

T W N TOPICS.

Mrs. H. L. Rann was in Dubuque Friday. Miss Mildred Brown was in Dubuque Saturday. W. I. Millen of Earlville was in the city Saturday. Mrs. E. M. Carr is visiting with relatives in Grinnell. A. D. Long left this morning for Sioux City on business. H. F. Arnold was in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines last week. Mrs. T. J. Jacobs visited with friends in Earlville last week. Jay Matthews and Percy Strickland were in Cozgon Thursday. Ray Robinson was at home from Cedar Rapids Saturday and Sunday. R. T. Graves of Fayette was in Manchester last week on business. Geo. W. Miller was in Redfield, South Dakota, last week on business. Miss Mae K. Hansen of Strawberry Point visited in this city last week. Mrs. Jane Rich visited at the home of her daughter in Earlville last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Seeds are in Chicago, leaving for that city Sunday morning. Miss Kate Burns of Winthrop has been visiting Miss Minnie Habesky last week. J. J. Pentony was in Dyersville Saturday on business, connected with court matters. W. J. McCullough and Miss Ruby McCullough of Hopkinton were in the city Thursday. Harry Bowman of Stratford was a guest of his brother, Dr. L. J. Bowman, last week. T. H. Carrothers of Ryan was in town Thursday, and had business at Greeley that day. Hugh Clemons returned home Friday from a month's business trip through the west. Thomas Clabby of Independence was in the city Friday, and paid this office a pleasant call. Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, for a several weeks visit with relatives. Homer Porter of this county has gone to the state of Washington, where he may decide to live. William Tierney left Saturday morning for Goldfield, Nevada, after a several weeks visit in this city. Miss Anne Shanewise of Waterloo was a guest of Miss Grace Ralbach from Friday evening until Monday. Harlo Newcomb of Spokane, Washington, is in the city visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Newcomb. James Beebe of Delhi left for Iowa, Louisiana, via Manchester Thursday, where he contemplates locating. O. A. Dunham left Sunday for the White Owl county, South Dakota, where he will visit Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dunham. Mrs. Abner Dunham went Dunlap Friday for a several days visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. G. Ingersoll. Miss Fannie Haebler was at home Saturday and Sunday from Epworth, where she is an instructor in the Seminary. There will be a basket social held at the McGee school house on Friday evening, February 12. Every body is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. A. J. Bruce is ill at her home on Union street, having been confined to her room the past week on account of a severe attack of the grippe. Rev. J. F. Moore attended the semi-centennial services held in the Congregational church at Earlville Friday, having been chosen as one of the speakers. P. A. Peterson was at Osage last week, returning home Monday, where he visited his son, Burt Peterson. He was accompanied by Newton F. Flack of Strawberry Point. The many friends of Bernadine Moran formerly of Masonville, now living at Waterloo will be grieved to hear of her being very ill with pneumonia, with little hope of recovery. E. E. Brewer was in Volga City last week on business. Miss Catharine Brewer was at West Union Thursday, and Miss Charlotte Smith of that city returned home with Miss Catharine for a few days visit. Capt. J. F. Merry left Thursday for Washington, D. C., where Captain Merry had business with a committee in charge of the Naval monument to be erected at the Vicksburg National park. They will be away for ten days. Rev. J. J. Hanley of Waterloo was in the city Thursday. Rev. Father Hanley was recently made pastor of a Catholic church in Waterloo on the West side, and his removal from the parish at Mont is regretted by his many friends in that place and surrounding country. Ralph A. Dunham of Clark, South Dakota, was a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Dunham, a part of last week. Mr. Dunham was formerly a member of the law firm, Elrod McGann & Dunham, but has recently opened offices of his own in that city. Mr. Dunham has met with gratifying success in his profession, and is moving into a new home, recently completed. O. L. Bishop of Spokane, Washington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bishop, last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bishop had not been at home or seen his relatives for sixteen years, and their reunion was a most happy and enjoyable one. He left the latter part of the week for the west, to assume charge of his new duties as general agent of the Northwestern Insurance company.

