

TOWN TOPICS.

Watermelons are on the market.

Mrs. O. C. Clark visited in Dubuque Thursday.

Miss Nello Armistead was in Dubuque Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tucker were in Dubuque Friday.

Miss Mabel Davis and Mrs. Bert Hamblin were in Dubuque Friday.

Mrs. A. R. Beyer and son of Edgewood were in the city Friday.

Capt. J. F. Merry went to Dubuque Saturday morning on business.

Miss Willis Richardson went home from Waukon Junction for the summer.

Mrs. Roy I. Morse and son of Strawberry Point were in town Friday.

Mrs. A. D. Brown and daughter, Miss Mildred, were in Dubuque Thursday.

Miss Ethel Tuttle and Mrs. L. Kyle of Lamont were in the city last week.

Mrs. John Ronay and nephew, John Tierney, were visiting in Dubuque Friday.

Attorney T. G. McDermott of Mason City was in town Wednesday and Thursday on business.

C. E. Dittmer and C. L. Adams left for Chicago Friday noon for a few days visit, returning home Sunday night.

Mrs. C. S. Corey and daughter, Miss Vera Corey, of Port Dodge are being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ecker.

Miss Arvilla Oliver of Independence, who was visiting in Dubuque last week, was a guest of Miss Mildred Smith Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hogan and son of Aberdeen, South Dakota, arrived in the city Friday morning from Chicago, where they spent a few days with friends.

H. W. Tuttle and children the Misses Edith and Margaret and Master Herbert, of Grinnell are visiting at the homes of Jos. Hutchinson and E. B. Stiles.

James McCarron of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is visiting in the city being entertained at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCarron, arriving last week.

Dr. H. A. Dittmer, H. F. Arnold and M. F. LeRoy, officers of the Modern National Reserve, attended a meeting of the executive council at Charles City last Wednesday.

The family of F. E. Richardson attended a family reunion at Waukon Junction, which was held at the homes of C. O. Richardson and W. A. Richardson Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durey and Mrs. W. P. Stewart were in Waterloo last week, and were entertained at the home of Will Durey, who is former man in the Illinois Central shops.

Rev. Daniel Russell has been in town the past few days visiting with relatives and friends. Rev. Russell is enjoying a rest from his pastoral duties in the city of Puttsburg.

Glen Petton, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Petton, who live south of this city, is gradually improving from a severe and critical illness, which will be of pleasing interest to his friends.

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Harold Dunham and Allan LeRoy are at home from Beloit. Mr. Dunham intends to leave for the west in a few days to enter the employment of the government at one of its forest reserves.

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Artie Hamblin goes to Dubuque tomorrow as a substitute employe in the offices of the American Express company, expecting to be gone several weeks. Harry Andrews is assisting with the work in the local office.

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A. C. Philipp was in Earlville last week.

R. R. Robinson was in Dubuque Monday.

Fred Richardson was in Waukon Saturday.

Fred Dewey was in Coggan the first of the week.

Mrs. E. M. Carr is a guest of relatives in Grinnell this week.

Rev. W. J. Suckow of Grinnell was in the city this morning.

Miss Jessie Grady of Brewster, Minnesota is a guest of Miss Jessie Maley.

R. A. Denton and E. H. Hoyt were in St. Paul a few days last week on business.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clark, who live in Prairie township Monday, June 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Coon of Oelwein have been visiting with relatives in the city the past week.

Hunt Armistead left Sunday evening for Doon after a few days visit at the home of his parents.

Mrs. E. E. Brewer and children, Miss Catherine and Master Paul, are visiting in West Union this week.

The Dyersville Cubs defeated the Manchester Advertisers by a score of 8 to 9 Sunday afternoon at Dyersville.

Miss Elsie Case of Lone Rock, Wisconsin, is being entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. L. Hoyt.

H. J. VanFleet of Earlville was in town Monday. Mr. VanFleet was a candidate last spring for county sheriff.

Mrs. Mildred Rothfort of Cedar Rapids was called home this morning to attend her mother, Mrs. Ellen Johnston, who is ill.

A. F. Clark of Redfield, South Dakota, is enjoying a visit with friends in Manchester, being a former resident of this city.

Miss Nina Carhart is at home for a week's vacation from her school work at DeKalb and a summer course in the university of Wisconsin.

Mrs. George Thorpe and daughter, Miss Irene, left this morning for Seattle and other western points, expecting to remain for some time.

