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MANCHESTER IOWA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1911

## FIRE DESTROYS HOAG ELECTRIC PLANT

DYNAMO AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS RENDERED USELESS BY FLAMES.

LOSS REACHES \$10,000.00

New Equipment Will be Installed in Near Future. Small Insurance Carried.

The Hoag electric light plant was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The dynamo, switch board and all supplies and electrical apparatus in the main building including the grinding

Annals of Iowa. In the dynamo room, presumably from the switch board. The exact manner in which it started is not known. John Killense, who was employed to run the plant during the night shift, was asleep when the fire started and was awakened by the cracking of the flames about his head. He ran out and sounded the alarm and assisted in running Mr. Hoag's automobile out of the building. Nothing else was saved from the main building.

The fire companies responded promptly and did good service in keeping the flames in check. The flames were not injurious and the large steam boiler, incased in brick which stands just west of the burned building was not materially damaged. The building in which it stood was however entirely destroyed.

The value of the property burned is placed at \$10,000, with \$1,000 insurance.

The Hoag plant furnished light for over two hundred residences, and about one half of the business houses and churches. The wires of the Hoag system were immediately connected up with the Manchester Light, Heat & Power Co.'s plant and light was furnished to all patrons of the Hoag system that night without any interruption in the service. It is exceedingly fortunate that the Manchester plant is able to supply the current, otherwise the mass of lights in so many residences and business houses would have resulted in serious inconvenience. It is understood that the Manchester company will continue to furnish current for both systems from its plant and that Mr. Hoag is planning to install new electrical machinery in the near future. He expects to be furnishing current to users before the first of the year.

## A TOURING CAR FOR \$900.

The Overland automobile leads the world in the annual output of cars. The immense manufacturing facilities of the company allow a great saving in the cost of producing each car. The leader for 1912 is a five passenger touring car for \$900. John M. Jones & Sons have one of these cars now on exhibition at their garage in this city. If you have the automobile fever, it will save you money to take a look at this new model. This firm has taken on the agency for the Overland car in this territory and their advertisement announcing the fact appears in this paper.

## AMSDEN'S BIBLE SALE.

Of all books published, the Bible leads in the number of volumes sold every year. Statistics show that the demand goes on increasing every year. Just now an opportunity is offered whereby the best of leather bound bibles can be bought for less than one dollar at Amstden's drug store. You should not miss this sale. Read his advertisement in this issue.

## A REQUEST.

Manager L. Matthews of the Manchester Light, Heat & Power Company, requests that all users of lights be as economical in the use of current as is possible. The taking on of the entire Hoag system without time to prepare for it makes a heavy load for the plant. This request applies to patrons of both plants. All will be furnished with lights if no current is wasted.

## WINTER WEATHER.

The first touch of winter visited this vicinity last Thursday with a fall of snow. The air was freezing cold and the snow remained on the ground all night and in sheltered places all the following day. The last two days have shown a rise in temperature and a promise of Indian summer.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK.

The public schools of this city will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week to allow the teachers to attend the state teachers' convention at Des Moines.

## UNDERWEAR.

An underwear sale is on this week at the Snodgrass clothing store and our readers will be interested to what they say in their ad in another column.

## SIBERT-BEITER.

Miss Mable Sibert went to Waterloo Sunday to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Vera Sibert to Mr. Grover Beiter of Waterloo, which occurs at the home of her parents on Wednesday of this week. Miss Sibert has been in Manchester a greater part of the past year assisting her sister in her millinery store here. Her charming manner and many pleasing qualities won her many friends here who wish her every joy in her wedded life.

## DEATH OF BABY.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Dittmer mourn the loss of their baby boy born on Thursday, October 26. The little one died Sunday night after a few hours illness. A short funeral service was held from the home this (Tuesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Ensign officiating. Their friends offer the bereaved parents their heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.

