

ALEX. RIDDELL DIES SUNDAY

PIONEER MERCHANT PASSES AWAY AT STRAWBERRY POINT.

MRS. CORNELIA BLANCHARD SUCCEUMBS

Aged and Highly Respected Woman Passes to Her Reward.

ALEXANDER RIDDELL.

At about one o'clock last Sunday afternoon Alexander Riddell died at his home in Strawberry Point, after a lingering illness of several years' duration.

Mr. Riddell was born in Hammond, New York, October 12, 1846, and at the time of his death was 66 years, 9 months and 14 days old.

He came to Manchester in 1869 and for about twenty-five years thereafter he was engaged in the mercantile business in this city. He and his brother David built the brick store now occupied by W. L. Drew. In that store building the firm of Riddell Brothers conducted an extensive and prosperous business. After a branch store had been established in Earlville the deceased moved there and managed that part of the business for about six years.

Early in the nineties the firm of Riddell Bros. dissolved and the deceased went to Omaha where he was engaged in the commission business until he returned to Iowa about four years ago to engage in the grocery and shoe business in Strawberry Point.

Alexander Riddell was an honest man, a trusty man, a good business man, a good man in his home and a good citizen in every relation of life.

He was united in marriage to Jessie Chamberlain in this city, on June 17, 1879. One daughter, Florence Riddell, now a teacher in the public schools of this city, was born to them.

The deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, two brothers, G. H. Riddell of California, and W. F. Riddell of Massachusetts, and two elderly sisters of Hammond, New York.

Funeral services will be held in Strawberry Point at nine o'clock this Wednesday forenoon and at the grave in Oakland cemetery in this city at one o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. J. F. Moore will conduct the services that will be held in Oakland.

MRS. CORNELIA BLANCHARD.

Mrs. Cornelia Blanchard was born in Naples, Ontario county, New York, June 2, 1825, and passed to that beautiful Home across the way, to which she so often during her illness expressed a wish to go, at one o'clock, Saturday morning, July 27, at the grand old age of 87 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Gardner Blanchard, the young husband of her youthful days, preceded her in death many years ago in the home of their nativity.

Only one child was born to them, Mrs. Sophia Blanchard Otis of this city, who together with her husband and daughters have tenderly cared for the aged mother and grandmother in her declining years and have been mindful of her every comfort. Mrs. Otis herself administering to her with untiring hands to the very last, her kindly ministrations finally tilling her to untroubled repose.

She was one of eleven children of which only two survive. One brother, Tunis Moshier, who lives in the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, aged 79 years and a sister, Matilda Goumry, aged 83 years who lives in the far west. A sister, Rachael Grammon aged 81 years, died in Oklahoma June 7th of the present year, of whose death she never apprized her in her dying condition.

In almost every community there is "a mother in Israel", a mother of mothers, whose great heart is like the ocean and claims the outpourings of every stream of life and such a mother was Cornelia Blanchard, whom we have known for many years and looking backward far down the corridor of by-gone years, we have only beautiful memories of her, threaded with golden strands, memories of loving kindness toward all her fellow sojourners through this dear world of ours.

She was one of the charter members of the M. E. Church of Manchester, but was in sympathy with all those who follow the teachings of the Saviour, but with her now, the mystery of death, the darkness of the valley is past, and the outburst of light and glory, from the dark night on earth to the morning brightness of an immortal glory.

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE.

The undersigned hereby certify that The Democrat Contest Automobile is the latest model Ford Five-Passenger Touring Car; that it is a new car, having been received by us direct from the factory on June 21, 1912; that we have been paid in full for it; and that it is now on exhibition at our garage in Manchester, Iowa, where it may be seen by anyone interested.

Signed at Manchester, Iowa, this 8th day of July, 1912.
JOHN M. JONES & SONS.

must indeed be wonderful. The funeral services conducted by Rev. Moore were held from the home at four o'clock Sunday afternoon and burial was made in Oakland cemetery where she "rests free from her labors and her good works shall long follow after her" as the text of the sermon implied. She is not here—our loved one gone forever.

In the dear old home, we'll meet again, oh, never, when she walks, beyond earth's show-down dreary, though long the way seems. We have grown so weary, though long the way seems. We have grown so weary, though long the way seems. We have grown so weary, though long the way seems.

LATES ON THIRD STREET AT C. CROSSING.

Mayor LeRoy after negotiations covering several months is just in receipt of the following letter:

Chicago, Ill., July 27, 1912.
Hon. M. F. LeRoy, Mayor,
City of Manchester, Ia.

Dear Sir: I have instructed our Maintenance Wagon to put up crossing gates at Third street, as you have requested.

