

HOW THE CONSUMER IS GRAFTED.

The selfishness of the "interests", and the manner in which they manage to graft the consumer, is being well explained and exemplified by the present tariff debate in the United States Senate.

In one respect England, Germany and the United States are in the same class. All three are spending more than their income.

Many years ago Christians were thrown to the lions, but at the present time the lions are being driven at Roosevelt, and they fare about the same as the Christians did in the days of old.

The present tariff debate in congress has already established the fact that the revision of a high tariff by its friends is a joke.

TAFT SAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS EXALTED MISSION.

In his Union League speech at Philadelphia the President said: Speaking from the standpoint, I hope, of real patriotic interest in my country, I look forward into the next decade, not with the hope that the South shall become Republican and make all the country Republican, for, stanch as I am in my support of the Republican party, I think a good opposition—a good, strong, patriotic opposition—is necessary to make the Government, useful to the people, and a defeat at times would not hurt it.

BOOMERANG OF THE SMILE.

What's the worth of a smile? Your whole bank account. What business ever prospered on hard luck stories? What clerk ever talked his way to promotion through an ugly down-turned mouth? What's the worth of a smile? Your whole happiness. Who ever fell in love with a scow? What home ever prospered on temper or on tears? There are times always when if you've any particle of "nerves" in your makeup you have to either laugh or cry. Then laugh!

ASSESSORS REPORTS.

The county auditor and his deputy are receiving from the twenty-four assessors in the county their reports and making such corrections, as are necessary. The report from each assessor includes the appraisal of all personal property, town of farm property, crop statistics, and the birth registration.

DISTRICT COURT MATTERS.

The district court of Delaware county is in session, and during the past week transacted considerable business, of which the following is an outline:

Law.

Henry Goodhue vs. John and Isabella Fitch. Landlord's attachment settled as per stipulation filed.

W. M. Hoyt & Co. vs. L. L. Shepard. Default against defendant for want of answer. Judgment against defendant for \$55.50 and costs. Interest, 6 per cent.

W. Stanley Childs vs. Julia Childs. W. M. Dunham appointed guardian ad litem for defendant. Answer of guardian filed. W. C. Cawley appointed guardian; bond, \$1000.

Ella Merrill vs. Elizabeth Merrill. Clarence G. Yogan appointed guardian ad litem for defendant. Answer filed; court finds defendant to be feeble minded and unable to attend to her business affairs. Ella Merrill appointed guardian and bond at \$600.

August Stevens et al. vs. Amanda Bremcke (nee Stevens). Dismissed and costs paid.

Joe Hutchinson, guardian of Christina Young, vs. Wm. Frederick Young et al. Dismissed and costs paid.

Emma Jones vs. Wm. Jones. Default against defendant; plaintiff granted divorce from defendant and awarded custody ofm inr children.

Henry J. Van Fleet vs. Unknown Heirs of H. N. Gates, et al. Default against all defendants. Decree to quiet title in plaintiff as prayed. Plaintiff permitted to withdraw abstract.

Fred Durey vs. Edw. Kelley, et al. A. M. Cloud appointed guardian ad litem form inr children.

Henry A. Wordehoff vs. Unknown Claimants. Default against all defendants. Decree to quiet title as prayed.

John R. Billmeyer vs. Michael Billmeyer et al. Default against defendant. Decree established and confirming shares as alleged in petition. George Hain appointed referee, bond fixed at \$10,000.

Rilla Town vs. Frank Town. Plaintiff granted decree of divorce from defendant as prayed and is awarded custody of children.

Probate.

Estate of Herman Keolker. Final report approved; administratrix discharged and bond exonerated.

Estate of John Lansing. Alois Lansing appointed executor; bond, \$10,000.

Estate of Mary J. Paxson. Ruth Anna Paxson appointed executrix without bond.

Estate of A. Livingston. H. Livingston appointed temporary administrator; bond, \$1,000.

Estate of Hester A. D. Ede. Will and codicil admitted to probate.

Guardianship of Edw. Dillon. Claim of J. J. Lindsay allowed in sum of \$7, and claim of C. E. Gleason allowed for \$5.10. Guardian directed to pay same.

