

TOWN TOPICS.

Howard Kirkwood of Hopkinton visited in the city last week. Hon. W. H. Norris leaves this week for a trip through the west. Miss Grace Keiser left Friday for Washington, Missouri, for a visit with relatives. A. C. Forrest of Ames, a specialist in milk production, was in the city Friday. T. C. Hines of Newtonville was in town last week, going to Chicago Friday on business. Hon. and Mrs. R. J. Bixby of Edgewood were in town last week to attend chautauqua. R. M. Bates, an inspector of post offices, with headquarters in Waterloo was in town last week. Mrs. J. W. Braxton and daughter, Miss Vina, of Ryan visited in the city Friday last week. W. A. Lang and son, Elmer Lang, of Greeley are expected home from Europe within the next few days. Mrs. N. H. Hyde and daughter, Miss Laura, are visiting in Chicago, going to that city Friday morning. Charles Hoag of Charlotte, Michigan, is visiting in the city at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Hoag. Mrs. J. C. Matthews and Mrs. W. J. Wroughton of Greeley were in the city last week to attend the chautauqua. J. W. Lewis was in Waterloo last week on business, inspecting watches of the employees of the Illinois Central. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O. Harris of Aberdeen, South Dakota, are visiting with relatives and friends in the city. Rev. J. R. A. Hanner of Epworth, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place, was in town Saturday. Mrs. H. H. Lawrence and son are here from Waverly for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman. A new floor of hard wood has been laid in the hallway and corridor on the second floor of the City Opera house block. Miss Bell Tirrell of Rosendale Wisconsin, is being entertained at the home of her uncle and aunt, the Hon. and Mrs. R. W. Tirrell. Fred Skinner has gone to St. Lawrence, South Dakota, where he will remain for some time as a guest of his brother, Miles Skinner. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blake and granddaughter, Miss Marion Blake, are expected home from Chicago this week, where they have visited for the past month. Earnest Bruce of Palestine, Illinois, is visiting his brother, A. J. Bruce. Mr. Bruce is employed as an engineer by the Illinois Central railroad company. Miss Martha Hartwell of Fayette has been a guest at the Rev. T. E. Fleming home for the past several days going to Staceyville Friday for a visit with friends. Miss Helene Stoddard left Thursday for her home in Minneapolis, completing a visit of several weeks at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Marvin. L. E. Pride has bought the dry line of C. E. Cates, the trade being completed last week. Mr. Pride has resigned his position as engineer in the Illinois Central pump house. Miss Laurene Walker of Goodwin, Kansas, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman, arriving Friday morning, and expecting to remain in the city until the middle of September. Perry H. Strickland arrived home from Lavana, Montana, Thursday, and will remain in the city until September, when he expects to return to the west. He has been working on a large ranch near Lavana. H. M. Preston of Fort Dodge, formerly of this city, was a guest of Capt. Abner Dunham last Saturday. Mr. Preston was a member of Company F, 12th Iowa infantry, and enlisted at the Clarence house. D. E. Hamblin of this city, a member of the firm Hartman & Hamblin, real estate agent for Kansas land, left for the Arkansas river valley this morning, being accompanied by Dr. H. A. Dittmer on a business trip. Captain T. J. Joseph of Quincy, Illinois, is a guest at the home of his nephew, F. D. Joseph. Captain Joseph was an officer during the civil war and is a vigorous and well preserved veteran. His visit is being enjoyed by his nephew and relatives in this and other towns in the county. Attention is directed to the advertisement in another column quoting rates which this paper will furnish a number of standard magazines for a limited time. The prices quoted will at once appeal to the reader as being remarkably cheap. The offers are available for a short time only. Read the ad. At the recent meeting of churches held at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, representing the various bodies of the Methodist church, Rev. Dr. T. E. Fleming, superintendent of the Dubuque district, was elected a member of the executive committee which will have in charge the Methodist annual conference to be held at Toronto, Canada, in 1911. Chas. G. Newcomb is at home from Guam, New Mexico, where he has been employed by a trading company during the past two years. Mr. Newcomb has been in charge of a store located in the pine forests near Guam. Lewis L. Sabin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sabin, has been in Guam for five years, and both he and Mr. Newcomb have resigned to return north. Mr. Sabin will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to purchase a line of furniture before returning home. William Hoeffley of Emmetsburg was in the city last week. See the advertisement of Will Chapel concerning a house for rent. F. E. Richardson and H. W. Sablin were in Edgewood the first of the week. W. H. Hollister went to Edgewood yesterday morning on a business trip. John F. Carr of Lamont is a guest at the home of his nephew, Hubert Carr. W. H. Huffalen of Oneida, formerly of this city, visited in town the first of the week. The Marion street bridge is being re-painted with a coat of black water-proof enamel. Miss Vina Braxton of Ryan was entertained at the home of A. D. Brown the past few days. John E. Rogers and Ray F. Anderson of Hopkinton attended the chautauqua programs during Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holbert, Thos. R. Holbert and Harry Burbridge of Greeley were in the city Sunday. W. T. A. Keyes of Omaha is visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Whitney. Edwin Williams left Monday for Desmet, South Dakota, where he will spend several weeks with his brother. Miss Belle M. Armistead went to Waterloo Saturday evening for a few days visit at the home of Miss Corinne Keagy. Miss Marie Flower of Arlington was guest of Miss Myrtle Rutherford last week, returning to her home yesterday morning. Arlie Hamblin was at home from