## BIG WOODMEN DOINGS.

A class of about thirty new members will be initiated into the mysteries of woodcraft Thursday evening, November 2. The members of Olive camp are planning to give the new members a rousing reception. F. R. Kornis of Des Moines, one of the directors of the order will be here on that evening and deliver an address.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

W. I. Millen and wife to Leslie G. Clendenen. Land in sec 11 89-4. Consideration, \$35.00.  
Elizabeth Reddy to Alice Reddy, et al. Land in sec 32-87-6. Consideration, \$2,000.00.  
Joseph Winstler and wife to W. I. Millen. Lot 8, block 24, Earlville.  
Martha M. Tower to Bertha F. Linnbridge. E 1-2 of lot 24, Manchester.

## SENATOR E. H. HOYT ENTERTAINS.

Senator E. H. Hoyt entertained a party of gentlemen friends at his home on Main street last Friday evening to celebrate his fortieth birthday anniversary. The out of town guests were Dr. H. B. Grant of Dubuque, John Carr of Lamont and Dr. McGrady of Independence.

Mrs. A. S. Blair is critically ill at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Acres leave Wednesday for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

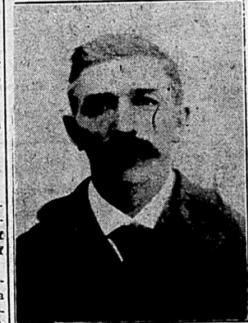
## JOHN P. BELCHER CALLED BY DEATH.

Well Known Former Resident Dies in North Dakota.

John P. Belcher, for many years a resident of Delaware county, died at McKenzie, North Dakota, Thursday morning, October 26, 1911. The remains were brought here on Saturday last and a short funeral service was held here at the home of Robt. Wilson Saturday morning. Rev. J. Black, officiating. The remains were taken to Golden church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thing of Hopkinton, interment being made in the church cemetery.

The deceased was a native of this county. He was born in Mio town-

ship, September 19, 1856 and resided there until March 1, 1909, when he removed with his family to DeLand, South Dakota, where they remained until October 1, 1910. He then removed to a farm near McKenzie, North Dakota, where he since made his home. He was united in marriage to Miss Hannah M. Cornwell October 6, 1878. To this union six children were born, two of whom preceded their father in death—John, who died June 27, 1896 and Martha, who died April 30, 1905. The surviving children are, Miles of DeLand, South Dakota, Florence Halgh of Frankfort, South Dakota, and Bertha and Blanche, who reside at home. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Pierce of Earlville, New York.



John P. Belcher.

John Belcher was a man of many likable qualities and popular with all who knew him. He was an upright and honorable man and highly respected by his neighbors. During his many years residence in this county he made many warm friends who deeply regret his death.

## DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Franklin C. Platt held court in this city Monday and Monday afternoon adjourned sine die. Following are the matters acted upon by the court during the day:

Equity.

State of Iowa vs. Peter Kelley. Injunction made permanent.

State of Iowa vs. John Hickey. Injunction made permanent.

Caroline Greiss vs. Lucretia Porter, et al. Decree of partition. Court finds that land cannot be equitably divided. R. C. Winch, F. E. Williamson and A. B. Wheeler appointed appraisers. Private sale ordered at not less than appraised value. Wm. Porter appointed special referee.

Standard Lumber Co. vs. James W. Rizer. Ruling on motion to strike sustained in part and overruled in part. Plaintiff ordered to answer interrogatories attached to defendants answer.

Ethel Shover vs. Reuben Shover. Motion for temporary alimony sustained. Plaintiff allowed \$100 to be paid within ten days. Case set for trial for first day of next term of court.

Ida Ruess vs. Jacob Ruess. Decree of divorce and for custody of children as prayed.

A. W. McDonald vs. G. W. Preston. Order as per stipulation on file. Bond \$1000.00.

Law.

A. Hackforth vs. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co. Settled and costs paid.

Harger & Blish vs. Joe S. Chambers. Dismissed as per stipulation on file at plaintiff's cost.

A. L. Conger vs. J. D. Bushnell. Motion for more specific statement in petition sustained. Defendant in open court offers to confess judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$15 and costs up to date.

Probate.

Estate of John Cassidy. Final report approved. Administrator discharged and bond released.

Estate of Margaret E. Eiler. Final report approved, executor discharged and bond released.

Estate of Mary J. Summers. Leave to sell real estate at private sale at not less than appraised value. F. B. Blair, Hubert Carr and G. W. Dunham appointed appraisers.