Estate of Mary C. Belknap. Hearing on final report fixed for May 12. Notice to be published in The Manchester Democrat 5 days before such hearing.

Guardianship of Wm. Lechtenberg. et al. Loan of guardian to Henry Goodhue approved.

Estate of Edw. Houlahan. Widow allowed \$300 for year's support. Administratrix authorized to continue family business.

Estate of V. M. Atwater. Final report of administrator approved. Administrator discharged and bond exonerated.

Estate of Jas. Seward. Final report approved; administrator discharged and bond exonerated.

Guardianship of Florence and Cella McDonough. Guardian authorized to pay over to mother of ward the income of ward's property for purpose of payment for care, education and support of ward until further ordered.

Estate of Margaret Murray. Hearing of will fixed for May 17. Notice to be published in Hopkinton Leader.

Estate of Melissa A. Sutton. Final report approved. Administrator discharged and bond exonerated.

Estate of Michael Barr. Administrator allowed \$225 extra compensation, as prayed.

fixed, the defendants are permitted to give bail with themselves as sureties and to be released from custody and are not required to appear for trial upon filing their own recognizance. This is on condition that defendants refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

SOCIAL.

The Knights Templar will enjoy a banquet at the Colonial cafe this evening at 10:30 o'clock.

A special convocation of Olive Branch chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., will be held Friday evening, May 7.

Mrs. C. J. Seeds will serve a 5 o'clock tea this (Wednesday) afternoon to a company of ladies in honor of Mrs. Clarence J. Lister.

The Outing club was entertained by Mrs. W. G. Kenyon Thursday afternoon at a luncheon. Mrs. M. H. Williston, a member of the club, was the guest of honor.

The regular convolve of Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, Knights, Templar, will be held this (Wednesday) evening, May 5. Work on the K. T. A full attendance is desired.

Among the week's social diversions was a 7 o'clock banquet given to the members of the Thirteen club by Mrs. R. W. Thrill at her home on Franklin street Monday evening. A program following the dinner concluded the meeting of the season.

The Harry Scott company will present the musical foolishness, 'Ma's New Husband,' at Central Opera house on Wednesday evening, May 5th. The music and lyrics were written by George Fletcher, and the book was penned by David Edwin.

The Grand Matron of the State of Iowa, Mrs. Bessie Bills of Davenport, will meet with Orient and Onward chapters, O. E. S., on Thursday evening, May 6. This is to be a special meeting, and every member is urged to be present. Supper will be served.

The Grant Memorial service will be given in the G. A. R. hall this (Wednesday) evening, the meeting having been postponed from last week, among those who will participate in the program will be Major J. W. Thrill and Captain Abner Dunham. A short musical program will also be offered.

The senior class of the Manchester High school, this superintendent of schools and the faculty, were entertained at a 6:30 o'clock banquet Friday evening by the junior class, the dinner being served at the Colonial cafe. Toasts were responded to at the close of the banquet, after which the guests were invited to the Pythian castle, where an informal party completed the evening's enjoyment.

At the chapel in Saint Xavier's academy Saturday morning, May 1, 1909, at 6 o'clock, was solemnized the service which united in marriage Mr. Joe McCormick of Sioux City and Miss Mae Roney, a daughter of Mrs. John Roney, of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John J. Collins, pastor of Saint Mary's church. Only the immediate relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick witnessed the service. Mr. McCormick, who was formerly editor and publisher of the Weekly Herald of Manchester, is now city editor of the Sioux City Journal, and with his bride is enjoying a short vacation in Chicago and other cities before returning to their home in Sioux City. Mrs. McCormick has always lived in Manchester, and for the past few years has been associated with Miss Inez Boggs in the offices of the Delaware County Abstract company.

The Sioux City Journal speaks of "Ma's" interest as follows: Members of the editorial and reporter staffs of The Journal at the Hotel Mandamin last evening tendered a complimentary dinner to Joseph McCormick, night city editor, who leaves tomorrow morning for Manchester, Ia., where on Saturday he will be married to Miss Mae Roney, niece of Mrs. J. C. Roney.