The Young Ladies' society of the U. B. church will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn Saturday evening, July 2nd. Everyone invited.

Mrs. R. G. Clark and daughter, Miss Sybil Clark, of Webster City are enjoying a visit at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Rann.

The Mount Vernon baseball team which played against Manchester Saturday defeated Anamosa 6 to 5. Sixteen of Manchester pitching for the Cornell boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor of Minneapolis have moved to Manchester to make this city their home. Mr. Taylor is employed in the Harry Gray livery stable.

J. A. Strickland arrived in the city Sunday from Montana, expecting to leave for another trip through the west next week. He was in Cedar Falls Monday on business.

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Miss Helen Grant of Independence was a guest of Miss Mary Link a part of last week. Miss Link has one of the most beautiful rose gardens in town. The almost unlimited varieties of the summer plant make grounds an attractive place for her friends and those interested in the culture of the summer rose.

Mrs. Charles Whitman attended a family reunion which was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Handley of Buffalo Grove, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Whitman is one of ten children, all of whom were at home on this occasion. Charles Handley of Hill City, Kansas and Mrs. Nora Miller of Pottersville, California also attended the party. Martin Handley of Buffalo Grove was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Whitman, a few days last week.

SOCIAL.

Mr. Thomas Fowler of Ryan and Miss Miranda Aldrich of Monticello were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, June 23, 1909, by Squire J. M. Pearce, justice of the peace.

The Cottage on the River was the scene of another house party Thursday afternoon and evening when the members of one of the Five Hundred clubs enjoyed a social meeting and a 6 o'clock dinner.

The members of the Woman's Literary and Musical club of Central City came to Manchester Thursday morning for a day's outing at the United States fish cultural station at Spring Branch. The party was met at the Illinois Central passenger station by carriages, and were immediately taken to the hatchery, returning during the afternoon.

The members of the First Congregational church and Sunday school were entertained in the parlors of the church Friday at a picnic party. The rooms were decorated and the tables accommodated a large company of old and young people, who were served with dinner at noon.

The wedding of Mr. Francis A. Mather of New Sharon, manager of the Eclipse Lumber company at that place, and Miss Laura Jane Barbour of the same city was announced in the columns of this paper a few weeks ago. Through the kindness of Mrs. Ida Snowden of Fayette, a sister of Mr. Mather, the following account of the ceremony is published:

At high noon on Tuesday, June 22, 1909, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. H. Barbour of New Sharon, Iowa, occurred the beautiful home wedding of Mr. Francis Asbury Mather and Miss Laura Jane Barbour.

As the hour of noon chimed out, sixty-five guests were gathered at the beautifully decorated home and the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march were heard, played by Miss Floy Yankin, a cousin of the bride, and the ribbon girls slowly descended the stairs stretching blue and white ribbons from the stairs to a bower of roses and ferns in the bay window where the bride couple were to stand, making an aisle for the bridal procession. They were followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Carry Stevenson of Boone, Iowa, who was gowned in pale blue and carried white carnations, then came the bridesmaids, Misses Edna and Edith Barbour, sisters of the bride, who wore blue and white gowns, silk tulle and carried white carnations.

Master Dean Stephenson was ring bearer carrying the ring in a callily. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. B. Mather of Eldora, Iowa, and the bride by her father, Mr. G. H. Barbour. The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The groom was dressed in a handsome suit of light gray. The ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church was read by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Barnett. At the close of the ceremony congratulations were offered and the guests served to an elegant four course luncheon. The young people received a great many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Mather left on the afternoon train for a four weeks trip to Minneapolis, Spokane, Seattle and the exposition, after which they go to housekeeping in the cottage occupied heretofore by Mr. Mather and his mother. The happy pair were taken to the depot in an automobile and escorted by numerous friends who showered them with roses and good wishes as the train pulled out. The young people are both prominent in musical and social circles in New Sharon, the groom being manager of the Eclipse Lumber company and the bride the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. G. H. Barbour.

CHURCH SERVICES CHANGED.

An agreement has been made between the First Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches as to the re-arrangement of the hours for morning preaching service and Sunday school, whereby the latter meeting will be held on Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock and divine worship at 10:45 o'clock. The change is effective next Sunday, July 4, and these hours probably will be observed for two months at least, and longer if attendants at the churches desire. The matter as it relates to the Presbyterian church will be decided upon at a meeting of the board held some time this week.

