

T W N TOPICS.

—H. L. Rann was in Waterloo Saturday.
—T. W. Place of Waterloo was in town Saturday.
—E. F. Mulvehill of Masonville was in town Monday.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drew are in Chicago this week.
—Col. H. A. Allen of Independence was in the city Saturday.
—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams were in Dubuque Thursday.
—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peace were in Strawberry Point this week.
—T. C. Hines was in Chicago last week to attend the automobile show.
—Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry arrived home from Washington, D. C., Sunday.
—Miss Verda Stimpson and Miss Thatcher visited with friends in Ryap Sunday.
—Miss Jennie Lovelace of Grundy Center is visiting with relatives in the city.
—Miss Lucy O'Hagen of Masonville was a guest of her sister, Miss Kate O'Hagen, last week.
—Miss Frances Lovelace is in Chicago, attending the exhibition made by wholesale milliners.
—Roy Coulter of Benton, Wisconsin, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen last week.
—Mrs. Frank Carpenter of Earlville visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Rich, last week.
—Miss Ellen Ball of Mount Pleasant, state inspector of the P. E. O. order, will be in the city Friday.
—John Dolphin of Ryan was in the city Saturday, going to Dubuque that afternoon, where he spent Sunday.
—Mrs. Frank Eodwick of Independence visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sedgwick the past few days.
—J. G. Schaum of Oelwein was in town last week on business. Mr. Schaum was formerly a resident of Manchester.
—Ben Sheldon advertises in the Democrat a public sale to be held at his farm east of this city Tuesday, February 23.
—Joe Nye left Saturday night for Lincoln, Nebraska, where he has accepted a position with a hardware wholesale house.
—James Hood of Oneida is acting as engineer on the Manchester & Oneida railway, during the absence of W. C. Beeman.
—Miss Lillian Dittmer of Coleburg is a guest of Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, and attending the Short course now in session in this city.
—Miss Vera Collinge was at home from Winthrop Saturday and Sunday. Miss Collinge teaches in the public schools of that place.
—Barry Thorpe left Saturday night for Rollins, Wyoming, where he will work in the offices of the Union Pacific railway in that place.
—Bert Russell advertises a public sale to be held on his farm 1 1/2 miles east of Manchester on Wednesday, February 24. Read his public sale notice.
—Moving pictures every evening and Saturday matinee. Admission 10 cents and 5 cents. Stay as long as you wish. For this week's program see ad in another column.
—Mrs. J. A. Strickland is at home from Chicago, where she has been receiving treatment in one of the hospitals in that city. Mrs. Strickland is much improved in health.
—Dr. T. E. Fleming of Waterloo were among the speakers at the banquet given by the men's club of the Charles City Methodist Episcopal church last week.
—The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robinson is at Finley hospital in Dubuque, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis on Thursday. Her condition is improving to the satisfaction of her attendants and friends.
—It is said the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Every young lady in Manchester and Delaware county should attend the domestic science class, in connection with the Northeastern Iowa Short course now being held in Manchester.
—Mrs. John Brayton is at Finley hospital in Dubuque, where an operation was performed upon her for appendicitis last Thursday. Mr. Brayton is with her, and on Sunday, her father, W. J. Davis, visited her. She is getting along very nicely, and is rapidly improving.
—The corn awarded premiums at the Short Course will be sold at auction in the Court House next Saturday afternoon. The sale will commence at 1:30 p. m. It is quite probable that corn raised from seed that took premiums last year will be among the winners this year.
—Manchester seems to act as a magnet in drawing ex-convicts and felons. Two weeks ago Charles King, a bank robber, solicited the privilege of expounding the doctrines of Christianity to the awful, wicked people of that town, but he was beat to it by Henry Rice, ex-convict, who was sent to prison from Greeley twelve years ago for burglary. This kind of religion may be highly sensational but we don't believe the results of their teachings are beneficial, and it would be more commendable to pay returning home. They will spend some time in Los Angeles and other parts of the Pacific Coast cities before going to Mexico City.

