

TOWN TOPICS.

D. F. Young was in Dubuque Friday.

H. C. Haeblerle was in Dubuque Friday.

W. A. Abbott of Lamont was in town Thursday.

E. E. Brewer was in Chicago last week on business.

George W. Klaus was in Dubuque Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Harris were in Dubuque Friday.

E. E. Gilder was in Waterloo Friday evening on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beaman were in Cedar Rapids last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pierce visited with relatives in Earlville last week.

Mrs. W. D. McIntosh and daughter visited with friends in Delaware last week.

E. S. Cowles has sold his dray line to Will Spitzer, the change being effective Thursday.

Mrs. C. A. Peterson was in Strawberry Point Thursday, as a guest of Mrs. Alex. Riddell.

Mrs. J. J. Gonn is assisting in the care of her father who is seriously ill at his home in Winthrop.

Mrs. C. L. Belknap left Friday morning for Detroit, Michigan, after a several weeks visit in the city.

Fred Denton of Webster, South Dakota, was in the city last week, as a guest of his brother, R. A. Denton.

R. B. Robinson left Friday night for New York City, and expected to remain in the east for several weeks.

Rev. T. E. Taylor of Independence was in the city Friday, as a guest of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

Harry Stewart left last week for Texas where he will remain for several weeks on a business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. Edward Dutton has accepted a position in the Manchester office of the Delaware County Telephone company.

Miss J. Mildred Smith was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Leonard at Cedar Rapids last week, returning home Friday evening.

Mrs. Minnie Clough and daughter of Strawberry Point were guests at the home of H. A. Granger and M. J. Moran Thursday and Friday.

A school of instruction will be conducted in the Masonic temple beginning Thursday, March 18, and continuing until Saturday, the 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Packer attended the funeral of the six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Emery of Coggon, which was held Friday morning.

Peter Schleder of Lineville, South Dakota, is a guest at the Peter Egan home west of this city. Mr. Schleder is one of the substantial farmers of his locality.

John A. McIntosh, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McIntosh of this city, has been officially appointed by the postoffice department as mail carrier on Route No. 7 out of Manchester.

The Delaware County Telephone company has purchased a Remington standard typewriter, Model No. 11, one of the latest patterns made by this firm. The machine is fitted with a tabulator, and a two-color ribbon.

Asa Friend and family have been in Manchester for several days making preparations to remove to Montana. Mr. Friend has been residing in the east part of Clayton county for several years, since his removal from Manchester.

J. R. Cooke of West Union visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Brewer last week, going to Des Moines Thursday. Mr. Cooke is a representative of the passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

Capt. J. F. Merry attended a banquet given in Chicago Friday evening by the Illinois Central Railroad company in honor of Hon. J. M. Dickinson, formerly general counsel for the company, but recently chosen as the secretary of the company by President Tatt.

Louis F. Franks has been appointed brakeman on the Manchester & Onida railway, to succeed Roy Johnson, who resigned. Mr. Franks was formerly employed by the Milwaukee railway as a brakeman, and will make a suitable employee of the M. & O.

Mrs. Maude Cary Platt was visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Cary, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Platt have purchased Charles Thorpe 160 acres of land four miles north of Manchester, and will remove from their farm near Edgewood and occupy their newly acquired property sometime this month.

Michael Barr, who has lived in Delaware county since 1864, celebrated his 88th birthday Thursday, March 4. Mr. Barr was born in Ireland in 1820. He lived in Pennsylvania after coming to the United States for several years before settling in this county. Mr. Barr is enjoying excellent health, and is one of the pioneers of this section who still takes an active interest in all matters relating to politics and questions of public concern.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gorham of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were entertained at the home of Squire and Mrs. J. A. Pearce a part of last week arriving in the city Thursday evening from Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Gorham was formerly Mrs. Alva Bennett Schneider, and was recently united in marriage with Mr. Gorham, who is general manager of a real estate company in Minneapolis. On their wedding trip, they visited Memphis, New Orleans, San Antonio and other cities in the south, and from Manchester returned to their home in Minneapolis.

The Contest is Getting Warm.

The entering of several new contestants last week has added new interest to the piano contest.

The liberal free vote offer has induced many of the girls to do some hard work.

As we announced last week the jewel box offer closed Saturday and several girls were awarded these handsome cases.

We will positively give the choice of a \$25 graphophone or a \$25 gold watch to the young lady turning in the most votes before March 20.

All votes cast that are voted or have been voted between March 1 and 20th. This week 29,000 free votes will be given with every \$20 turned in.

