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## ARCH BEST KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Arch Best, who has for some time past been making his home with relatives at Oneida was killed by an explosion of a traction engine on the Frank Burbridge farm near Greeley Monday.

Mr. Best was firing the engine and the explosion was caused from the water getting low in the boiler. The whole rear end of the boiler was blown out, striking Best and throwing him about twenty-five or thirty feet. Both of his limbs were mangled, his chest badly injured and his face and body severely scalded by the escaping steam. Mr. Best survived only a few moments after the accident.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL TRAIN KILLS TWO MEN IN AUTOMOBILE NEAR DYERSVILLE.

R. L. Mahon of Dubuque is dead and H. N. Brandt, also of Dubuque, is perhaps fatally injured as a result of an accident on the crossing several miles east of the city, known as Prier's crossing, Thursday about noon.

Riding in an automobile they were struck by the incoming Illinois Central freight No. 93, west bound. Picked up by the freight crew the men were brought to this city to the Dyersville House, and placed under the care of physicians, and where Mahon died an hour later Brandt's condition is critical.

Mr. Mahon is manager of the Dubuque Auto Co. and together with Mr. Brandt, an employee of the same concern arrived here yesterday in an Overland car demonstrating. About eleven o'clock today they started on the return trip to Dubuque.

The regular road to Dubuque is said to be in poor condition and it is believed that the men intended to take a northern route to the city. Arriving at the corner east of the cemetery they turned north to the crossing known as Prier's crossing. The crossing is an exceedingly dangerous one, a large bluff hiding the view of the track. The men evidently did not see the approaching train as it came down the grade, the noise of the auto also preventing them hearing the train, until it was too late to stop or escape the impending collision. It is said that in the effort to stop the machine the engine stalled, just as they reached the track. The engine struck the center of the car completely demolishing it and burying the men underneath it and wreckage dragged about forty feet to the east side. The train was brought to a stop and the injured men were placed in the caboose and brought to the city. Mahon's injuries consisted of a broken arm and internal injuries. He never regained consciousness and died at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon. Brandt sustained a broken arm and leg and a gash in the head. Surgeons are still at work setting the limbs and dressing his wounds as the Commercial went to press, and nothing very definite can be said of his condition although there are some hopes of his recovery. — Dyersville Commercial.

Later—Horace Brandt died shortly before six o'clock Thursday afternoon, a few moments after he had been brought to Finley hospital. At the time of the first reports it was thought to be serious, his injuries consisting of a broken arm, a broken leg and a severe scalp wound. It was from this latter wound, from which concussion of the brain resulted, and from the general shock which his nervous system sustained, that his death resulted.

**Crossing a Dangerous One.**  
The crossing at which the accident happened has long been known as a particularly dangerous one, and several years ago an attempt was made to have it changed from a grade crossing to an overhead crossing.

The Illinois Central embankment at the crossing is sufficiently high at that point to permit this change with comparatively little expense, it is said, but nothing has ever been done in the matter.

From later reports of the accident it appears that Brandt and Mahon had completed the demonstration of their automobile and had started back to Dubuque, leaving Dyersville at about 11 o'clock, taking the road to Farley which lies south of and parallel to the Illinois Central tracks. Just outside of Dyersville the roads were in fairly good condition, but farther on were found to be in very poor shape. Reaching a road turning off from the road they were traveling, they turned north, intending to take the north road to Farley. This brought them to the fatal crossing, known in that vicinity

as Prier's crossing. On both sides of the crossing are heavily timbered hills, the tracks rounding a sharp curve on both sides of the crossing, the curves, with the hills, fully cutting off any but a short view of the tracks. What happened to the auto will never be known, but the crew of the freight train, as it rounded the curve at high speed, saw the auto standing between the rails. All attempts to stop the heavy train were futile and it crashed into the auto, hurling it fifty feet into the ditch.

## CITY COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held Monday evening at the City Hall.

The new automobile ordinance was given its final reading and will be passed at the next meeting. A petition for a sewer signed by J. F. Arnold and others was considered and put over until the next meeting.

