

PHILIPP HEISERMAN BARN BURNED

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING DURING STORM MONDAY NIGHT. CONTENTS LOST.

FIVE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Manchester Enjoying Healthy Building Boom This Year. Many New Residences.

LIGHTNING CAUSES FIRE.

This morning about three o'clock during the severe electrical storm, the barn belonging to Philip Heiserman, living five miles southwest of Manchester, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. A small two-story house and calf barn adjoining were also destroyed.

MUCH BUILDING GOING ON IN MANCHESTER.

Manchester has been more than keeping pace with the progressive spirit of the times and the Dairy City is daily growing into a larger spot on the map.

This summer has marked the completion, erection and commencing of nearly thirty houses, while many have been completely overhauled and remodeled.

All these structures have been strictly modern, with all the latest conveniences in lights, water, sewerage. The cost of many have ranged high up in the thousands and some are beautiful types of modern architecture.

A few of the new property owners are Messrs. J. A. Strickland, Alle Barr, Chas. McCormick, Wm. Hahney, Oscar Salsburg, S. K. Myers, Fred Herman. Extensive repairs have been made by E. W. Sedgwick, W. H. Norris and Burton Clark.

Extensive repairs have been commenced on the Catholic church property, consisting of the remodeling of the old rectory and the church on the erection of a new rectory.

W. H. Norris in addition to the remodeling of his old residence into a modern double flat, will erect a beautiful dwelling on the site of his old residence in the city.

The business district has not been idle and many improvements have been made on the different store buildings.

The school house is also undergoing a thorough remodeling and enlarging. With the prospects of several factories Manchester seems to be practicing the "booster spirit" that she has been preaching and the "go busy and keep busy" for Manchester spirit seems to be permeating the air of our Dairy City.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Late Friday afternoon a large crowd was called out by an alarm of fire. The barn belonging to William McIntosh Sr. was discovered to be on fire and despite the prompt response of the fire company it was totally destroyed.

It is thought that the fire originated from hot ashes being thrown too close to the barn. Smoke was observed by the neighbors but it was not until the barn was all ablaze that the nature of the fire was realized.

The close proximity to several houses made it rather serious but the blaze was checked by the fire company before any outside damage was done. A horse which was stable in the building had been removed but a short time before the discovery of the fire. A couple of buggies and other contents of the barn were destroyed.

REPAIRS ON BANK.

Extensive repairs are being made by the Farmers and Merchants State Savings Bank. The front has been repaired and is being treated with a coat of paint, and the interior refinished.

NEW AUTOS.

The roster of Manchester automobile owners was swelled the past week by J. G. Lewis purchasing a fine Oakland touring car and L. C. Preussner a Ford.

TAYLOR-BROWN.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock the Methodist parsonage was solemnized the marriage of Miss Gene Taylor and Mr. Amsa Brown, both of this city. The wedding was a very quiet nature. Mr. Charles Talven and Miss Ella Oliver being the only ones present with the bride and groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. Taylor, formerly of Manchester. She has been employed at the Clarence House for a number of years.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of this city and is employed at the firm of Reed Bros.

Both young people have many friends in the city who extend their warmest congratulations and wish them much happiness in their future.

GAS PLANT PROGRESSING.

The gas plant agitation that was started a short time ago is still moulder-ing. A committee of the business men have gone to visitants in Vinton, Iowa, and Rochelle, Illinois, and other plants in town to see the size of Manchester and will report whether they consider it advisable that local capital should provide for Dairy City with such an enterprise.

C. E. Chapman, who has been active as promoter of the idea, says that the capital is eager to come and would the proposition be rejected by the local parties.

"TIERNY" OPENS SUNDAY.

The formal opening of the Tierne store which has been delayed two weeks on account of the non-arrival of fixtures, will take place Sunday August 11. The interior is beautifully finished and decorations of autumn tints is used throughout. The art table fountain was installed last week and is a beauty in every respect.

FALSE ALARM.

Many of the residents of the city, awoke Saturday noon in response to the clamorous ringing of the fire bell and jumped back again with a "got stung" look on their countenances when they learned that a trial was being made of the new electric apparatus installed on the fire alarm.

BREAKS ARM AGAIN.

Miss Winnie Work, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Work, who broke her arm a short time ago and was on the rapid road to recovery, had the misfortune to "break" Saturday morning and break her arm again in the same place.

FINCH SWEEPER ON STREETS.