During the summer months, evening prayer services will be held by the First Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist Episcopal churches, and on next Sunday evening, at the latter church, the Rev. P. S. Slocum, principal of Epworth seminary, will address the meeting. Further announcements will be made of other services.

CHANGE IN LINE-UP.

From Chicago falls Frank Busch and from Dubuque Left Fielder Sullivan. Manager Grems made contracts with these two new men Monday upon their arrival in the city.

The schedule of games for the week are as follows: Manchester vs. Independence at Manchester Friday, July 2. Manchester vs. Strawberry Point at Strawberry Point Saturday, July 3. Manchester vs. Strawberry Point at Manchester Monday, July 5.

TAKE EXAMINATIONS.

A large number of county teachers were in the city Wednesday and Thursday of last week attending the annual examinations given by Superintendent F. D. Joseph, the tests being held this year prior to the summer school. The meetings were held in the High school building.

SUIT SALE

A pair of shoes or a hat free with any fancy suit worth over \$20.00. From Saturday, June 26 to Saturday, July 3

In order to reduce our stock of high grade Kuppenheimer men's and young men's suits we will offer premiums as follows:

With \$22.50 suit, Free, a hat or \$3 pair shoes; with \$25 suit, Free, a hat or \$3.50 pair shoes; with \$27.50 suit Free, a hat or \$4 pair shoes.

These suits are all 1909 models and Kuppenheimer made, guaranteed in every respect. Every pair of shoes we give you free carries with it a Gildner guarantee.

You should not miss this opportunity of getting a pair of shoes free just when you need them, with any fancy suit worth over Twenty Dollars.

Gildner Bros.

Get to know us. Head-to-foot Clothiers. 5 Stores.

WINS FROM MOUNT VERNON.

Saturday afternoon, when the thermometer registered 90 degrees and the atmosphere was thick with humidity, Manchester won from a team hailing from Mt. Vernon by a score of 2 to 0.

The visitors failed to reach the home base, although several narrow escapes were witnessed. In the first inning, Sexton made a pretty three-bagger, scoring Malven. Coppess, the foot ball star of Cornell, who has been that college's star pitcher for several seasons, was plentifully hit, and also allowed walks generally. In the second, Crabb groundered to first, Wilder bunting and out at first, advancing Turner to second. Cobb walked, and Spud was struck out.

Dowdell, Homer Dowdell the Indian teacher, who played with Manchester last season, and who is signed with Anamosa this year, was part of the plugging used by Mt. Vernon, and in the third made a two-bagger, Jimmy Gorman lined a warm one to short, and Paglea filed to the telephone wires, the ball dropping into the glove of the first baseman, Sexton hit to left field and was caught out.

In the fourth, Paglea landed a fly, Turner assisting in killing a liner; the third warrior being disposed of easily. With Manchester at bat, Hans made a hit with the short stop, making first. Crabb secured a bunt hit, advancing Hans, who was caught out at second. Turner finds the ball and lines an airship into center, allowing Crabb to advance.

Through an error on Cornell's second baseman, Crabb scores. Turner was caught between second and third, and Wilder walked, being caught napping at second.

The fifth was uneventful, and also the sixth. The seventh was void of features, and the eighth was likewise. The visitors finished the game in the first of the ninth with nothing doing.

OPEN ELECTRIC THEATRE.

The Wolcott building on the corner of Franklin and Fayette streets, is being fitted and remodelled for the home of a new electric theatre, which will be managed by Messrs. A. J. Thorpe and William J. McCormick.

Mr. Thorpe was in Chicago the first of the week, purchasing a Powers' Camerograph, one of the latest perfected motion picture machines in the market. The film service will be of the best, the circuit which furnishes the pictures including Freeport, Cedar Rapids and other middle western cities. Two evening performances will be given daily, except Sunday, and the managers hope to have day service supplied during the summer, at least. Electric fans will cool the building, and comfortable chairs will be used. The theatre will be opened on Monday afternoon, July 5. A wooden partition will be placed at the front of the room, dividing the "foyer" from the theatre proper. The entrance aisle will be at the right side, and the exit on the left. The box will be in the center of the waiting room.

The proprietors of the theatre intend to conduct the amusement center in the most modern and approved manner, and will employ a pianist and present various musical talent each week. The pictures will be changed daily and the people may be assured of a delightful "Idol Hour" while patronizing the place.

