

TOWN TOPICS.

Mrs. J. J. Goen was in Dubuque Friday. J. B. Nye was a business visitor in West Union last week. W. R. Gill was on the sick list the latter part of last week. Albert Maley was a guest at the home of his parents last week. M. E. Blair is having the roof of his house re-shingled this week. L. F. Bradke of Dubuque was calling on friends in town last week. Howard Dittmer of Colesburg spent Sunday in town visiting relatives. Look up Wm. Habes's advertisement in this week's issue of The Democrat. John May has accepted a position as clerk in the R. W. Howland grocery store. See what Geo. W. Webber has to say in his change of advertisement this week. J. L. Kelsey, manager of the Cogon and Anamosa railway, spent Sunday in town. H. H. Lawrence of Waverly was a guest of relatives and friends in town last week. Joe Hoag of Monticello was visiting with relatives in town Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. A. D. Long and son, Irving Long, were guests of relatives in Earlville Saturday. J. B. Engstrom returned home Saturday evening from a business trip through Illinois. The Third Annual reunion of the Iowa State Elks will be held at Dubuque June 16 and 17. Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence of Dubuque arrived in the city Friday for a short visit with friends. E. N. Wolcott has purchased of F. N. Drake a cream colored driving horse for which he paid \$250. Cohn and Davis, the St. Louis horse buyers, were in the city Saturday buying a number of horses. D. W. Finch returned home from Chicago Saturday evening, where he had been on business for several days. J. B. Nye has again resumed his position as clerk in Anders & Philipp drug store after a several weeks illness. Miss Genevieve Donally of Cedar Rapids arrived in the city Monday morning for a several days visit with friends. Fred Dury is building a cement walk on South Third street adjoining his residence property between Denon and South streets. Rae Dunham, who attends a business college at Cedar Rapids, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his parents. Miss Jesse Tyler, who is a clerk for Bright & Webster at Sumner, Ia., was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her parents. Edith Wagle, who has been teaching in the High school at Hartley the past year, returned home for the summer vacation last week. Charles Abbott, who lived in Manchester more than thirty years ago has been in the city the past few days renewing acquaintances. L. H. Haebler of St. Paul, who is an employe in the Chicago Great Western offices, was a guest of relatives in town over Sunday. The business places were closed yesterday afternoon from 2 until 4 on account of Decoration Day services. The banks were closed all day. The public schools of the city close this week for a three months vacation. There was no school Monday as it was observed as Decoration Day. Sunday's Register and Leader contained a half-tone picture of Rev. E. E. Reed, president of Lenox college, and a cut of the Lenox Agricultural hall. Jesup will celebrate the Fourth of July this year. As the Fourth of July comes on Sunday this year it will have been Saturday, July 3, as the day to celebrate. The crushed rock has arrived which the city of Manchester is to lay on Gay street, between Franklin and New streets. The work of laying the rock began Monday. Mrs. W. L. Davis and Miss Hattie Bentley went to Volga City Saturday morning, which is the home of Miss Bentley, who is being visited by her sister, Mrs. Davis, for several days. Mrs. J. O. Stott and daughter of Peola, Kansas, are being entertained at the home of Mrs. Stott's cousins, Mrs. B. H. Reynolds and Mrs. S. K. Meyers. They expect to remain in the city for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fisher were in Greeley Saturday, to attend the Memorial day exercises held by the G. A. R. post in that place. Colonel Fisher was formerly commander of the post at Greeley and had been asked to take charge of the services this year. The Wells Fargo Express company delivery horse indulged in a lively runaway Saturday afternoon. The horse was tied at the Manchester & Onida depot and in some way had worked its bridle off and ran up Main street and turned into the alley just east of A. B. Hetherington & Son's implement warehouse, where it ran into some old wagons and buggies and tore loose from the wagon damaging the harness considerably. The wagon was none the worse on account of the runaway. At a cost of thousands of dollars the entrance and exit doors of fully three-fourths of the hotels, churches, school houses, lodge halls, theatres, court houses in Iowa must be taken from their hinges before the first of July and reset so that they will swing outward. Many owners of this class of buildings over the state are just discovering that the legislature passed such a bill as this which includes nearly all buildings where people gather in large numbers. It was one of the first bills passed by the last legislature and is to take effect July first. The annual children's day service will be held Sunday morning, June 6, at 10 o'clock. The usual evening service at 7:30.

