

TOWN TOPICS.

It is reported that Dyer'sville is to have a National bank.
W. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Nello, were at Dubuque Friday.
Miss Ruth Winkel of Algona was a guest of Miss Nello Armistead last week.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carr left Monday for a several days' visit at Chicago.
James Redmond of Lamont was in the city on Thanksgiving Day as a guest of friends.
It is reported that a number of milk and muskrats are being trapped along the Maquoketa.
E. E. Stolte of Elmore, Minnesota enjoyed a few days visit with James Winkel in this city last week.
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Assmus were entertained at the home of the former's parents at Independence Thursday.
Miss Rose Sullivan of Dubuque, formerly of this city, visited with friends in Manchester Thursday and Friday.
H. G. Millen of Marion was in the city a part of last week, and was entertained at the home of Clarence Pierce.
Charles Lampman of Vinton was in the city a part of last week, visiting at the home of his brother, L. W. Lampman.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnston were at Dubuque Thursday, and enjoyed a day's visit at the home of their son, Alva Johnston.
A colt was killed by lightning on the J. E. Frontress farm northeast of Thorpe, during the storm last Tuesday evening.
Christmas vacation at the state colleges and the Universities at Iowa City begins December 18, and will continue for about two weeks.
Mrs. Albert King of Tipton returned to her home Friday after several weeks visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Dorman.
Arthur Reed, an operator at the Illinois Central depot, was at Edgewood Thursday, being entertained at the home of Dr. N. N. Newman.
Miss Mattie Becker returned from Chicago Friday. Miss Becker is employed in the home offices of the Dairy City Creamery company.
Mrs. G. G. Armistead left Wednesday afternoon for Red Oak, where she is a guest at the home of her brother, J. C. Miller. Mrs. Armistead will be away until the latter part of this week.
J. B. Sawyer is in the city from western Dakota, where he has been looking after his farm property. Mr. Sawyer arrived in Manchester Thursday night, and reported a heavy snow storm that day at Sioux City.
William Totman of Edgewood committed suicide on Sunday night, November 22, using strychnine, to end his life. Death attended near midnight. Mr. Totman was about fifty-eight years of age, and resided with a son, Floyd Totman.
The "Knight For A Day" company was in the city a few hours Friday morning, being enroute from Cedar Rapids to Dubuque. The party occupied a special chair car, and its scenic and personal property were conveyed in a Northwestern baggage car.
J. A. Strickland has moved into his offices in the Hruby building on the corner of Main and Madison streets. Mr. Strickland was recently appointed traveling immigration agent of the Milwaukee railway, and was allowed to make Manchester his headquarters.
On account of the resignation of L. A. Reynolds as fireman on the Manchester & Onondaga railway, Harry Purvis has been promoted to fill this vacancy. Arthur Dubois, formerly employed by the Milwaukee, has been appointed as brakeman, the change being made effective Wednesday morning, November 25.
At the first annual meeting of the Iowa Short Course association, which is to be held at the Savory hotel in Des Moines, Wednesday afternoon, December 9, Hon. G. W. Dunham of this city will speak on the subject of the "Mission of the Short Course and How Best Obtained." A discussion will follow, and among the speakers will be Hon. B. F. Felt, Jr., of Spencer and Fred McCulloch of Hartwick.
F. A. Peet, editor of the Edgewood Journal, has been at Chicago the past few days purchasing machinery and type for his newspaper equipment. The temporary office structure in which the paper is being published will be replaced by a brick building in the spring. The Journal has been printed at Strawberry Point in the offices of the Mail-Press since the recent fire at Edgewood which destroyed the Journal plant.
It will be of interest to the friends in this city of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Alford, formerly of Chicago, out who are now residents of Waterloo, to learn that their son, who is about three years of age, has been quite seriously ill at Chicago and was threatened with diphtheria. Dr. and Mrs. Alford arrived at Waterloo Friday morning, and Mrs. Alford's mother, Mrs. M. H. Williston, reached Manchester Thursday night, and will remain in town for an extended visit.
The basket ball team of the Manchester High school went to Waterloo Thursday and played the West Waterloo High school team that evening. The Manchester team was defeated by a score of 33 to 22. The Manchester boys were outclassed, and superior team work was displayed on the part of the out-of-town club. The game was a "double-header," the Cedar Falls and West Waterloo girls playing intervening halves. Those who accompanied the locals were Prof. J. R. Inman, Earle Newcombe and Lawrence Hollister.

