

## THE LOCAL NEWS OF DELAWARE COUNTY

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

### ONEIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver and son Floyd, visited relatives at Dyersville the past week.

Dick Dodge, who has been living at Arlington the past five years has moved to his farm he purchased of Mr. Breckon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howe entertained their friends Wednesday evening in honor of their twelfth wedding anniversary.

S. T. Knox was a Manchester visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrow are visiting relatives in Elkport. The Misses Leona and Lulu Ross are keeping the restaurant during their absence.

Miss Nellie Bowers spent Sunday with home folks at Delaware.

E. G. Strickland of Almar was in Mr. Conell and daughter Florence and Gertrude returned home from Decorah Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckon have moved to Greeley.

Mrs. Glen Tabor was shopping in Manchester Thursday.

Henry Miller was a Greeley visitor Saturday.

### DELEH.

Mrs. Clara Hawk of Redonda, California, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Hartman.

Will Toomey was in Dubuque last week.

"The Old Maid's Convention" will be given at G. A. R. hall Wednesday evening, March 6, under the auspices of the ladies aid society.

Miss Stella Himmel and Roy L. Powell were married at Manchester Wednesday, February 28, 1912, by Rev. Black, pastor of the M. E. Church, Congregationalists.

The "Free" sewing machine was drawn by Mrs. Geo. Keith Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coates were down from Delaware Saturday.

James Rogers was over from Earlville Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Simons went to Tipton Iowa, Friday evening to stay a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Gretchen Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. White were in Manchester Wednesday.

E. R. Stone was in Waterloo on Thursday.

Miss Mary Doolittle won the Bible in the contest.

Miss Myrtle Stanger spent Sunday with her home people at Buck Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. White and Mrs. Bebe Stoner were Edgewood visitors Friday.

Mrs. Maud Reeder went to Iowa City Friday to visit over Sunday with her friend, Miss Maud Holbert.

Alex Hockbarth was in Kansas City recently.

Theron Knickerbocker of Indian Territory visited his sister, Mrs. C. H. Cross, last week.

Bert Ellison moved into his own house Friday. Henry Vesey into part of Bert Sherman's house.

Word has been received of the death of Francis McGuire in Dakota last Saturday. The body will be brought to Delhi for burial, and the funeral will be held at St. John's church Wednesday.

Miss Grace Simons spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. South of Dakota visited her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Albrook, last week.

Mrs. Howard Reed of Rowley came last week to attend the funeral of a relative, Louis Rafter.

Mrs. James Burton visited relatives at Center Junction recently.

E. C. Perkins was in Manchester Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Thompson went to her home at Center Junction Friday evening, returning Monday.

### LENOX COLLEGE.

Miss Bessie LeClere is assisting in the office work at Lenox.

An accident to the boiler last week rendered stoves a necessity for a few days in the main building.

Dr. Reed was in Independence last week and in other places in the interest of the college.

Belden Dennison was one of the contestants at the state oratorical contest at Ames last week. The other delegates were Ellery Reed, Archie Wadsworth and Fletcher Aitch.

Miss MacKenzie, one of the faculty also attended.

Miss Ethel McKenzie, one of the last year's students, is visiting friends. She has been teaching in North Dakota.

### THORPE.

Mrs. Wm. Rudy is on the sick list. Amos Stone transacted business in Lamont last Tuesday.

Walter and Levi Lehman visited at the Fred Mosher home in Manchester Friday.

Ray Brown moved his household goods here from Lamont last week and will take charge of the store. Mr. Waldo expects to return to Manchester.

Perry Smith spent a few days of last week in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sherman are the proud parents of a baby boy.

John Robertson called at D. W. Barr's last Thursday.

Wornie Boots and Ed Chambers were in Manchester last Friday.

A good many of the farmers in this vicinity moved last Friday. Mrs. Heyer has moved to Dundee and Jas. Faust has rented her farm for the coming year.

