

TOWN TOPICS.

Mrs. A. J. Pease visited at Strawberry Point last week.
—J. C. Magee of Fayette was in town last week on business.
—Mrs. A. D. Brown and Mrs. J. W. Lewis were at Dubuque Thursday.
—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams were at Dubuque Wednesday of last week.
—A number from this city attended a sale held at Strawberry Point Saturday.
—Mrs. Susie Breckon and daughter visited with relatives at Earlville Saturday and Sunday.
—Mrs. Roy I. Morse of Strawberry Point visited in the city last week, returning to her home Saturday morning.
—Miss Jennie Holmes went to Waukon last week to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Percy Langridge.
—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, A. L. Sheppard and Miss Mabel Curry of Hopkinton were in the city last Wednesday.
—Mrs. W. C. Cawley arrived home a few days ago from an extended visit in Indiana, Chicago and other points in Illinois.
—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Everetts and Miss Amy Dudley, were at Waterloo Friday to attend the Iowa Dairy Association convention.
—Mrs. T. J. Jacobs left Thursday for Duluth, Minnesota, where she will be a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul J. Gilbert, for several weeks.
—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Keagy will attend a family reunion to be held at the home of H. R. Keagy at Independence on Thanksgiving day.
—Mrs. Ella Morse Rosing leaves this week for El Paso, Texas, where she and Mr. Rosing are to be associated in settlement work in that city.
—Miss Laura Hyde went to Grinnell Friday, and from there to Scranton for a short visit. Miss Hyde will return home the latter part of the week.
—Herb G. Swan of Independence was a guest at the home of H. C. Smith last Friday. Mr. Swan is associated with one of the furniture houses in Independence.
—A new bridge to span the Maquoketa river southeast of Hopkinton is soon to be built. The supervisors of Delaware and Jones counties now have the matter under consideration.
—Mrs. A. A. Palmer and daughters, Edith and Ruth, leave this week for Alma, Michigan where they will make their future home, Mr. Palmer being employed in a large creamery at that place.
—J. F. McEwen is at home from Grinnell and Fulton, Missouri, arriving in the city Thursday. Mr. McEwen accompanied his mother to Fulton, where she intends to spend the winter with a sister.
—Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Dittmer and daughter have gone to Chicago, where the doctor will take a course in surgery at the Northwestern Medical college. They have rented apartments at 225 Warren avenue, and will be in Chicago for several weeks.
—The store windows are taking on a holiday aspect. The merchants are getting out their Christmas goods and the wise buyer is making his selection before the rush begins. Do you realize that there are but twenty-five shopping days before Christmas. Get busy.
—At a meeting of the Delaware County Farmers' & Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance company held last week, A. D. Long was appointed president of the company, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. S. Coon. Geo. S. Lister was appointed secretary.
—M. I. B. Richmond purchased from J. M. Biddow thirty-two shoats last Wednesday, the shipment leaving that afternoon for Chicago. The animals weighed sixty-five hundred and sixty pounds; the average weight being 250 pounds. A price of \$5.25 per hundred was paid.
—D. R. Lewis & Bro. advertise the Stouffer brand of hand painted china in this week's issue of The Democrat. Each holiday season this firm carries a complete line of china, cut glass and silver, and the line purchased and now on exhibition at their store is well worth inspecting.
—J. A. Strickland, traveling immigration agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, will occupy offices in the Hruby building on the corner of Main and Madison streets. Mr. Strickland has conducted his real estate business in the City Hall block for several years, but his new rooms will be more commodious and convenient.
—Fish Car No. 3, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, left Manly last week for points in Illinois. While in this city, Capt. E. K. Burhan, who is in charge of the car, supervised the removal of several thousand croppies from streams in Wisconsin, to the Fish Hatchery at Spring Branch. Garry Thorpe, Jay Matthews and Charles Hruby of this city are members of the car's crew.
—The basements of the business houses, especially those adjoining the river, have for years been infested with rats, much to the annoyance of the property owners. It is now reported that muskrats have made their appearance. They have undermined and taken up winter quarters under the public boat house formerly owned by Wm. Hahesy, and one was killed the other evening in front of the Stearns & McCormick store. What next?
—Supt. J. R. Inma has organized the kindergarten, intermediate and High school teachers of the Manchester-public schools into reading clubs. Each division meets once a fortnight and discusses various topics in connection with its respective work. Mr. Murray's Primary methods is a text book used by the teachers comprising the former society, and at each meeting, Prof. Inman attends and offers suggestions and listens to the ideas advanced by the instructors.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham were in town last week.