Estate of W. H. Long. Annual report approved.

Guardianship of Richard Oehler. Claim of Delaware county allowed for \$1380.

Guardianship of Howard Bowen Stout and Helen Dorothy Stout. Final report as to Howard Bowen Stout approved.

Estate of Mary Reddy. Annual report approved.

Guardianship of Andrew Koelkr. Annual report approved.

Guardianship of Peter McKune and Philip McKune. Leave to make loans as prayed.

## MRS. HANNAH KASTER.

The sudden death of Mrs. Hannah Kaster occurred in this city at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Davis, on Tuesday afternoon, October 24, 1911. Mrs. Kaster, whose home was at Delaware, came to this city only a few days before for a visit at the home of her daughter and although she had been in ill health for some time her condition was not thought to be serious and her death came as a severe shock to the family.

Hannah Pierce was born in McHenry county, Illinois, April 7, 1846, and spending her childhood there, came to Delaware county after the death of her parents and made her home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brayton of Spring Branch, three miles east of Manchester, for several years. She was united in marriage to Hiram Kaster here and they lived on a farm near Delaware for many years. Mr. Kaster's death occurred in 1893 and since that time Mrs. Kaster had resided at Delaware. Mrs. Kaster leaves to mourn her death the following children: Mrs. Mary Davis of Manchester; Mrs. Ida Mace of Raymond, South Dakota; J. F. Kaster of Doland, South Dakota, and Miss Nellie at home.

The deceased was a pioneer settler of this county and had been a resident of Delaware and vicinity for nearly fifty years. Her many friends regret to learn of her unexpected death and extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

A brief prayer service was held at the Davis home in this city Thursday and the remains were taken to Delaware, where the funeral services were held from the Baptist church. Rev. Bailey of Rossville officiating. Burial was made in the Delaware cemetery.

## V. H. WITHERAL.

V. H. Witheral, for many years a resident of this city, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Stone at Bucklin, Missouri, Thursday morning after an extended illness. The deceased was nearly seventy three years of age, and is survived by 3 children, Delbert of Manchester, Arthur of Des Moines, and Mrs. Stone of Bucklin, Missouri.

The remains were brought here Saturday morning and interment was made in Oakland cemetery. Rev. J. B. Black, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, officiated the funeral service which was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Schwenke, granddaughter of the deceased.

## ALL PAVING GETTING CHEAPER.

The effect upon prices for various forms of street paving caused by the competition of concrete has been evidenced again this week by the letting of a contract in Des Moines for asphalt at \$1.65 per yard. Heretofore prevailing prices for asphalt have hovered around \$2 per yard and for brick paving some times higher than that, but the day is rapidly passing when any street paving will exceed \$1.50 per square yard in cost, as concrete at \$1.10 per square yard is bound to bring the price of other forms down to a cost basis or put them out of business in the competition.

The letting of a contract for a pavement at Manchester, Iowa at \$1.16 per yard, so near like bituthlth, which has cost in excess of \$2 per yard, that it is difficult for one to distinguish the difference, and the drop in the price of asphalt at Des Moines is indicative of the progress in price decline on the cost of street improvement which is now going on.

It is at Sioux City that some of the cheapest concrete pavement has been secured, prices at times having been as low as \$1.10 per square yard, and it is here that concrete has been laid in a single course mixed one, two courses of putting a separate wearing surface, and it is interesting in this connection to note what the mayor of Sioux City says regarding the pavement in a special article, which he has prepared for the illustrated industrial edition recently published by the Sioux City Journal.

Regarding street improvement he says: "Many blocks of streets have been paved, and the paving of even more blocks contracted for. The council early gave the closest attention to an investigation of the best and cheapest methods of paving streets not devoted to business purposes, and finally decided upon concrete as satisfying both requirements better than any other material. The contracts for a large number of blocks on cross streets were let during the past winter and the work was begun early in the spring.

The work was done by the contractors in such a manner as to satisfy the closest inspection, and there is no doubt that the question of securing a cheap, durable and satisfactory paving for residence streets has been solved in Sioux City. So well satisfied with the new paving were the property owners and the council that a still larger amount of it was ordered and is now being laid. There is good reason to believe that much of this paving will be asked for in other sections of the city in the near future."