CUBS DEFEAT WHITE SOX.

The first of a series of championship games was played at the Main street ball park Friday afternoon when the Manchester Cubs defeated the Dyersville White Sox by a score of 5 to 4, the victory being earned in the last half of the ninth inning when "Rusty" Cross, with two strikes against him and two men gone, landed a two-bagger, bringing in the necessary scores.

The game was one of the classic yet seen this season, and the Dyersville boys were not at all slow; they were right there all the time. Jimmie Gates was well supported and disposed of the enemy as nicely as he could, while the Sox were as kind in warping it to the Cubs when opportunity offered. The friends of the Cubs hope that they will continue to keep the summer season liberally dotted with similar games.

REPORT OF BANK SPLENDID.

In another column of this paper may be found a report of the condition of the First National bank at the close of business June 23. The total amount of loans and discounts aggregated \$282,150.50. Time certificates on deposit amount to \$183,846.68.

DEATH OF JAMES ROBINSON.

Mr. James Robinson died at his home near the Silver Creek settlement Thursday afternoon, June 24, being in his 88th year. He was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, January 29, 1822, being one of five children of James and Easter (Johnston) Robinson, who lived in that country all of their lives.

Mr. Robinson remained in his native country until he was about twenty-one years of age, having been trained as a farmer, and he naturally desired to become a land owner and agriculturist upon his arrival in the United States in 1844. After eight years residence in the east, he came to Delaware county, where he has since resided. His first purchase of land consisted of forty acres, and his remarkable business ability led him to accumulate much valuable property, owning a thousand acres of Delaware County land up until a few years ago. Mr. Robinson delighted in raising fine grades of horned stock and horses. His farms being well known on account of that fact. His graduation from the school of a small farmer to that of a large land owner, which was exceptional added testimony to Mr. Robinson's stalwart character. And his intelligence and lofty and pure minded Christian ideals not only prospered him, but built for him a reputation for honesty and sweet and tender love of house and kindred and neighbors. Mr. Robinson feared and loved God, glorying in doing His will, as he saw it not in great events but in the ordinary praiseworthy ways which were of immeasurable benefit to his family and those whom he helped and assisted, unpretentiously but consistently, because he had learned to love mankind.

His loyalty to the church which he had joined as a boy was unquestioned. A lifelong member of Methodist Episcopal church, his joy as a steward and earnest worker brought to him much enjoyment, and in his later years that inexhaustible satisfaction which is only known in the hearts of those who love and serve the Redeemer of mankind. For these reasons, Mr. Robinson was greatly respected and admired among men, and his beneficent deeds and cheery nature, awake in the hearts of those he helped that invaluable response to sympathy and care which is an inevitable recompense to the man who first considers the needs and pleasures of others.

Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary A. Gregg, January 27, 1854, who died February 14, 1881. Twelve children were born to them, eight of whom survive their father: William J. Robinson of Crawford, Nebraska; Mrs. Margaret Blakely of Ida county; R. R. Robinson of this city. Mrs. Eliza Perry of Brandon, Alexander Robinson, who retains his residence on the homestead; John D. Robinson of Elgin, Nebraska; Henry E. Robinson of Harist township; and Charles C. Robinson of Pearl City, Illinois. To these children were given common school educations, and later allotted to each a respective share of his property. His children were of his property. His children were comrades of his, having from the first given them that confidence that a boy so much enjoys and later counts as a privilege. Mr. Robinson held in sacred trust his duty toward his state and country, and held many offices in his township, the duties of which he faithfully performed, and has ever been a promoter of the material, educational, social and religious interests of the community of which he was a part. His life was a busy one, and for him it may be said that he had finished his course, having run well the race that had been set before him. Mr. Robinson died in the faith which he had so consistently followed all his life, happy in the joy which is accounted unto the Christian.

The funeral, which was held at the Silver Creek Methodist Episcopal church, last Saturday afternoon, was very largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Carson, pastor of the church at Strawberry Point. The body was buried in a bronze gun metal casket, which was interred in a steel lined cement tomb in the Silver Creek cemetery.

REPORT OF CREAMERY.

A report of the Manchester Co-Operative Creamery company for the month of May, 1909, shows that the number of pounds of milk received was 427,204, while the average test was 3.5. The average price paid was \$1.01, and the price per pound, 29 cents. The highest price paid was \$1.22 per hundred, and the lowest 73 cents.