The Finch street sweeper made its appearance on the streets of the city Thursday and gave an exhibition of its work. The pavement that it covered was much the better for the trial for a "clean sweep" as made of everything.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Miss Jennie Holmes entertained a party of twelve Friday evening at bridge. Dainty refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Mrs. E. H. Hoyt spent Saturday at Dubuque.

C. V. Pollock of Cedar Rapids was an over Sunday visitor at the W. V. White home.

Mrs. E. H. Prowse returned on Saturday from a short visit in Rockford, Illinois.

Albert Kelly and Merritt Burk of Marion were over Sunday visitor at Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Dunham of Dubuque were over Sunday visitors with relatives in the city.

John May Jr., the expressman, is taking a short vacation. Harry Anderson is taking his place.

The many patrons of the Cedar Rapids branch were all delighted to see Conductor A. S. Hart back of his run Thursday morning. Mr. Hart has been very ill for over a month and his friends are glad to see him recovered and at his usual post.

The new stables for the Delaware County Fair association are now completed. The barn is 24x100 feet and contains twenty six stalls. A new woven wire fence has also been built between the cemetery and fair grounds and work has been commenced to put the track in shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross and son Harold returned from Iowa City Thursday. Mr. Cross has been confined in the hospital there for a number of weeks recovering from an injured eye, hurt while working at the High School. Although in a fair state of recovery yet he will not be able to resume his duties for some time.

OPENS NEW STORE.

The Snodgrass Clothing Company has purchased another store in Parkersburg, Iowa. This gives them four clothing establishments on the main line of the Illinois Central at Iowa Falls, Ackley, Parkersburg and Manchester. Frank Kelsner, who has been employed in the Manchester store, left Thursday for Parkersburg to take charge of the new establishment. William Confare, who for a number of years has been in the employ of Stearns and McCormick, has accepted a position with the Snodgrass Co.

The Manchester store will be fitted with entirely new fixtures and the interior of the building refinished. A new steam heating plant will also be installed.

VARIETY STORE MOVES.

Extensive repairs were made on the store building formerly occupied by the Howland grocery and the stock of the Variety store was moved in Monday.

The old quarters were far too small to accommodate the trade and a popular store and a removal was made necessary. The millinery department belonging to the firm will be moved into the old quarters as an annex to the present location.

CHANGE IN TIME.

A change in the time of the Chicago Great Western trains beginning on Sunday, August 4, necessitates the change in time of the M. & O. trains connecting with them at Oneida.

Train No. 6 that has left Manchester at 1:30 p. m. will now leave at 1:15 p. m. and will connect with C. & W. train No. 4, east bound, due at Oneida at 3:07 p. m. and No. 3, west bound, due at 3:50 p. m., returning to Manchester at 4:20 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cloud of Cannon, South Dakota, are guests at the M. Cloud home.

Misses Veronica and Marguerite Wheeler of Waverly are visiting Mrs. T. Kephart in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Brownell, Mrs. J. J. Antony and Miss Mable Davis were Dubuque visitors Wednesday.

C. R. Macchogin of Vinton, who has been visiting relatives in the city returned to his home Friday.

Miss Eva Towler of Los Angeles, California, arrived Saturday for a visit at the John M. Burns home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barr, left Friday for Lansing, Iowa, for a short visit with their son, Fred Barr.

Miss Mabel Rankin of Des Moines arrived Monday for a week's visit at the Paul J. Gilbert home.

Rev. T. E. Fleming of Marshall arrived Sunday for a brief visit with his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Cloud.

Miss Mabel Brethoupe, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to her home in Dubuque Wednesday.

Mrs. Dale Mungler and Mrs. J. E. Heeble went to Cedar Rapids on Wednesday to be gone for three or four days.

Jack Edwards and Miss Margaret Hughes of Williamsburg were over Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drew.

Rev. Clifton Keagy of Dunker on arrived Monday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Keagy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Baughn of Deloit, Wisconsin, and Miss Mabel Oggle of Springfield are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnd.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Boynton and children, who have been visiting relatives in the city, returned to their home in Chicago Sunday.

Miss Ruth Morrissey, who had been spending a few days with her friend, Miss Ruth Billingsley, returned to her home in Dubuque Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Ashby autoed from Hazelton Friday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kaster.

Hunt Armistead, who has been spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Armistead, returned Sunday to his home in Doon, Iowa.

Miss Lydia Keep, who has been visiting friends in the city, left for Cedar Falls today. Miss Keep was at one time a primary teacher in the Manchester schools.

The Knights of Pythias will hold an informal dancing party at their hall in this city Wednesday evening of this week. All Knights and Sisters are invited.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Billingsley and daughter Ruth, who have been camping for the past two weeks at the Palleades near Mt. Vernon, arrived home Friday evening.

