

TOWN TOPICS.

A Miller was a business visitor in Dubuque Thursday.

The Hopkinton Short Course is being held this week.

Wm. Crozier was a business visitor in Blairtown, Iowa, Saturday.

Mrs. G. S. Lister visited in Waterloo last week at the home of her daughter.

A hand has been organized at Coggon with Prof. Mark D. Fitzgerald as leader.

John Anderson and daughter, Miss Edith Anderson, were Dubuque visitors Monday.

Miss Frances Lawman was a guest at the home of Miss Mabel Retz in Lamont last week.

Mrs. Pansy Carter of Monticello was a guest of friends in the city several days last week.

The Manchester High school basketball team is scheduled to meet the Dubuque team on February 14th.

Mrs. H. C. Haebler received the sum of \$2,000 as insurance last Wednesday from the Olive camp, No. 89, M. W. A.

J. W. Hope and M. M. Lucy of Garden City, Kansas, were business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Bert Russell of Forman, North Dakota, was visiting among old-time acquaintances in Manchester and vicinity last week.

M. F. Le Roy and H. F. Arnold were in Charles City Wednesday attending a meeting of the board of the Modern National Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schwietert departed tomorrow, (Wednesday) for Hammond and New Orleans, Louisiana, where they are to attend Mardi Gras.

Among those from here who attended the Congregational church fair at Almorat last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. John Cruise Jr., and Mrs. J. B. Dunham.

Alton Dunham arrived in the city Friday morning from Zeal, South Dakota, near which place he has been proving upon a claim for the past several months.

Work has been begun on the gymnasium at the Armory. The ceiling is being raised about four feet and the building modernized, equipped for a gymnasium.

The inspection of Company D will be held at the Armory on February 22. The inspection will be by Captains Noyes and McConnell of the regular army.

Brown, The Furniture Man, has a change of advertisement on the first page in which he talks of special values in bed room suits. Read the advertisement.

Miss Margaret Lindsay returned home from Earlville Thursday afternoon, after spending several days visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Prentice.

The resident hunter's license business has about collapsed, there being none of the documents issued from the County Auditor's office since the first of the year.

The friends of Henry Nieman, who lives just west of Manchester, will regret to learn that he is not improving from his serious illness as fast as was expected.

Mrs. Frank Carpenter and little son departed for their home at Fresno, South Dakota, Saturday, after spending several weeks visiting at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Jane Rich.

Gildner Bros. advertise a clean-up sale this week which lasts four days more, closing Saturday, February 5. They quote a number of prices which are bargains. Look up the advertisement in another column.

The Eclipse Lumber company has a change of advertisement this week calling attention to a lumber bill complete for barn 48x72, holding 70 head of cattle and 70 tons of hay for \$450. Read the advertisement.

A fire alarm was turned in about seven o'clock Friday morning from the home of Benj. Sheldon on East Main street. Owing to the early discovery of the blaze, it was extinguished before any appreciable damage was done.

Messrs. Thorpe and McCormick, managers of the Idle Hour Theatre, have been enjoying capacity houses during the past week. A feature of the week's program has been a number of different pictures of the wreck which occurred at the Spring Branch crossing recently.

Wm. F. Brickley, aged 22, of Winthrop was instantly killed by the Illinois Central passenger, No. 2, at an early hour Wednesday morning, while attempting to cross the tracks near that place. The horse, which was attached to the sleigh turned and dashed down the track ahead of the engine, but was overtaken and killed.

The Skovgaard Concert company at City Opera House next Friday evening, promises to be of more than ordinary interest on account of the excellence and romantic history of Skovgaard's violin. This entertainment is the 5th number of the Star Lecture Course, and the Danish artist can reasonably expect a large and appreciative audience.

Governor Carroll recently issued a call for a statewide good roads convention to be held in Des Moines March 8 and 9. The governor suggests that the best way to get delegates is for county auditors to name a delegate from each township. He asks all supervisors and members of assembly to take part in the deliberations of the convention. He also asks that the mayors of all first and second class cities send five delegates to the convention.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) is ground hog day.

Frank Anders of the firm of Anders & Philipp, spent Sunday in Manchester.

Miss Mable Davis and Mrs. O. T. Brownell were visitors in Dubuque Friday.

Willis Cunningham of Waterloo was an over Sunday guest of friends in town.

Zybaszko, the Polish wrestler, was in the city between trains Thursday morning.

Miss Grace Horton of Coggon is a guest of relatives and friends in the city.