Dubuque last week, where he is employed in the offices of the American Express company. The Rev. H. R. DeBra, principal of Epworth Seminary, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Yorlan the first of the week. Miss Maude Graham returned home from Chicago Monday where she has been taking special work at the University of Chicago. Miss Kate Foster was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kinne last week, returning to her home in Wood yesterday morning. Miss Anna Schroeder, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Bertha Schroeder, at the Merry home, returned to Nashua Monday afternoon. The families of F. E. Richardson, W. D. Hoyt and H. W. Sabin go to a resort on the Turkey river this week to spend several weeks camping. Mrs. H. F. Garfield and daughter, Miss Mabel of LaFox, Wisconsin, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh Jr., arriving yesterday. Mrs. Mabel Farwell, who has been visiting with relatives in the city for some time, left Saturday morning for her home in Kalspell, Montana. Dr. C. S. Lister has recently improved his office equipment with an electric engine which replaces the machine formerly used and operated by foot power. The Misses Snow and Gayle Colman of Galena, Illinois, concluded yesterday afternoon a visit of two weeks at the home of their aunt, Mrs. J. H. Allen. Mrs. H. S. Barber of Clarion is expected the latter part of the week for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott, and sister, Mrs. W. C. Blake. W. W. Ford, who is traveling for the Excelsior Specialty company, left yesterday morning on a business trip. Mr. Ford has been assigned the State of Iowa as his territory. Capt. H. G. Utley and Corporal D. A. Preussner left Sunday for Des Moines to attend the final military rifle range practice before going to Camp Perry, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. M. I. B. Richmond departed this morning for a two month trip through the west, expecting to visit at Billings, Montana, and spend several weeks at the exposition. Edwin Cobb enjoyed a visit over Sunday from Dr. R. W. Sleeter, a graduate of the college of medicine at the Iowa State university, '09. Dr. Sleeter goes to Edgewood to begin his profession. J. W. Thill of Des Moines, secretary of the Independent Telephone Clearing House of that city, visited C. A. Peterson, general manager of the Delaware County Telephone company, yesterday. R. W. Bell, formerly of Waterloo, and master mechanic at the Illinois Central shops, has been promoted to superintendent of machinery, vice Supt. Nonfer, who resigns on a pension and length of service. Vernon Lake, who has been employed in this office, leaves today for Fullerton, South Dakota, where he has secured work in the harvest fields. Wages are high for laborers and the demand is greater than the supply. L. H. Haerberle of St. Paul was a guest at the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haerberle, from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon. Mr. Haerberle is employed in the general freight offices of the Chicago Great Western railway. The stage curtain in Central Opera house is being re-decorated by Chapel & Son. It was painted in water color more than twenty-five years ago and cost nearly five hundred dollars. On account of a defective roof, the curtain had been stained with water, but the re-touching in color and outline will restore it almost perfectly. Austin D. Brown is in Chicago this week on business, and will also go to Oberlin, Ohio, to arrange with the faculty of Oberlin college for a course of special study for his daughter, Miss Mildred Brown, who enters that institution next month. Mr. Brown will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to purchase a line of furniture before returning home. F. B. Assmus is enjoying a week's vacation with relatives at Independence. Mrs. Alsworth has gone to Leadville, Colorado, for a visit with relatives. She will remain for several weeks. A special train bearing a party of Chicago Elks home from San Francisco passed through the city Monday afternoon. A. B. Holbert and son, Thos. R. Holbert of Greeley left Manchester Sunday night for Europe, making a port in France their destination. The friends of Prof. S. W. Stooker, formerly of this city will regret to learn of the death of his aged father which occurred at Cedar Rapids Saturday, July 31. J. A. Voorhees of Monticello, an instigator and officer of the Davenport & Manchester Interurban railway, was in the city the first of the week on business. Mrs. F. W. Anders of Des Moines has been visiting with friends in town, and is in Earlville today, expecting to return to Manchester before going to her home in Des Moines. John Porter and Maurice Hetherington left Monday night for Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a short vacation and business trip expecting to visit in other points in the western state before returning home. Hutchinson & Atwater brought in a change of advertisement too late for publication, which announces the sale of two burner alcohol stoves and flat irons heated by denatured alcohol. Their advertisement will appear next week. Mrs. Roy Davis and daughter of Newton were visiting in the city last week, going to Oneida this morning to meet Mr. Davis and from there to Littleport where they will spend several days at the home of J. E. Davis, and then returning to this city. HONOR M. H. WILLISTON. The wholesale house of H. B. Glover Company of Dubuque has just issued an announcement to the friends of Mr. M. H. Williston who resigned his position with that company as traveling salesman after thirty-two years of service. The appreciation reads as follows: "It is with regret that we announce to you the retirement from the road, after thirty-two years of service, of Mr. M. H. Williston—'Mel'. During all these years, he has played the part of an honest man and a true salesman—honest to himself, true to his customer, a defender of his house. There has never been a hasty word between us, but ever perfect confidence and harmony. "He now leaves for other fields; and as he goes out, we feel that his old Iowa friends wish him, with us, the happiness and success which he so abundantly deserves." "H. B. Glover Company." Dubuque, Iowa, "July 28, 1909."