The following bills were allowed: Fred Pope, unloading coal, \$15 16; Phos. Wilson, salary two months, 60 00; J. C. Collard, salary 3 mos., 225 00; Delaware Co. St. Bk., fg., 116 51; Homer Abbott, labor, 16 60; Hutchinson & Atwater, sup., 65 84; Man. L. H. & P. Co., extra lights, 4 40; V. L. Collard, overtime, 6 35; Phos. Wilson, sup., 1 50; Model Printing, printing, 11 50; Wilmington Co., coal, 52 50; Eva Hector, typewriting, 7 20; M. Schirgel & Son, services, 55 92; Hutchinson & Atwater, sup., 6 10; Carr Bar Co., sup., 55 19; The Sitsel, labor, 3 25; First National Bank, new bridge, 36 00; Geo. H. Keyes, labor, 2 85; B. W. Grems, sup., 14 80; P. T. Oliver, salary 3 mos., 150 00; P. Wilson, salary, 60 00; S. H. Morgan, salary, 75 00; T. Wilson, salary, 40 00; Levi S. Gates, services, 10 00; L. S. Gates, services, 65 00; First Nat. Bank, for printing advanced for The News, 20 12; The Smitzel, labor, 1 00; Man. Democrat, printing, 40 12; Jewles & Condon, labor, 1 00; Hiram W. Cross, labor, 75 00; Del. Co. Abst. Co., Ins., 29 70; Equipment Supply Co., sup., 21 90; T. J. Burns, services, 3 75; Hutchinson & Atwater, sup., 18 00; V. McGarvey, labor, 12 00; E. H. Schultz, labor, 9 10; Chas. Whitman, team board, 26 00; Chas. Whitman, labor, 110 00; Jas. Vosburg, sprinkling, 8 99; Maatt Parrott & Sons, printing, 7 50; Manchester Press, printing, 32 07; Pat Moran, labor, 12 40; Man. L. H. & P. Co., lights, 166 20; Pittsburgh Meter Co., 860 00; Protection Co. No. 1, services, 6 50; New York Belting Co., 45 00; A. G. Bushnell, labor, 1 25; W. J. Burke, labor, 7 30; Hutchinson & Atwater, sup., 7 10; H. C. Smith, supplies, 5 60.

Total of bills allowed, \$2,609 77.

## TEACHERS PASS EXAMINATION.

The results of the July teachers' examination have just been received from Des Moines by County Superintendent Guy D. Ribble. There were fifty-three applicants for teachers' certificates who took the examination here. Of this number one secured a new first grade certificate; eighteen secured new second grade certificates; seven secured third grade certificates and nine were awarded provisional certificates. There were ten who failed; seven holding second grade certificates failed to raise their grades and one holding a third grade certificate failed to raise grades.

The following are the names of those who passed the examination and were awarded certificates, including those who were given provisional certificates: Emma Rafoth, Chas. F. Rafoth, Edna E. Cowles, Snnis Taber, Mabel R. Matthews, Martha Brockmeyer, Loretta Kephers, Josie Midkiff, Maude Sheppard, Dora Sheppard, Roy E. Hatfield, Nelly L. Carr, Gladys Hoffmann, Hazel Hamblin, Eva R. Todd, Laura M. Todd, Agnes Coleman, Phylomena McAreavy, Shirley C. Brayton, Alice L. Glew, Margaret Lindsay, Elsie Case, Florence Bakerville, Mayme C. Haas, Myrtle R. Grapes, Maude Davis, Effie M. Bininger, Jane A. Smith, Ruth M. Schaller, Alvona R. Tietze, Gertrude B. Nieman, Julia M. Dugan, Minnie E. Sheppard, Nannie L. Farmer, Daisy I. Davis.

## NORMAL INSTITUTE.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Delaware County Normal Institute is being held at the High School building this week. The enrollment for the opening days is large and the work of the institute promises to be very interesting and instructive. The following instructors are in charge:

History and Civics—Mr. C. F. Garrett of Sac City, Iowa.  
Geography and Penmanship—Mr. L. C. Rumsiehl, St. Joseph, Missouri.  
Dialectics and Orthography—Mr. J. C. Richter, Knoxville, Iowa.  
Grammar, Reading and Arithmetic—Mr. H. P. Smith, Audubon, Ia.  
Arithmetic and Grammar—Mr. W. W. Overmyer, West Liberty, Iowa.  
Primary Methods and Music—Miss Blanche Goudy, Marion, Iowa.  
County Superintendent G. D. Ribble, Conductor.

## NORMAL COURSE BEGINS THIS YEAR

NEW DEPARTMENT IN TEACHERS WORK WILL BE ADDED TO HIGH SCHOOL.

The Democrat is pleased to grant the request of Supt. Inman giving information in reference to the Normal Training Department which is to be added to the High School this fall.

Full details are given in Supt. Inman's communication to this paper and the article by the State Supt. of Public Instruction, both of which appear below.

The Democrat,  
Gentlemen:—

I am enclosing a copy of a part of the outline by the State Superintendent relating to the work of the Normal Training Department in the High Schools of the state.

