

TOWN TOPICS.

See want ad "For Sale." See C. H. Bunker's auction sale notice in another column. Jos. Hutchinson left Sunday for St. Paul on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merry was a guest of relatives at Beloit, Wisconsin, last week. Earl Kealey of Anamosa was a guest of relatives in the city last week.

Deputy Auditor Joseph Evers was a guest of friends in Dubuque last week. Abner Dunham spent last week as a guest of his daughter at Dunlap, Iowa.

Mrs. Frank B. Assmus was a guest of friends in Independence last week. I. W. Lampman was a business visitor in Cedar Rapids Thursday and Friday.

Leon Beardslee left for Chicago Thursday afternoon to spend a week visiting relatives. Mrs. R. E. Carpenter entertained a company of lady friends at dinner at the Clarence House Thursday.

G. W. Miller, Wm. Hockaday and J. A. Strickland were looking after land interests at Lavinia, Montana, last week. Miss Katie Hook, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Robert Gradke, left yesterday morning for her home at Edgewood.

John Haley, who is employed by the Illinois Central railroad company at Waterloo, was the guest at the home of his mother Sunday.

CELEBRATE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Torrey of this city completed fifty years of married life on Friday, November 5, 1909. They were married on the old Watson farm north of Manchester, Squire Eaton officiating.

As Mr. and Mrs. Torrey were to leave on Thursday afternoon for Chicago and from there go to Florida, where they intend to spend the winter months, their relatives and friends chose Wednesday as the day to celebrate the anniversary. At noon their son, Clarence A. Torrey, of Chicago, tendered them a bounteous dinner at the Globe hotel at which about fifty invited guests were present.

After dinner the company repaired to the home of I. W. Lampman, where the afternoon was spent very pleasantly. Mr. Torrey was presented with a gold-headed cane and Mrs. Torrey a gold-headed silk umbrella. The presentation speech being made by Hon. I. W. Tirrill.

In the evening the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church tendered Mr. and Mrs. Torrey a reception in the parlors of the church. On Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Torrey departed for Chicago, accompanied by their son Clarence, where another surprise was in store for them in the way of a banquet which their son had prepared for them.

Mr. Torrey was born in Geneseo county, New York, July 8, 1836, and in 1856 came to Delaware county, where he resided on a farm north of Manchester, known as the Watson farm, until his enlistment in 1862, in Company F, 27th Iowa infantry. During the battle of Pleasant Hill on April 9, 1864, he was wounded and sent home on a furlough, after which he rejoined the army and was discharged with his regiment at the close of the war. On his return from the war his health prevented him from continuing farming and he came to Manchester and in company with Lawson Roe and L. W. Adams purchased the property where the Gildner Bros. clothing store is now situated, and which he still owns.

Mrs. Torrey was born in Berrien county, Michigan, on February 23, 1841. She came to Delaware county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt, on Roe, in February 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Torrey have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city since 1877. Mr. Torrey has taken an active part in the officiating duties of the church ever since he united. The Democrat joins their many friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a list of the real estate changes recorded at the county recorder's office during the past week: W. D. McIntosh and wife to E. H. Sellen. South half of lot 3 in block 12, in Manchester cemetery. Consideration, \$30.00.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF POISONING HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Lucy Nance, widow of four children, is under arrest, charged with the murder of her husband, Charles Nance, by strychnine poisoning at their home in Epworth on Thursday, October 23.

A Dubuque paper gives the following account of the sensation: "The arrest of Mrs. Nance at her home in Epworth Saturday evening by Sheriff Dunn was the sensation of years in the little town. The sudden death of Mr. Nance a week ago last Thursday, followed by the refusal of the attending physician to sign the death certificate and the calling of Coroner Ryan investigating the death set the town talking. The man's sudden death was enough in itself to startle the community, but the mystery surrounding it developed some ugly gossip, and ever since the coroner took charge of the case there has been much suppressed rumor regarding the death, its cause and its motive."

Strychnine in Stomach. "The stomach of the dead man was sent to the state chemist at the university at Iowa City for analysis, and when Coroner Ryan received the report of the chemist the coroner's jury empaneled in the case was again convened and acting on the report of the chemist the jury returned a verdict that the deceased died as the result of strychnine poisoning and recommended that Mrs. Nance be held to await the action of the grand jury. In accordance with the jury's verdict, Coroner Ryan issued a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Nance and Sheriff Dunn went to Epworth Saturday afternoon and made the arrest."

Had Complained of Illness. Nance had conducted a barber shop in Farley for the past two years, but resided in Epworth, three miles from Farley, and went home every night. In the same house with the Nance family lived the family of Mrs. Nance's brother, and a man named Taylor. On Monday preceding Nance's death he complained of feeling unwell and for that reason did not go home, but remained in Farley. The next day he continued to complain of being ill and that evening went home. He remained at his home in Epworth Wednesday because he was not feeling well enough to go to work. Dr. McNeill was called at midnight to administer to him. Thursday morning Mrs. Nance went down town and remained for about three quarters of an hour.