—A. E. Peterson was in Dubuque Friday.
—Miss Margaret Ward of Ryan was in town the first of the week.
—George Shumons and C. H. Reischer are in Chicago this week.
—James Gorman is visiting at the home of his parents at Waterloo.
—C. H. Parker was at Dyersville and Colesburg the first of the week.
—Ray Robinson is at home from Cedar Rapids this week for a vacation.
—A. Hollister was in the city the past few days, returning to Chicago Monday.
—Mrs. J. W. Wise of Waterloo is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Keagy.
—Mr. and Mrs. M. Barr attended the dairy convention which was held at Waterloo last week.
—The meat shops quote a price on turkeys at 18 cents per pound, and chickens at a shilling.
—Cecil Adams will attend the International Live stock show to be held at Chicago the latter part of the week.
—Miss Ethel Dunham has returned from Los Angeles, California, where she visited with friends for several weeks.
—The five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ryan, who lives south of Masonville, died Sunday, November 22, 1908.
—Earnest Durey returned to Chicago Monday after a several months visit with his parents near Manchester. Mr. Durey will remain in Chicago during the winter.
—Mrs. Earle Davis arrived home from Detroit, Michigan, the first of the week, where she was a guest at the home of Mrs. Belknap and of her sister, Miss Madge Pentony.
—W. L. Campbell is erecting fire escapes on the county poor farm near Delhi. This precaution and improvement will meet with the approval of the people of Delaware county.
—O. Thompson of Nashua was in town Monday, and visited Nelson Atwater. Mr. Thompson is attending school at Epworth seminary, and has been actively engaged in state Y. M. C. A. work for several years.
—E. H. Hoyt was in town the first of the week from Lamont, and left Monday night for Des Moines. Senator G. W. Dunham is also at Des Moines this week to attend the adjourned session of the legislature.
—Dr. H. Heykens has gone to Knoxville, where he will practice dentistry. Dr. Heykens has been at Ackley for several weeks, enjoying a vacation at the home of his parents, and this week opened his new office at Knoxville.
—H. Dowden was in the city last week, and left Thursday for Waterloo. Dowden was the popular short stop for the Manchester base ball team the past season, and since the close of the season, has been at Muncie, Indiana.
—Miss Maude Heckert of Red Oak will be a guest at the home of Hon. J. W. Miles this week. Miss Heckert attends a girls' school at Rockford, Illinois, and intends to spend a part of her vacation in this city, from Wednesday until Sunday.
—A challenge has been sent to the Dyersville fire department's hose team by the company from Dubuque. Dyersville has won the state championship three times, although their last victory at Council Bluffs is being contested, on account of an oversight on the judges' part.
—L. A. Reynolds has resigned his position as fireman on the Manchester & Oneida railway, to accept an offer made by the Chicago, Anamosa & Northern railway to take the position as engineer on that road. Mr. Reynolds and family will remove to Anamosa in the near future.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoag are in the city from Kallapel, Montana, and intend to visit here until after the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag have been living at Kallapel and Columbia Falls for the past few years, and during the early part of the fall, Mr. Hoag spent a few weeks on an Indian reservation in western Washington.
—The Young People's society of Christian Endeavor of the First Congregational church will have for a sale of second hand school books, story books, bound magazines, and other literature at the H. H. Lawrence shoe store on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 10 o'clock that morning. Some very good bargains in books may be obtained at low prices.
—The reading rooms of the Carnegie library have been decorated by Carter & Purvis. The walls were done in green, and the ceilings in a cream color. The hall will be frescoed in two shades of brown to harmonize with the burlap wainscoting. This improvement has been needed for several years, and will add materially to the appearance of the building.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strickland go to Chicago Friday for a few days, intending to remain until Sunday. Mr. Strickland has opened his offices in the Hruby building on Main street, and in the future will devote his entire time to the immigration work of the Milwaukee railway. Percy Strickland intends to leave the first of the year to attend school in the west, no choice of colleges having been made as yet.
—Mrs. M. H. Williston, whose home has been in Chicago for the last two years, returned to Manchester the first of the week and will spend the winter in this city. It will be of interest to the many friends of Mrs. E. T. Alford, formerly Miss Elizabeth Williston, to learn that she and Dr. Alford have removed to Waterloo, where the doctor will engage in the practice of medicine and surgery. They have rented a home on the East side and will move their household goods to Waterloo very soon.