Will Ward of Ryan was in town Monday. C. H. Parker was in Independence Monday. A. Hollister was at home Sunday from Chicago. Stencil decoration of the home made easy. See Will Chapel's add. County Attorney A. M. Cloud is in Canton, South Dakota, on business. Miss Eunice Eystrom visited at the home of her parents in Mount Vernon Sunday. Mrs. S. W. Trenchard and Miss Leah Barry were in Iowa City the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smith are the parents of a son, born to them Saturday, February 6, 1909. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Connell of Onida, formerly of this city, is critically ill. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, who live near Delhi, Thursday, February 4, 1909. Jas. Dolphin, Richard Berry, Tom Hoolahan and Arthur Lyness of Ryan were in Manchester Monday. Mrs. C. L. Belknap of Detroit, Wisconsin, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Pentony. Dr. J. W. Scott was in Albert Lea last week, visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Austin Griffith. Miss Agnes Gleason of Beloit, Wisconsin, is being entertained at the home of her brother, C. E. Gleason. Mark Sheldon is at home from Seneca, South Dakota, after an extended business trip of several months. C. O. Noble returned Saturday from a several weeks visit and business trip through Nebraska and western Iowa. The board of supervisors will not convene again until the first Monday in April, when routine business will be transacted. Miss Hattie May Goodrich of Independence was a guest of Miss Nellie Gleason Saturday, leaving that afternoon for Cedar Falls. A party of Knights of Columbus from Ryan attended a meeting of that order at Oelwein Sunday, going to that city via Manchester. F. D. Joseph, county superintendent of schools, in Des Moines this week, in conference with John F. Riggs, state superintendent of public instruction. Mrs. Thomas Vansey and children of Geddes, South Dakota, arrived in the city Monday, for a several weeks visit at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. C. L. Adams. The Delaware County State bank brought in a change of advertisement this week too late for publication. The bank calls attention to its saving account, and loan accommodations. James Rizer was called to Lamont Saturday, on account of the death of Mrs. Henry Rizer, who died that morning. Mrs. Rizer had been ill for some time and her death is deeply regretted by her many friends in Lamont. The three banks of the city will be closed Friday, February 12, on account of it being Lincoln's birthday, and a national holiday, so authorized by national and state governments. The postoffice will close at 10 o'clock Friday morning, although the rural routes will be supplied by their carriers as usual. Rev. W. W. Smith, formerly field secretary for Lenox college, and well known in Manchester on account of his work in securing funds for an endowment for that college, has resigned his position and will remove to Hastings, Nebraska, where he will be associated with a Presbyterian school in that city. W. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Nellie Davis, returned home from Chicago Friday night, where they had consulted with surgeons at the Northwestern hospital in regard to Miss Davis' health. An operation was not considered necessary at this time, and Miss Davis will receive medical treatment from her physicians in the city for ear troubles. WE OFFER \$25,000. Free votes to the contestants who turns in \$20.00 worth of subscriptions from Wednesday, February 10, to Wednesday, February 17. Two contestants are earnestly working for the piano and the special prize. We feel that there are more girls in the city and residing in the country who have the time to strive for the \$425 piano to be given away. We know for a certainty that many girls are disposed to think that no chance remains at this date to earn the piano. The idea is erroneous; you have just as big a show to get it as someone else, if you will get to work. "Do It Now" is a favorite expression, and we commend it to every girl who wants a piano. People object to the idea of getting something for nothing; they declare it's a fake, and perhaps a lottery is mixed up with it. Maybe, some one has told you that The Democrat was violating the law in offering to give away a piano free. We have listened to stories about the instrument that is on exhibition in the J. G. Lewis music store, and some of them are to the effect that the piano would fall to pieces within six months. Remember, it is guaranteed for ten years, the same as many other pianos are. We urge that every girl take an active interest in this matter. It is well worth your time to secure subscription votes, and we are helping you all we can by offering these free votes from time to time. Secure subscriptions from your friends, say 15 or 20 of them, and in that way earn the \$20 worth of free votes that we offer for the next week. We will be glad to give you all the information necessary to get started, and we wish you well. Remember, you have as good a chance as any one to win the piano.