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN. For the week ending August 1, 1909. The average temperature during the past week was very nearly normal and while the rainfall was generally deficient, showers occurred on one to three days over the larger part of the state. The first three days of the week were cloudy and moderately cool with frequent light showers, but the last four days were clear and hot, Tuesday being the warmest day of the year when the maximum temperatures ranged from 90 to 100 degrees. The rains were timely and especially beneficial to corn, potatoes, pastures, and garden vegetables. Corn is doing remarkably well and has not yet suffered from the lack of moisture in any part of the state. Nearly all of the early planted fields are in full tassal and planting nicely. The belated corn is doing its best, but a great deal of the very latest cannot mature unless frost occurs much later than usual. The weather has been exceptionally favorable for hay and harvesting and most of the hay and grain crops have been secured in the best of condition. Harvest work is now nearing completion and threshing will become more general during the coming week. Early reports of threshing indicate winter wheat to be of good quality with yields ranging from twenty to thirty-five bushels. The quality of oats is better than for the past two years and the yield ranges from twenty-five to forty-five bushels. Considerable timothy has been cut for seed in the southern districts and more will be cut during the coming week. Pastures and potatoes are doing well, but will soon need more rain. Rain would also be very beneficial to corn, especially in the eastern and northeastern counties where the rainfall during the past month has been below the average for July. RETURNS FROM ENCAMPMENT. Members of Company D, Iowa National Guard, which had attended the mid-summer encampment at Independence last week, arrived in the city Saturday evening, reporting on by a few cases of illness and disability. The company was complimented upon its efficiency, and its individual members took much interest in the athletic contests arranged for. Glen Hamblin won first place in the 40 yard dash, and was awarded a gold medal. Company D, as victor of the first battalion in the tug-of-war, was defeated by Company H of Clinton, champions of the second battalion, by foul. Company H, it is said, provided cork for the shoes of several of its team, and although the tussle lasted sixteen minutes, Manchester's team was pulled over the line. Seagr, W. W. Matthews captained the team. NO CONVICTIONS FOR NINE MONTHS. The county clerk states in a recent report to the state board of control that since October 1, 1908, and June 30, 1909, no criminal convictions have been recorded in the county of Delaware. There are several indictments pending, and it is understood that the county attorney is preparing and ready to begin several hundred cases against certain railroads which have been hauling liquid claimed to quench the thirst and quiet unsteady nerves. Should these matters be taken into court, it would mean fines to the amount of nearly twenty-five thousand dollars. MAY HAVE NEW TRAIN SERVICE. A letter received from J. P. Elmer, general passenger agent of the Chicago Great Western railway, by C. J. Boardway, traffic manager of the Manchester & Oneida railway, is to the effect that better service will be afforded patrons of the local line to eastern and western points on the Great Western before many weeks. The passenger department of the Maple Leaf route has been considering a proposed change of train service for some time and Mr. Boardway wrote to Mr. Elmer regarding the matter, hoping to secure better service for passengers routed via the Manchester & Oneida. TORRID HEAT REACHES LIMIT. No relief is promised by the weather man. The thermometer hovers about the 100 degree mark. Last Thursday the sun beat down unmercifully and both man and beast suffered. Those working out of doors were afforded little comfort, and on Sunday the sweltering crowds which visited the chautauqua tent would have been much more uncomfortable had they known the thermometer registered 101 in the shade. On Monday, at noon, the temperature was reduced one degree, although a fresh breeze from the east made life more endurable.

Real Fun For Boys. FREE. With a Boy's Suit or a Pair of Shoes, a MAGAZINE GUN. The guns are absolutely harmless and also very durable. They will furnish a lot of sport. Come and See Them Boys. Gildner Bros. Head-to-toe Clothiers.