Additional local and personal items.
L. F. Bradke was at Cedar Rapids Sunday.
M. Gibson of Greeley was in town Saturday.
A. E. Anderson of Hopkinton was in town Saturday.
W. S. Beals of Hopkinton was in the city Saturday.
Charles Hamblin of Earlville visited in town Sunday.
Hon. A. S. Blair was at Waterloo Saturday on business.
J. H. Allen was at Waterloo Monday afternoon on business.
Mrs. B. W. Pierson and Miss Angie Pierce were at Dubuque Saturday.
Fred Hruby of Dubuque was in town Saturday evening and Sunday.
Clarence Jones and Burdette Young were at Greeley Thanksgiving day.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pierson Monday, November 30, 1908.
Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry are at home from their trip through the south.
Mrs. E. M. Wolcott visited at Dubuque last week, returning home Saturday.
W. H. Norris was at Des Moines a part of last week, returning home Saturday.
Mrs. Susie Breckon and daughter returned home Monday from a week's visit at Earlville.
F. E. Dutton enjoyed a visit from his brother, Dr. C. E. Dutton of Minneapolis, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brazelton and daughter, Miss Vina, of Ryan were in the city Saturday.
R. W. Johnston of Waterloo, proprietor of the Ellis hotel, was in the city Monday on business.
The North Manchester Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Fay French next Friday, December 4.
Miss Fannie Haebler is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haebler on Iowa street.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Atwater are the parents of a son, which was born Saturday, November 28, 1908.
B. W. Pierson was at Dubuque Saturday, to attend a meeting of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Denton and children were at Lamont Thursday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt.
Miss Welta Todd returned home from Rockford, Illinois, Saturday, after a few days visit with relatives in that city.
Miss Annette Tush visited at the home of her mother the past few days, returning to Sioux Falls the first of the week.
Mrs. Mary Watts of Canton, Pennsylvania, arrived in the city Saturday, and is a guest at the home of Mrs. A. A. Beardslee.
George Adams was in town from Thursday until Monday morning from Fayette, where he attends Upper Iowa university.
Miss Dorothy Hockaday was a guest at the home of her friend, Miss Catharine Wheeler, in Waterloo Saturday and Sunday.
The attention of Christmas shoppers is directed to the announcement in this week's issue of The Democrat of D. R. Lewis & Bro.
A Sons of Veteran camp has been organized at Delhi, with a charter membership of twenty. Thos. Simon was elected commander.
Mrs. T. B. Jennings of Chicago returned to that city Monday, after a few days visit at the home of N. Sheldon east of Manchester.
Mrs. Ina Chamberlain Van Epps of Belvidere, Illinois, is in the city, as a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Chamberlain.
Rev. J. J. O'Meara of Williams was in the city the first of the week. Father O'Meara formerly was pastor of St. Mary's church at Manchester.
Milton Waugh and D. McFarland of Chicago were in the city last week, entertained at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Waugh, returning to Chicago Monday.
Miss Maud Heckert left Monday afternoon for Rockford, Illinois, having been a guest at the home of her uncle, Hon. J. W. Miles. Miss Heckert attends a girls' school at Rockford.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCoy and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Waterloo were entertained at the home of Mrs. McCoy's sister, Mrs. H. C. Haebler, on Thursday and Friday, visiting with friends at Delhi Sunday.
Miss Lyons of Tampico, Illinois, who attends Upper Iowa university, was in town this morning on her way to Fayette. Miss Lyons had enjoyed her Thanksgiving vacation at Tampico, and while in Manchester was the guest of Miss Angie Pierce.
Mrs. J. J. Welch arrived in the city Monday afternoon from Boise, Idaho, where she has been spending several weeks with her sister and father. Mrs. Welch was entertained that evening at the home of her brother, H. C. Smith, and this morning left for her home at Volga City.
The corn contest which has been conducted by Gildner Bros., closes the third week in December, and on the 14th and 15th days of that month, Prof. W. A. Hook of Packwood will be in the city to judge the exhibits. Prof. Hook is a graduate of the Iowa State college at Ames, and a raiser of corn, having made a speciality of three varieties: Reld's Yellow Dent, Iowa Silver Mine and Champion Calico. The Champion Calico won first prize in the Iowa class at the National corn exposition held at Chicago last year. Prof. Hook has been appointed as a judge at the corn exhibition at Omaha this month, and is considered as an expert and competent speaker and instructor by the faculty of the State college. On Tuesday afternoon, at the Court house, a free lecture will be given by Prof. Hook on the subject of "Successful Corn Culture," through the courtesy of Gildner Brothers.

