

TOWN TOPICS.

Additional local on seventh page. G. W. Miller has gone to Montana on a business trip. J. G. Lewis was a business visitor in Chicago last week. W. A. Abbott of Lamont spent Friday in town on business. Miss Nellie Sullivan was a guest of friends in Dubuque Saturday. Warren Joslyn of Coggon was a business visitor in town yesterday. O. W. Smith of Hopkinton was a business visitor in the city Saturday. D. H. Young was a business visitor in Dubuque the latter part of last week. J. B. Engstrom was an Independence business visitor the latter part of last week. Joseph Hutchinson and E. M. Caffr are in Chicago on a business trip for a few days. The regular monthly meeting of the city council will be held on next Monday evening, December 20. E. E. McCloud of Ryan was in the city Friday morning on his way to Dubuque on a business trip. Mrs. E. S. Weatherby of Central City was an over Sunday visitor at the J. W. Funk and M. S. VanAnken. An enjoyable time was had by those who attended the social dance held at the Pythian hall on Friday evening. Capt. J. F. Merry and clerk, C. B. Engstrom, left Monday morning for the south on a two week's vacation trip. Mrs. George Barr and son Glenn were guests at the home of the former's parents at Delhi the latter part of last week. Rev. T. E. Fleming left for his home at Marshalltown after a several days visit with relatives and friends in the city. Mrs. Sarah F. Atwater departed for Newark, New Jersey, Wednesday afternoon, where she intends to make her future home. Mrs. H. H. Lawrence of Waverly was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Steadman, several days last week. A social dance will be given at the Pythian hall on Wednesday evening, December 29. The music will be furnished by Bill's orchestra. Mrs. J. M. Pearce left for Minneapolis Saturday afternoon, being called there on account of the illness of her daughter and granddaughter. Miss Edith Lytle of Coggon and Miss Hazel Tucker of St. Paul, Minnesota, were visiting with relatives and friends in town for several days last week. Miss Donnie Minton, pastor of the United Brethren church, conducted a series of revival meetings at the Newtonville Congregational church last week. W. D. Hoyt returned home from Cedar Rapids Thursday morning, where he had been attending a meeting of the Scottish Rites held Wednesday evening. Owing to the inclement weather of the past week the trains on the Illinois Central have not been running on schedule time, being from one to three hours late. Mrs. G. A. Moyer returned Thursday evening from a two months visit with her niece, Mrs. F. S. Coleman, of Westgate, Iowa. Mrs. Moyer makes her home with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Mills. J. B. Higman and Thos. Carrothers were at Des Moines last week as delegates to a meeting of the state association of the Corn Belt Meat Producers association which was held in that city. Mrs. Grace Walters Millard and children arrived in the city Thursday from Montour, Iowa, to be guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Walters, until after the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. P. Hatfield and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mead left this morning for Des Moines to attend a meeting of the state Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield are delegates from the Jones Mill Grange. A home talent play, "Pinafore", is to be given in the near future for the benefit of the Manchester Base Ball association. Rehearsals will begin immediately after the holidays and the chorus will be under the direction of H. L. Rann. The Bell telephone company station at Manchester is now nicely located in the offices of the Delaware County Telephone company. The change enables anyone to get the benefit of the Bell connections from any local phone. The central at the Delaware county office will connect you with the Bell central upon application. Dr. E. G. Dittmer is now comfortably located in his new offices over Boynton's jewelry store, which he has been fitting up since the dissolution of the firm of Dittmer & Dittmer, physicians and surgeons. Dr. H. A. Dittmer retains the offices formerly occupied by the firm together with old firm telephone number 136. Dr. E. G. Dittmer's office phone number is now 434. The third annual Declaratory Contest of the Manchester High School will be held at the City Opera house on next Friday evening, December 17th, 1909. The winners in the local contest will represent the Manchester high school in the District contest to be held at Eagle Grove, Iowa, sometime in the near future, and in the Delaware County contest to be held at some point in the county during the school year.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

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APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Table listing various gift items and their prices, such as Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, Genuine Alligator Bags, Trunks, Shoes, Slippers, Overshoes, Mufflers, Dress Shirts, Neckties, Night Robes, Pajamas, House Coats, Fancy Vests, Caps, Fur Caps, Gloves and Mittens, Fur Lined Gloves, Fancy Suspenders, Combination Sets, Cuff Buttons, Stick Pin and Cuff Button set, Sweater Coats, Flannel Shirts, Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Handkerchiefs.

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GET TO KNOW US.