Wm. Hookaday was in business. Fred Susie visited with Fetters at Volga City Saturday. I. M. Gibson of Greeley was in town Saturday on business. P. H. Strickland visited at home over Sunday from Cedar Rapids. Clem. Closterman of Petersburg was in town last week on business. Lovett & Davis advertise for poultry. Read what they have to say. Miss Charlotte Atwater, Miss Mildred Smith and J. B. Nye were in Dubuque Friday. Dean Paris left for Albert Lea, Minnesota, Saturday morning on a business trip. Miss Florence Lindsay was at Fayette Saturday, as a guest of Miss Frances Dorman. One marriage license was issued during the week: Harry C. Staehle and Eva M. Hunt. Mrs. R. D. Graham and daughter visited with friends in Edgewood the first of the week. Miss Jessie Smith of Masonville was in town last week, as a guest of Mrs. B. H. Reynolds. Mrs. Ed Johnson of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, visited at the home of her brother, Jacob Pettion, last week. Rev. W. H. Ensign, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, will speak at the graduating exercises of the Greeley schools on Thursday evening. Cal Martin advertises his restaurant and fixtures for sale. Mr. Martin has accepted the offer made by Ye Original Quaker quartette for his services as tenor and accompanist, and desires to dispose of his business interests. The condition of Mrs. Mabel Whitney-Keyes of Omaha, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Whitney of this city, is materially improved, although being quite ill at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are at Omaha attending Mrs. Keyes.

AUTOMOBILES AND MOTOR BOATS. There are eighteen automobiles and 12 motor boats owned by Manchester people in use at the present time. During the past year, the number of cars was greater than it is now, but by certain tradings the list has been reduced to 18. The largest car is a Winton owned by A. Hollister, and the smallest is a Buick owned by Earl Beels, but seldom used, by Earl Beels. The majority of the cars are roadsters and have been found practicable and serve the needs of the owners satisfactorily. A license is secured from the state department at Des Moines, which costs \$5. No car is allowed to be driven in any town or city or through the highways of the commonwealth without such a number. A lantern and a horn are also demanded. The streets in Manchester and the roads surrounding the city warrant the purchase of a car, not only for pleasure, but for practical purposes. No fatalities have been reported from carelessness or accidents by drivers of cars living in Manchester. Hair raising experiences have been told, and narrow escapes passed by. Very few complaints have been raised on account of thoughtlessness on the part of an autist while passing a horse or a team of horses that may appear to be frightened by the car. Following is a list of the names of the owners of the cars, the make, and horse-power: J. R. Toogood, Buick, 18; J. A. Strickland, Jackson, 22; C. J. Seeds, Buick, 18; C. J. Seeds, Cadillac, 19; E. J. Middleton, Ford, 15; E. W. Hoag, Ford, 15; C. H. Parker, Cadillac, 19; Wm. Haesly, Olds, 19; Walter Sedgwick, Olds, 7; A. Hollister, Winton, 25; N. E. Davis, Fuller, 16; Harvey Hempstead, Steamer, 8; G. W. Storey, Queen, 20; Earle Beels, Buickboard, 6; Harlow Coon, Reo, 2; Wlase Acres, Rambler, 22; W. D. Hoyt, Jackson, 22.

Motor Boats. The machine driven water crafts which are used for pleasure and recreation by their owners number an even dozen. The old steamer, built by Commodore D. R. Lewis a number of years ago, was transformed into a gasoline launch last season, and is about to be placed in commission for the summer. A 5-horsepower engine drives the boat, which is the largest on the river. The latest boat is claimed by Arthur Holbrook, who bought of T. C. Hines the well known "Carolyn" which clips the water at about 8 miles an hour, driven by a 4-horsepower gasoline engine. The excursion boat owned by E. W. Hoag is a popular craft, and with the Snale is in constant use during the warm, summer months. Boat houses dot the river bank from the foot of Delaware street to a point near the backwaters. Several of these buildings are "floaters" being anchored at the bank of the river and raised and set afloat with the water. The other houses are placed further up from the bank, and are fitted with skids on which are arranged low trucks that carry the boat to and from the river. Following is a list of the boats and their owners: W. H. Hutchinson, "Elenore" 2; J. R. Toogood, "Masoot" 2; E. W. Hruby, "Arnette" 2; Hubert Carr, 2; Henry Bronson, 2; J. H. Allen, "Benton" 2; Miles & Boynton, 2; D. A. Preusser, 1 1/2; W. F. Hoag, 1 1/2; Arthur Holbrook, "Carolyn" 1 1/2; D. R. Lewis, "Snale" 1 1/2; E. W. Hoag, "Snale Jr." 1 1/2.

Presbyterian. The annual children's day service will be held Sunday morning, June 6, at 10 o'clock. The usual evening service at 7:30.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE. The thirty-fifth annual encampment, department of Iowa Grand Army of the Republic, is to be held at Fort Dodge June 8, 9 and 10. Preparations are being made to entertain the boys in blue, and the executive committee of the Governor B. F. Carroll is to deliver an address in behalf of the state, and Commander J. C. Millman will respond in behalf of the G. A. R. and kindred societies. On Wednesday, June 9, there is to be a parade of the Grand Army, headed by the 56th Regimental band and the drum and pipe corps. That evening a camp fire will be held at the armory, at which time addresses will be made by Hon. W. S. Kenyon of Fort Dodge, Hon. S. F. Prouty of Des Moines, Col. W. P. Hepburn, Hon. Robert Cousins, Hon. J. P. Connor and Hon. Geo. D. Perkins. The twenty-sixth annual convention of the department of the Iowa Women's Relief corps will be held at the same time, and arrangements have been made to accommodate all who may attend.