R. H. Bowers delivered a horse at Manchester last Friday.

Ben Sark left for Waterloo last Saturday where he expects to remain for some time.

E. Heyer and Jeanette Preussner visited with Mrs. H. Jeffries last

Sunday.

Mrs. Lula McOutcheon spent Friday of last week with her sister in Manchester.

Bradley Bros. will give a high class vaudeville and moving picture show at the Thorpe hall next Wednesday evening, March 6.

Frank Martin and Dan Messmore attended the wrestling match at Manchester Friday night.

### SPECIAL WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

By Clyde H. Tavenner.

The amount of business being done by the railroads, steel mills, manufacturing and banks of the country at the present time is considerably in advance of that of a year ago.

The gross earnings of the railroads for the first week of February were 9.31 per cent better than a year ago.

For the fourth week of January the reports from forty-four roads indicate a gain over last year of 12.27 per cent.

Reports for December show an increase of net earnings over December, 1910, of no less than 7.83 per cent.

Bank clearings last week were better than a year ago.

Foreign trade in January was very large. The exports exceeded those of any preceding January except in 1908, and the imports were larger than for any preceding month with a single exception.

Financial arrangements have recently been made by several railroads for raising \$90,000,000 to be used in extensions and improvements. The Erie railroad, for instance, plans to expend \$10,000,000 in the next ten years for completing the double tracking of its main line between New York and Chicago. The Atlantic is raising \$50,000,000 for new work and equipment, and other companies are preparing to put smaller amounts into improvements.

All this does not look as if business is standing still simply because the House of Representatives is Democratic, nor that business fears the election of a Democratic president. The pre-election threat, made to intimidate voters, that the stagnation of business would follow immediately upon the election of a Democratic House, has not been fulfilled.

Some of the illegal trusts which have been throttling competition and boosting the prices of the things the people must have in order to live, are perhaps not particularly enamored with Democratic procedure, but legitimate business understands thoroughly that it has nothing to fear from Democratic ascendancy, and welcomes it.

Protection vs. Tariff for Revenue.

Workmen in Germany are "protected" by a tariff wall like our own Payne-Aldrich tariff wall. In England the workers are not so "protected".

According to Aldrich, Smoot, Guggenheim et al., the German workers ought to have more ideal conditions than the Britons. But let us see how much benefit the German really gets from protection.

Bricklayers in free-trade England receive \$7.72 per week and are required to work but 52 1-2 hours. Bricklayers in "protected" Germany receive \$7.50 per week and are required to work 59 hours a week.

This is not an isolated case. In all industries the English worker receives higher wages than the German, and works fewer hours.

And this is not all. The cost of living is much higher in protected Germany than in unprotected England. Where a Briton pays \$1.20 in rent a German pays \$1.47. Where a Briton (unprotected) spends \$1.20 on food and a German (protected) spends \$1.41.

The American workman is being outrageously tariff-taxed on everything he eats, wears or uses on the theory he is being "protected," when as a matter of fact the only thing that is being protected by the tariff is the monopolies of the tariff trusts on the necessities of life.

La Follette Not Ditched.

There has been in existence a general conspiracy all over the east seeking to make the people of the country believe that Senator La Follette is out of the race for the nomination for president. The conspiracy was pretty largely successful, because many people believe La Follette has quit. Senator La Follette is not that kind, however. He will go down fighting, if necessary, but he will not run up the white flag.

The following extracts of a telegram sent by Senator La Follette personally to North Dakota republicans shows where the Wisconsin senator stands on the subject of "laying down":

"The report that I have withdrawn as a candidate is false, and the statements regarding my health are gross misrepresentations. They are a part of the pressure brought to bear to force me from the contest, which I willingly undertook at a time when no one else could be induced to make the fight."

"I want delegates who are ready to win, or lose if need be, in the interest of a great cause. Let me through you assure the voters of North Dakota that I shall as always keep faith with them, and shall remain a candidate steadfast to the end."

Juggling the Figures.

