

TOWN TOPICS.

-H. W. Sabin was in Cedar Rapids last week. -F. C. Hall went to Moline, Ill. yesterday on business. -Chas. Laxon of Earlville was a business visitor in town Friday. -Miss Jessie Fleming was visiting relatives in Fayette last week. -E. C. Perkins of Delhi was a business visitor in town yesterday. -Mrs. A. H. Blake and Mrs. W. C. Blake were in Cedar Rapids Thursday. -A. J. Bruce was in Independence yesterday looking after business matters. -Mrs. Earle Davis and son spent the latter part of last week in Lament. -Mrs. W. E. Lopley and Mrs. E. W. Williams were in Cedar Rapids Friday. -Herbert Swan of Independence spent Sunday in town visiting with friends. -Glinder Bros. advertise boys' blouses this week. See their advertisement. -A. A. Loop is visiting at the home of his sister in Fort Dodge this week. -John Stewart of Reinbeck, Iowa, was a guest of Percy Strickland over Sunday. -Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan of Waterloo visited with friends in town last week. -Mrs. J. M. Brayton and Miss Emma L. Brayton of Delhi were in town Thursday. -Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sedgewick of Independence are visiting relatives in town. -Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Young and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Young were in Dubuque Friday. -Do not miss Chapel & Son's add this week as it means much to the house wife and owner. -Mrs. E. H. Chapel is at home from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Illinois. -Mrs. H. G. Kelsner has been visiting in St. Paul for some time, returning home last week. -Harry Hoag of Garner, Iowa, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoag. -J. F. Merry left Sunday for Washington, D. C., where he expects to remain for a week or ten days. -Dr. H. A. Dittmer and son, C. E. Dittmer, went to Chicago yesterday for a short visit in that city. -The annual meeting of the North-eastern Iowa Press Association will be held at Charles City May 6 and 7. -Bernard Beel left Thursday for Bancroft, Nebraska, where he will remain an extended visit with relatives. -O. J. Page returned home from Davenport Monday morning where he had been on business for several weeks. -See Edward Cook's advertisement in this week's issue of The Democrat regarding pure bred Belgian draft stallions. -A kid ball team from here went to Independence Saturday and defeated the latter team by a score of 11 to 10. -W. F. Kewney, who is mail carrier on Route No. 7, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on East Union street. -Ira B. Clark, who has been living at the Fish hatchery during the winter, has moved into his residence on East Main street. -Robert Harris, who attends a business college at Cedar Rapids, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Harris. -A. J. Brown has been quite ill in his rooms in the Globe hotel for the past few days, suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas. -E. J. Carpenter arrived home from Presha, South Dakota, Monday morning, where he had been for some time looking after business matters. -Ray Robinson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, left last week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment. -Fred Rabenau returned home from Iowa City, where he has been attending school, Saturday evening. He will remain at home indefinitely on account of sickness. -J. H. Allen, the clothier, is soon to have a new front put in the building which he occupies. The new front will be of modern style and will make two good display windows. -A. S. Hart of Cedar Rapids will resume his work as conductor on the Cedar Rapids passenger train about May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have spent the winter in California. -Miss Gertrude Pierce of New Hampton, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Boyce, is visiting with friends in Dubuque this week. -Roy Joslin, who has been attending a law school at Peoria, Illinois, has gone to Parkersburg, Kansas, where he has a position in a jewelry store. He was a guest of his mother, Mrs. Robert Joslin, a few days last week. -F. E. Haxwood, coal traffic manager of the Illinois Central, was in the city Thursday on business, and a business car, No. 12, which Mr. Harwood used, was parked in the yards during the afternoon, and was taken to Cedar Rapids that evening. -James Rizer has resigned his position as salesman in the W. L. Drew dry goods house, and has accepted employment with the Standard Lumber company in its offices at Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Rizer will remove to Ryan in a few days, where they will make their home.

