

TOWN TOPICS.

Herbert Swan of Independence was visiting in town Friday. Miss Olaf Beeman is expected home this week from Des Moines. Mrs. D. A. Huenne of Monticello is visiting at the O. E. Huenne home this week. Rev. John Frank Moore preached at Sand Creek church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Jane Plack of Strawberry Point is visiting with Mrs. Sarah White. Mrs. Margaret Meyers of Cedar Rapids is a guest of her sister, Mrs. O. A. Dunham. Mrs. W. H. Ensign is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Margaret Greer of Monticello. Miss Gertrude Bolsinger of Colesburg is visiting her brother, Edward Bolsinger, this week. There were 8,005 books in the libraries of the rural schools last year, and 9,878 books this year. Mrs. F. A. Grimes and Mrs. M. E. Dittmer of Colesburg are visiting in the city this week with friends. Hon. and Mrs. E. C. Perkins of Delhi were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haerberle the first of the week. Alex. Sheldon of Seneca, South Dakota, is enjoying a vacation and visit with relatives and friends in town. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Somes were visiting with friends in Independence the latter part of the week. Miss Mollie Wilson of Dubuque was a guest of her brother, Dr. Norman D. Wilson, the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blake of Cleomont have been visiting in town for several days at the home of S. H. Morgan. Miss Frances Lawmen went to Independence Saturday morning for a few days visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Colman. Dr. W. E. Boynton returned to Chicago last week, after having enjoyed a few weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boynton. Miss Lella Huebich of LeMars left Saturday morning for her home in that place after a week's visit at the home of Miss Belle Armstrong. Mrs. and Mrs. A. R. Jarrett and daughter Hazel of Chicago are being entertained at the homes of Mrs. S. K. Meyers and Mrs. B. H. Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graybill of Bartonsville, Oklahoma, who are visiting at the home of John Hetherington, were in Independence Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoag of Monticello were in the city last week to attend the Manchester-Charles City series, making the journey in Mr. Hoag's car. O. A. Dunham has gone to Morton, Mississippi, near which place he owns a large plantation. Mr. Dunham will remain in the south several weeks. H. F. Arold was in Cedar Rapids Thursday. Mr. Arnold and his brother, C. A. Arnold, of that city own and conduct one of the largest lumber yards in Iowa at Cedar Rapids. Herbert L. Dorn of Madock, South Dakota, is a guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. T. E. Fleming, arriving in the city Saturday. Mr. Dorn will remain in town several days. Rev. J. L. Rumsey of Princeton, Illinois, preached at Delaware Sunday, and on Monday morning left for Vinton for a short visit. He returns to Princeton the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Busch of Chicago were in the city Friday and Saturday as guests of their son, Frank Busch, a crack second baseman and hitter with the Manchester base ball team. I. L. Walters was in Chicago last week on business, consulting with the management of the Quaker Oats company regarding the matter of offering special prizes in connection with the Delaware County fair. Mrs. Lewis E. Johnston and little daughter of Steelton, Pennsylvania, are being entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hubert Carr. They have been visiting in Waterloo with relatives for several days. Mortimer Seeley of Stuart is at home for a few days vacation, and visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Seeley. Mr. Seeley is engaged in the jewelry business in that place, his brother John of this city, having an interest in the stock. Stearns & McCormick purchased the stock of attached bankrupt property consisting of general merchandise formerly owned by Mrs. L. L. Shepard of Greeley, which was offered at public auction by the sheriff in the Atwater building a short time ago. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cary of Jennings, Louisiana, arrived in the city from Dubuque last Wednesday morning for an extended visit. Mr. and Mrs. Cary lived in Manchester many years before their departure for the south, and since then have visited in the north during each summer. J. F. McEwen returned home from Fulton, Missouri, last week with his mother, Mrs. Adeline McEwen, who has been enjoying a several months visit with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Hills, of that city. Mr. McEwen had intended to visit Kansas City, but on account of the flooded condition of the western part of the state and disabled railway service was obliged to return by another route. Dr. Richard Watson Cooper, president of Upper Iowa university, delivered two masterful and scholarly sermons at the morning service and union meeting held in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. Dr. Cooper is a man of unusual attainments as an educator and teacher. His oratory is matched only by his marvelous conception of ideas, and his thoughts were of considerable interest and help to the audiences which heard him. His morning subject was concerning the missionary movement, and in the evening his subject was, "Can Jesus Win."