BOARD PROCEEDINGS. Manchester, Iowa, July 31, 1909. Board met as per adjournment. Members all present. Class 4—Bridge. E. E. Cowles, freight, 1.50. F. M. Burbridge, freight, 2.25. Anton Weichert, lumber, 4.70. A. Kipp, lumber, 27.55. Fred Eggman, lum and lab, 10.50. Leslie Krumpholt, labor, 22.80. Bert Duroy, labor, 17.00. E. A. Mead, labor, 15.75. M. P. Nieman, labor, 4.00. Thos. Dickson, labor, 6.75. John A. Beebe, labor, 2.00. J. Winastorfer, labor, 12.72. Jones County, hauling lumber, 3.00. Gus Barned, assignor, contract work, 1260.24. John Miller, labor, 43.00. Chas. Coats, assignor, labor, 42.00. W. F. Garvin, labor, 49.12. V. Miller, labor, 28.00. Chas. Coats, labor, 14.00. M. Shearn, Jr., labor, 29.30. Jas. Gray, labor, 2.50. Homer Appley, labor, 1.75. Chris Jaeger, labor, 2.00. Joe Rubner, labor, 1.50. F. A. Mead, labor, 5.25. Class 9—Road. Independence Culvert Co., culverts, 9.00. Justin McCarthy, labor, 19.20. Ed Vorwald, labor, 3.00. Chas. Straders, labor, 3.00. Geo. Gore, labor, 4.50. Millard T. Morrow, labor, 5.25. Sam Orr, tiling, 3.50. Resolved that the report of F. L. Minkler, steward of the County funds, be approved. Resolved that the sum of \$200.00 be transferred from the Poor Fund to the County Home Fund. Resolved that the Auditor be authorized to issue warrants for all claims allowed at this session. Minutes read and approved. On motion Board adjourned to August 31, 1909. W. J. Davis, Auditor. W. B. Robinson, Chairman. YANKEE ROBINSON SHOWS. Manchester is to have a circus. Whether special trains will be scheduled to handle the crowds in and out of town is still undecided, but the advance advertising man of the Yankee Robinson shows was in Manchester Monday and promises a three ringed, double monogerie, and a big parade at noon. The small boy will be agog with excitement, and the flaming posters with lithographs in actual size, will be the topic of conversation at the "swimmin' hole" and street corners for the next two or three weeks. The Show will appear in Manchester on Saturday, August 21, arriving from Galena, Illinois, in a special train of twenty-two cars, and will go to Fort Dodge from this city. JAP BOAT BREAKS RECORD. Tacoma Maru Arrives at Port Townsend Ahead of Schedule. Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 2.—The Japanese steamship Tacoma Maru, inaugurating in conjunction with the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railway, a monthly service between the Orient and Puget sound, for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha company of Osaka, Japan, arrived and proceeded to Tacoma. The voyage was accomplished twenty-four hours under schedule. KENTUCKY MOB AFTER NEGRO. Columbia Black Has Little Chance if Apprehended. Columbia, Ky., Aug. 2.—Great excitement prevails in this county as a result of an assault perpetrated today by a negro who is being sought by armed bodies of men. A lynch mob is expected if the negro is apprehended. Mrs. Rufus Price, wife of a prominent citizen, was attacked by a negro, who is known as Major Nelson. Her condition is serious. 3,000 MAY BE DROWNED. British Steamer Is Long Overdue at London. Durban, Natal, Aug. 2.—Alara has been caused by the non-arrival here of the British steamer Waratah, from Sydney for London. It left Port Natal July 25 and since then has not been seen by any other vessel. A search has been instituted for it. The Waratah has 3,000 souls aboard. BANKER'S WIFE KILLS SELF. Nebraska Woman Commits Suicide by Hanging. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Thomas S. Paxton, wife of the cashier of the Atlas Bank of Neligh, Neb., committed suicide by hanging herself in her room in a Lincoln sanatorium. She had been in ill health and despondent. 39-1

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 1909 WALL PAPER ANNOUNCEMENT. Our shop, in its spring attire, offers countless attractions to the Home Decorator. This year's productions unite the practical with the beautiful. Never has our stock and display of attractive Wall Paper been so complete as now, and owing to an advantageous purchase we give you prices that will interest you. Would be pleased to show you. Anders & Philipp. LADIES SUITS Just received our first invoice of Ladies Tailor made Suits and Dress Skirts for the Early Fall trade. We have a choice selection of these goods now ready with more to follow. You are invited to call and inspect the new Fall styles in this department if interested. We think we can suit you in style, quality and price. Respectfully, W. L. Drew Agent Butterick Patterns.