Additional local on seventh page. Only ten more days until Christmas. Read what the Seymour Mfg. Co. has to say about stock waterers. J. A. Strickland was a business visitor in Chicago the latter part of last week. About 8 inches of snow fell in this vicinity on Friday, Saturday and Monday. Judge B. F. Hickert of Paw Paw, Michigan, is a guest at the home of J. W. Miles on East Union street. Read the want ad of Joseph Hutchinson regarding 120 acres of land for sale 6 miles south of town. Miss Edith Riskey of Davenport was a guest of her friend, Miss Blanche Terrell, several days last week. The open season on ruffed grouse or pheasant, wild turkey and quail closes on Wednesday, December 15. Several from here attended "The Wolf", a production given at the Gedy Opera house in Independence Monday evening. Regular convocation of Olive Branch chapter, No. 48, R. A. M. will be held this (Wednesday) evening installation of officers and work on R. A. M. On account of the derelict of a freight engine at Almond Monday afternoon the Chicago Great Western run several trains over the Illinois Central tracks until the wreck age was cleared up. The third number of the Manchester Lecture Course will be given this (Tuesday) evening at the City Opera House. Rev. Father J. M. Cleary of Minneapolis will deliver a lecture on "American Citizenship." County Clerk James Bishop, issued the following marriage licenses during the past week: Bert Huntington, age 24 and Miss Clara Rideout, age 19; Henry Kruger, age 23, and Miss Pearl Hilde, age 19; Geo. A. Ott, age 33, and Miss Jennie May Miller, age 25; Charley Schmidt, age 26, and Miss Kittie Chamberlain, age 18; Thomas Alexander Launders, age 21, and Miss Lizzie Eleanor Dewald, age 25. MATINEES AT IDLE HOUR. The management of the Idle Hour motion picture theatre will give matinees every afternoon next week beginning at 3 o'clock. They have secured an extra good line of pictures and Mrs. E. W. Williams will render the music.

NEW ADS THIS WEEK.

Christmas shopping is at its height. Trade has been brisk the past week, stimulated, no doubt by the genuine "Christmas weather" and a desire on the part of the shoppers to buy early. Read over the advertising columns of The Democrat this week and see the variety of Christmas presents advertised by the Manchester merchants. They have never had more beautiful and complete stocks to show you. It is hardly necessary to call your attention to the half page ad of Brown, The Furniture Man, on the first page. The chances are you have read it through before you say fell upon this notice. At this store you will find the largest and best stock of furniture in this section. A piece of furniture always makes an appropriate Christmas present. Read his ad, go to the store and see the goods. You can find something suitable for every member of the family. Anders & Philipp occupy half a page in this issue advertising their Christmas goods. Read over the list of articles in their ad. You can certainly find an answer to the question which is now uppermost in everyone's mind, "What shall I get for a Christmas present?" You are invited to pay the Central Pharmacy a visit and inspect their large stock of up-to-date Christmas goods. If you are wondering what to get for Christmas, read the "Christmas Suggestions" in B. Clark's ad this week. Remember you can find a large assortment of appropriate gifts for men at this store as well as anything a woman might wish in the line of dry goods. His stock is complete and up-to-date in every particular. "Christmas Thoughts" may be found in Gildner Bros. enlarged ad this week. You can find a suitable present for any man or boy at this store. A practical article for personal use always makes a very acceptable gift for a man. You can find anything a man or boy wears at Gildner Bros. A better and larger stock is not to be found outside the large cities. A. E. Peterson, in an enlarged ad calls attention to a beautiful line of cut glass which he has just received. His selection of pieces has been made with the idea of satisfying the Christmas demand for cut glass. He has pieces in all designs and at reasonable prices. Read his ad and go and look at this beautiful ware. J. W. Boynton advertises art craft brass work, the latest and beautiful pieces of this work may be seen

at his store. If you want anything in the line of jewelry do not fail to visit this store before buying. Gift watches, rings and silver ware, all of the latest and most reliable makes and patterns are shown here. You can't get along successfully at that Christmas dinner without a carving set and a good one too. Carhart & Nye advertise this week that well known and reliable make manufactured by Landers, Frary & Clark. Read what they say about carvers in their ad in another column. THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATORY CONTEST. The following is the program to be given at the City Opera House on next Friday evening, December 17, 1909. Music.....Piano Duet. Invocation.....Rev. W. H. Ensign. "The Hazing of Valiant".....Shelley. "The Death Disk".....Marie Hanna. "What William Henry Did".....Dorothy Keyes. "The Night Run of The Overland".....Amber Davis. "Black Silt".....Grace Wolcott. Music, "Dreaming".....Shelley. High School Girls Glee Club. "Mrs. Mason's Story".....Donna McIntosh. "The Theater Party".....Margaret Stanger. "Jim Fenton's Wedding".....Ruth Bouber. "The Boy Orator of Zapata City".....Jay Barr. "A Yale Yarn".....Hazel D. Smith. Scene from "Sign of the Cross".....Nellie Cox. "Old Ace".....Zazel Evans. Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Gildner. "The Going of the White Swan".....Kate Jones. "Fourteen to One".....Amy Rann. "Jim Fenton's Wedding".....Ruth Bouber. "Soul of the Violin".....Clair Pentony. "How Casse Saved the Spoons".....Josephine Hutchinson. Music. Mother Goose Medley. High School Glee Club. On Wednesday evening, December 22nd, the local High School debate will be held in the Assembly Room of the High School building. Ten of the High School boys will contest for the honor of making up a High School Debating Team of three to debate the Affirmative of the question: "Resolved that the American Cities should Adopt the Commission form of City Government." This team will debate with West Liberty on Jan. 14th, 1910. Come out and hear the boys. Admission 10 cents.