—Mrs. Thos. Cole of Greeley was in the city Thursday.
—M. I. B. Richmond will ship to Chicago today a car load of cattle.
—Ben Hamblin of Cedar Rapids was in the city Saturday and Sunday.
—D. B. Allen of Arlington visited with relatives in this city Saturday.
—Ruth Miller and Rodney Miller of Independence were in town Saturday.
—A. E. Anderson of Hopkinton had business in the county seat Saturday.
—Burdette Griffin of Williston North Dakota, is a guest at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ray B. Griffin.
—"The new wall finish" is the subject of the advertisement of Chapel & Son. Read it. It will save you money.
—George M. Parker of Sac City, a prominent grand army man of the state, was in the city last week on business.
—E. D. Joseph of New Castle, Wyoming, was a guest of his uncle, F. D. Joseph, Monday, leaving that evening for Chicago on a business trip.
—Miss Irene Thorpe returned to Wyoming to resume her work in the public school at that place, after a several weeks leave of absence, on account of illness.
—Judge W. S. Kenyon of Fort Dodge, formerly general attorney for the Illinois Central railroad, with offices in Chicago, was in Manchester Saturday on business.
—The morning theme next Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church will be "From the Wicket to the Cross." The evening sermon will be "Incentives to Christian Living."
—Watson Childs has furnished scholarships for twelve high school girls to attend the domestic science department classes in connection with the short course now being held in this city.
—Dr. T. E. Fleming went to Mount Vernon this (Tuesday) evening to conduct the funeral service of Mrs. C. A. Hawn, the wife of the Rev. A. C. Hawn, and the mother of the Rev. C. H. Hawn of Muskegon.
—Miss Henrietta Miller has been obliged to resign her position as a teacher in the North Manchester school, on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. August Miller. Miss Sadie Vell of Almorah has been appointed her successor.
—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sheldon have purchased the residence property of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Lawrence on Mar and Wayne streets, and will move into their new home after the first of March. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence and children will be at home with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman for the present.
—The annual cement show will be held in the Coliseum at Chicago beginning Thursday, February 18, and lasting until the 24th instant. This exposition of cement and allied industries will prove to be a practical educational opportunity for the architect, dealer and business man. Concrete is to be the leading building material of the future, so many experts in cement work declare.
—Mrs. W. T. A. Keyes and daughter, Frances, were guests of Mrs. Whitney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Whitney, last week, and Monday morning left for Montgomery, Alabama, where they will meet Mr. Keyes, who is now located at Birmingham and associated with the Rambler automobile company. Although Mr. and Mrs. Keyes retain their home in Omaha, yet they will spend several weeks in the south, and expect to remove to the state of Minnesota in the spring.
WITH OUR ADVERTISERS.
Among the advertisers who have changed their display announcements in The Democrat this week are Gilmer Bros., who will make a speciality of shoes for the next few days. The Delaware County State Bank invites attention to its savings account, and conservative business principles. Geo. W. Webber, the post card man, calls attention to his complete line of cards and onedist cards. The Manchester & Oneida railway offer excursion and home-seekers rates to the west and northwest, exceptionally low fares being made for transportation to Los Angeles, Seattle or Spokane. Chapel & Son announce a new and economical wall covering which they are pushing at this time. Read these advertisements; they may mean a saving of money to you.
ATTENDANCE IS GOOD.
The Short course opened Monday morning, and the classes in corn study are largely composed of boys and young men. An enrollment of 80 was made up to Monday at noon. The domestic science department is creating greater interest this year than was apparent last season. Two classes are being conducted, the Misses Charlton of Ames and Nellie Maxwell of Wisconsin are making demonstrations in both the first and second year work. Miss Byer is assisting.
The advanced class will have an opportunity to learn how to draft shirt waists, and do practical work in millinery.
United Brethren.
There will be cottage prayer meetings every evening this week in preparation for the evangelistic meetings to begin February 21. The last quarterly conference of the year will be conducted February 22 by Rev. J. H. Patterson, conference superintendent.