—The banks of the city will close on Thanksgiving day.
—Arle Hamblin was in Dubuque Monday on business.
—Gilder Bros. advertise men's heavy underwear this week.
—The Knights of Pythias of the state are in convention at Omaha.
—George W. Miller and J. A. Strickland are at home from Montana.
—Jay Grommon and Claire Lillibridge left Monday for St. Paul on a business trip.
—Miss Jessie Grooms of Fredericksburg is a guest at the home of her brother, B. W. Grooms of this city.
—Mrs. F. A. Morse and children left Monday for McGregor to join Mr. Morse, where they will make their home.
—S. R. Young goes to Chicago today (Wednesday) where he will spend several days with his sister, Miss Belle Young.
—W. H. Kane of Davenport, general manager of the Modern Brotherhood of America, was in the city the first of the week.
—Mrs. E. E. Brewer went to Chicago Sunday, and is being entertained by her uncle, I. B. Miller, who has apartments at the Palmer House.
—R. E. Drennan, assistant in the department of animal husbandry at the Iowa State college, was in the city Thursday on business in connection with the Manchester short course.
—Miss Idell Miles returned to her home in this city Thursday from Paw Paw, Michigan, where she attended the funeral of Mrs. B. F. Heckert, the wife of Miss Miles' uncle, the Hon. B. F. Heckert.

CHINA

We have just received our Fall line of

Stoffer Hand-Painted China.

Exclusive and Original Designs—The Elite of the Art

The stock is limited—only 40 pieces in all.

D. R. Lewis & Bro.

Jewelers.

—The exhibit car of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway was parked near the Manchester & Oneida depot in Manchester Thursday night and Friday, leaving the following morning for points north on the company's lines. The immigration department of the Milwaukee is sponsor for the work conducted by O. J. Tibbetts, who is in charge of the exhibition.
Through the courtesy of Mr. Tibbetts, a representative of The Democrat was shown through the well arranged exhibits, which include fruits and vegetables from the states traversed by the Pacific coast line extension. The glass jars containing strawberries, peaches, cherries and grapes were of more than ordinary size. The grains were a prominent feature of the car, and a representation of an eagle, made from grasses and wheat, mounted on a large shield, about six feet in height, attracted considerable attention among the Manchester people who visited the car during the day. It was made by L. A. Alden of Lewis, Iowa.
Many of the exhibits were collected from the country adjoining the towns Round Up, Musselshell and Lewiston. The coal mines operated for the exclusive use of the Milwaukee railway near Round Up, and which deliver an output of between 600 and 700 tons of coal a day, were advertised by pamphlets, photographs and specimens of the ore. The Montana grasses are very nutritious, and as an evidence of this fact, seven hundred head of steers were recently sold at \$35 each, after being raised on nothing but Buffalo grass. Alfalfa is grown extensively, and an excellent quality of corn is raised in Idaho and western Dakota.
The great natural resources to be found in the Northwest have drawn thousands of middle-west farmers and homeseekers, and the vivid colored pictures, drawn by the railways, whose trunk lines extend far into this land of plenty, have induced many to invest their money in farms and ranches in western Montana and Idaho.
The winter term of the Oelwein Business University begins Nov. 30th. Handsome catalog sent on request. Nov. 18 2 wks.