BURTON CLARK Annual Midwinter Clearing Sale

Beginning Saturday, December 5th, and continuing to and including Saturday, December 12th.
Every man or woman who attended the Midwinter Sale last year, or in previous years, is undoubtedly awaiting this announcement and will read each and every item carefully, for actual experience has taught them it is the chief economy event of the season, a clearing sale that means that
All the odd lots, all the broken lines, all the small quantities, all the remnants of every description and of desirable winter merchandise have been re-marked at surprisingly low figures sure to effect speedy sales. Make it a point to supply your wants during this sale and secure your share of savings that no other store will duplicate.

LADIES' AND MISSES' \$8.50 Coats, \$4.75 Unheard of Values
The group at this price includes coats of Kerseys, heavy Tweeds, plain and fancy trimmed, elegant winter coats, every one a great value, colors black, navy and brown, at this price.

LADIES' COATS \$11.50
This assortment consists of handsome Broadcloths and English Kerseys, Empire backs, all lined in good quality satin. Our regular \$10.00 and \$18.00 garments.

CHILDREN'S \$5.00 AND \$6.00 COATS, \$3.00
85 Children's and Misses' Coats in this great lot, all full lengths, heavy fancy mixtures and plain cloths. Choice of any of the lot.

Saving 1/4 on Room Size Rugs
Brussels Rugs, 9x12 ft., reliable make, bought to sell at \$10, Sale Week price \$11.50.
Smith Axminster Rugs, 9x12 ft. heavy \$25 value, beautiful designs, sale price \$21.00.
Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 size, new original effects, regular price \$28, during sale \$22.00.
Brussels Rugs, 6x9 ft., Persian or Medallion styles, \$10 quality, sale price \$6.75.
Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12 ft., guaranteed best grade and quality, fine Oriental designs, our former price \$30, sale \$23.50.
Royal Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x11, regular \$40 quality, choice assortment of designs, reduced to \$33.00.
Small Axminster Rugs, 27x54 inches, Oriental and floral pattern, \$2.50 values for \$1.85.

Ladies' Coats, \$14.25
\$20 to \$23 values, every coat lined throughout with Skinner satin, some plush lined and fur collars, all extreme length and amply full clearing.
Sale Price, \$14.25
Ladies' Skirts
All wool, fine Chiffon Panama cloths, elaborately trimmed with silk and satin braids, regular prices \$7.50 to \$8.50.
Sale Price, \$5.50
75 Tailored Skirts
Prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5.00, consisting of fancy grays, navy blues and blacks, all pleated and trimmed.
Sale Week Price, \$2.50