Shoe Business Changes Hands.
A deal was consummated this (Tuesday) afternoon whereby H. H. Lawrence disposed of his shoe business here to E. A. Kinne and J. W. Wright, possession to be given February 17.
The new firm will be known as Kinne & Wright. Mr. Kinne and Mr. Wright are both well known here and their new business relations give every promise of future success. Mr. Kinne is one of the best known shoe men in this part of the state. He has devoted his entire time to the business for the past seventy years, having received his first instruction from that old reliable shoe merchant, Seth Brown. Mr. Kinne is an up-to-date merchant, thoroughly honest and competent, and familiar with every detail of the shoe business.
Mr. Wright has had several years experience in the shoe business and has been for several months employed in the store of Gilmer Bros. of this city. He has resided here about a year and during that time has made many friends by his courteous and straight forward manner.
The Democrat extends its best wishes to the new firm of Kinne & Wright.
Egg and Poultry Industry.
C. E. Lovett of Volga City will establish an egg and poultry shipping station in Manchester March 1, and will occupy a building to be erected by William Hockaday near the Young & Sons warehouse in the Manchester & Oneida railway yards.
Mr. Lovett has been conducting a business of this kind at Volga City for several years, and has employed, during the busy seasons, from twenty to thirty people. During the months of March and April, and again in the fall, shipments of eggs and poultry are large, and from Volga City last year, 96 car loads of eggs, 17 of live poultry, and 400,000 pounds of dressed poultry were shipped to eastern markets, 97 per cent. being delivered in New York City.
A special brand of eggs is handled by this firm, which is eagerly purchased by commission men in the east. The eggs are carefully chosen, and the best of shipping crates and fillers are used.
The Manchester & Oneida railway will be used as the initial line from this city, and the business from Oneida will be divided between the Milwaukee and Great Western roads, and from Chicago, the Pennsylvania lines will be used exclusively for eggs and dressed poultry.
The firm name will be C. E. Lovett & Company, or Lovett & Davis. The junior member will remove to this city, and he and Mrs. Davis will arrive in town about the first of the week. Mr. Lovett will find it impossible to leave Volga City, being interested in the poultry business there, as well as managing an elevator, a general store, and being postmaster of the town.
This new industry will mean another asset to Manchester. Eggs and poultry will be purchased from local merchants, and sold from out of town dealers, and will, in a perceptible way, increase the business activity of our city. The matter has met with united support from the business men, and is an assured enterprise.
OPEN NEW OFFICE.
For the greater convenience of its patrons and to insure improved service, the Manchester Lumber Company has decided to open an up-town branch office, and recently to this end has secured a lease on the Main floor of the Steamman Building, adjoining the First National Bank. The new office will be open for business this week, in charge of Mr. F. B. Johnson as assistant to the company's manager, Mr. J. W. Reardon, and as soon as possible will be supplied with a full line of samples covering the various staples and specialties of interest to the building trade. Orders may be placed at the new office, and inquiries of all kinds will receive prompt attention from there.
JUDGE HAS PRIVATE OFFICE.
Carpenters are at work remodeling an office near the court room, to be fitted up for the accommodation of the judges while holding court here. A doorway has been cut between this office and the library, making the suite a most convenient one. Rugs will cover the floors, and the room will be furnished with new office furniture.
HART ENJOYS A VACATION.
A. S. Hart, conductor of the Cedar Rapids branch of the Illinois Central railroad has been granted a nine days leave of absence and with his wife is making a trip through the west. Mr. Hart is one of the best known railroad men on the lines of the Illinois Central, and the courtesy shown him by the company which he serves is well deserved, on account of his faithful work.
E. H. SELLENS.
On Wednesday, February 10, 1909, Mr. E. H. Sellens, a pioneer of Delaware county, died in this city at the age of 85 years. The funeral was held from the Baptist church Saturday morning, the sermon being preached by the pastor, Rev. S. S. Stephenson. Interment was made in the Manchester cemetery.
Mr. Sellens was born in England, coming to the United States when a boy and settled in Coffins Grove township in 1865, continuing his residence on his farm west of Manchester ever since. His wife died two years ago, and he leaves surviving him, a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, who lives in Manchester; and the following nieces and nephews: Miss Ella Merrill, Mrs. Laura Sellens and Helene Sellens all of this city; Mrs. Mary Keller of Clay, New York; and W. H. Sellens of Manchester, Edwin Reeves of South Dakota, Mert Reeves of Santa Ana, California, and Chas. Sellens of Independence.
Mr. Sellens was a successful farmer, having one of the best and richest land holdings in the county. He was a member of the Baptist church, and an influential and active parishioner. He was stricken with paralysis November 12, 1906, and since that time has been cared for by W. F. Knapp of this city.
FOR RENT.
In Coffin's Grove township 80 acres of good pasture land, well fenced and cross fenced; spring water. Inquire of Dr. H. M. Bradley, Manchester, Iowa.
HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY.
In a true spirit of patriotic reverence and devotion, Manchester observed the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln on Friday. So far as was practical, offices and places of business were closed. Social affairs were made to conform with a constant observance of the day. In the afternoon, a great many people attended the programs given to the public schools. Appropriate services were held in the Baptist church in the evening, the program being given by the Sons of Veterans. The streets down town were decorated with flags and bunting, and in many windows were placed paintings or engravings of Lincoln. The post office and banks were closed during the day.
Supt. J. R. Inman had arranged for appropriate services in the grammar grades and High school. Short addresses were made by several citizens. Rev. S. S. Stephenson spoke to the children in the Fourth grade, Col. J. H. Peters, Fifth grade; Judge A. S. Blair, Sixth grade; Dr. T. E. Fleming, Seventh grade; Rev. R. A. Barnes, Eighth grade; and Rev. J. F. Moore made a short speech to the students of the High school.
At the High school a pleasing and interesting program was given by the Sophomore class, the music being rendered by the High school double quartet. Rev. Moore chose for his subject the pathos and humor so conspicuous in the life of Lincoln. He exhibited two cartoons, one of which was published in Harper's Weekly during the early part of the Civil war and the other from an eastern newspaper both portraying Lincoln inspecting certain reports of the war, as to the loss of life and the drainage of the treasury. Lincoln was quoted as saying, "It strikes me very funny; in fact, it reminds me of a story." Such cruel and unjust representations of the president, said Mr. Moore, proved his worth as a man, in being able to withstand the criticism. The humor of the president was spoken of by Mr. Moore, and several instances where his ready wit had saved misunderstandings and restored good nature. Reference was made to the famous Gettysburg speech, the second inaugural speech, and the Bixby letter.
The Lincoln program given at the Baptist church in the evening was well attended and enjoyed.
SHORT COURSE OPENS.
The advance representatives of the Iowa State college, Harvey Hanna, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hanna of this city, was in conference with the officers of the Northeastern Iowa Short course Thursday morning, arranging for the placing of the two car loads of cattle, sheep and horses. The corn exhibit and classes in that department are being held at the Court House, the stock show in the Novelty stables, and the domestic science class in the Pythian castle. The Novelty stables will be conveniently arranged for accommodating the classes in cattle and horse judging, the seats to be placed as they were last year.
The public, or those not holding memberships to the entire course will be admitted to the lectures in the evening or to the class discussion and lectures each afternoon from 8 until 5 o'clock at a small fee.
"Manchester may well be congratulated on its efforts to secure a good course this year," said Mr. Hanna. "I believe the total enrollment and the interest will equal that of the course at Cedar Rapids. While at Spencer and Iowa Falls, we were handicapped for the class use, being obliged to purchase from feed stores such supplies as we needed." Secretary Joseph has over three thousand ears of corn on hand to be used in the study classes.
A large delegation from Dubuque County is here, headed by Joseph Burd of Peosta, and another party from West Union, which includes Henry George, a practical farmer, and a collegian.
Indications are favorable for a splendid course this year, and the classes are being well attended.