Suffers Violent Convulsion. About an hour and a half after Mrs. Nance's return home her husband was taken violently sick and suffered a convulsion. Dr. McNeill was summoned, but by the time he arrived Nance had partly recovered from the attack. He told the physician of his sickness and said he feared he was dying. The doctor asked him to describe his attack. He said he felt pains in the region of the stomach, and began to shake violently, then was seized with a convulsion. While he was describing the symptoms, he stated that he felt them coming on again. As he talked, he was again seized with a violent convulsion, from which he did not recover, and passed away shortly afterward.

Stomach Sent to Chemist. Dr. McNeill refused to issue a death certificate and notified Coroner Ryan. The coroner went to Epworth and called in two other physicians. The postmortem and inquiry developed such circumstances that the coroner continued the inquest and having the dead man's stomach removed he sent it to the state chemist for an analysis of its contents. The chemical test made at the state university confirmed the diagnosis of the physicians that death was the result of strychnine poisoning. The other facts and circumstances surrounding the death as developed at the inquiry at the time the coroner took charge of the case prompted the coroner's jury in recommending that Mrs. Nance be held pending further investigation by the grand jury.

Came From Jones County. The Nances have been residents of Epworth for a number of years, having come there from Jones county. Nance was about the same age as his wife and they were married when both were quite young. The eldest daughter is married and resides in Jones county with her husband and one child. Another daughter resides with her married sister. The other two daughters reside at the home in Epworth, the youngest being about 14 years old. Not Surprised at Arrest. When Sheriff Dunn called at the Nance home and informed Mrs. Nance she was under arrest and must accompany him to Dubuque, she showed no evidence of surprise, but at once clothed herself preparatory to the journey, asked no questions and made no comment.

MRS. ALFRED GIBSON.

Emily Jones was born February 14, 1824, in Russell county, Kentucky. In 1834 she moved with her parents to Illinois, locating near McDonough county. She was united in marriage to Alfred Gibson in 1843. Mrs. Gibson died at the home of her son at Coffeyville, Kansas, October 21, of senility. There were nine children born to this union, six of whom are still living, who are, Perry, of Thorpe, Iowa, Sam, of Coffeyville, Kansas, Charles, of Madison, Illinois, Mrs. Martha Robinson, of Manchester, Iowa, Mrs. Charles Kellogg, of Oneida, and Mrs. S. P. Scherer, of Chaffield, Minnesota. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since childhood, and was a faithful wife and mother. The funeral services were held at the home of her son, Perry, on Wednesday, November 3, 1909, at 10:30 a. m. Interment in Manchester cemetery.

Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags.

Never before has this department been so complete. Trunks—single or double tray, steamer trunks, wall trunks, indestructos, all sizes, 28 to 36 inches, from \$2.50 to \$25.00.

Suit Cases—Cow-hide, Japanese matting, imitation leather and Keratol, black and brown colors, sizes 22 to 26 inches, from \$1.00 to \$12.50.

Traveling Bags—Genuine Horned Alligator, Walrus, Cow-hide, Imitation leather and Keratol in many different shapes and styles, all sizes, from \$3.50 to \$16.50.

GILDNER BROS., Clothing and Shoes.

Get to Know Us. HUNTERS LICENSES. The following is a list of the hunters' licenses issued at the county clerk's office during the past two weeks:

Manchester—G. G. Almsworth, Ray Atkinson, Joseph Atwater, T. N. Arbold, Wilber Bowers, Merritt Burf, Glenn Breyfogle, A. J. Bruce, Eddie Coon, Frank Curler, A. C. Carter, O. C. Danton, Henry Duboise, E. R. Garlick, C. Garlick, J. S. Hunt, Christie Jeffries, C. T. Johnson, Ray Kelley, Roy Kelley, A. C. Meyers, Mite Olson, T. E. Priest, C. H. Pynch, Albert Retz, Chas. E. Smith, John Schneider, Chas. F. Schaffer, J. D. Schaffer, S. B. Scott, Solomon Tripp, Ray Wells.

Ryan—G. R. Arnold, J. J. Dolphin, C. F. Emerson, M. J. Lacey, A. O. Thompson, Ed. Wenger. Delhi—Harry Andrews, Roy Anderson, F. S. Garvey, John Lammer, H. E. Lewis, John Maulson, Roy A. Powell, F. E. Stinson, B. T. Saunders, Willie Shirley, R. P. White, Peter Wolfe.