Burton Clark advertises special features for February at his store in a change of advertisement this week. Read the ad.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langhammer of Hagers Grove, Missouri, are visiting with friends in this city. They formerly resided in Manchester.

The many friends of J. M. Pearce were greatly pleased to see him over town the first of the week, after a serious illness of several weeks.

Look up the advertisement in another column of Charlie Robison of Greeley, who advertises three hundred bushels of timothy seed for sale.

The last dance of the season before Lent will be given at the Central Opera House tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. The floor will be in charge of Chauncey Burlington.

The City Charity Circle will meet with Mrs. Lida M. Elder on Friday afternoon, February 4. There will be election of officers and a picnic supper. By order of the president, Mrs. Pressner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Arnold entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner Friday evening at their home about two miles west of this city. A very pleasant social evening was spent by those present.

The Manchester High school basketball team were defeated by a similar aggregation at Grundy Center Saturday evening by a score of 52 to 34. The feature of the game was the throwing of field baskets by Drew, who secured sixteen of them.

The young ladies of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Congregational church of this city met at the home of Mrs. J. F. Moore and organized a society to be known as "The King's Daughter" on Monday evening.

L. G. Wells of this city and T. Kenney of near Ryan, arrived home Saturday morning from Jacksonville, Illinois, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Wells. Mr. Kenney is a son-in-law of the late Mrs. Wells and Mr. Wells a brother-in-law.

On Wednesday of next week, February 9th, Mrs. William Straub & Sons and Bronson & Carr will sell at public auction on the Bronson & Carr farm five miles northwest of Manchester quite a large amount of personal property, including 12 horses, 30 milch cows, 25 brood sows, hay, grain, farm machinery and other property described in the notice entitled "Public Sale" to be found in another column.

A debate is to be given at the City Opera house on Saturday evening, February 5th, at 8 o'clock, between the Cedar Falls high school and the Manchester High school teams. Jay Barr, James Burbridge and Harry Davis of the local school will debate the affirmative of the question, "Resolved that American Cities Should Adopt the Commission Form of Government." All the high schools in the Northeastern Iowa debating league except Manchester, Grundy Center and Cedar Falls have been defeated upon that question. Come and help the boys win. General admission 25 cents, school children 15 cents.

NEW CLOTHING FIRM.

W. N. Snodgrass, a clothing merchant of Ackley, has rented from W. H. Ward the building at the corner of Main and Franklin streets for one year and will take possession sometime during the month of March. After making some alterations on the interior of the building, he expects to put in an entirely new stock of clothing. This postpones for a year at least the erection of a new building on this site, as planned by Mr. Ward. Mr. Snodgrass is an experienced clothing man and has made a success of his business in Ackley. He expects to place a competent man in charge of his store there and will personally manage his store in Manchester. He will remove to this city with his family about the time he expects to open his store here.

Manchester people will be pleased to learn of the decision of Mr. Snodgrass to locate in Manchester. He will be heartily welcomed in business circles. The sale of the J. H. Allen stock which occupies the building will be pushed with renewed vigor in order to close it out entirely before Mr. Snodgrass takes possession.

A PERFECT RECORD.

The supreme court handed down a number of decisions last week in cases which went up on appeal from this judicial district. Among them were several which were tried before Judge Charles E. Kansier and which added to the list of his decision, which have been affirmed and permit him to still enjoy the distinction of being the only one of the fifty-odd district judges in the state whose decisions have never been reversed. This is indeed an enviable record and one which Judge Kansier well merits. His aim has been to render his decisions with impartiality and do exact justice. He has exhibited marked ability and capacity as a judge and his services on the bench have won for him the admiration and approval of the bar and the people of the district.

PASSENGER TRAIN DELAYED.

Passenger train No. 2, due in Manchester at 2:05 a. m., on the Illinois Central was derailed near Julien Friday morning and considerable delay caused to the traffic. One of the coaches on the train left the rails and bumped for a distance along the ties, shaking up the passengers but not causing injury. The derailment was due to rough track caused by the upheaving of the ground. This is due to the frost leaving the surface of the ground during the mid winter which prevails in this section.

The Waterloo Reporter of Monday evening contained the following regarding the number of wrecks on the Illinois Central during the past month:

"With the derailment of a couple of cars on an Illinois Central train west of here early this morning, a total of twenty-three collisions and derailments have taken place on the Waterloo district and Dubuque division of the Illinois Central during the month ending today. Of all the numerous accidents but one is said to be due to negligence on the part of an employe, the others being the unavoidable kind, due to broken rails, flanges, etc. Whiffle considerable property has been destroyed not a passenger or employe has been seriously injured in any of the wrecks. Now that the month of January is past, the employes of the Central are hoping that the wreck hoodoo will have lifted."

