

TOWN TOPICS.

Additional news on seventh page. Mrs. M. H. Whiston was at Dubuque Monday. Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Barnes were at Dubuque Monday. E. N. Wolcott was at Cedar Rapids today on business. George Clemons is in Cedar Rapids this week on business. Mrs. Floyd Copeland visited with relatives at Dubuque last week. Miss Florence Hetherington arrived home last week from Oklahoma. Miles Blair and Luther Sly were at Davenport on business last week. John Prouse left this afternoon for Clark, South Dakota, on business.

The Chicago Daily Record-Herald and Manchester Democrat both for one year for \$3.50.

Mrs. A. J. Andrews and Miss Ruth Gray were at Chicago last week, returning home Saturday morning.

H. J. New, who lives near Masonville, has recently completed an addition, 16x24 feet, on his residence.

Edward Rolfe and Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe of Oneda left today for Tampa, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Wade Crum is at home from Monticello for the holidays, where she is engaged as a teacher in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Frye, who live north of Manchester, leave today for Dacoma, Oklahoma, to spend the holidays with Mr. Frye's brother.

At Central Opera house Wednesday night, the Manchester High school defeated the basket ball team from Hopkinton by a score of 36 to 23.

John Tierney will be at home from St. Mary Kansas, this week for his holiday vacation. Mr. Tierney attends the college located at St. Mary's.

See our special prize offers in this issue. Now is the time to enter the Democrat's piano contest. Every girl can get one of the beautiful special prizes.

Mrs. W. C. Blake is at home from a two weeks visit at Waterville with her sister, Mrs. Harry Barber, and at Waterloo, as a guest of Mrs. Geo. Coykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brewer were at Independence Saturday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Brewer's uncle, David Cooke. Interment was made at West Union.

Mrs. Chester Scott returned home Monday afternoon from Waterloo, where she had been visiting with her son and daughter, Lyle and Miss Elsie Scott, who attend the business college at Waterloo.

Mrs. Jay Lillibridge of Claremont, Sixth Dakota, who has been visiting in the city for several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Given, left Wednesday of last week for Claremont.

Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry went to Chicago Saturday, and from that city, Capt. Merry left for the south on a business trip. Mrs. Merry will spend several days with her sister, who lives in Oak Park.

Dr. E. G. Dittmer returned home from Chicago Friday morning for a few days visit. Dr. Dittmer is taking post-graduate work in surgery in Chicago, and expects to complete the course by the first of the year.

Mrs. H. C. Parsons of Anamosa visited at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Abner Dunham, last week, and departed Friday for Clark, South Dakota, where she will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dunham.

Thomas Pope and family intend to remove to Tampico, Illinois, after the first of the year. Mr. Pope has sold his 80 acre farm to Peter Boardway, and will hold a sale of farm implements and stock on December 22.

Tom Sedgwick returned from South Dakota the first of the week, and will spend several weeks in Manchester. Mr. Sedgwick has been living near White Owl and is pleased with conditions as they exist in that country.

You can get that beautiful piano in Lewis Music store window if you will do a little hustling. The Manchester Democrat is going to give it away and another just like it to the two most popular girls. They are well worth the effort.

Peter Boardway left Friday for Rochester, Minnesota, where he accompanied Mrs. L. Smith and daughter, Miss Ada, to this city. Miss Smith is now at home and recovering satisfactorily from an operation performed at the Mayo hospital two weeks ago.

The office of the traffic manager in the Manchester & Oneda railway station in this city has been enlarged, the partition on the east now extending to the outside door of the waiting room. Commodious lockers and shelving room is being constructed in the office.

Cal Martin met with a painful accident Thursday afternoon, while attempting to lift a coffee boiler from the range in the Colonial cafe. The kettle was upset, and its steaming contents poured out and upon Mr. Martin's left leg, which was badly scalded from the knee to the ankle.

Charles Hruby and Jay Matthews arrived home last week from an extended trip through the southwest on Fish Car No. 3. Garry Thorpe has also returned from a several weeks trip on Car No. 4. At Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Matthews was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fish, formerly of this city.

Swan Erickson, who lives nine miles south of Manchester, left the first of the week for Malmo, Sweden. Mr. Erickson has been in the country four years, renting a farm, from which he has earned four thousand dollars. Upon his return from the old country, Mr. Erickson will go to Kansas, where he has purchased a large ranch.

W. M. Morris was at Chicago last week.

Mrs. W. D. Hoyt visited friends at Earlville the past week.

Larrie Dobbins was at Independence Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Miss Edith Pombel visited with friends at Dubuque Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Goodhile left this morning for Redfield, South Dakota, on a business trip.