SCHOOL MEETING. A convention of district officers, teachers of rural, graded and high schools, together with the superintendents of the county and city, was held at the Court house Saturday. The morning program was one of interest and several papers were read which were helpful and greatly appreciated by the hearers. Miss Eunice Eystrom, assistant principal in the Manchester High school, spoke of "The Necessary Preparation in English for the High School." Prof. J. R. Inman addressed the convention on the subject, "In What Respect Are Our Rural School Pupils Who Enter High Schools Weak?" and Principal Guy Ribble of the Earlville schools presented to the teachers, for their consideration, the question of "How Much Arithmetic Shall We Teach to Prepare for High School?" The afternoon session was called to order by Sup't. F. D. Joseph, who introduced Prof. Robt. Reinow of Elkader, who lectured on the public schools of this country. Mr. Reinow is a graduate of the Wisconsin university, '96, and has been actively engaged in teaching for several years. His words were listened to with much interest, and in most part, with sympathy, although issue was taken by the speakers who followed on several arguments and statements made by Prof. Reinow regarding the centralization of the district schools. Mrs. Sarah Huftalen of Onida read a paper on "What We As Teachers Expect of the Ideal Directors." W. F. Kunze of Minneapolis, representing a manufacturing concern of his city gave an illustrated lecture on school ventilation. Sup't. F. D. Joseph explained at considerable length the provisions of the school code, which is now before the legislature. E. M. Carr followed Mr. Joseph and vigorously opposed the changes provided for in the proposed code. The meeting seemed to be practically unanimous in opposition to the proposed school code. BUTTERMAKERS MEET. The Eastern Iowa Buttermakers' association met at the Court house in this city Wednesday. The present officers are: F. W. Stephenson, president; R. J. Erb, vice president; E. A. Littlefield, secretary, and J. B. Feldman, treasurer. These gentlemen were re-elected for another year. H. R. Wright, state dairy commissioner, of Des Moines was one of the speakers of the afternoon, delivering a helpful and interesting talk on the proposed legislation in this state. Henry Brayton was heard with pleasure, discussing the value of organization in associations of this character. The musical program of the afternoon was offered by Mrs. E. W. Williams and Mrs. M. J. Yorlan. The butter scoring was done by Assistant State Dairy Commissioner, W. B. Johnston, and a result of the judging was as follows: E. E. Littlefield, Delaware, 95; A. H. Bentz, Delhi, 94; M. McDowell, Barryville, 93 1/2; C. Steuss, Thorpe, 93; Harley Evert, Spring Branch, 93; R. Rhode, Hazle Green, 92 1/2; W. E. Littlefield, Manchester, 92; R. J. Erb, Masonville, 91 1/2; and W. R. Crabb, Greeley, 89. The following resolutions were offered: On behalf of the members of the Eastern Iowa Buttermakers' association be it resolved, That we thank Mayor Matthews for his hearty welcome and the city of Manchester for so generously furnishing a meeting place in the court house; also the ladies who contributed to the success of the meeting by rendering such fine music, recognizing also the courtesy of the speakers on the program. We are under obligations as well to Mr. J. G. Lewis for the loan of a fine piano. Resolved, That thanks be extended to Mr. H. R. Wright for his valuable address and to Assistant Dairy Commissioner W. B. Johnston for his services in scoring the butter. Resolved, That we heartily endorse Senate File No. 107, and which we understand represents legislation now in effect in the state of Nebraska. This bill is an amendment to the statutes relating to the regulation of discrimination in the prices of butter fat in different localities. Resolved, That we heartily endorse the efforts of the Iowa State Dairy Association to secure an annual appropriation of \$10,000 with which to provide additional inspectors and carry dairy gospel to all sections of Iowa.