SHORT COURSE IN SESSION AT HOPKINTON.

The Northeastern Iowa Short Course, which has been held at Manchester for the past two years, is being held at Hopkinton this week. The session commenced Monday, January 31, and will close Saturday, February 5th. A number from Manchester and vicinity are attending this meeting which has every indication of being the most successful short course ever held in this part of the state.

The following persons compose the faculty: Prof. P. G. Holden, general superintendent of short course instructions; M. W. Bowman, farm crops; B. W. Crossley, farm crops; A. H. Snyder, soils, fertilization and drainage; H. G. Van Pelt, state dairy expert; Prof. C. M. Evans; Miss Laura G. Day, director of domestic science, and Miss Frasier, assistant.

The stock judging classes are being held in the building belonging to the Farmers' Supply Company on Main street. The domestic science classes are holding their sessions in the basement of the Presbyterian church. The Y. M. C. A. rooms are being devoted to the corn classes and the lectures for all classes are being given in the Lenox college chapel.

NIEMAN-WAIVER.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Nieman in Earlville on Wednesday morning when their daughter, Miss Henrietta Nieman, was united in marriage to Mr. Martin Mauer of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pappe of Delaware, after which an elaborate dinner was served. The Earlville Phoenix of last week contained the following in part regarding the young couple:

"Miss Henrietta Nieman is an accomplished young lady of modest manner and has a host of friends in this vicinity. The groom is one of Delaware, County's industrious and honest farmers who is well and favorably known here. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mauer of Delaware, Iowa.

"The young couple will be at home to their friends after March 15th at their farm home east of Manchester. They departed today for a trip to Everton, Mo. The congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends are extended."

JUDGE PLATT IS STRONG.

Judge Franklin C. Platt of Waterloo elsewhere announces as a candidate for re-nomination to succeed himself as district judge. Mr. Platt has been presiding in this district for the past thirteen years and has made a record above criticism. He has been well liked by the laity who have dealings with his court, and has commanded the highest esteem of the bar association for his dignity and fairness upon the bench. The judge is nominated by a convention, the delegates to which will be selected at the county convention. Such is the estimation in which Judge Platt is held that we take it as assured that he will have the support of the delegates from this county.—Hopkinton Leader.

FIRE AT COLESBURG.

Saturday morning at 1:30 o'clock fire was discovered in a machine shop owned by Otto Haug at Colesburg. Before help could be summoned the entire building with its contents, including a fine Buick auto mobile owned by Mr. Haug, was completely destroyed. A Colesburg has no water system or fire fighting apparatus the town might have sustained the loss of most of its business section, if it had not been for the heavy snow and the stillness of the air.

IOWANS TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC IN CALIFORNIA.

The Iowa association of Southern California will hold its annual picnic February 22, 1910, at Eastlake Park, Los Angeles. Should the weather be bad for a day or two preceding the 22nd, or be rainy on that day, a postponement will be made to Saturday, February 26, at the same place. A cordial invitation is specially extended to any Iowans who are visiting in California.

GILDNER'S Clean-Up SALE. Absolutely Closes Saturday February 5. We still have many good bargains left that we want you to take advantage of before Saturday night. Remember, our sale is on new, up-to-date fall and winter goods. Every overcoat is on sale and all suits (except blacks), both Men's and Boy's. A Gildner Guarantee with everything. All goods not satisfactory will be exchanged any time. WE ARE HERE TO STAY.

ASSASSINORS WILL BE POSTED ON REVENUE LAWS. REPORT OF THE MANCHESTER CREAMERY. WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION FOR FEBRUARY. PUBLIC SALE. THE THRICE-A-WEEK WORLD. Without a Rival in its Field, The Largest, Cheapest and Best Newspaper Published at the Price. Read in Every English-Speaking Country.

Burton Clark. Special Features of our Store for February. The special features of this store during February will be that of closing out all odd lots and broken lines left from the winter's selling, at prices so low that they will immediately appeal to every one. Each week and day during the entire month will be one of special offerings of merchandise at less than cost. Below we give a hint of but a few of the rare bargains: Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks at one-half price. Dress Goods reduced one-third to close. Furs cut 40 per cent from regular price. Advance styles for spring are arriving and on display. If you care for early choice better look now at the new goods.

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