We expect before long to rebuild the water tank, and when we do we will select a new location. It is our policy to set water tanks back from the main track, which is quite expensive, on account of the large pipe running from the tank to the penstock, and other changes in the discharge pipe and tank itself.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, and with the assurance on our part that we desire to meet the wishes of our patrons whenever possible, I am, Yours very truly,

W. F. Park,
Vice President and General Manager.

COUNCIL HOLDS TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS.

On Wednesday evening, July 25, the city council held a special session and formally accepted the paving done by the Ford company of Cedar Rapids on Franklin street from Myette street to Clara avenue.

The unanimous petitions from the property holders on East Delaware at 34 south Brewer streets to pave and clear their streets without the usual delays were brought in.

On Monday evening, July 29, a special session was held and the only business transacted was the ratifying of the paving contract for Delaware and Brewer streets to William Jewell at thirty-five cents a yard.

A. M. Cloud presented a petition extending the road which runs north from the Hoag farm to Malireet, crossing up a new street.

AUT. PARTY FROM GREELEY.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holbert of Greeley entertained an automobile party of eighteen at the Clarence house Friday evening.

There were four cars in the party that arrived about five and left about one o'clock in the evening.

The guests were Messrs. and Mrs. James E. H. Hicks, H. M. Carpenter, S. Carpenter of Monticello, Charles Roberts of Strawberry Point, and Henry Drysdale of Greeley; Messrs. John K. Wiley and Y. J. Tierney of Monticello, Jas. Butts of Lewistown, Michigan, Frank Wilson, Tom Holbert and Fred Holbert of Greeley, and Miss Buelah Combs of Greeley.

REPORT OF MANCHESTER CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY CO.

The report of the Manchester Co-operative Creamery company for the month of June 1912 was as follows:

Number of pounds of milk received, 791,693.

Number of pounds of cream received, 4,200.

Average test, 3.5.

Average price, \$1.01.

Highest price paid per hundred lbs., \$1.23.

Lowest price paid per hundred lbs., 34 cents.

Price paid per pound for butter fat, 29 cents.

LENOX ALUMNI IN CAMP.

Mrs. H. A. Stead left today for Hopkinton where she will join a camping party of alumni of Lenox college. The alumni are assembling from all parts of the country to enjoy a two weeks outing on the banks of the Maquoketa near the scenes of their college days.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter have gone to Lyon county, this state, called there by the death of Mrs. Carter's elder brother, Byron (Cleveland), who died Saturday, the 27th, and whose funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock at the farm home on Wednesday.

TWO WRECK ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Early Friday morning the west bound passenger train No. 5, due in Manchester at 8:10 A. M., jumped the track near Apple River, Illinois, while going at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour and with the miraculous results that no serious injuries resulted to either train nor passengers.

The cause of the wreck was the broken rail was the cause and the train ploughed through the dirt for a distance of six hundred feet before it could be stopped. The level of the right-of-way probably explains why the wreck was not of a more serious nature.

The report reached Manchester that there had been a number killed and injured, which caused much worry in the part of many, as several Manchester people were on the train.

A great delay in trains was caused by the accident, however, as forty cars and over six hundred tons were destroyed and it was not until Saturday morning that repairs were completed and regular service resumed.

The regular trains were derailed over the Great Western from East Dubuque to Freeport.

Traffic was again impeded by No. 2, an Illinois Central manifest freight, going through a bridge near Cascade crossing, west of Dubuque. The wreck took place about seven o'clock Friday night. The train was running at a high rate of speed and a broken wheel probably caused the wreck. When this car struck a small bridge it became dislodged from the track with the result that ten cars piled up in the creek.

This is one of the Illinois Central's "fast" freights, carrying all of the perishable and short time merchandise. The regular trains were derailed from Dyersville to Dubuque over the Chicago Great Western.

FINCH SWEEPER COMPANY TO BE ORGANIZED.

Two of the new Finch Street sweepers and a Finch Dump Car, where Mr. Finch had them built, arrived yesterday from Cedar Rapids. Both these machines are of Mr. Finch's invention and have many new and important features that will make them ready sellers. The feature of an awesweeper is its dustless and thorough work. The machine was tried out on the streets of Cedar Rapids, and proved very successful. The machines are not quite complete, merely in the rough.

The dumping wagon has many advantages over that of other makes. It is low down, easy to shovel into, and the method of dumping is all on the inside.

A patent has been secured for the sweeper and one has been applied for for the dump-car.

Both machines have been perfected to such a degree that local parties have become interested and have a company all but organized. At a meeting Wednesday night officers will be elected. Articles of incorporation have already been filed.

A location in Manchester has not been decided upon as yet but a large place will be needed. All up-to-date and rapid machinery will be installed and a force of at least fifteen men will be employed at the start.

Efforts are being made to get at work as soon as possible for Mr. Finch already has several orders for the sweeper. One company alone has sent in an order for twenty or more dumping wagons.

This is one of the latest moves toward getting something in a factory line started here and the project should receive support and all should boost a Manchester man's invention.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

For the week ending July 28, 1912, Des Moines, Iowa.