PHONE MEN WINGING LAW MAKERS. According to press notices contained in state papers, concerning proposed telephone legislation at Des Moines, considerable interest is manifested among the patrons and managers of the several independent and private lines. C. A. Peterson, manager of the local telephone exchange and the Delaware County Telephone company, stated his view of the matter as it relates to local conditions, to a representative of The Democrat last Friday afternoon as follows: We think it not merely a question of whether there shall or shall not be state ownership or control of telephones, but a choice between the two proposed bills; that is, shall the council of each city or town be empowered to control the public utilities in its municipality, or whether a utility commission shall be established by the State to control these corporations? The telephone business in every locality extends outside of territorial limits of municipality. The question, therefore, arises, how can a town or city council properly regulate business extending beyond the geographical limits of its authority? And in view of this, we deem it much more preferable to the interests of the telephone companies and the interests of the individual patrons, that this and all like telephone systems, should be controlled and under the supervision of an utility commission appointed by the state. Mr. Peterson was asked what state of city regulations were demanded of the company which he represents. "We conduct our business under the corporation laws of the state of Iowa, and have a franchise from the city for the erection of our lines, etc. These various bills, as they have been presented to the House and Senate, cover many requirements; one is, that all telephone companies be required to pay a certain ratio of their capital for taxes. Our company pays nearly \$600 a year to the state, which is equally divided and distributed among the districts where our lines run. I believe that every telephone management owes it to its patrons that affairs at Des Moines be carefully watched, and our interests looked after." BURGLARY AT GREELEY. The drug and jewelry store owned by T. B. Armstrong at Greeley was entered by burglars Tuesday night of last week, and about five hundred dollars worth of jewelry carried off. Mr. Armstrong happened to be in Manchester Tuesday night and knowledge of the theft was not known until a clerk entered the building Wednesday morning. The front door was open, and entrance had apparently been made by a skeleton key. A traveling salesman stopping at a nearby hotel remembered seeing a light in the shop after midnight, but supposed that either the proprietor or an employee was there. The jewelry case was rifled of its contents: 68 gold rings, 18 silver watches, 9 gold watches and chains, fobs and other property. The safe was not molested. This is the sixth time this building has been burglarized, according to a statement made by a Greeley man the other day. LARGER DRAWING FOR JURORS. Judge Franklin C. Platt has ordered that a larger drawing be made for trial jurors in Delaware county hereafter, and the county auditor, acting upon this advice has made a list of 36 men to be drawn for service at the March term of court. The number of grand jurors remains the same, twelve. On account of many persons being excused from service and those who are not required to serve on a jury, the judge deemed it advisable to increase the first drawing thereby saving further calls. ELECTRIC LIGHT OFFICERS. The Manchester Electric Light company held its annual election of officers last Wednesday evening in the office of the secretary, Jos. Hutchinson. The stockholders re-elected the present board of directors, and at the conclusion of this business, officers for the new year were elected by the directors, as follows: M. F. LeRoy, president; F. L. Durey, vice president; L. Matthews, treasurer; and Jos. Hutchinson, secretary and general manager. The company reports a prosperous year, and the plant in excellent condition. RALPH JONES IN TOWN. Ralph Jones, of the coast artillery corps, and stationed at Fort Barrancas, Florida, is in the city for a several weeks visit, arriving from Des Moines Friday night, where he had been visiting his brother, Reese Jones. Mr. Jones is a graduate from a government military school at Washington, D. C., and for the past year has been stationed at a fort in Florida. GOLD WATCH AWARDED. Miss Mildred Coon has been awarded the \$25.00 gold watch, made by the Hampden Watch company, for securing the greatest number of votes necessary to win this prize, during the time allotted in the piano contest now being conducted by The Democrat. The watch is on exhibition in the J. G. Lewis Music store, and is one of the special prizes being given away during this contest. OPERA HOUSE REMODELED. The management of Central Opera house has recently had the front of the stage extended about three feet, in a crescent shape. Electric lamps have been placed as sunken footlights, or below the level of the platform, although reflecting more light.