E. C. Hubbell of Rolfe, Iowa, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dorman the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Tony left Monday for Omaha, Nebraska, where they will visit with relatives for several weeks.

C. A. Pierce went to DeWitt this morning, to attend the annual meeting of the Iowa Assessment Insurance association.

Miss Margaret Dittmer leaves next week for Chicago, where she will spend the holidays at the home of Miss Rhea Lynch.

Bradley Edmunds made repairs at his lunch rooms on Main street last week, the restaurant being closed from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. A. O. Stanger and daughter, Miss Margaret, leave this week for the south, and expect to spend the winter in the state of Florida.

Steel passenger coaches on the Illinois Central railroad have been added to the company's equipment Sunday, on Trains 1, 2, 401 and 402.

Mrs. Jane Brown, who lives on East Main street, accidentally fell on the sidewalk near the dry run on Main street Saturday morning, breaking her left arm.

Percy Strickland went to Omaha Monday to join his father, J. A. Strickland, and assist with the work in the Milwaukee railway exhibit at the corn exposition there.

James W. McCusker of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCusker, who live near Ryan. Mr. McCusker has been in Alberta for three years.

George Chapman and family have moved into the Cameron residence on the corner of Madison and Howard streets. Mrs. Cameron and daughter, Miss Sadie Cameron, now occupying the cottage north of their residence.

One of the pianos which will be given away by the Manchester Democrat in its popular girl voting contest is now in the window of the J. G. Lewis music store. Call there and see it. We will tell you how to get it.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian. The pastor will preach on "Good News for All People" next Sunday morning and at the evening service, the subject of the sermon will be "The Spirit of Christmas."

Baptist. The Baptist Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. E. E. Glander this (Wednesday) afternoon. All are cordially invited.

Methodist Episcopal. Public worship at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Bible study hour at noon, Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

First Congregational. The usual services on next Sunday. Rehearsal of the choir Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Christian Science. Regular service each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Universalist church.

NEW POSTAGE STAMP IS READY. In announcing that the new 10 cent special delivery stamp, which was placed on sale Monday, the post office department calls special attention to its opposition to discontinuing the use of that stamp.

While the practice is designed as a convenience where it is impossible to obtain a special delivery stamp, the stamp is advantageous to postal employees in insuring their instant recognition of that class of mail matter.

CHICKEN THIEVES AGAIN. Monday night after midnight, chicken thieves made away with eight or ten fancy fowls belonging to E. W. Williams. The chickens were valuable and were very tame, making it possible for the snick thief to bag his booty without a disturbance from the fowls.

Occurrences of petty thieving are becoming too frequent about town and throughout the county, and it is probable that arrests and fines will be made unless the practice is discontinued.

The Sons of Veterans will hold a business meeting and elect officers for the coming year on this (Wednesday) evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES. Once again the hearts of the children attending the Sunday schools are rejoicing and expectancy is growing each week, on account of preparations being made for the Christmas holiday. At the Methodist Episcopal church, a committee has secured a stereopticon picture machine, and views associated with the birth of Christ, the pilgrimage of the Wise Men and the awakening of the shepherds will be seen Christmas eve. A novel arrangement of the distribution of presents will be afforded.

At the First Presbyterian church, the old time Christmas tree will entertain the youngsters that evening, and will be the case at the Baptist church and the usual recitations and songs and carols will be read and sung. A Christmas tree and an appropriate reading and musical program will be given at the First Congregational church on Thursday evening, December 24. The programs of these exercises will be published in The Democrat next week.

New classes are being organized for Jan. 4th, the opening of the mid-winter term and eighteen students expect to enter at that time. If you intend to enter then send in your name at once. 50-3 wks.



MISS MILDRED COON. One of the popular young ladies entered in the Democrat's piano contest.

BRING IN YOUR VOTES AND GET A SPECIAL PRIZE.

FINE JEWEL BOX FOR CHRISTMAS.

A Little Work Guarantees That in Addition to Helping Your Chance To Secure a Valuable Piano.

The big piano voting contest is now on in earnest and several of the girls are starting out with a determination that if maintained, to the close of the contest, cannot help but result in their securing the piano. All of them who have sent in \$10 worth of subscriptions by Dec. 24 will receive a handsome jewel box as a reward for their early efforts and at the same time, the votes they receive will be counted toward their chance of securing the piano.

Remember there is no lottery whatever about this matter. Every girl who works will be rewarded and the prize will be absolutely given away to all alike who have the \$10 worth in our office on or before Dec. 24. There is no charge of any kind connected with the contest. It is simply a business proposition. We have tried various ways in the past to increase the circulation of the Democrat and it is our constant aim to lead and let others follow.