Earlville—Joseph Billinger, Willie Kleespele, Frank Kruse, Albert Nure, Lyle Watt. Greeley—Arthur Chapard, R. Farwell, Elmer Wilcox. Thorpe—Ed. Chambers, P. M. Smith, R. White. Colerburg—J. R. Grimes, D. W. Hyde, F. O. Haug, C. F. Kneec, Ed. Moulard, Ike Moreland, B. L. Swisher, J. W. Smith.

Hopkinton—Harland Hopkins, C. S. Morton, Leo McElmeel, Fred B. Tyler, George Zuech. Dundee—A. F. Sandhagen, J. A. Zemanek. Petersburg—Joseph F. Thole, Wm. Braun. Dyersville—Louis Brusseman, Graham Frank Bolsinger. Rockford, Illinois—G. O. Forbes. Delaware—Carl Hilliers. Oneida—Ed. Parker. Central City—N. M. Rowley. Sand Spring—L. Reichart. Marshalltown—John Studer.

WALKER-CLARK WEDDING.

Miss Laurene Bartlett Walker was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Clark of Waterloo at noon Thursday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman, Rev. J. F. Moore pastor of the First Congregational church delivering the ceremony. The Steadman home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with American bunting, roses and ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on Thursday evening for Cleveland and other points in the east on their wedding trip, after which they will return to Waterloo, where they will reside in the future. Those attending the wedding were the bride's father, William Walker of Goodland, Kansas; the parents, sister and brother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Clark, Miss Hazel and Weller Clark, all of Fort Dodge; H. H. Lawrence and family of Waverly; Jos. Scheitler of Waterloo, and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Trumbard and Mrs. H. W. Lawrence of this city.

LEAVES FOR MANILA NOV. 30.

H. Otley Beyer of Edgewood expects to leave on November 30, for Manila, where he has received official appointment as ethnologist in the Philippine Bureau of Science. Mr. Beyer will be accompanied by Tugina Palt, the Filipino boy. On their way to the Philippines they will make short stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Japan and Shanghai and Hongkong China.

TO MEET AT MARION.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Firemen's association will be held at Marion November 17th. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year and the place selected for the next year's tournament. Red Oak will probably be the place selected to hold the state meet next summer.

DWELLING COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The farm house of Thos. E. Porter, located in Union township, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday evening. The dwelling was insured in the Delaware County Mutual Fire and Lightning insurance company.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage license was granted during the past week at the county clerk's office: Walter Edward Clark, age 22, and Miss Laurene B. Walker, age 20.

INDESTRUCTO TRUNKS. See our window display. Ask our trunk salesman about—The Broad Guarantee—The Five-Year Insurance Policy—The "Warning" of prosecution to Baggage Smugglers—The great reduction in weight—The Registration Number which insures against loss in transit.

BUSTER BROWN RECEPTION A SUCCESS. The reception given by Buster Brown and dog Tige, was held Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock in front of Kinne & Wright's shoe store.

REGISTRY FEE RAISED. By law the Postmaster General is allowed to fix the charge for registering letters as high as 20 cents. In 1874 it was reduced from 15 cents to 8 cents but raised to 10 cents the next year and was again reduced to 8 cents in 1899.

WORK ON NEW CULVERT BEGUN. Wm. Jewell began work last week on the new cement culvert to be constructed over the "Dry Run" on East Union street. This will make a great improvement on Union street.

CONTROL AND UTILIZATION OF WATER IN THE UNITED STATES. Timely Report by the Geological Survey. Recent discussions of water powers water rights, and stream control in the United States have attracted attention to the Geological Survey's Water Supply Paper 224, on the conservation of water resources, which is made up of several short papers reprinted from the report of the National conservation Commission.

FALL REDUCTION SALE OF WALL PAPER. For the next 30 days we are going to make a big reduction in the price of our WALL PAPER in order to make room for our next year's stock. Don't miss this opportunity of buy-WALL PAPER cheap.

ANDERS & PHILIPP, Central Pharmacy. Fall Reduction Sale. For the next 30 days we are going to make a big reduction in the price of our WALL PAPER in order to make room for our next year's stock.

CLOTHING. Men's, Youth's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats in Great Variety. Correct in style and fit and sold at least 15 per cent. under the prices usually placed on goods of equal value.

The NEW AUTUMN APPAREL is now Ready. Distinctive Styles in New Tailored Suits, Coats and Skirts. A gathering of New Fall Fashions, the result of an effort on our part to give our patrons the very best garments found anywhere.

B. CLARK. Our stock of floor coverings of all kinds for immediate use is the greatest we have ever shown; all new styles and colorings. Rugs in the following kinds:—Wilton Velvet, Best Body Brussels, Axminsters, Tapestry and Seamless Wiltons.

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