The dinner was a seven-course affair, following which Mr. McCormick was made the recipient of handsome electric study lamp. The presentation was made in behalf of the assembled guests by John W. Carey, day city editor. In the course of his remarks Mr. Carey paid a deserved tribute to the coming Benedict for the ability and faithfulness which has characterized his work since his connection with The Journal.

Mr. McCormick briefly and feelingly expressed his appreciation of the gift. Between the courses the guest of honor was given a good natured "grilling" by his co-workers.

Mr. McCormick came to The Journal from Manchester, where for fourteen years he had been the owner and publisher of the Manchester Herald.

Miss Roney is a graduate of St. Clara's college at Sinsinawa Mound, Wis., having completed the course there in 1906. In 1901 and 1902 she was a teacher of music at St. Catherine's academy at Jackson, Neb., and during her frequent visits to Sioux City while located there she made numerous friends.

After leaving the Nebraska academy Miss Roney went to Chicago, where she taught music at St. Jarjath's academy on the west side. She was there almost three years. During the past three years she has resided with her aunt at Manchester.

MR SATTERLEE'S FREE LECTURE ON FORESTRY.

The free lecture on Forestry, by Hon. J. B. Satterlee, will probably be given in the Court Room in this city on next Wednesday evening, May 12th.

Piano Contest Closes May 29.

THE GIRLS WHO WIN MUST GET BUSY. THE PRIZES ARE WORTH WORKING FOR.

We take pleasure in announcing that our Popular Girl Piano Contest will close at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, May 29th, and in order that the girls who are working may know their standing we publish below their vote as it stood Wednesday evening, April 28th. This vote, while not absolutely correct, is approximately so. We cannot give the exact figures because many free coupon votes cut from The Democrat have been deposited in the ballot box. The vote we publish is made up from the cash turned in on subscriptions and is as follows:

- City Girls. Miss Nellie Davis, 135,200. Miss Verda Stimson, 133,800. Country Girls. Miss Mildred Coon, 45,600. Miss Maggie Alcorn, 44,300. Miss Tessa Elliott, 40,200. Miss Anna Pasker, 31,800.

It is a matter of surprise that some of the girls are so close together and evidence that any one named may win this fine piano by a little effort. It is certainly worth your time and attention for the few remaining

MASONVILLE.

Dr. Scott of Manchester was a Masonville caller last Tuesday. Dr. Graham was a Dubuque visitor Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Raders was a passenger to Dubuque Saturday. Will Zahren spent Saturday and Sunday at Cedar Rapids and Prairieville.

Mr. H. Van Fleet of Earlville was a business visitor here Saturday. The dance held here last Thursday evening was not very largely attended on account of the roads and weather being unfavorable, but those present had a most enjoyable time and the music was unusually good. It is rumored there will be another ball here May 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pogue are the happy parents of a baby boy born April 28th.

Mrs. Jas. Ryan and children of Delaware visited this week with her father, Wm. Raders and family.

Mr. Mike Maroney has been quite seriously ill the past week and his many friends here hope for a speedy recovery. Mr. Maroney had just returned from Greene, Iowa, where he attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Downie.

Dr. Lindsay of Manchester was a professional caller here Saturday.

Henry Keegan returned Saturday from a trip to Dubuque and Plattville, Wis. He was accompanied home by Gene Flynn who is the guest of relatives and friends in Fremont.

We understand that Mr. Joe Webber, manager of the Masonville Lumber Co., will be transferred to a similar position in the near future to Alta Vista, Iowa. This is quite an advance and promotion for Mr. Webber and his services are greatly appreciated by the company. Mr. Webber is an efficient and straight forward man and has furthered the interests and business of the company very much since he came here. He was offered a lucrative position with another Lumber Co. at Stillwater, Minn. but decided to remain with the same company getting a promotion and advance in salary.

E. A. Barry of Ryzia was a Sunday caller here and spent the day with his parents south of town.

Quite a few of our young people attended the dance at Jas. Hoffmann's Friday night.