NORMAL INSTITUTE OPENS AUGUST 16. Frank D. Joseph, conductor of the thirty-seventh annual session of the Delaware county normal institute, has recently issued programs for this season's school. The sessions will be held at the High school building in this city, opening Monday, August 16, and closing Saturday, August 21. The list of instructors are: Frank B. Taylor, Dean Lenox college, Psychology, Arithmetic. A. F. Benson, Minneapolis. Language, Didactics. Karl Buren Stein, Chicago. Music. Mrs. Karl Buren Stein, Chicago. Reading. J. R. Inman, Manchester. Geography, Algebra. Theo. Stamm, Pipestone, Minnesota. United States History, Civics. Miss Lillian Dale, Des Moines. Primary Methods. C. M. Evans, Hopkinton. Agriculture. Miss Elizabeth Faint, Allison. Penmanship, Book Table. Mr. Joseph believes that the institute will be of much benefit to the teachers and schools of the county. There will be no worry about examinations. The teachers can devote all their time to study of methods and plans for the year's work. The best instructors have been provided in the past, and this year is no exception. The work promises to be largely inspirational, and little academic work will be pursued. The law requires all who teach to make some sort of a sowing at institutes, unless excused by the county superintendent. Agriculture will also be a special feature. Next year all pupils graduating from the rural schools will be required to pass an examination in agriculture. A schedule of the course includes the study of poultry, milk testing and scoring the dairy cow, and lesson sheets in scoring the draft horse. Corn testing, growing and judging; growth of weeds, cost, law regarding the eradication, etc., and on the closing day a review including an outline of the elementary course for rural schools. There will be no lectures this year. Mr. and Mrs. Stein, however, will give an evening program of music and elocution. The public is invited to this entertainment, the date of which will be announced later.

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LIVE TIPS. The dance given at the Central Opera house Friday evening as a benefit for the association was a success financially and socially. Nearly one hundred numbers were sold, and a net proceeds amounted to fifty dollars. The Dyeraville Commercial, in its account of the Sunday game played there a week ago, claimed the game by a score of 10 to 9. No compromise was mentioned. The Strawberry Point Mail Press directed nearly a column of its space to rubbing it in to Manchester for leaving the game a tie at that town a few days ago. Some very unpleasant things were said about the management. The Cascade Pioneer roars on account of troubles recited by the aggregation representing that town which played two games in Manchester a short time ago. It would seem that Manchester is regarded as an outlaw and renegade, but perhaps a bit of jealous strife causes these bursts of our neighbors. Pagle's sensational hit in the eleventh inning won for him again the admiration of the fans. Art is a mighty fine chap, and knows how to play ball, too. While sprinting to first in one inning, he collided with much force against the baseman, and for several minutes both men were stunned. Hans was struck in the face by a foul tip while at bat. The genial Dutchman buried his countenance in the sand for a minute, bearing the stinging pain without a whimper. Hans retains a warm place in the hearts of Manchester fandom. Charles City defeated Dyeraville Sunday by a score of 7 to 0. The Manchester Advertiser won from a Masonville aggregation Sunday 7 to 0, the game being called in the fifth inning. During the first part of the afternoon, Masonville played against Ryan, winning 3 to 0. Henry Steele of Coon Rapids has been signed by Manager Grems as a member of the Manchester team. He made his first appearance Friday, being stationed in right field. He will also relieve Hans when occasion demands.

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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. A large accumulation of remnants of desirable lengths must be closed out at once; with this end in view, reductions are one-half the regular price. Lace Curtains Reduced one-third. Wonderful Values in Silks. Wash Dress Goods Greatly Reduced. Extraordinary Values in Hosiery. B. CLARK

MADDEN'S Summer Clearing Sale of Oxfords Opens July 22nd, and Closes August 7th. During this time we will place on sale every pair of oxfords left from our spring stock; also all odd pairs. Every broken lot must move. Nothing will be carried over. We need the money. Ladies' Oxfords. Ladies' tan suede, bronze oxfords and pumps reduced ONE-THIRD \$3.50 grades, now \$2.35 3.00 " " 2.00 2.50 " " 1.70 2.00 " " 1.35 Misses' and children's oxfords and slippers reduced ONE-THIRD You will save money by coming in and buying from us. You will agree with us when you see the shoes. Men's Oxfords. Fifteen pairs of Men's tan, wine and green oxfords cut ONE-HALF Men's patent colt and gun metal oxfords: \$4.00 grade, now \$2.90 3.50 " " 2.75 3.00 " " 2.45 Boys' and youths' oxfords. The same reduction holds good. All new styles, no "dead ones." Remember we fit you as carefully during this sale as at any other time. We want every customer satisfied. P. F. Madden, Good Shoes.

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