Misses Abbie Howard, Ethel Morgan and Ona Barnd left this morning for Isabel, South Dakota, where they will visit Frank Barnd and a number of Manchester people located in that vicinity.

The ladies of the W. A. Morse Relief Corps will hold an ice cream social on R. W. Fisher's lawn, one block north of the Court House on Friday evening, August 5th. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. Mabel Farnum and Miss Bessie Bates, who have been visiting at the B. W. Grooms home, left Sunday for Fredricksburg, Iowa. After a short visit there they will return to their homes in Los Angeles, California.

WILL OF H. R. CHAFFEE WHO LOST LIFE ON TITANIC CAUSES LITIGATION.

The following from a Minneapolis paper gives an account of what promises to be interesting litigation over the will of H. R. Chaffee of America, N. D. Mrs. Chaffee, who was rescued from the Titanic, on which Mr. Chaffee lost his life, was formerly a resident of Manchester.

"North Dakota has a remarkable 'lost will' case involving a \$2,000,000 estate left by a victim of the Titanic disaster and affecting two Minneapolis organizations, the Plymouth Congregational church and the Minnesota division of the International Sunshine society, which has headquarters in Minneapolis.

The estate is that of H. R. Chaffee of America, N. D., who lost his life on the Titanic, and who, according to his wife, had drawn a will naming the two Minneapolis organizations among the legatees. In Fargo today Mrs. Chaffee, who says she desires to carry out the wishes of her husband, began a legal fight to prove the contents of the will, even though the document itself has been lost. It is said that her two sons oppose this action and will demand that the estate be divided according to the inheritance laws of North Dakota.

The news of the lost will litigation came to Minneapolis this week, when attorneys for the church and the International Sunshine society were notified that Mrs. Chaffee would try to prove the contents of the lost will of her husband and that the two organizations had been named as legatees under the will. Immediate steps to protect the legal interests of the two organizations were taken. The amount of legacies to the two organizations is not known, but Mrs. Chaffee says that she is familiar with the contents of the will and can prove by oral testimony the various provisions of the document.

H. R. Chaffee was well known in Minneapolis and spent part of his time here. He was president of the John Miller Grain company.

Mr. Chaffee's death on the Titanic was one of the incidents of the sea disaster. He placed his wife aboard a lifeboat and said that he would stay on the liner. His wife pleaded with him to go with her, but he declined.

Attorneys representing Mrs. Chaffee and the International Sunshine society appeared in probate court at Fargo late today and asked that the will be admitted to probate, even though the original document had been lost. In support of their position they proposed to introduce evidence showing that the will was not destroyed by Mr. Chaffee. A careful search of his belongings has failed to disclose the instrument.

The Chaffee estate is estimated to be worth \$2,000,000, one of the assets being 40,000 acres of land in Jessup county, North Dakota. In addition Mr. Chaffee owned a string of coalmines and stores.

GILLILAN-ESLER.

Their many friends were surprised to hear of the marriage of Miss Lila Gillilan and Oscar H. Esler. The marriage took place in Dubuque on Monday afternoon, July 29, at 2:30 P. M. Dr. Mulligan officiating.

The bride has made Manchester her home for the last few years, residing with her aunt, Mrs. H. F. Bellows. The groom is the second in command of the Illinois Central depot, having been located in Manchester for a number of years. Both are popular young people and have a host of friends that extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Miss Maida Allyn spent Monday in Dubuque.

Dr. B. H. Byers was a Dyeraville visitor today.

Mrs. A. M. Cloud was a Dubuque visitor Saturday.

Henry Percival visited over Sunday in Waterloo.

Mrs. H. G. Pierce was a Waterloo visitor Friday.

A. T. Prescott was a Dubuque caller Wednesday.

Mrs. E. G. Dittmer was a Waterloo visitor Monday.

Mrs. W. M. Tompkins was a Dubuque visitor Monday.

Harry Kephart was a business visitor in Jessup Monday.

Harry Finch of Central City was an over Sunday visitor in the city.

Mrs. Riley Smith left Wednesday for a few days visit in Earlville.

Mrs. H. L. Rann left Saturday for Mason City to enjoy a short visit.

W. J. Davis left Saturday on a business trip to Winton, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White left Monday for a week's visit in Independence.

CONTEST BULLETIN!

Contest Closes August 17, at 6 O'clock P. M.