The double vote on smaller amounts is withdrawn. The free votes will diminish 1,000 votes each week until the close of the contest, the closing date of which will be announced in the near future.

Joseph Hutchinson went to Chicago Monday on business.

D. W. Clements of West Union is in the city on business.

Rev. W. H. Ensign is in Independence today, attending a meeting of the presbytery.

A dollar in trade, free to everyone. For particulars, read Gilder Bros. ad in another column.

W. L. Drew announces a new line of rugs and carpets. Mr. Drew's assortment in patterns is very complete.

The flight of ducks to the north began last week and local hunters enjoyed a few days of good shooting.

Delhi voted to incorporate at its town election held last Tuesday, the vote standing 69 to 6 in favor of the question.

Sherman Harris left this afternoon for Aberdeen, South Dakota, on a business trip, expecting to remain for several days.

The Manchester Lumber company calls attention to the opening of a city office in the Steadman building on Main street.

Inspection will be held at the Army Friday evening of this week, in charge of Major Martin. Capt. Utley invites the attendance of the public.

J. E. Davis is loading his household goods into a car this week and will ship same to Littleport, where with his family, he will establish a home on a farm near that town.

Charles H. Parker, the feed man, brought in a change of advertisement too late for publication in this week's issue. Remember to read what he has to say next week.

At the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "The church's Human Needs," and in the evening, "Fidelity."

John Tierney of St. Mary's, Kansas, and Frank Tierney of Deadwood, South Dakota, arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Catharine Tierney, which is to be held Thursday.

J. M. Gibson went to Waterloo Monday night, where he addressed the members of the Modern National Reserve lodge at that city. From there he went to Chares City to attend a meeting of a similar character.

Dr. Frank Gonsaulus, a noted divine and lecturer, pastor of Central church in Chicago, was suddenly stricken with paralysis at Des Moines Monday. Dr. Gonsaulus was to have delivered a lecture at Cedar Falls last night, but was obliged to return to his home in Chicago.

Fred Graham of Waterloo, formerly of Manchester, was sentenced to a year in the county jail in Waterloo Monday, in default of a bond of \$500 to guarantee that he would go to work. Fred has been arrested so many times of late for mixing up in street fights, that the police were obliged to rid themselves of his troublesome disposition.

The ladies of the United Brethren church will serve supper at the home of Cal Stimson Friday evening, March 12. Supper consisting of oysters, hot biscuits and honey, pickles, cake and coffee. Served from 5 o'clock until all are served. Price of supper 25 cents. Proceeds to apply on pastor's salary. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mayor L. Matthews issues a notice of municipal election to the qualified electors of the city of Manchester for the regular biennial election of a mayor, assessor, treasurer, two councilmen at large and one councilman from each ward, to be held March 23.

H. J. Wilson of Portland, Oregon, formerly proprietor of the Oregon house in Manchester, is expected to arrive in the city this (Wednesday) evening for a few days visit with his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Smith. Mr. Wilson will leave for New York City the latter part of the week to purchase goods for a furnishing house, of which he is a partner, the firm being known as Wilson & Potter.

LAMPMAN TO GO WEST. Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Lampman and daughter leave next week for Los Angeles, California, where they will remain for several months. A short visit will be made at El Paso, Texas, on the going trip, and after arriving at Los Angeles, they will continue their trip to Long Beach, expecting to spend several weeks in that city. This change is made on account of Mr. Lampman's health, and his physicians having recommended his removal to a dry and warm climate.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED. Dr. J. J. Lindsay and H. C. Smith, members of the city board of education, whose terms were to expire this year, were unanimously re-elected Monday afternoon. Only forty-six votes were cast.

MRS. JULIA A. SALE.

Mrs. Julia A. Sale died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. E. Triem, Sunday, March 7, 1909, after an illness of nearly a year.

She was born January 17, 1835, at Lockport, Illinois, and was one of a family of ten children. Mrs. Sale was married to S. S. Dewey when she was sixteen years of age. To them was born five children, four of whom are now living: Mrs. P. E. Triem of Manchester, Fred Dewey of Amboy, Illinois; W. C. Dewey of Chicago and Mrs. W. W. Worden of Des Moines.

Mrs. Dewey died in 1877, and in 1883 Mrs. Dewey was united in marriage with Mr. Sale, who died a number of years ago. Besides the above named children, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. William Linn of Chicago and a brother, Albert Mulligan, of Effingham, Kansas.