-A. M. Cloud was in Dubuque this week. -H. L. Rahn is in Independence today. -Hugh Clemens was in Dubuque yesterday. -Look up C. W. Ferris's want ad. "For Sale." -Geo. W. Dunham is in Cedar Rapids this week. -Bert Matthews was in Cedar Rapids this week. -Court was in session in this city Monday and Tuesday. -J. W. Lewis was a business caller in Dubuque Friday. -Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hockaday are in Earlville today. -Miss Hilma Sefstrom was a Cedar Rapids visitor Friday. -E. E. Gildner was in Cedar Rapids Friday on business. -W. D. Hoyt was a business visitor in Dubuque Saturday. -W. A. Abbott of Lamont is in town today visiting friends. -Rev. Father J. J. O'Meara visited here the first of the week. -Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan of Waterloo visited in town last week. -Miss Ruth Grey was visiting in Grinnell and Des Moines last week. -M. E. Blair went to Dubuque this morning to serve on the federal grand jury. -Watson Childs left Thursday morning for Rockwell City, where he will visit friends. -W. M. Crosier and B. M. Richardson of Oregon were business callers in town Friday. -The friends of Mrs. C. W. Keagy will be glad to learn that her condition is improved today. -H. J. Schwilert returns today from a business trip through Minnesota and South Dakota. -Mrs. R. D. Graham left Friday for Rochester, Minnesota, where she is to undergo an operation. -Geo. W. Webber is improving the interior of his news stand by giving it a new coat of paint. -J. L. Kelsey of Anamosa, general manager of the Anamosa and Coggon railway, spent Sunday in town. -Rehearsals are in progress for the Minstrel show which is to be given for the benefit of the base ball team. -Mrs. H. J. Wilson arrived here from Portland, Oregon, Friday, being a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Smith. -The North Manchester Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Henry Lawrence next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. -Mrs. Luke Davis and son, W. J. Davis, went to Chicago this morning where Mrs. Davis is to submit to an operation. -E. G. Matthews and J. C. Charles of Waterloo were over Sunday visitors at the home of C. Hermann, west of town. -Percy Strickland was at home from Cedar Rapids over Sunday. Mr. Strickland attends the Cedar Rapids Business college. -Read what A. B. Heherington & Son have to say about Staver bugles in their advertisement in this week's Democrat. -L. Matthews and A. D. Long are in Cedar Rapids this week attending a meeting of Iowa Constabulary No. 2, Scottish Rites. -Mrs. S. T. Carpenter returns to her home in Earlville this week, after a two months' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Long. -Mrs. S. K. Meyers, Mrs. T. E. Fleming and Mrs. H. A. Dittmer are attending the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convention which is being held in Epworth this week. -The Bright & Webster Dry Goods company has closed its work in Manchester and shipped the stock of dry goods, millinery and carpets to Sumner, where a store will be opened. The company has been in business for several years in Manchester, and conducted its business in the L. C. Atwater building on Franklin street. LAUNDRYMEN ORGANIZE. People may now expect the finest sort of laundry work in the future. Why? Because all the state laundrymen gathered together at Cedar Rapids and talked the matter over, which resulted in the organization of the State Launderers association. Officers were elected, and L. Matthews, Jr., proprietor of the Main street laundry of this city, became one of the charter members of the craft. While these laundries do not wish it to be understood that they themselves acknowledge faulty work in the past, yet they admit there is a chance for improvement, and wish to become interested in one another, thereby obtaining suggestions and ideas that will tend to perfect the grade of work done. GREAT WESTERN CHANGE TIME CARD. On Sunday, May 2, the Chicago Great Western railway will make effective a change of train schedules, which will interest its patrons residing in Manchester. This notice was received in the passenger offices of the Manchester & Onondaga railway last Friday, and a printed time card will be issued next week, giving the exact arriving time of trains passing through Onondaga. The M. & O. will arrange its schedules accordingly, so far as they may affect the meeting of the daylight Great Western passenger trains. REPORT OF DELAWARE CREAMERY FOR MARCH. Tuesday, April 20, was pay day at the Delaware Co-operative creamery. The report of the month of March was as follows: number of pounds of milk received \$7,599; the number of pounds of cream 7,469; average test of milk 3.6; average test of cream 28; price paid for butter fat 21 cents.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE COME BEFORE COUNCIL. City Clerk Calls Attention to the Unsightly River Front. At an adjourned meeting of the council, held last Tuesday evening, matters of grave importance to the people of Manchester were discussed and considered, some of which were brought to the attention of the aldermen by City Clerk Hruby. Mr. Hruby, in his annual report, reminded the council of the unsightly appearance of the river front from the Marion street bridge as far north as the Novelty stables, and stated that refuse, garbage and much waste matter was thrown into the river above the Illinois Central railroad bridge, which is contrary to the code of the city, and an offense made punishable by a fine of \$25. On one tour of inspection, a health officer reported favorable conditions for malaria, and other diseases, as a result of the filth and debris thrown about the banks of the river and into the waters. This matter should have the attention of the council