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDE WALKS. The following is an ordinance providing for the removal of snow, ice and accumulations from the sidewalks: Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Manchester, Iowa: That the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground abutting on any sidewalk, shall remove the snow, ice and accumulations from such sidewalk and keep such sidewalk clear of all snow, ice and accumulations. In case of any person omitting, neglecting or refusing to clear such sidewalk of snow, ice or accumulations as above provided, if the same has remained upon such sidewalk for the period of ten hours after its accumulation, then such snow, ice or accumulations may be removed by the city of Manchester without notice to the property owner or occupant, and assess the expense thereof on the property from the front of which such snow, ice or accumulations shall be removed; but the expense thereof shall not exceed one and one-half cents per front foot of any lot, or parcel of land, and the same shall be certified and collected as other special taxes. PROMINENT LAW FIRM DIS SOLVES. The proposed dissolution of the law firm of Dunham, Norris & Stiles, one of the most prominent legal firms in this section of the state, on the first of January, 1910, is one of the most important business changes in the city for the past several months. The dissolution has been made necessary through the individual necessities of each member of the firm. Hon. Geo. W. Dunham, the senior member, has recently purchased a controlling interest in the Delaware County Abstract company of this city, which he finds will occupy a greater portion of his time, and after the first of the year he will occupy rooms on the second floor of the First National bank building with his law business in connection with the abstract offices. W. H. Norris, who is at the head of the Security Savings bank at Greeley, and the State Savings bank at Oneida, will continue the practice of law and will retain the office now occupied by him, and in addition, the one to be vacated by Mr. Dunham. E. B. Stiles, the junior member of the firm announces his candidacy for the office of county attorney to succeed A. M. Cloud the

present incumbent. Mr. Stiles will continue the practice of law and will keep the office rooms heretofore occupied by him. IOWA WINS AT STOCK SHOW. At the recent International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago the fat cattle, sheep and swine fed and exhibited by the Iowa State college won more prizes than that of any other exhibitor or firm of exhibitors. The winnings include 1 grand championship, 6 championships, 21 firsts, 11 seconds, 11 thirds and 3 fourths, a total of 53 prizes. One of the best prizes won by the college was the \$100.00 Clay Robinson special for the best five cattle, 5 sheep and 5 swine fed and the property of any Agricultural college. The prize has been won eight out of ten years by the Iowa State College. A gratifying feature of the Iowa College exhibit is the fact that over 75 per cent of the winning animals were bred on the college farm and that all of the animals have been used daily by the students in their live stock judging work. SPECIAL PROGRAMME IN BAPTIST CHURCH. A special series of "Helpful Talks" will be given in the Baptist church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, by Rev. J. B. McClure, to which all are cordially invited. Thursday evening, "What is that in Thine Hand?" Friday evening, "What Kind of a Christian?" Saturday evening, "Victory." On Sunday morning, at 10:30 the subject "This do in remembrance of Me", followed by Lords Supper. Sunday evening, 7:30 p. m., "Life of Christ", with stereopticon. FOR SALE. Light driving mare, 4 years old. Enquire at this office. FOR SALE. Second hand survey and phaeton. Enquire of M. F. LeROY. Our Chance. We need of add admire the heroes of old, but every one of us has to fight his own Marathon and Thermopylae; every one meets the Sphinx sitting by the road he has to pass; to each of us, as to Hercules, is offered the choice of vice or virtue; we may, like Paris, give the apple of life to Venus, or Juno, or Minerva.—Sir John Lubbock

Christmas ... Suggestions.

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Dainty Neckwear. What could make a more acceptable gift than dainty neckwear, all the beautiful novelties of the season. Ruchings, Jabots, fancy stocks, lawn lace and embroidery combinations.

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