WILLIAM SCHWAGER.

After an illness of only five days, William Schwager died Friday afternoon, June 25, 1909, being in his 66th year. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the home of Mr. Schwager was born in Baden, Germany, July 12, 1842, coming to New York City with his parents in 1848, and moving to New Jersey the following year, where his father conducted a farm. The next spring, the family came to Illinois, living on a farm until 1884, when they came to Delaware county and purchased a large farm in Coffins Grove township.

Mr. Schwager was married to Miss Amanda Hendrickson in this city January 10, 1888. The Rev. E. L. Miller officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Schwager moved to Manchester March 1, 1898, and for several years have occupied the residence on the corner of Union and Wayne streets. Mr. Schwager was a member of no church or society, but was a frequent attendant at the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is survived by his wife, two brothers: Jacob Schwager of this city and Augustus Schwager of Marengo, Illinois; also a sister, Miss Anna M. Schwager of Marengo.

A physician was called for Mr. Schwager the Sunday before his death, and on Thursday a specialist from Chicago was expected to perform an operation, but upon his arrival found it impossible to do so. An autopsy was held Saturday morning. Mr. Schwager suffered great bodily pain for several days, but death mercifully relieved him from further bodily ills. He was a man who had made his calling that of farming, his ideal. His life was simple but wholesome, and he lived honorably and above reproach. His large circle of friends deeply mourn his death.

MEHLHOP OFFERS INDUCEMENT

Through the courtesy and good wishes of Carl Mehlhop of Dubuque, a dealer in teas and fine cigars, the following prizes are offered by him to the members of the Manchester base ball team:

50 Baby Maskettes to the player with the best batting average.

50 Grand Sessions to the player that scores the most runs.

These offers will doubtless be an added stimulus to the boys, who are putting up a good fight for recognition as a "bush league" team. The offer of Mr. Mehlhop is appreciated by the men and his kindness and token of good will is indicative of the spirit of the many friends of the team who support and take a lively interest in what they do.

BANKS WILL CLOSE MONDAY.

The banks of the city will be closed Monday, July 5. The postoffice will observe the day as usual, closing its business hours after 10:00 a. m. At the Court house, the offices will be closed during the day, and many of the merchants will close their doors Monday afternoon.

DR. Wm. E. BOYNTON COMING.

Dr. Wm. E. Boynton will be in Manchester during the first two weeks in July and will take up his practice in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and may be found by inquiring at W. N. Boynton's jewelry store, 216 1/2 W. 25.

Money to Loan at Low Rates.

Hubert Carr

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the First National Bank at Manchester, in the state of Iowa, at the close of business, June 23rd, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$282,150.50

Overdrafts secured and unsecured 3,020.41

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 15,500.00

Bonds, securities, etc. 4,000.00

Banking houses, furniture and fixtures 100,000.00

Due from National Banks (not reserve assets) 5,487.27

Due from approved reserve agents 21,916.14

Fractional currency, notes and coins 209.00

Legal money reserve in hands of specie \$29,000.00

Legal tender notes 7,615.25

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer 625.00

Due from U. S. Treasurer other than 5 per cent redemption fund 152,548.28

Total \$879,841.35

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00

Surplus fund 15,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 2,816.24

National Bank notes outstanding 12,500.00

Individual deposits subject to check 92,204.02

Demand certificates of deposit 14,266.00

Time certificates of deposit 152,548.28

Notes and bills rediscounted 10,200.00

Total \$879,841.35

State of Iowa, County of Delaware, ss: I, 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.

M. F. LeRoy, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June 1909.

Henry Housen

Notary Public, Corroet-Attest:

R. P. Robinson

L. L. Hoyt

Hubert Carr

Directors.

The SPECIAL FEATURE

of our store during the next few weeks will be that of closing out all broken lines left from the spring selling, at prices so low that they will immediately appeal to every one as phenomenal opportunities for saving. Each week and day during the time will be one of special offerings at greatly reduced prices. Below we hint of but a few of the bargains:

A Decided Clearing

of all Suits and Coats. Prices in some instances are reduced one-half.

Clearing of Laces and Embroideries.

Clearing of these lines on all odds and ends of fine goods. Half price for many of these tells but part of the story.

Colored Dress Goods.