Mrs. Sale was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church. She lived at different times in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and for six years in the state of Washington, up to the time of her last illness, when she was brought to Manchester, where she could be cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Triem.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Ensign. The remains were taken to LaPorte last evening for interment.

EVANGELISTS HERE.

Mrs. R. C. Norton, who is associated with an evangelistic party which is to tour Australia, China, Japan, and European countries this summer, is in the city, as a guest of her mother, Mrs. T. J. Jacobs.

Mrs. Norton spoke at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday evening, telling of her experiences as a personal worker in certain revival meetings held in the east the past year. Rev. Norton is in Springfield, Massachusetts, but will arrive in Manchester the latter part of the week, and on Sunday morning will preach at the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Norton has charge of the company of personal workers which are a potent factor in the evangelistic services. Dr. Chapman, the world known minister and evangelist, and his party of assistants, will sail from Vancouver, British Columbia, about the first of April, and will begin an evangelistic campaign in Australia, where they will remain for six months, going to other countries later. Mr. and Mrs. Norton will leave next Monday for Vancouver, to join the other members of the company.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AWARDS.

The secretary of the Northeastern Iowa Short course, F. D. Joseph, received last week from the State Agricultural college at Ames a report of the result of the examination taken by the members of the domestic science department, held in connection with the short course in Manchester two weeks ago.

The instructors found that Mrs. Hubert Carr had passed the best examination, receiving a grade of 99 1/2, and thereby was entitled to the first prize, the Elwell kitchen cabinet, donated by the manufacturers through their local agent, A. D. Brown. A close second was Mrs. A. M. Cloud, who was given a grade of 99 and as a second prize was awarded a street coat, given by Burton Clark.

RURAL SCHOOLS CLOSE.

A majority of the one hundred and thirty-five rural schools in Delaware county are closed at the present time for the spring vacation. It will be of interest to the people residing in this county to know that there are 4,171 pupils enrolled in the schools maintained in the towns and rural districts. The average daily attendance is about twenty-eight hundred, while there are 5,618 children under the school age living in the county. The total enrollment in the country schools is 4,020 and the average daily attendance is 1,652. With the opening of the spring term, the attendance from many of the schools will be lessened, on account of the work to be done by the boys on the farm.

A. L. MINKLER.

A. L. Minkler died at his home in Edgewood Saturday morning, March 6, 1909. Mr. Minkler was born January 1, 1822, in Lake county, Ohio. He came to Iowa in 1854 and lived near Masonville until 1866, when he moved onto a farm north of Edgewood. Mrs. Minkler died one year ago, and four children survive him: Mrs. A. Perry of Edgewood, Mortimer Minkler of Plover, E. L. Minkler of Delhi and Dr. C. G. Minkler of Des Moines. The funeral was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the Congregational church, the services being in charge of Rev. C. H. Trice, assisted by Rev. L. Hubbell.

CITIZENS MASS MEETING.

Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at Central Opera house, a mass meeting of the men and women of Manchester will be held, for the purpose of considering and adopting the method to pursue in lessening certain existing evils commonly practiced in town. The meeting will be in charge of the Ministerial association and the Woman's Christian Temperance union. A number of speeches will be made, and special music offered.

BREAK INTO DRUG STORE.

Two men broke into the R. A. Denton drug store Saturday night, and carried away one case of liquor, hiding it in the baseball park on West Main street. The men were arrested Sunday afternoon and taken to the county jail, where they are awaiting a hearing before the grand jury.

TO RECLAIM EVERGLADES.

A. O. Stanger of this city, who has returned recently from a several visit in Florida, was seen by a representative of The Democrat recently, and in conversation, Mr. Stanger told of the extensive drainage work being inaugurated by the state of Florida.

"A number of parties from Colorado," said Mr. Stanger, "are buying large holdings located in the Everglades, paying the state \$2 per acre. In turn, they hire the state to drain these lands at \$1 per acre, and sell the improved land to northern 'land suckers' at \$15 an acre, or thereabouts.

"The soil is of a coral formation which contains 4 per cent. phosphorus. The land is six feet above high water and the engineers are working from the mouth of the Miami river, dredging this stream and expect to construct diverging canals into the heart of the swamp district, and in that way drain these four million acres of water soaked land, making it fertile and productive for citrus fruit growing.

"Grape fruits are grown easily on this fertilized coral rock formation, and the trucksters sell them for \$2.50 a crate, each of which contains fifty grape fruits. On account of excessive express charges, and severe cold in the north, the fruit is shipped by water to New York and Boston markets, rather than by freight overland to Chicago and middle western cities."