Here is business secret: If you are running your concern at a big loss, but wish to make the figures show a surplus, simply put off paying heavy bills until after the reports of the receipts and expenditures are made up for the year.

This is the system by which Postmaster General Hitchcock put the postoffice on a "paying basis," according to charges made by W. D. Brown, formerly a government auditor, whose exposure of the situation is so obviously true Mr. Hitchcock has failed to reply.

Mr. Brown shows that the alleged

balance of \$219,118.13 announced at the close of the last fiscal year to the credit of the postoffice department in reality does not exist at all, but instead there is really a deficit of \$7,000,000.

Relief from Express Companies.

A charge of 25 cents, instead of \$1.32, for the delivery of a 11-pound package on rural free delivery routes, is in prospect, as the result of the action of Democratic members of the House committee on postoffices and postroads in incorporating in the appropriations bill provisions for a tentative parcels post system. The committee members also agreed upon a general domestic rate of 12 cents and a maximum package of 11 pounds. This is the present international parcels post rate. Under the Democratic House the express companies appear to have lost their power of moral persuasion with the postoffice committee.

Taft Tariff Board To Go.

The Democrats have had suggested to them a way to kill off the infamous Taft tariff board. The plan is to pass through the House a bill for the creation of a bureau of tariff statistics that shall be responsible to the legislative branch of the government, instead of to the executive branch alone, and that shall investigate and report on facts at the request of the House, which has authority to initiate revenue measures. There will then be no necessity for an appropriation for the tariff board, permitting that body to die with this fiscal year.

The past experience of some of the larger newspapers of the country in conducting "straw votes" just previous to an election would indicate that very little significance attaches to the "Roosevelt victories" that are being recorded in advance by the straw vote method.

In the campaign of 1908 the New York World went to great expense to conduct a post card canvass of the gubernatorial contest, and the results were worked out by expert statisticians. The figures, as collected by the newspaper showed that Chanler would have 490,570 votes in Greater New York and that Hughes would have 147,185. Chanler's indicated plurality in the state was 193,685.

The election returns, however, told quite a different story. Chanler's vote in the city was only 321,190, and Hughes was re-elected governor by a plurality of 63,462.

In 1904 the Brooklyn Eagle's poll showed that Parker would carry New York state by 75,421. His opponent beat him 175,552. In that same campaign the New York Herald's canvass indicated that Parker's plurality in Greater New York would be 147,747. His actual plurality was 36,000.

In all these canvasses no expense was spared to obtain accuracy. All the resources of wealthy newspapers were used to keep them correct, yet they all went wide of the mark; in fact, the verdict of the voters actually most exactly reversed the predictions of the straw votes. In each instance the final result made the preliminary polls look ridiculous.

The politicians in Washington, therefore, do not attach importance to the various 'straw votes' that are reported to have shown such good results for the former president.

Since his Columbus speech Mr. Roosevelt, these men say, is less a factor than ever, not because of what he said so much as because everybody is agreed—republicans and democrats alike—that the issue of the next campaign will be the tariff. In his Columbus speech Mr. Roosevelt had not a word to say on this important subject. Instead, he advocated the recall of judges, and what a hornet's nest he had thus kicked up among the reactionaries, he promptly denied that he had advocated the recall.

Worse Than Russian Methods Reported by Wool Trust.

By Arthur West.

The woolen trust has found a new weapon. This monopoly, having found that bayonets would not compel its \$6 a week workers to call off their strike, has hit upon an entirely new plan.

The trust now proposes to utilize the hunger of little children as a club to force the parents of those children to give up their strike. Here is how they are working the new scheme:

Many charitable organizations in cities adjacent to Lawrence, where the strike is in progress, after reading of the desperate straits to which the strikers' children had been reduced, made arrangements to have hundreds of these children cared for in private homes outside of Lawrence until the strike ended. Under this plan, many children were sent away, some to New York and Boston, and some as far away as Philadelphia.

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