—Marshalltown Times-Republican.

—W. H. Word of Ryan was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

## THE LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

### WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE ARE DOING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### REVIEW AND FORECAST OF EVENTS

### Items of a Personal and General Nature Picked Up About Town.

—E. H. Hoyt was a Sunday visitor in Cedar Rapids.

—A. J. Andrews was a business visitor in Independence Thursday.

—P. H. Strickland went to Sioux City Thursday for a short visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tubbs spent Thursday with friends in Dubuque.

—Cal W. Martin went to Madison, Wisconsin, Thursday on a business trip.

—Misses Jane Smith and Ruby Long were Dubuque visitors Saturday.

—The annual Thanksgiving dance will be given at the Central Opera house.

—Mrs. E. H. Hoyt is hostess to the Tourist Club this (Tuesday) afternoon.

—Arthur Perkins of Cal Martin part of last week.

—Attorney H. F. Arnold has returned home from a business trip to Louisiana.

—Mrs. Rae Dunham of Dubuque spent part of last week with relatives and friends here.

—Jacob Pettion left Thursday for Frankfort, South Dakota, where he is looking after his land interests.

—Mrs. Ida Snowden was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Donald Earnist, at Cedar Rapids last week.

—F. E. Dutton and J. L. Midkiff were business visitors at Independence Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strickland were guests of friends in Cedar Rapids Wednesday.

—Mrs. O. S. McCutcheon of New Hebron, Illinois, is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. N. Boynton.

—Judge A. S. Blair and Aaron and Dudley Firestone were business visitors at Hart, Michigan, last week.

—Mrs. John Franks of Waterloo arrived here Wednesday for a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends.

—Mrs. M. Hahney returned home Thursday after a two months visit with relatives in St. Louis and Chicago.

—Miss Edna Crumclinton of Monticello was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Matthews last week.

—Mrs. Theo. Hatch and daughter, Miss Nelle, were guests at the Bullinger home at Dyersville part of last week.

—The Philadelphia American league team won the world's series for the second time by defeating New York in four out of six games.

—Mrs. L. A. Franks returned home last week from Zeal, South Dakota, where she had been proving up on a homestead claim near that place.

—E. W. Hoag, E. B. Bolander and J. J. Eckert returned Friday afternoon from Blairsburg in which vicinity they spent several days duck hunting.

—J. W. Miles and daughter, Miss Idell Miles, returned Saturday from a visit at Harrah, Oklahoma, with the family of B. F. Miles.

—Stephen Edmunds of Idaho is visiting with relatives and friends in this city, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edmunds.

—Mrs. Mary J. Graham arrived here last week for a visit of several weeks at the homes of her sisters Mrs. Wm. Jones and Mrs. F. E. Munson.

—J. B. Engstrom went to LaGrange, Indiana, Thursday for a visit with relatives. Mr. Engstrom expects to make an extended business trip through the south before returning home.

—Rev. H. F. McDonald was at Centerville, Iowa, last week attending the state convention of the Baptist church. At this meeting Council Bluffs was chosen as the place for holding the next annual meeting.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bates left Manchester last week and have gone to Freeport, near which city Mr. Bates has purchased a blacksmith shop. He has been employed in the W. J. Burke blacksmith shop here for the past year.

—Frank Kamocki, who purchased the A. B. Hetherington & Son implement business, takes charge of the business Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Kamocki arrived here last week from Friendship, Wisconsin, where they have been making their home for a number of years.

—Among those from Manchester who attended the grand lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star held at Dubuque last week were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norris, Mrs. A. J. Andrews, Mrs. Sarah Bradley, Mrs. Jennie Ford, Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson, Mrs. Jennie Bronson, Mrs. W. D. Work, Mrs. Clarence J. Boardway, Miss Eva Smith, Miss Maude Graham and Miss Miss Foster.

—Ralph Dutton was a guest of friends in Cedar Rapids Saturday.

—Wallace Raw of Dubuque was a Sunday guest of friends in Manchester.

—Chas. Cawley went to Terre Haute, Indiana, this week on a business trip.

—Bruce Pulver of Independence was a Sunday visitor at the H. C. Smith home.