All contestants should make a personal report on the last day and be sure to be on time. Supreme confidence and undaunted nerve are the winning qualities. Are you sure you have enough subscriptions to make you the winner? Better win by thousands of votes than lose by a single subscription.

Read Very Carefully
the article in this paper and be sure that you understand all matters pertaining to the close. Be sure you are right and then go ahead. If you have any doubts, consult the Contest Manager, as a mistake at the finish might be very expensive.

Who Will Be the Winners?

Our great contest will close in just ten more days. August 17th is the date upon which someone will be the happy possessor of the famous Ford Touring Car. Long term subscriptions are great aids in bringing you toward the goal of success. Get all the big subscriptions you possibly can.

Miss Ida Rubly Won the Special Prize Diamond Ring Last Saturday
We will continue the double votes till August 10th. Make Saturday your banner day. "THERE IS A REASON."

EVERY CONTESTANT
may rest assured that they will get a square deal. In order to insure absolute fairness to everyone concerned, the ballot box will be closed from now until the close, and all voting will be in complete secrecy. The standing of contestants as it appears in this issue is the last count which will be made by the Contest Manager and all uncounted votes and those which come in between now and the close will be counted by the judges after the close of the contest. The names of judges will be announced in next week's issue, and they will be well known business men of Manchester and Delaware county.

The judges will count only the votes which are in the ballot box. To the number of votes found in the ballot box will be added the standing of contestants as it appears in the paper today, thus finding the total of votes for each contestant.

OUR CLOSING PLAN.
On the last day only contestants may deposit their reports in the sealed ballot box, which is in the

Democrat office. By this method each contestant can keep absolute secrecy as to the number of votes she has and it will be impossible for any information to leak out.

Special report blanks will be furnished to every contestant, and all reports must be made on the blanks the last day.

Contestants desiring to place their reports directly in the ballot box without consulting anyone should be sure that they have filled out their report blanks properly and then place them to correspond to the total of the report with report in an envelope and then deposit the envelope in the ballot box. The judges will issue votes on all reports found in the ballot box.

Consult the Contest Manager, and be sure you understand everything fully.

The contest will close at 6 p. m., Saturday, August 17, and all contestants must be in the Democrat office at that time, but will be allowed to vote until 6:45 p. m. One of the judges will keep time and see that

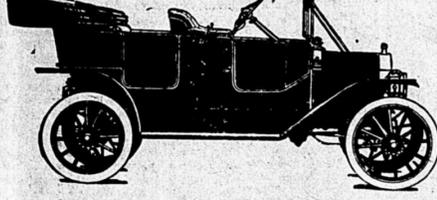
the above instructions are followed.

Contestants who desire to make their report directly to the Contest Manager, should make their report to him before 4 p. m. on the last day. A contestant may make a part of her report directly to the Contest Manager, and may place the balance in the sealed ballot box if she so desires.

Promptly at 6:45 on Saturday, the 17th, the judges will see that all voting ceases, and will then open the sealed ballot box and make the final count of votes. The final count will likely be made in one of the banks. No one will be present at the count except the judges, the editors and the contest manager. As soon as the judges have finished the count, the winners will be announced at the Democrat office. Mail reports must be mailed so they will reach the Democrat three hours before the closing hour (6:46).

Remember the closing hour and be sure and be on time. Are you sure you understand everything fully? If not, it will only take a few minutes to consult the Contest Manager.

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

This is the last count to be made by the Contest Manager. Standing of contestants up to August 8th.

Manchester.

Rose Hedlund141200
Nelle Davis137100
Laura Brown69900

Manchester.
R. F. D.
Kate Jones, R. R. 3144150
Mrs. E. A. Durey, R. R. 6143250
Pearl Le Clerc108250
Miss Jennie Timm67450

Anna L. Sheppard, Route 11000
Petersburg.
Ida Rubly150550
Hopkinton.
Helen Cramer145750
Edgewood.
Laura Peet139950
Masonville.
Saloma Link73150
Delaware.
Ruth Coates68650
Dundee.
Erma Seward64950

Double Vote Schedule

For Democrat Automobile Contest

One Year	\$ 1.50	2000 votes
Two Years	3.00	4200 votes
Three Years	4.50	6800 votes
Four Years	6.00	9000 votes
Five Years	7.50	12000 votes
Ten Years	15.00	25000 votes

Mr. Subscriber, pay up your subscription and credit your votes to your favorite.

Remember the closing hour and be sure and be on time. Are you sure you understand everything fully? If not, it will only take a few minutes to consult the Contest Manager.

Contest Mgr.,
Phone 154
The Democrat Office

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.