Any girl in the county is eligible to enter the contest. Even the prize which we give on Dec. 24 of a handsome jewel box is well worth your effort if you did not intend to strive for the piano. All votes must be in the office on or before Dec. 24 by counted for the special prize.

The Democrat stands back of every offer we make. Our honor is at stake in the matter, and a fair and square deal is guaranteed to all who enter. Get your friends to work for you. Get them to subscribe and in turn get them to give their friends to subscribe with you, and you will be surprised after it is once known you are in the contest, how rapidly your votes will count up. If you have not already entered the contest, get busy now, and see how good we make our promise of a valuable jewel box on Dec. 24.

To the young lady leading in the contest on December 24 we will give a handsome \$25 coffee set.

NEWS OF THE ADVERTISERS.

A. D. Brown, the furniture man, occupied a quarter page advertisement in this week's issue of The Democrat, and calls attention to a special line of chairs. As has been Mr. Brown's custom for several years, a chair will be given away Christmas morning to the lucky holder of a coupon, one of which is contained in his advertisement. Mr. Brown carries a very complete assortment of furniture, and his store is filled this season with beautiful creations in the latest styles of parlor, dining and bed room suites.

W. L. Drew has a change of advertisement this week, announcing a line of boys' suits, ladies, misses and children's cloaks.

The Delaware County State bank announces this week that this institution has been conducted forty-one years, and pays especial attention to its commercial and savings business. The capital of this bank is \$100,000, and has a surplus and undivided profits of \$25,000.

Burton Clark announces in this week's issue an apron sale, neckwear for women and girls, linen articles, handkerchiefs and cloaks. Mr. Clark states that Christmas time is near at hand and his store contains many attractive and useful gifts.

Anders & Phillip add to their large announcement of Christmas articles a notice of new fiction, just received from the publishers. Their display window contains this week an inviting collection of toilet sets, stationary jewel boxes, vases and perfume, as well as other articles appropriate for remembrances at the holiday season.

Bright & Webster will conduct a 9-cent sale commencing today, December 15, and will conclude the same December 25. An enumerated list of articles is advertised by this dry goods firm, which will be found on the first page of this paper. Clip out the prices and use them while shopping.

The J. G. Lewis Music house advertises musical instruments, post cards and other articles which will interest the holiday shopper. Mr. Lewis is in connection with his piano business, and appropriate gifts in this line may be found at his Franklin street store.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY. White, Edward S.—Claim Jumpers. Von Hutten, Bretina.—Pam and Pan Dedeles. Gell, Wm. E.—A Yankee on the Yankeez. Spears, J. R.—The American Navy. O'Shea, M. N.—Old World Wonder Stories. Pyle, Howard—Men of Iron. Inglow, Jean—Mopaa, the fairy.

118 students are now attending the day sessions of the Oelwein Business University. 50-3 wks.

As a mechanic Archimedes levered the correct theory of the lever and invented no less than forty interesting devices, including the endless screw, the pump, the organ and the "burning glass," with which latter novel weapon he is said to have set fire to the ships of an enemy's fleet from a considerable distance. The story is probably fabulous, but even the less interesting, as exhibiting the faith of the people in the man and in indicating the character of his pursuits.

An engineer Archimedes was looked upon as hardly less than a magician. He produced catapults which threw enormous stones and heavy pikes at long range into the ranks of the enemy or into his ships, and great derricks were built by him with which to lift attacking craft out of water or to upset it, destroying all on board. His proposed use of the lever meant the production of the inconceivable inventions in machinery and engineering construction, and his own estimate of its importance was expressed by the familiar quotation, "Give me where to stand and I will lift the earth."

Archimedes was the first and perhaps the most inventive and greatest of early engineers. His lever still moves the world, and his spirit is inherited by generations of the men who have made modern civilization possible—Cassier's Magazine.

The Turks and Raki. "Turks often get drunk. They cheat their religion, the dog, to do so," said a converted Constantinopolitan. "Mohammed forbade wine to his followers, but raki is made of mastic gum. It was unknown in Mohammed's time, or of course he'd have forbidden it, too; for you can get frightened drunk on it. I know; oh, I know! It's a white drink, with a sweet taste, a good deal like gin."

"A Turkish dinner is mostly a vegetable affair. If you can call raki a vegetable, it consists of such things as art, a curried milk spiced and scented and hotkava cakes cooked in honey, sprayed with rosewater and coated with saffron flavored whipped cream.

