

TOWN TOPICS.

—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Finch were visitors in Dubuque Monday.

—Mrs. H. J. Schwietert visited with friends in Chicago last week.

—T. S. Doty is visiting with relatives in Syracuse, New York.

—W. E. Gildner of Mason City was visiting in the city last week.

—A. A. McIntosh was a business visitor in Independence last Wednesday.

—E. M. Carr was a business visitor in Chicago the latter part of last week.

—A. Hollister of Chicago Heights was an over Sunday guest of friends in town.

—Read what A. E. Peterson has to say in his change of advertisement this week.

—C. J. Boardway was a business visitor in Chicago the latter part of last week.

—Mrs. J. N. Sullivan of Halley, Idaho, was in the city last week as a guest of friends.

—Anders & Philipp advertise popular copyrights for holiday gifts. Read what they have to say.

—William Barr was in attendance at the stock show and land congress in Chicago last week.

—Read what Gildner Bros. have to say in their change of advertisement this week, in regard to overcoats.

—Miss Frances Lawman was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Colman in Independence last week.

—Read what Lovett & Davis have to say in an advertisement this week in regard to prices which they pay for poultry.

—Fred Rabenau, who is connected with the state university, was an over Sunday guest of his father, J. W. Rabenau.

—Rev. R. A. Barnes returned Friday morning from Tama and Grundy Center, where he has been spending several days.

—Read what the Eclipse Lumber company has to say in a change of advertisement in this week's issue of The Democrat.

—Jesse Nye departed for Waterloo Friday afternoon, where he is to act as a drug clerk in one of the pharmacies of that city.

—O. E. Huene has on exhibition at the Will Work's meat market an antelope sent to him by his son, Harry, who lives in Montana.

—W. N. Boynton advertises Art Craft Brass Work in this issue of The Democrat. Read his advertisement in another column.

—A social dance will be given at the Pythian hall on Friday evening, December 10. The music will be furnished by Bill's orchestra.

—Mrs. Betha Clemans is to be hostess to the Tourist club on Tuesday afternoon, December 14.

—Clair Engstrom and Nelson Sullivan returned home from Chicago Monday afternoon, where they had been spending several days.

—A special convocation of Olive Branch chapter, No. 48, R. A. M. will be held on Wednesday evening, December 8, for work on P. M. degree.

—Brown, The Furniture Man, has a change of advertisement this week in which he quotes prices on chairs for Christmas. Read the advertisement.

—The third number of the Manchester Lecture course will be given at the City Opera house on Tuesday evening, December 14, by Father Cleary.

—Carl Rabenau, who is employed in the Central Lumber company yards at Monticello, was a guest of his father, J. W. Rabenau, Friday and Saturday.

—Mrs. H. F. Arnold will be hostess to the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday, December 8. Mrs. J. F. Merry will act as leader.

—Ben Titus, who is employed in the Manchester & Onelda railway office, returned home Wednesday afternoon from West Union, where he had been called by the illness of his mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson have as their guest a niece, Mrs. Dr. Smith of Chicago. Mrs. Smith is on her way home from Omaha, where she had been visiting relatives for several days.

—Mrs. George Rabenau of Spokane, Washington, was an over Sunday visitor with her brother-in-law, J. W. Rabenau. Mrs. Rabenau was on route home from a visit with relatives in Illinois.

—Take notice of the advertisement in another column of Sam Ager, the St. Louis, Mo. horse buyer. He wants 250 horses and will pay the top price. Will be at D. F. Hennessey's barn, Friday, December 10.

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BURTON CLARK'S Annual December CLEARING SALE

Commencing Saturday December 4, Ending Saturday December 11

For weeks past we have been making preparations for this gigantic CLEARING sale. It is needless to enter into detail concerning the conditions leading up to this sale of winter merchandise right in the height of the season.

Our system of not carrying goods from season to season makes it necessary to offer values big enough to make a quick clearance a certainty. All the surplus stocks, all the odd lots, all the goods left from overstock purchases, have been gathered on the Bargain Counters in every section at Extraordinary Reductions,

So Come Early Next Saturday Dec. 4th.

Shirt Waist Clearance

A fortunate purchase of waists in silks, nets and tailored linens and fancy waists for winter wear enables us to make prices considerably below regular prices.

\$2.35 for \$3 hand embroidered linen waists

\$1.45 for \$2.00 and \$2.25 fine tailored linen waists

\$3.85 for \$5.00 and \$6.00 Messaline and taffeta waists.

\$3.25 for \$4.50 white and Eru lace waists.

Women's, Misses' and Children's Coats and Skirts at about one-half Regular Price.