Millinery--Trimmed Hats--Half Price
When we say half price, it means when you buy you simply pay half what the price ticket calls for. This will apply to several dozen of the best Fall and Winter Styles, beautifully trimmed with flowers, wings and fancy feathers, in all the smart new shapes, each one a very special value at its original price.
Christmas Sale of Table Linens
Different and more beautiful linens than any previous sale. Economical purchasers will find it well worth while to take advantage of the savings afforded in these special prices:
Table Damask, 60c value, half bleached, 58 in. wide in a heavy Irish linen, all good new designs.
Special for this Sale, 44c
Table Damask, bleached and unbleached. This is a good heavy quality, one of our regular brands that sell regularly for 75c.
Choice of several patterns, 68c
72 in. full bleached, satin finish Damask, warranted all pure Scotch linen, very fine heavy quality, 5 new and beautiful floral and spot designs to choose from, Damask positively worth \$1.25.
Special for Sale Week, 88c

GREAT VALUES IN DRESS GOODS
The most remarkable values are to be found in our large Dress Goods stock, 85 pieces consisting of all the newest weaves and colorings shown this season. Every piece reduced from one-third to one-half our former price.
Colored suitings, values up to 90c in fancy check Panama cloths; 52 in. all wool heavy dress flannels, checked and striped; sergees in a large and varied number of colorings, all great values, one price for your choice, 50c.
Stylish Suitings, 36 to 40 in. fancy worsted all wool suitings, fancy checks and mohairs, black fancy Panama cloths, 50c and 60c qualities, at 29c.
Dress Goods worth up to as much as \$1.25, including such popular brands as invisible shadow plaids, fancy Panamas, gray suitings, cravanette cloths and wool taffeta, 44 to 52 inches, Sale Price, \$1.15.
For Dress Goods worth up to \$1.50 and \$1.75 per yard, including everything in high grade materials, the price concessions of this assortment represent the greatest and most remarkable values of any shown. Sale Price, \$1.15.
25 pieces Oatting flannels, light or dark colors, pinks and blues, 36 kind for 6c.
Flannellettes for house dresses, kimos, etc., the 12c quality, Sale 8c.
American Dress Calicoes, blue, gray and black and white, 44c yard, 44c.
Apron Ginghams, even checks and broken effects, blues and browns, 5c.
Best \$1.25 36-in. Black Taffeta Silk, rich lustrous finish, a yard, 88c.
75 Ladies' Shirt Waists, odd lots, broken sizes, to close, 50c, 75c, 95c.
10 dozen Ladies Underwear in odd lots and broken sizes, reduced from 50c to 29c.
25 doz. Huck Towels, good sizes, 15c quality, 10c or 3 for 25c.
50 pieces Embroideries, widths from 4 to 7 inches, cambrics and Swiss, 10c.
100 pieces Laces, fine Val. and Tarchons, accumulated lots, any pattern, yard 4c.

LADIES' COATS, \$8.25
The group at this price comprises fine Kerseys, Broadcloths, fancy heavy Tweeds, variety of colors, elegantly tailored, trimmed in fancy designs, full and roomy coats, regular \$12.50 and \$13.50.
SPECIAL \$8.25

SKIRT VALUES, \$4.55
Ladies' Tailored Skirts in a servicable grade of Panama Cloths the finest tailoring and most perfect fitting skirt possible to obtain. We have these in several new models, black and colors, regular values \$6.00 to \$7.00.
Sale Price \$4.25

GREATEST FUR BARGAINS OF THE SEASON
Continued warm weather and altogether too large purchases, has left us with an enormous overstock. This opportunity should not be overlooked as it enables our customers to make their Christmas selections at a saving of from 25 to 35%. Following is a partial list of the bargains:
\$3.00 Scarfs reduced sale price \$2.25
4.50 " " " " 3.65
4.00 " " " " 3.15
5.00 " " " " 3.85
6.00 " " " " 4.45
8.00 " " " " 6.00
10.00 " " " " 6.75
12.50 " " " " 8.75