as soon as possible. The report of the superintendent of the water works shows that Manchester now owns five and one-half miles of 6 and 8 inch water mains, and 1000 feet of one and one-half inch water mains. The superintendent was authorized by the council to inspect all water taps in houses or offices which may be leaking, and report same, thus saving many hundreds of gallons of water each year. It was also determined to purchase four new sprinkler-cranes, to be used in drawing water from hydrants - an filling sprinkling nozzles. The superintendent of the water works reported the collection of \$3247.38 from water rents, which is a slight increase over that of the previous year. There are now in use 10 automatic flush tanks and 39 fire hydrants, all being in good repair. There is still an indebtedness of \$23,500, with interest at 4 1/2 per cent, running on the water works bonds. A fund has been established for the payment of this sum. An annual rent fee of \$116.43 is paid for the use of the stand tower. The mayor appointed A. H. Cleveland, E. G. Dittmer and E. W. Edgewood, as a committee to manage the City Opera house. Dr. T. J. Burns was appointed health physician and board of health, vice Dr. H. M. Bradley, resigned. The following appropriations were made for the various funds: General fund.....\$7800.00 Sewer fund.....1500.00 Waterworks fund.....17500.00 Electric light fund.....2050.00 Protection fund.....950.00 Improvement fund.....1005.64 Waterworks bond fund.....1445.00 The following resolution was adopted: "Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Manchester, Iowa, that the City Treasurer be instructed and authorized to apply amount appropriated from the Waterworks bond fund to the fund for the water works extension bonds, which mature May 1, 1909." The matter of placing an electric street lamp on the corner near the High Middleton property was referred to the street committee. MRS. RAY B. GRIFFIN. After an illness of about a week, Mrs. Ray B. Griffin died at her home in this city early Saturday morning April 24, 1909. All of her children comforted her by their presence at her side during the last few days of her life. Sarah Anne Vincent was born at Williamsburg, Massachusetts, October 13, 1834. On October 31, 1858 she was united in marriage with Ray B. Griffin and for several years following lived in the state of Michigan. They came to Iowa in 1840 and settled in Coffin's Grove, this county. Later they removed to Delhi where Mr. Griffin engaged in the practice of law. In 1865 they removed to Manchester where the deceased resided until her death. Mr. Griffin died in this city in 1881. The surviving children are Lizzie B. Griffin and Mary K. Griffin of Manchester, Ray Burdette of Winstan, North Dakota, and Sarah Vincent Griffin of Minneapolis. In the death of Mrs. Griffin, Delaware county loses another of its first generation of pioneer settlers. She was always a devoted mother and the pleasure of her life was in her association with her children and in the duties of her home. Notwithstanding she was seventy-five years old, she was until very recently as active of body and mind as at any time of her life. She was a sincere Christian woman and was a life-long member of the Congregational church. The members of the family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their great bereavement. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, Rev. John F. Moore, officiating. ENDEAVORERS TO MEET. The annual convention of the Fourth district of the Christian Endeavorers will be held in Dubuque this week. The convention will be held at the First Congregational church, and will open Wednesday afternoon and continue over Thursday. Rev. W. H. Ensign and Miss Henrietta Miller of this city expect to attend this meeting. Rev. Ensign is to take part in the program Thursday morning. CITY CARRIER EXAMINATION. A mail carriers examination was held at the Court house last Saturday for the purpose of examining those who were applicants for city carriers. There were fourteen applicants who took the examination at that time. The free delivery of mail will begin June 15. The examination was in charge of the secretary of the civil service board of Dubuque.

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CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM. Keith Vawter States Talent First Class. The Manchester chautauqua for 1909 promises to be the best ever given to the people of Delaware county by the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua system.

NEW NOZZLE FOR HOSE COMPANY. A new nozzle has been purchased for the N. Denton Hose company, which is arranged in such a way that it will throw water in front of the nozzle men so that they may walk up to a fire without being burned. It will also throw a stream of water onto the fire.

NEW TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN MASON CITY AND NORTH MCGREGOR. The Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway inaugurated additional train service, daily, except Sunday, between Mason City and North McGregor.

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION FOR MAY. The burden of our changing social order falls upon our daughters, claims the Woman's Home Companion for May, and this magazine shows by striking examples and figures how necessary is our way of training girls.

RAILROAD ADOPTS NEW SCHEME. The Illinois Central Railroad company has made an arrangement with the Pullman company, whereby passengers using sleeping car accommodation may leave with the porter or conductor calls when to be awakened in the morning.

SERVES RAISINS FREE. The Chicago Great Western railway will serve the finest fancy raisins free to all patrons of its dining cars on April 30, which is to be known as "Raisin Day."