—The city of Manchester is having special maps prepared for use in marking the town off into districts, and in naming the streets by markers to be shown on each corner, and then numbering the houses and business offices and stores. After this work has been completed, the city will notify the local postoffice authorities, who will advise the department at Washington of the matter. An inspector will be detailed to approve of the preparations made, and will then name an examination day, at which time applicants for postmen will be received and qualified for service. Routes will then be marked out and the people of the town will immediately enjoy free mail delivery.
It will, of course, consume some time in making the necessary preparations, but if the city is fortunate in obtaining these maps by the first of the month, there is a possibility of having the services by the first of the year.

Heavy Winter UNDERWEAR



Here's Winter Comfort Galore.

Our many lines of Men's Winter Union and Two-piece Underwear present an attractive assortment. We have all worthy sorts to be found on the market.
We think our underwear just a little better than you can get elsewhere for the money.

Missing Union Suits.
Best in the world, \$1.50 to \$4.00.
Summit Two Piece Underwear.
No better in the world, 39c to \$3.

Remember the Corn Contest.
\$35.00 in 6 prizes. Bring in best 12 ears you have it costs you nothing and may pay you well. Watch papers for date of judging.

Gilder Bros.
Head-to-Foot Clothiers.

Farm for Rent.
A 200 acre farm for rent on shares. Inquire at this office. 1 wk.

SACRIFICE SALE
A modern cottage, 6 per cent. investment annually. Enquire of this office. Another cottage for rent situated on Union street.

House for Rent.
House and lot in Manchester for rent. J. J. HOAG.

Farm for Rent.
160 acre farm in Coffins Grove township for rent on shares. J. J. Hoag.

FOR SALE.
A second hand sewing machine. 2 wks. D. Chamberlain.

HOUSE FOR RENT.
Situated on Fayette street, Manchester, Iowa. Inquire of Thrill & Pierce.

Notice of Probate of Will.
State of Iowa, Delaware County.—
To All Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that the last will of Chas. E. Brown, deceased, has been filed, opened and read, and Monday, the 16th day of December, A. D. 1908, fixed as the time, and the Court House in Manchester the place for hearing and proving the same.
Witness my hand and seal of said Court in a 2nd day of November, 1908.
JAMES BISHOP, Clerk District Court.

"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 Davenport, Ia. and five other cities is operated under supervision of R. B. officials and all students are placed when qualified. Write them for particulars." Nov. 18-4 wks.



TESSA ELLIOTT.

of Delhi, one of the young ladies entered in the Democrat's popular voting contest.

Candidates in the Democrat's popular voting contest are requested to send us their photos. We would be pleased to publish them.

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 to 500 votes.
The 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.

—The banks of the city will close on Thanksgiving day.
—Arle Hamblin was in Dubuque Monday on business.
—Gilder Bros. advertise men's heavy underwear this week.
—The Knights of Pythias of the state are in convention at Omaha.
—George W. Miller and J. A. Strickland are at home from Montana.
—Jay Grommon and Claire Lillibridge left Monday for St. Paul on a business trip.
—Miss Jessie Grooms of Fredericksburg is a guest at the home of her brother, B. W. Grooms of this city.
—Mrs. F. A. Morse and children left Monday for McGregor to join Mr. Morse, where they will make their home.
—S. R. Young goes to Chicago today (Wednesday) where he will spend several days with his sister, Miss Belle Young.
—W. H. Kane of Davenport, general manager of the Modern Brotherhood of America, was in the city the first of the week.
—Mrs. E. E. Brewer went to Chicago Sunday, and is being entertained by her uncle, I. B. Miller, who has apartments at the Palmer House.
—R. E. Drennan, assistant in the department of animal husbandry at the Iowa State college, was in the city Thursday on business in connection with the Manchester short course.
—Miss Idell Miles returned to her home in this city Thursday from Paw Paw, Michigan, where she attended the funeral of Mrs. B. F. Heckert, the wife of Miss Miles' uncle, the Hon. B. F. Heckert.