Miss Blanche Duffy who is teaching school at Ottaville spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

M. Lillis was an independence visitor Tuesday.

Miss Rose Webber of Osage is the guest of her brother, Joe Webber, this week.

RED CROSS RULES.

In the waiting rooms of the Illinois Central passenger depot is posted a display card, issued by the American Red Cross society, of which William Howard Taft is president. On the cards are printed seven don'ts which are of interest to every person traveling on railway trains. They read as follows: Never jump on or off cars in motion. Never stand on platforms of cars in motion. Never put your head or other parts of your person out of a car window. Never cross in front or rear of standing or moving trains without first making sure that there is no danger from some other train or cause. Never disobey the cautionary rules for safety posted at stations, crossings, etc. Never forget that carelessness on your part in regard to these precautions not only endangers your life, but the happiness and welfare of those most dear to you.

MERRY CONFERS WITH ARMY MEN.

Capt. J. E. Merry arrived home Saturday night from Washington, D. C., where he had been to represent the Illinois Central railroad and the interests of the military park at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Captain Merry was in conference with army officers in the war department, and stated that his mission was very satisfactory. "I spent a day at Vicksburg," added the Captain, "driving over the National park, and found it never looking so beautiful as now. The unveiling of the General Stephen D. Lee monument on June 11 promises to bring together one of the largest gatherings that has ever been in Mississippi."

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Charles W. Hooker late of Delaware County, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance. Dated April 7, 1909. Joseph Hutchinson, Administrator.

Notice of Appointment of Executrix.

State of Iowa, Delaware County—ss. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as executrix of the estate of George Belknap, late of Delaware County, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance. Dated April 14th, 1909. Loretta B. Cross, Executrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.

In District Court of Delaware County, Iowa, in the matter of the Estate of Mary C. Belknap, deceased. To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the District Court of Delaware County, Iowa, the final report of George Belknap, administrator of the estate of the said Mary C. Belknap, deceased. And that an order of said court, said report has been filed for filing in the court on the 12th day of May, 1909 at the court house in Delaware County, Iowa, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have why said report should not be approved, and said administrator discharged and his administration released. G. W. Belknap, Administrator. By Carr, Bronson & Carr, attorneys.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of Delaware County, Iowa, October Term, 1909. James Stausson and Kate Stausson, Plaintiffs, vs. Albert L. True, Defendant. To Above Named Defendant:— You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court the petition of plaintiffs, alleging that a certain debt secured by them to you May 1, 1905, for \$3,200, payable by the terms of the Monticello State Bank at Monticello, Iowa, has been paid in full at said bank, and praying that a certain mortgage executed by them to you to secure the payment thereof on the North half (N 1/2) of the S. E. 1-4 of Section 25, T. 14 N. W. 1-4 of Section 21, all being located in township 37 North, of Range 14 West of the 6th P., and containing in all 240 acres of land, said mortgage being recorded in Book 17 of Land Mortgages on page 217, and following pages, be decreed to be paid and satisfied, and that the Clerk of said Court be ordered and directed to cancel said mortgage of record.

You are further notified that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the October Term, 1909, of said Court, which commences on the 11th day of October, 1909, default will be entered against you, and decree rendered thereon as prayed. Dated the 18th day of April, 1909. 16-4wks. Herrick, Cash & Ihlenhart, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

The physicians of the country are endeavoring to co-operate with the public in lessening the ravages of the "white plague" and it is only through the efforts of the people that this may be accomplished. It is hoped that a large attendance may be present to hear Dr. Kime.

LOCAL MEN IN LAND DEAL.

The Manchester Colonization company, which was organized last week, elected officers last evening in the office of J. A. Strickland, as follows: Burton Clark, president; W. D. Hoyt, secretary; and J. W. Lewis, treasurer. The directors include these officers and C. A. Peterson, L. J. Gates, Cad Jones, E. B. Bolander and P. H. Strickland.

The company has purchased from the Coast Line Land company of Chicago two thousand acres of land near the town of Roundup, Montana, which is a few miles east of Lavinia, where another Manchester land company has large holdings of bench and valley lands. The sale was made through J. A. Strickland, a representative of the Coast Line Land company. The tract lies in the Musselshell valley and is very fertile. The land is under cultivation and in use this spring.