Never in the history of our cloak experience have we placed on sale such high class coats for the price. Cost will be but a minor consideration, but the immediate removal of all garments is imperative. Quotations as follows:

\$12.50 semi-fitted heavy weight coats. Black and colors, reduced to \$7.85

\$16.50 semi-fitted and tight fitted coats. Broad cloths and kerseys, reduced to \$10.75

\$20.00 semi and tight fitted coats. Broad cloths and kerseys, reduced to \$13.75

\$25.00 semi and tight fitted coats. Broad cloths and kerseys, reduced to \$16.75



50 semi and tight fitted coats. Regular \$10 and \$12 value, reduced to \$5.00

75 children and misses coats, 6 to 14 years, values \$6.00 to \$7.50 reduced to \$4.75

50 childrens and misses coats, 6 to 14 years values \$4.50 to \$5.50, reduced to \$2.50

\$5.00 to \$6.00 fine tailored ladies dress skirts, black and colors, reduced to \$3.85

\$6.50 to \$7.00 fine tailored ladies dress skirts, black and colors, reduced to \$4.65

\$7.50 to \$10.00 fine tailored ladies dress skirts, black and colors, reduced to \$5.75



Great Values in Outings, Muslins and Gingham

20 Pcs. Flannellette Kimona and Wrapper styles, 10 and 12c, quality, sale.....8c

25 Pcs. Outing flannel, all colors, 8 and 9c, grades, sale.....6c

15 Pcs. Outing flannel, dark and light colors, sale price.....5c

1000 yards gingham, best quality, apron check, sale.....5c

2000 yards American and Simpson calicoes, sale price.....4 1-2c

1000 yards Lonsdale muslin, regular value 11c, sale.....7c

10 dozen Ladies fleeced underwear, 50c quality, sale.....29c

40 pcs. Embroidered, 2 to 8 inches wide, choice, sale.....10c

10 doz. black undershirts, regular \$1.00 quality, for sale.....75c

40 pcs. all silk ribbons, plaids, stripes, and plain colors, worth 35c, sale.....19c

RUG CLEARANCE

9x12 Axminster rugs, best make, good values for \$23, clearing price \$18.75

9x12 Tapestry rugs, best make, good values for \$18, clearing price \$13.50

9x12 body Brussels rugs, best make, extra quality, sold for \$27.50, clearing price \$21.50

9x12 Wilton rugs, good grade for \$20.00, reduced for sale.....\$14.75

8-3x10-6 Brussels rug, good grade for \$15, sale.....\$12.00

Dress Goods at Bottom Prices

It isn't necessary to say much when you see prices like these below: 50-54 inch Satin Prunella Bayadere stripes, invisible checks and many other beautiful satin fabrics. Just what you want for the new style dresses. Regular values \$1.25 and \$1.50, at the low price for the clearance per yard.....95c

46 and 50 in. fancy serges, Prunella cloths, fancy stripes. 20 pieces of this season's elegant, rich materials in a large range of the newest season's colorings. These are the fabrics that are selling for \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yard elsewhere, sale price, per yard.....78c

25 pieces 26-40 inch diagonal serges, fancy mixtures, plain cashmeres, wool plaids, all perfect goods in every way. Regular 50 and 65c, season's prices. In an immense range of colorings at the low price of.....34c

55 skirt and dress, lengths ranging in quantity from 2 1-2 to 5 1-2 yards left from the season's selling, rich, elegant materials, all the newest styles and designs. Regular prices ranging from 50c to \$1.50 per yard, sale price just 1-2 regular marked selling price.

Table Linens

Linens for Christmas gifts at greatly reduced prices. An opportunity to make great savings on reputable clean merchandise.

Satin finished heavy damask, a superior damask of heavy Irish table linen, regular \$1.25 and \$1.40 damask, sale price.....89c

Pure linen damask, 60 inches, silver bleached, several patterns to choose from, regular price 60c, sale price.....45c

\$2.60 for \$3.50 extra heavy damask table napkins.

\$2.10 for \$3.00 extra fine silver bleached napkins.

Great Values in Furs

At this season of the year we find ourselves overstocked with high grade fur coats and scarfs. This opportunity should not be overlooked, for the prices should interest everyone who likes good furs. The following prices during sale will prevail:

\$60.00 blended river mink coats, 36 inches long, sale price.....\$47.00

\$45.00 blended river mink coats, 30 inches long, sale price.....\$32.00

\$50.00 near seal coats, otter collar and cuffs, 30 inches long, sale price.....\$30.00

\$8.50 fancy neck pieces in various grades of furs, sale price.....\$6.75

\$6.00 fancy neck pieces in various grades of furs.....\$4.75

\$7.00 sable fox scarfs, excellent values, sale price.....\$5.50

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A Sensation in Fine Tailored Suits

Suits of splendid quality, broad cloth, chevots, worsteds, tailored in the best styles. Every suit is strictly high class. To get one of them at this price is less than the cost of materials alone. Blues, grays, blacks, greens, wistara and brown shades. Prices as follows:

\$12.50 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$7.75

\$14.00 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$9.75

\$16.00 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$9.75

\$20.00 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$13.75

\$25.00 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$16.00

\$30.00 regular price suit, reduced for sale.....\$22.00



Millinery Clearance

Our entire stock of high class millinery has been marked at such an extremely low figure to insure a complete clearance during sale. Everything in trimmed hats reduced to about one-half of original price.

\$2.50 hats, reduced sale price \$1.25 \$5.00 hats, reduced sale price \$2.50

\$3.00 hats, reduced sale price \$1.75 \$6.00 hats, reduced sale price \$3.50

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\$4.00 hats, reduced sale price \$2.00 \$8.00 hats, reduced sale price \$4.00

SPRAGUE-ROGERS WEDDING.