"With each course you drink raki. If, getting drunk, you get miserable the thing to do is to crush your glass in your hand so as to give yourself two or three cuts. Unhappy Turks, you must know, express their wretchedness by cutting their hands. Look at these scars."—Minneapolis Journal.

What She Wanted to Be. The chauffeur was taking his load of tourists for a ride through the residence portion of the metropolis and pointing out to them the state mansions of the aristocracy. "I've often heard," said the portly dourager with the diamonds, "of these Oliver Wendell homes. Would you mind showing us one of them?"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Sensitive. "I hear you is out of a job, Willie?" "Yes. I may be a little too sensitive, but when the boss sez 'Git to blazes out of here before I kick you out!' then I got mad and resigned me position."—Illustrated Bits.

He Knew. Teacher—Now, Johnny, what was Washington's farewell address? Johnny—Heaven.—New York Sun.

Conscience and wealth are not always neighbors.—Messenger.

Christmas Time

With but a few remaining days to complete Christmas buying, the suggestions outlined on this page will be of interest to every individual.

Christmas Apron Sale.

An attractive line of aprons, fancy tea aprons in Swiss and fancy lawns, with bibs and bretelles, very prettily trimmed with embroideries and laces, a number of styles made expressly for Christmas gifts.

Ladies' Dainty Neckwear

A great variety of designs shown at the many prices will greatly assist in the choosing of satisfactory gifts.

Fancy Linen Articles

An attractive assortment of fancy drawn and hemstitched scarf, center pieces, lunch cloths, cluny lace pieces in a complete line of sizes.

Handkerchiefs for Everybody

A splendid assortment of handkerchiefs of every description. Ladies, childrens and mens linen Initial, ladies fancy embroidered hemstitched all linen handkerchiefs in a great display and variety of prices.

Greatest Cloak Values Ever Offered.

200 ladies, misses and childrens new coats at sweeping reductions, each and every one is a great value. Not only one or two styles to select from but in some sizes as many as a dozen. We must close out every cloak if prices will make a sale.

B. CLARK

What Shall I Buy Him for Christmas?

Worrying about what to give HIM for Xmas? Don't do it, Madam. Come directly here and we'll solve the problem in a way that will please you.

- A Few Suggestions Dress Gloves - \$2.50 to 50c Fur Lined Gloves - 5.00 to \$3.00 Mufflers - 2.00 to 50c Fur Caps - 10.00 to \$2.50 Neckties - 1.00 to 25c House Coats - 7.50 to \$5.00 Fancy Shirts - 2.00 to 50c Wool Shirts - 2.50 to \$1.00 Sweater Coats - 5.00 to \$1.00 Fancy Suspenders - 1.25 to 50c Fancy and Silk Hose - 1.00 to 15c Silk Handkerchiefs - 75c to 50 Initial Hatkerchiefs - 25c Combination--Tie, Socks, Handk'chf - \$1.50 Umbrellas - 3.50 to 50c Home Slippers - 1.50 to 85c Scarf Pins - 1.00 to 25c Cuff Buttons - 1.50 to 25c Collar Hags - 1.50 to 1.00

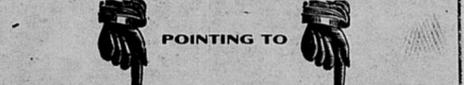
Come to a Man's and Boys' Store for men's or boys' things. Make your selections while the picking is best.

No "Bargain Counter Stuff" Here:

Prices Never Lofty or Extravagant

Gildner Brothers, Head-to-foot Clothiers for Men and Boys.

Christmas Pointers



BOYNTON'S Jewelry Store.

ESTABLISHED 1859

Large stock of WATCHES, all popular sizes, cased in Solid Gold, Gold-Filled and Silver cases.

Beautiful Neck Festoons, Bracelets, Brooches, Stick Pins, Cuff Links, in many styles.

Ladies' and Gent's Signet and Stone Rings, Emblems, Pins, Charms and Buttons.

Solid Silver and Silver Plated Ware, handsome Mantel Clocks and many other articles suitable for Holiday Gifts.

We shall be pleased to have you call and see what we have to show you—a line too extensive to list.

Very truly yours, W. N. Boynton

WINTER GOODS.

For Real Bargains in Ladies, Misses and Children's Cloaks, Men's Fur Coats, Men's, Youth's and Boys' Overcoats and Suits. Give us a call, as we have in stock a large assortment in the above lines, especially in the line of

Ladies', Misses' Children's and Cloaks of which we have a large assortment from which to select.

They Must and will be Sold. Call and secure the benefit of the low prices before assortment is broken.

Respectfully,

W. L. Drew