The conditions during the past week were almost ideal for growing crops, and for haying, harvesting and thrashing. The temperature was about normal, and while the rainfall was generally deficient, nearly all parts of the state received light to southern showers. Some localities in the southern districts, however, need rain badly for corn, potatoes and pastures, but for the state as a whole all crops are in excellent condition. Haying is nearly finished, and the crop has been put up in fine shape. The yield of hay is better than anticipated and the quality is extra good. The small grain harvest has progressed rapidly, and the bulk of it will be completed by the end of the coming week. Early reports show some exceptionally large yields and fine quality of grain. The yield of winter wheat ranges from twenty-five to fifty bushels per acre; oats thirty to sixty-five and barley, twenty-two to thirty bushels. No timothy has yet been thrashed, but a large acreage has been cut for seed. Corn has made rapid growth, and the early fields are shooting nicely, but a crop as a whole is not yet quite up to the normal in size and development, although the prospects are good for better than an average yield if favorable weather continues. Potatoes are generally in good condition and give promise of a large crop.

George M. Chappel,
Section Director.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Lindsay and daughter, Florence, went overland in their automobile the last of the week to Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Lindsay returned in a few days, but Mrs. Lindsay and Florence will remain for a few weeks' visit.

BOOMING GAS PLANT.

A Local Company Being Organized to Float the Project. Vinton Man Explains the Plant.

Manchester is all active with the prospect of having another enterprise in the shape of a gas plant. All of the larger towns over the state are securing these plants for gas is very economical for both light and fuel, as the number of useful by-products that can be sold greatly increases the cost of production.

E. W. Murphy of Vinton, one of the stockholders in the gas company there was in the city a few days last week and carefully explained the workings of their concern.

He informed us that the plant at Vinton, which is a city of 2,400, cost approximately \$38,000 and is yielding large dividends. The entire plant is owned by home capital and Mr. C. E. Chapman, who is promoting the Manchester concern, is canvassing the business men and hopes that no outside capital will be required to erect one here.

Thirty thousand dollars is the sum needed to provide our Dairy City with gas. This would mean one of the latest plants with all the modern inventions for filtration, purification and high pressure.

EXPLOSION AT CREAMERY.

An Ammonia Pipe Explodes, Endangering the Lives of the Employees.

The employees of the Dairy City Creamery Company had a narrow escape Thursday afternoon when one of the ammonia pipes in the refrigerator plant exploded and filled the building with the poisonous fumes.

Several of the employees were working far from the exits and before they could reach them were partially overcome by the gas.

Miss Margaret Florine, who was wrapping butter in the room where the pipe exploded, was unable to get out and before assistance reached her was totally overcome and when she was carried from the building it was thought that her condition was serious, but she recovered from the effects of the gas all right.

Great difficulty was experienced in repairing the burst pipes, as the place was so permeated with gas that the workmen could only work a few minutes at a time for fear of being overcome.

A NEW RECTORY AT ST. MARY'S WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

The result of the call issued by Rev. Rooney a short time ago to the parishioners of the St. Mary's church showed at the close of last week that \$8,500 had been raised. It is expected that this amount will be increased to \$15,000 within another week.

The old rectory will be moved at once to the rear of the St. Xavier's school and after being thoroughly remodeled will be used as a home for the Sisters who teach in the school.

With the removal of the old building a new rectory will be started and will be a beautiful modern dwelling, which will amply accommodate the needs of the resident pastor.

The exterior remodeling of the church will be delayed until spring, but the interior will be thoroughly refinished.

BIKE AND AUTO COLLIDE.

Charley Burbridge, the newsboy, collided on his bicycle with an automobile belonging to the Model Laundry of Waterloo. The bicycle was broken up but the rider escaped with but slight bruises. The accident took place at what is known as the four corners. An accident has been expected at that place for some time, as the auto drivers and cyclists are very careless.

There are many laws governing the driving of cars in a city, but from all indications these are not being regarded very well. The authorities have warned several people and if the violations continue the city treasury will be replenished by a few fines.

DOGS A NUISANCE.

The residents in different sections of the city have been greatly annoyed of late by dogs barking at night. Sleep was rendered impossible to the residents a few blocks north of the business section the other night by a pack of about ten dogs that howled and yelped the night through. The records show but fourteen dogs in the city that are claimed and paid for according to the law. If some tags were used so that the taxed dogs could be identified and protected, measures could be taken to exterminate a few of the curs that are a nuisance in the city.

OUTING CLUB ENTERTAINED AT STRAWBERRY POINT.

On Thursday the members of the Outing Club and a few guests spent a very pleasant day at Strawberry Point as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Granger, who are spending the summer at that place.