JAMES G. FLEMING. James G. Fleming died last Friday evening, February 5, at about 6 o'clock, as a result of a fall. Mr. Fleming was returning home from Edgewood where he visited his brother, G. W. Fleming, having driven to that town last Wednesday. Returning on the train Friday afternoon, he had reached a farm and continued his residence in that county until 1909, when he moved to Manchester, purchasing the A. Whitman property. He enlisted as a private in Company D, 27th Iowa, and served throughout the Civil war from August, 1862, being honorably discharged August, 1865. His regiment was engaged in many battles in the Mississippi valley. He was married to Margaret M. Rizer, November 23, 1865, and to this union seven children were born, three who died in infancy: James, William and Eliza. Mrs. Carrie Swartley of Fayette, Spencer Fleming of Lawler, Payette Fleming of Wood, Mrs. Lucy Lighty of Manchester, Mrs. Ella Barnes of Alford, North Dakota, Mrs. Maggie Rulon of Oelwein, and Miss Jessie Fleming of Manchester. His wife died in May, 1900. Two brothers, G. W. Fleming of Edgewood and William Fleming of Greeley, and two sisters, Mrs. H. O. Wiltse and Miss Mary Jane Fleming of Manchester also survive him. Mr. Fleming was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having joined the society nearly forty years ago. He united with the Asbury church near Wood, and upon his removal to this city, transferred his membership to the parish in Manchester. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, a short service to be held from the home, and interment to be made in the cemetery near the Asbury church, the service to be in charge of Rev. R. A. Barnes. Mr. Fleming was a man well known and well liked in the county. He lived a conscientious, consistent, Christian life, and his sudden death is keenly regretted by his many friends. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family. Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: W. Rizer and daughter, Miss Edna, and Alvin Carlson of Carney, Nebraska; Mrs. W. Barr of Alford, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swartley of Fayette, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rulon of Oelwein, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Fleming of Lawler, and William and George Fleming of Edgewood and Greeley. ORGANIZE TRIMMER CLUB. J. B. Hammond of Des Moines, a representative of S. Sawserman of that city, was in Manchester Saturday in the interest of organizing a local chapter of the Trimmer club. As a result, the ministerial association, the superintendent of public schools and church officers have agreed to manage this newly formed boys club, the object of which is to interest the lad in making regular savings of his money in any one of three city banks, receive instruction as to business affairs, and refrain from the use of liquors, tobacco and profanity. Mr. Sawserman is a retired farmer, a dealer in real estate, and a philanthropist. Last July, he conceived the idea of establishing a boys' club in the City of Des Moines, receiving memberships from the children attending Sunday school of one of the protestant churches. Several other gentlemen became interested in the movement, and various clubs sprang up over the city. Endorsements were given the clubs by the State Superintendent of Schools, John F. Riggs, Attorney General Byers, Gov. B. F. Carroll and other prominent statesmen. No funds are required to organize, no salaries are to be paid; the object is purely in favor of the boys, and that they are given an opportunity to practice economy and start a savings account. Mr. Hammond has organized clubs in Oelwein and Ottumwa. He was in Epworth and Independence Saturday and Monday, and will return to Manchester to superintend the work of organization which is now being formulated. MUCH SICKNESS REPORTED. E. H. Sullens is quite ill at the home of W. F. Knapp in this city. Mr. Sullens has been unwell for several months, and has had Mr. Knapp care for him at his home west of this city, until several weeks ago when Mr. Sullens was removed to the Knapp home. His condition has not improved, although no serious complications are entertained. Dr. P. E. Triem is improving slowly and his friends hope that he may be able to be about in a short time. PARKER MIXES WITH SHREDDER. C. H. Parker is the latest victim of the corn shredder et al. Perhaps the legislature or national congress will at some future period appoint or license operators of these deadly machines to lessen the injuries sustained. The record of wounds received from corn shredders and saws would be startling, if complete statistics were ever made public. Mr. Parker had his left arm badly cut and torn, but no serious complications are expected.



You will back us up in the statement that for all the year thru, our Raincoat is the most particular garment a man can have for average weather. Perfection in style for pleasant days. Perfection in protection for stormy days. \$9.50 to \$20.00, the "New Spring" stock is here. Speaking of February—it's Fur Coat Month! The records show it the stormiest, with March following a close second. Be here quick, and you'll buy Fur Coats at wholesale. It's a fair proposition with half the winter ahead. We're not of the kind that sell cheaper than wholesale. Gildner Bros. Head-to-foot Clothiers. 5 Stores. Manchester. Portable Electric Lamps. Boynton wishes to reduce his stock of Portable Electric Lamps, as they occupy room needed for other purposes. Persons desiring an elegant lamp, at a very low price, please call and see what I have to show you and the very low price I can make you. W. N. BOYNTON. A STENCIL OUTFIT. Consists of one Stencil, one brush, and any two colors you may choose. With these and by following directions any one can decorate pillow tops, curtains, piano and table covers. OVER CURTAINS. In Serpentine Crepe, Bullap, etc. are all the rage. If you wish to buy these all decorated, get my price on the finished article. Lessons given in stencil designing, cutting and application at 50c per hour. Any extra colors will be furnished for 15c per color. WALL DECORATION. I will call at your home on request and show you the newest wall paper patterns for the season in the "catmeal" application, etc. Wall paper cleaner 25c per package. Simple in operation: 1 package to a room. W. C. CHAPEL. HOUSE FOR RENT. Situated on Fayette street, Manchester, Iowa. Inquire of T. J. Pierce. 487. Clothes called for and delivered. Phone 270. City Panatormium. 3w5 John M. Scott, Proprietor. WANTED. Lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for a line of household articles and specialties. Salary \$3.50 per day above expenses. Address, The Alexander Supply Company, No. 356 Dearborn st., Chicago, Illinois. Jan. 13-8 wks.

1909 BURTON CLARK Final Mid-Winter Clearance Sale. The special feature of our store during the next few weeks will be that of closing out all odd lots and broken lines left from the winter's selling at prices so low that they will immediately appeal to every one as phenomenal opportunities for saving. You will be surprised to find that so many good things are still here to select from, and what is more, that these articles are just as desirable as those that were picked up so fast during the season. Perfection in style for pleasant days. Perfection in protection for stormy days. \$9.50 to \$20.00, the "New Spring" stock is here. These final reductions have been made with a view of closing out every odd line, and every remnant before the close of February.

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