Holiday Ribbons
50 pieces finest quality Ribbons, in light and dark, floral and striped patterns, suitable for making pretty, fancy bags, cushion ruffling, etc., up to 6 inches wide. Choice of any pattern, 18c.
At B. Clark's

H. L. Rann was at Dubuque Friday.
W. B. Robinson was at Fayette Monday, where his son attends Upper Iowa university.
The Prairie township school board met Friday evening to consider the advisability of erecting a school house in the place of the one destroyed by the tornado last Wednesday. A committee of Ed Lyness and J. N. Carradus was appointed to purchase the necessary lumber, and the new building will be erected at once on the site occupied by the former structure.
Clarence M. Chapel, formerly of this city and who has met with success as a composer and publisher of popular music, has been at New York City since the first of the year, and is now returned to Chicago to resume the management of his music store in that city. Mrs. E. C. Chapel of this city has been visiting at her son's home for several weeks and is now at Neponset, Illinois, as a guest of Elmer C. Chapel.
The National Corn exposition to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, December 9 to 19, inclusive, is attracting general interest among the farmers of Iowa, and especially in Delaware county. The object of the exposition is to promote enthusiastic support in the betterment of agriculture. Practical demonstrations by the United States department of agriculture, showing manufacture of denatured alcohol from waste products on the farm, milling test on wheat, sponge and baking test on flour, model kitchen, and a laboratory course for girls, conducted by competent instructors from many states, will be given. Fifty thousand dollars in premiums will be awarded to prize winners.
There still remain twenty shopping days until Christmas. Get busy.
Miss Florence Lindsay was a guest of her uncle, Dr. S. S. Lindzey, at Dubuque last week.
Col. A. B. Terrill went to Iowa City this morning, where he is being treated by an eye specialist.
C. Smith of Dyer'sville, editor and publisher of the Commercial, was in town Monday, and called at the Democrat office.
Miss Clara Haebler was at home from Wednesday until Monday, as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haebler.
Miss Mary Collard visited in the city a part of last week, returning to Cedar Rapids Monday morning, where she attends Coe college.
Miss Elizabeth Graves was at home from Mason City last week, spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Graves.
The records of the county recorder show one real estate transfer during the past week: J. C. Hutson and wife to Chas. S. Graham, a parcel of land in Section 35, township 90, range 5, the consideration of sale being \$744.00.
A directory of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Manchester has been compiled and published under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Barnes. The booklet contains a short historical account of the church, the officers of the various societies, half-tone cuts of the building, Hines Memorial organ, the minister and the district superintendent. A complete list of the membership, together with their street addresses and telephone numbers, make the "annual" a useful source of information.
Miss Lucy Wilson is at Iowa City, for the purpose of undergoing an operation. Miss Wilson was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Geo. Storey.
Miss Florence Klaus returned to Mount Vernon Monday morning, to resume her school work at Cornell. Miss Klaus was accompanied to Cedar Rapids by her mother, Mrs. G. W. Klaus.
Roy Allen has signed with the Dubuque Three I's for the coming season of 1909. Allen pitched for Manchester's team last year, and made a good showing as a twirler and batter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cloud have rented the Hollister cottage, on Delaware street, expecting to take possession of the house about the middle of the month.
W. H. Baskerville of Iowa Falls was in the city Monday, and visited at Delhi that evening with friends. Mr. Baskerville is a brother of Mrs. L. J. Bowman.
Mr. and Mrs. Newton Flack of Strawberry Point were in the city Monday, having been in Independence for several days as guests of Mrs. Flack's parents.
James Greene and family expect to move to this city from their farm west of Manchester in the near future and will occupy the Hon. W. M. Sawyer residence on Union street.
Miss Nettie Stewart left Monday evening for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, near which city she has secured a position in the county schools. Miss Stewart has been teaching at the "Red school house" north of Manchester, and the vacancy will be filled by Levi Gates, a graduate of the High school of this city, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gates.

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