As you doubtless know sufficient money was appropriated last year to pay to each school district the sum of \$500 per annum if they would equip a department as outlined. There were but 41 schools that could be appointed and Manchester was one of the fortunate schools out of 125 applicants for the Normal Training School. The Board in Manchester are planning to be ready with this department when school opens this September. There is a considerable interest in Manchester among those interested in the public schools as many of our pupils teach in the country, and it will be of special interest to the country school pupils.

I have copied that part of the letter which would be of particular interest to the readers of the paper and if you can see your way clear to publish this in an issue of your paper soon it will be a particularly great favor to myself and the board as many have been asking for this information. I believe this will be of great benefit to our town schools and also to the country school pupils. As you note this course leads to the equivalent of a first grade certificate upon completing the high school course, it ought herefore to provide a means of giving a good preparation for teaching. This law granting this subsidy together with the law giving freedom to all pupils of high school coming from the country, the tuition being paid by the township from which the pupil comes, paying the actual cost makes our high school practically a county high school supported and maintained for the whole county. I believe it will mean much to Manchester Schools.

Very truly yours,  
J. R. Inman.

To the Superintendent and Board of Education:—

The text of the law that establishes the Normal Training Department in the High Schools provides that the work that is given in this department must be done in the eleventh and twelfth grades, and no student who is not qualified to enter upon the regular eleventh grade work in the High School is considered eligible to enroll in the Normal Training Department. It may be that there will be many students from the rural schools who have never attended high school and who could barely enter the Ninth grade of the High School, and who will very much desire to take this Normal Training work, but no student of this grade should be allowed to enroll in this department.

The instruction that is given in the normal training branches will be given on the supposition that those who will receive the instruction are classified as regular eleventh or twelfth grade pupils, and to allow students of a lower grade to enter upon this work would necessitate such a change in the character of instructions that it would defeat the purpose for which the department was established. Therefore, it will be the ruling of this department that no student below the eleventh grade will be allowed to enroll in the Normal Training Department.

The law provides that there shall be a review of such of the common branches as may be deemed essential by this department. The review branches will be as follows: arithmetic, one half year; grammar one half year; descriptive or political geography, one half year; reading, one half year; United States history and civics, one year. The instruction in these branches must be given with idea in mind that those who receive this instruction are to become teachers in the rural schools. For this reason the teachers who have charge of the classes in review work should not only be familiar with the subject matter of these branches, but also with the best methods of teaching these branches.

There will also be a year's work in elementary pedagogy. This work will embrace whatever is given of psychology, methods and management, with special emphasis placed upon primary reading, primary number work and language. No one should assume to give the primary methods unless thoroughly trained in this work. In connection with the instruction that the student receives in elementary pedagogy, they should also be given the opportunity under proper direction, to do observational work, not only in city graded schools, but also in the better class of rural schools, and where possible, some practice teaching should be provided for, but such practice teaching and the observation work must be under close supervision of the teacher in charge of this department.

The 22nd annual meeting of the Linn County harvest home association will be held at Coggon Friday, September 1. A fine literary program has been prepared, two good ball games and all kinds of athletic contests will be held. There will be a dance in the evening. The association extends a general invitation.

—Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson and daughter, Miss Delight accompanied Mrs. R. A. Denton to Clear Lake last Monday and will remain there about two weeks.

## THE LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE ARE DOING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

REVIEW AND FORECAST OF EVENTS  
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The members of the Tourist club together with their families are enjoying their annual picnic in Coffins Grove.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, arrived in this city Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends.

—Gildner Bros. ad this week is a reminder that school is about to begin and they quote seasonal articles at reduced prices.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller have been enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Philadelphia, the past week.

—Miss Lila Dennis went to Dubuque Monday morning and will visit in that city for two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyler.

—Miss Helen Jackson of Savannah Georgia, who has been visiting with her grandparents in this city, went to Dubuque Monday for a two weeks visit.

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—Gollmar Bros' circus will show at the ball park in this city Saturday, September 2. This circus has been here before and gave a very good entertainment.

—Mrs. Will Lightner of Cedar Rapids and Miss Alice Devlin of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were guests at the home of Mrs. Margaret Powers last week.

—Among those from here who were in Chicago last week to witness the aerial flights were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blake and M. J. Yoran.

—Misses Etta Miller, Bertha Ryan, Edith Anderson and Vernia Kling, who have been camping at Palisades a summer resort near Mt. Vernon, are expected home Wednesday.

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—Miss Bertha Dover and Mr. O. E. Stowe of this city were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Brewer street Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. J. F. Black performed the ceremony.

—Mrs. D. F. Grove was in Chicago last week making purchases of fall millinery for the store of D. F. Grove & Company. She will have charge of the millinery department of this store this season.

—Miss Emma Becker, who is employed as stenographer with the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern Ry. Co., at Waterloo, is expected here the latter part of this week for a short visit with relatives.