Miss Flora E. Sprague, daughter of F. M. Sprague of Manchester, and Mr. Frank Rogers, son of George Rogers of Hopkinton, were united in marriage Wednesday morning at the office of the county clerk, Jas. Bishop. Rev. W. H. Ensign performed the ceremony.

—August Miller is a business visitor in Dubuque today.

—The December term of the federal court for this district convened at Dubuque this (Tuesday) morning with Judge Reed presiding.

—A. D. Long was at Delaware Monday attending the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware Co-operative creamery company. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. H. Davis; vice-president, J. P. Ball; secretary A. D. Long; treasurer and manager J. Yelden.

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ROLLER SKATING RINK TO OPEN.

The management of the Centre Opera house has made arrangements and expects to open the roller skating rink for this winter on Christmas day. Music will be furnished on this occasion.

HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATORY CONTEST.

The third annual Declamatory Contest of the Manchester High school will be held in the City Opera House on Friday evening, Dec. 17th, 1909. Sixteen young people have been preparing for the past two months, to contest for the honor of representing our High school in the District contest to be held at Eagle Grove, Iowa, in the near future, and in the Delaware County Declamatory Contest to be held at some point in this county at some time during the school year.

This class has been prepared for this contest by Miss Frances Peterson, instructor in Oratory in Lenox college. The proceeds will be used to defray the expense of securing the instructor.

Admission 25 cents. Come and encourage the work in your High school.

THE LIBRARY.

New books for the little folks. Anderson—Little Fir Tree, etc. Nelson—Coming of the Christ Child. Christmas Stories; Thanksgiving. Defoe—Robinson Crusoe; Fairy Tales; Three Fairy Tales. Husted—Aesop's Fables. Smith—Old Time Stories; Tale of "Nanny Cottonball. Dopp—Later Cave-men. Muller—Little People of the Snow.

THIRD NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE.

Father J. M. Cleary will appear at the City Opera House on next Tuesday evening, December 14, as the third number on the Manchester lecture course. Father Cleary will lecture on "American Citizenship." The Waterloo (Iowa) Daily Courier, comments as follows on a lecture given by Father Cleary:

"Before a large audience and in an ideal afternoon Rev. Father Cleary delivered his lecture on "American Citizenship." This was a magnificent effort, full of eloquence and patriotism. American citizenship and all it conveys and means was painted in glowing colors. It was logical, the result of careful study, and showed a remarkable grasp on the principles which underlie our government. Some of the dangers threatening the American people were clearly shown, yet an optimistic view of America's greatness was taken.

FIRE AT CHAPEL'S RESIDENCE.

A fire alarm was turned in about 7:15 Monday evening from the Ed Chapel residence at the corner of Union and Brewer streets. The fire started from a defective chimney. The alarm and the fire was extinguished before considerable damage was done.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a list of the real estate changes as recorded at the county recorder's office during the past week:

Charles Staehle and wife to Henry C. Staehle et al. Lots 3 and 4 in block 6 of Haskin's addition to Earlville. Consideration \$1.

F. C. Kleinsoerge and wife et al to Clarence A. Huff. Lot 8 in block 2 in Meyer's addition to Dundee. Consideration \$1.

Henry Goodhile and wife to Maurice G. Hetherington. Lot 100, same being a part of the south half of southeast quarter of section 29, township 89, north range 5. Consideration \$2000.

Elvira B. Brown to Ellen Clifton. Lots 3 and 4 in block 15 in Nottingham now Earlville. Consideration \$125.

Job A. Comb to A. C. Combs. South half of northeast quarter of southwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 2, township 90, north range 5. Consideration \$1.

F. N. Beacom and wife to the DeWitt County State Bank. An undivided 1-15 of southwest quarter of section 12; north half of northwest quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 3, all in township 87, north range 6. Also lots 5 and 6 in block 18 and lots 1 and 2 in block 12, all in Ryan. Consideration \$2700.

DEATH OF FRED ZEMANEK.

The death of Fred Zemanek of Dundee, Iowa, occurred at his home last week. Mr. Zemanek was a prominent young business man of the firm of Zemanek Brothers, blacksmiths, at Dundee.

The deceased was twenty-four years of age and leaves a young wife to mourn his death. This death makes the third in the Zemanek family in eight months and they have the deepest sympathy of all their friends in their sad bereavements.

MEETING OF HORTICULTURISTS.

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Iowa State Horticultural society will meet at Des Moines on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in annual session. C. H. True of Edgewood, who is a member of the board of directors of the organization, will present a paper at this meeting on "Spraying."

WRECK AT EARLVILLE.

An east bound extra freight train on the Illinois Central was wrecked early Wednesday evening at Earlville and traffic was tied up for a time. A freight car in the middle of the train jumped the track and was followed by several others. The wreck was cleared up shortly after midnight.

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. Complete stock of MEN'S FUR COATS. Call and look at our line of Clothing and you will see that we can save YOU money on your Clothing purchases.

Respectfully,

W. L. Drew

Agent Butterick Patterns.