Big \$2.00 Special IN MEN'S SHOES.

This is absolutely the biggest snap in shoes ever offered. We have it in plain or cap toe, Vici Kid, or box Calf stock.

20 per cent. off on all Winter Overcoats.

Gildner Bros.

Head-to-foot Clothiers- Get to know us.

A STENCIL OUTFIT

Consists of one Stencil, one brush, and any two colors you may choose.

OVER CURTAINS

in Serpentine Crepe, Burlap, etc. are all the rage. If you wish to buy these all decorated get my price on the finished article.

WALL DECORATION

The latest method of wall paper decorations is to apply our new hygienic wall paper finish over old paper, decorating it free hand or by means of a stencil.

CHAPEL & SON.

HOUSE FOR RENT.

Situated on Fayette street, Manchester, Iowa. Inquire of Titrill & Pierce.

WANTED.

Lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for a line of household articles and specialties. Salary \$30.00 per day above expenses.

WORK WANTED.

Wanted, by single man, steady place on farm or before the first of March, strictly temperance.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss. I, D. W. H. Selens, Clerk of the District Court, do hereby certify that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Delaware County, a petition of Abbe J. Garhart, claiming a divorce from the bonds of matrimony as the grounds of desertion, and making for such other and further relief as may be deemed equitable and just.

AUCTION SALE.

Delaware county will sell at auction sale about 6,000 feet of second hand plank. The sale will be held at west end of old wagon bridge, west of Hoag's mill in Manchester Saturday afternoon, February 20, 1909, at 2 o'clock.

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.

B. CLARK Blank Books. In endless variety. Better start a new set the first of the year. With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Anders & Philipp. 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' and Children's 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.

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' and Children's 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

Watch the Piano Contest! During the next few weeks. Look out for further announcements. It will take a new departure in the near future. Many new contestants are just beginning to get interested and there will be many new girls working within a few days.