—Secretary Higman wishes us to announce that those desiring to train in business with him in relation to Fair matters can find him at the office under the Delaware County State Bank Saturday and Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunham have had as their guests the past week, Chas. Barrett, Peter Olson, Mrs. E. B. Elmore and daughter, all of Vermillion, South Dakota. They made the trip overland by automobile.

—Mr. Frank Zemanek of Dundee and Mrs. Mary Nickolas of South Dakota, were united in marriage by George S. Lister, Justice of Peace, at his office in this city Saturday, August 19. The Democrat extends congratulations.

—Miss Monica Gleason returned home Monday after a pleasant visit with friends at Stockton, Illinois. She was accompanied to this city by Miss Mere Donahue of Stockton, who is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Schaecher.

—Manchester friends of Miss Verne Reardon of Fort Dodge, who, for a number of years attended St. Xavier's Convent in this city, will be interested in learning that she has entered the Sisters of Mercy Convent at Cedar Rapids to become a nun.

—A special train will be run over the M. & O. and C. M. & St. P. railroads on account of the Anamosa Fair on Thursday, August 24, 1911. The train will leave Manchester at 8:45 a. m. arriving at Anamosa at 11:00 a. m. Returning the train will leave Anamosa at 7:10 p. m.

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—A. M. Cloud is a Dubuque visitor today.

—Will McCormick was a Waterloo visitor Sunday.

—Mrs. E. J. Hoyt is visiting with friends at Moines.

—Miss Mildred Smith is a guest of friends at Independence.

—Mrs. C. S. Lister is visiting with friends at Dubuque today.

—The public schools of this city will open Monday, September 5th.

—The picnic at Ryan attracted many from here last Wednesday.

—Dr. Edwin Cobb of Iowa City was a guest of friends here Monday.

—D. J. Meggenberg was in Chicago last week on a purchasing trip.

—Harry Scottorn visited with relatives at Lamont a part of last week.

—Miss Margaret Ward of Ryan was a guest of friends in this city Monday.

—James Burns was an over Sunday visitor with friends at Geneseo, Illinois.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Denton and family departed Monday afternoon for Clear Lake.

—Robt. Barr and M. Barr were in Chicago last week to see the aeroplane races.

—Miss Grace Keiser went to Charles City Saturday for a week's visit with friends.

—The Earlville carnival attracted the usual large crowd from this place last Thursday.

—Mrs. M. H. Williston is in Waterloo this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Alford.

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## WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

The past week was hot and generally dry; the average daily excess of temperature being about 4 degrees, and the rainfall was much below the normal except over the northeastern counties and in some localities in Adair, Adams, Cass, Clarke, Ringold and Union counties where copious to heavy showers occurred. The maximum temperatures on the 16th ranged from 98 to 106 degrees over the southern district, but for the state as a whole, the conditions were favorable for all late crops. Except in some localities in the northern and southwestern counties, corn, late potatoes, brass and apples made considerable improvement under the effect of light local showers during the week and the copious to heavy rains of the preceding week. Much of the early planted corn is beginning to dent and the late corn is in the roasting ear stage, and most of it is doing well. Even in the dry districts, occasional light showers have checked the deterioration of corn. Pastures and late potatoes have made a decided improvement over the northern and southern districts and now afford considerable feed. Thrashing has been resumed in the northeastern counties and much fall plowing has been done.

Some of our specialties:

**Thelma Cardinia**

**ANDERSON & PHILIPP**

Central Pharmacy

Much of the cheap perfume nowadays is made from mineral products, and not only loses its strength, but decomposes into an obnoxious smell. Our perfumes are carefully selected to get and retain your custom. You can therefore be absolutely sure they are good. Come in and try them for yourself.

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## Vudor Porch Shades

The Kind That Will Serve You Best

They will do more than just keep out the sun. They will allow perfect ventilation, stand all conditions of the weather, and will last indefinitely.

This is the one kind that will fulfill all these requirements and more—and there is but one kind. Vudor Porch Shades Let You See Out But Keep Outsiders From Seeing In. Vudor Porch Shades are made of handsomely stained wood—light, tough, nearly unbreakable—and are bound with strongest seine twine, which is unaffected by rain or sun.

They retain their shape and appearance for years. The ordinary shades are composed of narrow strips that won't stand any sort of wind or rain, and are held together with weak, cotton-like strands. Besides, that kind hasn't any room for air to enter, or for you to look out.

We shall be pleased to show you our complete stock of Vudor Porch Shades any time you request it. This won't necessitate that you buy, though you'll probably decide that way yourself.

## BROWN, The Furniture Man

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