neilson in St. Paul.

CITY COUNCIL.

At the monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening, all members were present, except Dorman and Scott. Forty-one bills against the city claimed the attention of the various standing committees in signing the vouchers for payment, which relieved the town of about eighteen hundred dollars. Bills for payment were amounted to over seven hundred dollars, and the labor employed by the city, in grading the street adjacent to the concrete bridge near the H. F. Arnold residence on Butler street took several hundred dollars. Telephone rentals, supplies, coal and freight, together with a bill for two month's electric light street service, swelled the budget considerably this month.
A petition signed by A. Sefstrom, praying for permission to attach to the sewer adjoining his property was granted. The city clerk was authorized to draw warrant to the amount of \$528.75 to pay the interest on the waterworks bond. The supply committee was instructed to purchase city maps, one to be used by the government to continue the numbering of streets, residences and business houses, one for the Postoffice department, and one to be kept by the city. The Philadelphia system of numbering has been approved, and the preliminary work is now completed by the city, leaving the matter in the hands of the government.
N. H. Hyde offered the following motion which was seconded by A. H. Cleveland: That the city attorney be authorized to bring suit against all delinquent tax payers for 1908, who, after having received a statement signed by the Mayor, refuse to pay same after a ten days' notice.

PUBLIC SALE

Having rented my farm, I will sell at public auction on the premises, one and one-half miles southeast of Manchester, on the Spring Branch road, on
Tuesday, Nov. 24.
Sale begins promptly at ten o'clock a. m., the following described property:
5 head of horses: 7 year old bay mare, weight about 1100, good single driver; 14 year old bay mare, weight about 1400; 14 year old black mare, weight about 1400; 2 year old gelding yearling mare colt.
19 head of cattle: 10 cows, some fresh, balance coming in during the month of December; 7 yearling steers two 2 year old heifers.
38 head of hogs: 6 brood sows, all well bred Poland-China stock including 1 thoroughbred registered sow, 10 winter shoats, 20 summer pigs.
Machinery: Buoy Bee cultivator; Hallock weeder; International 6 inch burr grinder, suitable for 3 or 4 H. P. engine; 5 foot Osborne mower; Sterling slide delivery rake; 10 foot dump rake; International manure spreader; Janesville 16 inch sulky plow; 16 inch walking plow; 14 inch breaking plow; 3 section Flexible harrow; harrow cart; J. J. Case 14-16 disk harrow; 3 1/4 inch truck wagon with 3 inch tire; 3 inch Jackson wagon; oscillator bob sled; hay rack; corn sheller; sickle grinder; hand grass seeder; 5 tooth cultivator; 3 swill barrels; a milk can; 4 milk cans; forks; shovels and other articles too numerous to mention.
Hay and Grain: 200 bushels corn, 25 bushels seed barley, about 15 tons hay.
TERMS: On sums of \$10 and under, cash; on sums over \$10, one year's time will be given on good bankable notes bearing eight per cent interest per annum. All property must be settled for before leaving premises.
Free Lunch at Noon.
B. H. Morgan, Auctioneer.
E. E. Richardson, Clerk.
Nov. 18 4 wks.

Preliminary Corn Contest.

A preliminary corn contest will be held at the Court house on Saturday, November 24, which will be under the management of H. E. Robinson. The school children have been organized into corn clubs by Supt. F. D. Joseph, and they are expected to bring to the Court house on or before Saturday their exhibits, which will be judged, and the best ears sent to the National Corn show, which is to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, December 14 to 19, inclusive.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clerk James Bishop issued the following marriage licenses during the week commencing Wednesday, November 11: Lou Bacon and Fred Wendt; Wm. H. Laxson and Margaret V. Strane; Wayne Belknap and Maude Hoag.
Henry Waldo was confined to his home for the past ten days from a severe attack of grippe.
Ambitious young men and ladies should learn telegraphy; for, since the new 8-hour law became effective there is a shortage of many thousand \$50 to \$70 a month to beginners. The National Telegraph Institute of Dayton, Ohio, and five other cities is operated under supervision of R. R. officials and all students are placed when qualified. Write them for particulars.
Nov. 18 4 wks.

Sweater Coats.

We have a large assortment of Men's and Boys' Sweater Coats, in all shades, with or without trimmings. Grays, blacks, blues, reds, browns and white.
Men's---\$1.00, \$2.50 and up.
Boys'---\$.75, \$1.00 and up.
Don't Forget the Corn Contest--6 Prizes.

- 1st--A \$15 Suit or Overcoat for best 12 ears of corn.
- 2d--A \$10 Suit or Overcoat for 2d best 12 ears of corn.
- 3d--A \$4 pair of Men's Shoes for 3d best 12 ears of corn.
- 4th--A \$3 pair of fine Driving Mittens for 4th best 12 ears.
- 5th--A \$2 Hat or Cap for 5th best 12 ears corn.
- 6th--A \$1 pair of Mittens for 6th best 12 ears corn.

All corn will be on display at our store. Competent judges will decide the winner.

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in Coon, Wombat, Siberian, Bear, Calf and Elk, ranging in price from \$15.00 to \$50.00. We invite you to give us a call and examine the above lines.

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