—The banks of the city will close on Thanksgiving day.
—Arle Hamblin was in Dubuque Monday on business.
—Gilder Bros. advertise men's heavy underwear this week.
—The Knights of Pythias of the state are in convention at Omaha.
—George W. Miller and J. A. Strickland are at home from Montana.
—Jay Grommon and Claire Lillibridge left Monday for St. Paul on a business trip.
—Miss Jessie Grooms of Fredericksburg is a guest at the home of her brother, B. W. Grooms of this city.
—Mrs. F. A. Morse and children left Monday for McGregor to join Mr. Morse, where they will make their home.
—S. R. Young goes to Chicago today (Wednesday) where he will spend several days with his sister, Miss Belle Young.
—W. H. Kane of Davenport, general manager of the Modern Brotherhood of America, was in the city the first of the week.
—Mrs. E. E. Brewer went to Chicago Sunday, and is being entertained by her uncle, I. B. Miller, who has apartments at the Palmer House.
—R. E. Drennan, assistant in the department of animal husbandry at the Iowa State college, was in the city Thursday on business in connection with the Manchester short course.
—Miss Idell Miles returned to her home in this city Thursday from Paw Paw, Michigan, where she attended the funeral of Mrs. B. F. Heckert, the wife of Miss Miles' uncle, the Hon. B. F. Heckert.

CLOAKS

Hundreds of beautiful garments, each a specimen of perfect finish, representing the very best of this season's styles, and our prices are unquestionably lower than those of former years.

Ladies' Empire Coats



An immense assortment of blacks and colored Kerseys and Broadcloths, in this very popular style, curved short waist effects, full ripple backs, trimmed with braid and satins, garments that are well worth \$18.00 and \$20.00

Special Price
\$12.50, \$16.50

NEWEST
Dress Goods and Silks

An endless exhibit—the greatest bargain offering of the season in desirable Dress Fabrics.
50-inch diagonal Serges, chevron weaves, all wool Panama cloth, Broadcloths, good heavy weights for suits in a full variety of colors. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values.

Special Price \$1.00

20 pieces 45, 50 and 54-in. suitings, in a good assortment of colors, herringbone serges, fancy check, all wool Panamas, fancy stripe serges—a special purchase, enabling us to make a price of 85c per yard, values up to \$1.35 per yard.

B. CLARK

CLOTHING

We are now ready with a complete stock of

Men's, Boy's and Youth's Clothing.

Overcoats and Suits in great variety. correct in style and low in price.

CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON CLOTHING.

Remember we carry in stock a large assortment of

MEN'S FUR COATS

in Coon, Wombat, Siberia, 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.

W. L. Drew

The Hockaday Lumber Company

DEALERS IN

Pine and Hardwood Lumber

POSTS, WOOD, ETC.

GAY STREET, MANCHESTER, IOWA.

A Wise Man

Will build now when lumber is low in price, a point which it may never reach again—in fact it has already advanced but we have not changed our price, having bought a very large stock, the largest in this section of the country, when the price was at the lowest point. No delay, as we have the goods in stock. Come and see us and we will do you good.

COAL, LIME, PLASTER AND CEMENT
at lowest prices.

Manchester Lumber Co.

J. W. RABENAU, Mgr. Phone 150