—Mrs. Pratt Stewart went to Waterloo Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

—John Schacherer of Dyersville spent last week at the home of his son, E. J. Schacherer.

—Miss Beryl Camery of Thayer was an over Sunday visitor with her sister, Miss Ova Camery.

—Miss Mildred Smith went to Independence Monday morning for a short visit with friends there.

—Misses Bertha Schroeder, Henrietta Miller, Sue Rich and Vernia King spent Saturday in Dubuque.

—Regular communication of Manchester lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M., Saturday evening, November 4.

—The City Chariot Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Farley Friday of this week for dinner.

—Miss Mae Palmer, an instructor in the local high school, was an over Sunday visitor in Cedar Rapids.

—Mrs. Harry Wilson of Independence was a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Smith Sunday.

—Miss Neva Gray of Independence arrived here the latter part of last week for a visit with her father, H. F. Gray.

—The Ladies Aid society of the U. B. Church will hold a basket social at the home of Cal Stinson, Friday evening, November 3rd. Everybody cordially invited.

—Mrs. Hazel Evans and children returned to their home at Council Bluffs this morning after a two week visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nelson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hutchinson and son Robert were in Grinnell the first of the week visiting their son, Arthur, who is a student in Iowa college at that place.

—The Literary society of the Baptist church will meet at the Baptist parsonage on the West Side Wednesday evening, November 1. A cordial invitation is extended to every one.

—Miss Marie Mount, an instructor in the high school, was a visitor in Dubuque Saturday. Miss Mount was accompanied by Miss Helen N. Pierce of Des Moines, who had been her guest during the past week.

—Mrs. E. M. Carr went to Des Moines Friday for a short visit with her sister, Miss Cecil Coker, who is an instructor in the public schools of that city. Before returning home she will visit with relatives and friends at Grinnell.

—The cold and rainy weather the past week materially interrupted the work on the street improvements. The weather man must dish up a better brand of weather or it will be impossible to finish the Franklin street paving this fall.

—Chas. Engstrom, who has been employed on the editorial staff of the Waterloo Courier for the past year, has resigned his position with that paper to accept an offer as assistant night telegraph editor on the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

—A. D. Sumner, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from the Third Iowa Congressional district, will speak at the Central Opera House in this city Friday evening, November 3. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear the political issues of the day discussed.

## You'll Like Trading With Brown, The Furniture Man

Our specials for next week are bound to interest you. We find ourselves overstocked with dining tables of one pattern. We propose to move these at a price that will be the lowest ever made on this grade of a table. All are made from first class thoroughly seasoned oak stock, golden finish. The slides are of the best hard maple and the workmanship is good. Every table is made with detachable legs, a very convenient feature. While they last you can buy them at these figures. Here is the stock and prices:

Eight only, 10-foot tables, solid oak top and Elm legs, our former price \$11.50, this sale	\$9.45
Three only, 10-foot tables, solid oak top and legs, former price \$15.00, this sale	\$11.90
Two only, same as above, made with a little fine leg. A beauty. Our former price \$14.00, this sale	\$12.30
Three only, same as above, except a little heavier, former price \$15.00, this sale	\$12.40

In addition to these specials our regular stock will please you. Come in and look over the new styles in furniture, and we will convince you that YOU'LL LIKE TRADING WITH

## BROWN, The Furniture Man

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FOR SALE. Ten acres in Richland township and a house and half block of land in Masonville Iowa. Hiram New. 3 mo-30. R. F. D. No. 9 Manchester Ia.

FOR SALE OR RENT. House near H. HUBERT CARR

CARD OF THANKS. We desire to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness during our recent bereavement. Mrs. Hannah Belcher and Family

Dr. Wilbert Shallenberger, Chicago, Illinois. Dear Sir:— It has been five years since I took your course of treatments. I had catarrh of the stomach and bowels. Had my trouble for several years. Was operated upon, took everything, and tried the best physicians but gradually grew worse. My skin was parched and large blotches appeared and underneath filled with puss. After taking your course of treatment, I can say I am sure you not only cured me but saved my life. Yours truly, Mrs. James Watson, 1203 W. Sixth St., Boone, Iowa.

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