TO OPERATE BERRY FARM.

A. A. Wagner has purchased from the Pontiac Buggy company, through D. F. Young, the implement man, a special delivery wagon, which will accommodate his needs in conducting a berry farm on his farm property north of this city. Mr. Wagner intends to cultivate all kinds of berries, and has several acres set out in strawberries, raspberries and other luscious fruits.

CONTEST CLOSES MAY 29th.

All parties interested in our Popular Girl Piano contest will please take notice that this is to end May 29th. If you want to help any of the girls in the race you must do so before the close and the sooner the better. See article elsewhere giving notice in regard to same.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

\* Cupid had led the following parties to the office of the county clerk for marriage licenses the past week: James O. Blanchard, 28; and Lulu May Davis, 21. Joseph McCormick, 30; and Mary Roney, 25. Henry A. Steffen, 26; and Anna Mary Dudmeier, 25.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the First National Bank at Manchester, in the state of Iowa, at the close of Business, April 28th, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$293,744 06 Overdrafts secured and unsecured 8,549 64 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,240 00 Stocks, securities, etc. 4,000 00 Banking house, furniture and fixtures 10,000 00 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 1,719 99 Due from approved banks 15,251 10 Checks and other cash items 1,370 82 Due from National Banks 312 50 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents 48 80 Legal money reserve 2,800 00 Total \$370,021 11

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000 00 Surplus fund 15,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 2,190 97 National Bank notes outstanding 14,500 00 Individual deposits (including 28,241 49 Demand certificates of deposit 14,674 75 Time certificates of deposit 18,599 18 Total \$370,421 11

Capital stock paid in.

State of Iowa, County of Delaware, ss. M. F. LeRoy, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1909. Notary Public. Correct—Attest: A. H. Hildebrand, St. Hildebrand, Robert Carr, Directors.

CLOTHING

Advertisement for J. H. Allen, Merchant Tailor. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and the text: 'CLOTHING', 'MERCHANT TAILOR J. H. ALLEN'.

Advertisement for Quick Meal Gasoline Stoves. Includes an illustration of a stove and the text: 'Quick Meal GASOLINE STOVES', 'NO SOOT SMOKE DIRT OR ASHES', 'QUICK CLEAN SAFE AND SIMPLE'.

Advertisement for Carhart & Nye, Manchester, Iowa. Includes the text: 'It will soon be hot. Get a Quick Meal Gasoline stove and you will be happy. We have something new to show you. We also clean and repair old stoves. Carhart & Nye, Phone 139. Manchester, Iowa.'

Advertisement for P. F. Madden Non-Slip Oxfords. Includes the text: 'What Do You Know About Spring Oxfords? We are showing the most complete line this spring that we have ever shown. Call and see our new Johnny Jones last for Men in Patent Colt, Tan and Gun Metal, lace and Button. Oxfords that won't slip at the heel. We will not sell an oxford that is not made on an oxford last. Try a pair. Prices \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. P. F. Madden Non-Slip Oxfords. Main Street Steam Laundry'.

Advertisement for Main Street Steam Laundry. Includes the text: 'Main Street Steam Laundry. We are making a specialty, for the next few weeks, of laundrying LACE CURTAINS. We give orders of this kind very careful attention, guaranteeing our work as satisfactory. Our Telephone No. is 311. Either call us up or come in and let us tell you about it. L. MATTHEWS Jr., Manager. 115 Main Street. 1317'.

Advertisement for Staver Buggies. Includes an illustration of a buggy and the text: 'Staver Buggies. We don't need to tell you how good they are. Your neighbor has one and he will tell you there are no better Buggies made than STAVERS. Besides, they have the Top Attachment, Light Running, Dust Proof Axle, Solid Foot Dash, and other distinctive features not to be found in any other vehicle. We have a nice assortment now on hand. Call and select yours before our styles are broken.'

Advertisement for A. B. Hetherington & Son. Includes the text: 'A. B. HETHERINGTON & SON.'