A four course dinner was served at noon, after which the ladies were given an auto ride around the city. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Granger were Mesdames Tirrill, Williston, Tuttle, Schwietert, Stanger, Le Roy, Sherwood, Carpenter, Merry, Russel, Hutchinson and York.

CONTEST BULLETIN

The Democrat's Big Automobile Contest, which has attracted so much attention, closes at 6 p. m.,

Saturday, Aug. 17

As the office clock begins to strike the hour of six the ballot box will be closed, no more votes will be accepted and the contest will be at an end. The votes will be counted and the prizes awarded to the contestants having the largest number of votes. The past few days thousands upon thousands of votes have been brought to the Democrat office by contestants and friends. Every contestant is urged to put in her best efforts to the last minute. It may mean that one of the lowest at present on the list will win one of the valuable prizes offered by this paper, any one of which is well worth working for. Who will win the special prize Saturday, August 17? From all appearances it is going to be a close race. Double votes will be in force until August 3. Remember you have only 17 days more to work, so make every day a voting day and every friend a voter.

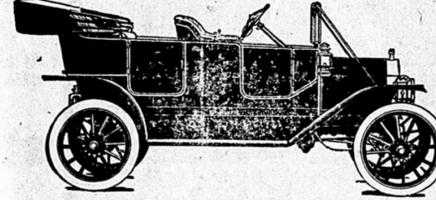
ABOUT YOUR VOTES

The last count to be made by the Contest Manager will be Monday, August 5, all votes turned in from that date will be counted by the judges, at the close of contest. If you think your votes are not counted correct, now is the time to speak about it. We do not want any dissatisfaction. We are willing to count your votes over for you, if you think they are not correct. The judges will count only the votes turned in from August 5, and will add them to your total of votes which will appear in August 7 issue of The Democrat.

The best advice which we can offer contestants is to keep busy every possible moment they can. Delay is a term that will undermine the foundation of success that has been built up by previous efforts. Supreme

confidence in your own ability is a diamond studded budgeon that will tanner out a shining success for you. Contestants are now entering the home stretch of our great contest in which the winners will be repaid many times for their efforts of the past few weeks. A race of any sort is always won in the finish by a startling sprint. In order to win contestants must sprint from now until the finish. It rests entirely with the contestants, who the winners will be, and there is no reason why any contestant should become discouraged at this stage of the game. All will get a fair square deal, and this fact is assured by the counting of votes on the last day by disinterested parties.

THE PRIZES WE OFFER:



- One new 5-passenger Ford Touring Car, 1912 Model, fully equipped. On display at John M. Jones & Sons'.
- One \$325 Piano in District No. 1; comprising all of the territory outside of Manchester. On display at Myers & Spink's.
- One \$325 Piano in District No. 2, comprising the city of Manchester, Iowa. On display at Myers & Spink's.
- One \$65 Lady's Solitaire Diamond Ring in

- District No. 1. On display at D. R. Lewis & Bro's.
 - One \$65 Lady's Solitaire Diamond Ring in District No. 2. On display at D. R. Lewis & Bro.
 - Three \$20 Ladies' "D/R. Lewis Special" Gold Watches, with 25-year guarantee. On display at D. R. Lewis & Bro's.
- LOOK HERE! ADDITIONAL OFFER!** Every contestant, not winning one of the prizes mentioned above, who works in the contest until the close, will be given 15 per cent. in cash of the amount of money she has turned in during the contest.

Standing of Contestants

Manchester.	Manchester.	Masonville.
Rose Hedlund123300	Kate Jones, R. R. 3.137650	Saloma Link 67550
Nellie Davis123000	Mrs. E. A. Durey, R. R. 6.120350	Dundee.
Laura Brown 60900	Pearl Le Clere108250	Erma Seward 57750
Charlotte Atwater 56000	Miss Jennie Timm46050	Mildred Smith 39750
Mrs. Etta Reeves 29650		Hopkinton.
		Helen Cramer 134350
		Delaware.
		Ruth Coates 68100
Petersburg.	Edgewood.	
Eda Rubly 133700	Laura Peet 133350	

THIS BALLOT EXPIRES AUGUST 3, 1912.

The Democrat Automobile Voting Contest

50 Good For Fifty Votes 50

For Miss Address This ballot good for Fifty Votes when filled out and sent to The Democrat Office by mail or otherwise. No ballots will be altered in any way or transferred after being received by The Democrat. Address Contest Manager, care The Democrat, Manchester, Iowa.

Double Vote Schedule

For Democrat Automobile Contest		
One Year \$ 1.50	2000	votes
Two Years 3.00	4200	votes
Three Years 4.50	6600	votes
Four Years 6.00	9000	votes
Five Years 7.50	2000	votes
Ten Years 15.00	9000	votes
Mr. Subscriber, pay your subscription and credit votes to your favorite.		

For all information relative to the contest, call the Contest Mgr., Phone 154 The Democrat Office