NAVAL EXAMINATION. A vacancy having occurred in the Naval Academy from this district by resignation, a competitive examination for appointment as midshipman for the Third District of Iowa, will be held at Waterloo, on Saturday, June 5. The physical examination will be held at the office of Dr. J. H. Crippen at 10:30 a. m.; the mental examination will be held at the Court House commencing at one o'clock p. m. All candidates must be bona fide residents of the Third District; must be 16 and not over 29 years of age at the time of entrance examination at the Naval Academy, which will be held at Annapolis, Md. on June 15. A principal and three alternates will be selected. If the principal fails the alternates will be appointed in order. The physical examination is very rigid, and each candidate is urged to be carefully examined at home, before taking the competitive examination. Candidates between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years must be not less than five feet two inches in height; and between the ages of eighteen and twenty years not less than five feet four inches. Candidates will be examined mentally in punctuation, spelling, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, U. S. history, word's history, algebra through quadratic equations, and plane geometry.

THE LIBRARY. The children's story hour will be discontinued through the summer months. New books for the boys and girls. Drummond—The Moneys That Would Not Kill. McCord—Only a Horse. Segur—Story of A Donkey. Sprye—Heidi (translation from the German). Warner—Easter Story. Jackson, H. H.—Nelly's Silver Mine. Wiggin—Rebecca. Grimm—Fairy Tales. Strickland—True Stories From American History. Coffin—Boys of '76. Blanchan—Bird Neighbors. Haines—Japanese Child Life.

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BASEBALL DOPE. "Hans" Schoneaur, of Guttenburg arrived in the city last Saturday evening. He is to be the catcher for the Manchester Base Ball team this season. He held that position last year until he broke his leg in a game at Independence. He went to Greece Monday to catch a game at that place. Roy Crabb, who played third base for the Manchester team last season, pitched the game. "Win" Cobb passed through Manchester Saturday evening on his way to his home at Independence. He is expected to return here in a few days and act as pitcher for the town team. It is expected that the work out of the different men who are to play ball here this season will begin this week. A strong line-up is to represent Manchester this season. It is the intentions of the management of the team to play their first game some time next week. They will play at Strawberry Point on Saturday, July 3rd.

FISHING SEASON OPENS. Nearly two weeks have passed since the local fishermen have developed wonderful yarns, some with a fabric of truth interwoven, and some rather astonishing. But for the most part, their stories have been verified by the exhibition of the goods. Bass weighing from one and one-half to five and one-half pounds have been caught, but where? The secret remains with the angler, and even a revival of the halls of terror, wherein victims were tortured until the truth was known, would be of no avail, if tried. The river furnishes innumerable suckers, but heads and the black bass seem plentiful. Verily, the old Maquoetz is again here!

BUILD NEW COAL BINS. The Manchester Lumber company is building new coal bins in the Illinois Central yards, directly south of the passenger depot. The wooden bins have been torn away, and more commodious and permanent quarters provided. The sheds will be 11 feet at their highest and 9 feet at their lowest depth, with a 16 foot width. The floors are to be of cement, and each kind of coal sorted and contained in a separate bin. For the convenience of the company, the Illinois Central has moved a side track adjacent to these buildings in order to facilitate the reception of the coal from cars.

MRS. CHARLES MANSON. Mrs. Charles Manson died at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, Tuesday morning, May 25, 1909, at 10 o'clock, after an illness of several months duration. Mrs. Manson was afflicted with a cancer of the bowels and had been taken to the hospital for an operation, from the effects of which she died. She was 47 years of age, and leaves her husband and three children. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Bay church; interment was made in the Deihl cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank Co. D, I. N. G. and all who so kindly helped us in the Memorial services. The Sons of Veterans.

MUCH SICKNESS PREVAILS. Were personal mention to be made of each of the victims of quincy, sore throat, and severe colds, the columns of a weekly paper might easily be filled this week. The physicians in Manchester are very busy, and the sickness reported seems more than usual. The school attendance has been decimated, while business men, their clerks and the families of many have been similarly afflicted. The form or a number of sore throats, many cases known of the improving every day, and no general epidemic is treated.

HEAVY RAIN HELPS THE CORN. The heavy shower last night boosts the corn and other small grains, as well as renewing the greenness of the pastures. The heart of the farmer has been gladdened, and prosperity seems assured, with such a gratifying prelude to the late plantings, for the coming season.

BABY SMOTHERS TO DEATH. The fifteen months old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kline, who live about two miles south of Manchester, was smothered to death Saturday morning, while alone in its cradle. The father and mother were busy with other cares, and had left the child only a few moments, and during their absence, the baby had become entangled in the bed linen, and was smothered. The funeral was held from the home of the parents this afternoon.

BALL GAME ATTRACTS CROWD. The preliminary baseball activities have begun in Manchester. What is known as the second team played against an aggregation from Delaware Monday afternoon, defeating the foreigners by a score of 14 to 2. The many close decisions were umpired by J. B. Nye.

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