Mr. Stanger also visited Cuba while away, and is of the opinion that the government of that republic will meet with many instructions before the present administration is completed. "Only five per cent. of the rural inhabitants know how to read and write," continued Mr. Stanger, "while the population of the cities is not much better. A monarchy might exist in such conditions, but illiterate and ignorant people will surely continue their custom of starting revolutions and misunderstanding a republican form of government."

Railroad extension is progressing rapidly along the east coast of Florida, and the many "keys" are being connected by concrete bridges. Railroad navigations now reach Knight's Key, and preparations are being made to float trains on transport boats to Cuba from the lowest point in Florida.

DISTRICT COURT.

The March term of the District Court began Monday with Judge Franklin C. Platt on the bench. The first day was devoted to the assignment of cases and the organization and instruction of the grand jury. The grand jury is composed of the following: R. J. Bixby, (foreman), Honey Creek; Arthur McEaney, Adams; E. N. Akers, Hazel Green; John Deppa, Bremen; E. F. Main, South Fork; G. O. White, Delhi and Owen McMahon, Prairie. They entered immediately upon their duties and are now in session. They will probably not adjourn until the latter part of the week. The trial jury is summoned for Monday, March 15th. Several cases have been assigned for disposition Monday and Tuesday of next week most of which will require no jury. Other assignments will be made later.

SEED OATS SPECIAL.

Prof. A. C. Quafe addressed an audience of nearly seventy-five farmers in one of the lecture cars of the seed oats special, which reached Manchester Monday noon. Professor Holden and Professor Bowman were on the train, as well as other representatives from the Iowa State college at Ames. Several railroads in the state are conducting these special trains and the doctrine of oat production as it is being preached, is proving helpful to the people receiving the instruction.

BALLASTING TRACKS.

The Manchester & Onida railway company is ballasting its line of track near the Onida terminal, the work beginning Saturday morning. The road finds that cinders make an excellent ballast and has purchased several car loads of this material from the Manchester Light, Heat & Power company, to be used on their right-of-way.

HOMESEEKERS RETURN.

John Hartman and Burt Hamblin arrived in the city Saturday from several weeks trip through the state of Kansas, in company with a large party of homeseekers and land investors. Messrs. Hartman and Hamblin are well pleased with existing conditions in the southwest and have made investments in several counties.

SUGAR SNOW MELTS ICE.

The heavy sugar snow which fell Sunday night, left the ground and trees covered three or four inches in depth. It seemed to act as a midsummer rain upon the scaly and honey-combed ice which still lingered in the Maquoketa. On Monday morning the river channel was clear of ice.

UNION CAUCUS.

The Union party caucus will be held at the Court House Tuesday evening March 16th at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor, assessor, treasurer, two councilmen at large and one councilman from each ward.

By Order of Committee.

ORATORICAL MEETING.

The Northeastern Iowa Oratorical association of High schools will hold its annual meeting at Reinbeck this week Friday, Miss Blanche Bishop of this city will represent the Manchester High school.

GRAVENETTE

... and ...

Top Coat Day

Next Saturday, MARCH 13th.

This is the time of year you ought to have a rain or shine coat. The garment is designed as a shapely stylish spring overcoat.

A raincoat if it rains—a gentleman's coat all the time. Cut with the proper length and fullness, hangs gracefully, always feels comfortable.

Big assortment of fancy and black patterns to select from.

Prices range from \$8.50 to \$22.50.

Cut Out This Add and bring it to us next Saturday, March 13th, and we will allow you \$1.00 credit on any cravenette or spring overcoat in the house all new spring styles.

Get to know us.

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220 acres of land, 130 acres in cultivation 30 acres more can be opened balance fine pasture and timber. About 100 fruit tree. Fine 8 room house newly painted, all in good shape, horse barn, cow barn, granary, 2 corn cribs, 2 wagon sheds, chicken house, 2 cisterns, good well and wind mill. All three wire and cross fenced. 120 rods hog wire and board fence. This farm can be bought for \$29.50 per acre, is cheap at \$40.00 per acre. Must be sold to settle up with heirs of estate. Time can be had on about one half of it. Enquire of C. J. Wagner, Lansing, Iowa.

200 acres of land, 65 acres in cultivation, more can be broke. 40 acres of timber and some saw timber, 1000 cords of wood can be cut. A fair house, few other outbuildings, not very good. Lies a mile and a half from market. This land can be bought for \$15.00 per acre this is a bargain that will not be on the market very long. We have many other good bargains in land. Write me for full particulars. C. J. Wagner, Lansing, Iowa. 12 wks-9.

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