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DEATH CLAIMS NUMEROUS RESIDENTS

W. M. SAWYER PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN THIS CITY ON THURSDAY.

DEATH OF MRS. W. RUSSELL

Mrs. Ward, formerly a resident of Manchester, succumbs to attack of pneumonia.

After a long and wearisome illness, death claimed another of Manchester's well-known and highly respected and honored citizens, in the person of Washington Matthew Sawyer, his death occurring at his home on East Union street on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Washington County, Illinois, December 22, 1832, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Sawyer. In his boyhood days he received a thorough common school education, in his native county, where he resided until the spring of 1852, when he came to Delaware county, Iowa. In 1852 Mr. Sawyer located at what was known in an early day as Rockville, situated in the extreme eastern portion of Delaware county, where he and his brother conducted a general store.

This store he and his brother conducted for six years, after which he turned his attention to farming.

In the year 1857 Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Moreland, a native of the state of Pennsylvania. To this union were born the following children: Charles F. Sawyer, of Pomona, California; Richard C. Sawyer, of Howard, South Dakota; Jennie R. Dittmer, (deceased); Florence S. Hucker, of Parker, Iowa; Annie J. Parker, (deceased); Ernest B. Sawyer, of Earlville; Arthur L. Sawyer, of Greeley; Frank and William Sawyer, (deceased), and a son who died in infancy.

Mrs. Sawyer passed away in this city about ten years ago. Mr. Sawyer is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Adeline M. Cracker of Nashville, Illinois, and Mrs. Saline Williamson of Albian, Nebraska.

Funeral services were held from the late home on Union Street on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, conducting the services. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery. The services at the grave were under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which order Mr. Sawyer had been an honored member for many years.

In politics Mr. Sawyer was a republican, and was held in high esteem by his party. For six years he filled the office of county supervisor, and for five years served as the chairman of the board. He took keen interest in politics, educational matters and in social activities of the communities in which he lived. For thirty years he served his township—Elk—in the capacity of school director and treasurer. While holding positions of trust Mr. Sawyer established a record for remarkable executive ability and gave most loyal service.

Realizing the benefits derived from a good education, Mr. Sawyer saw to it that his own children were given thorough instruction. His own children have also been trained to the habits of industry, such as were inculcated by his parents, and to the practice of which he owed much of his success in life.

Mr. Sawyer possessed many admirable traits of character. In his speech and actions he was charitable and kind to his fellowmen. By reason of his companionable nature he formed close friendships in the communities which were so long his home. Since coming to Manchester, and particularly during the later years of his life, he took much comfort in the social gatherings of the older people of Manchester.

While the members of his family and the host of close friends in Delaware county find profound regret in Mr. Sawyer's demise, the news of his death cannot help but bring to them the sublime thought that his weary body has at last found gracious release from months of intense suffering. During the last ten weeks of his illness he was given the most tender care of his son, Richard C. Sawyer, and his good wife, who had given up their own home in Howard, South Dakota, to care for their aged father.

To the bereaved children is extended the sympathy of many friends.

MRS. WILLIAM RUSSELL

After an illness extending over several weeks, Mrs. William Russell passed peacefully away at her home northwest of the Quaker Mills, her death occurring on Thursday, January 1st, 1914. Funeral services were held from the family home on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. Frank Moore, of this city, conducting the services. The services at the grave in Oakland cemetery were conducted by James Mill Grange, of which society Mrs. Russell had been an honored member.

Anna Simmons was born at Skaneateles, New York, March 26, 1849. Her girlhood days were spent in her native state, and where on February 15, 1867, she was united in marriage with Mr. William Russell. Immediately following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Russell came west

and located in Manchester, where they resided for many years. Sixteen years ago they purchased the farm near the Quaker Mills, which has been their home since.

Russell leaves to mourn her death, her husband, and three children: Laura Thompson, of Beulah, Washington; Mrs. Mertie Warren, Jennings, Louisiana, and Mr. L. F. Russell, of this city. She leaves five brothers who reside in California, New York, and one brother and one sister, who reside in Jennings, Louisiana.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Episcopal church, while a resident of New York, and was a devout adherent to that faith. There being no Episcopal church society here Mrs. Russell never severed her connection with the society at Skaneateles.

Deceased was a devoted wife and mother, and gladly spent life in loving ministrations to those dearest to her, and was ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to any who were in need.

The Democrat joins with the many friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy to the husband and children who are called upon to mourn the death of this noble woman.

MRS. ANN WARD

The usual joy at entering upon a New Year was changed to the greatest sorrow in the Ward home at Ryan, when the children of Mrs. Ann Ward were bereft of their mother. Her last illness was of but short duration. On Christmas eve, and accompanied by her daughter, Anna, she visited St. Patrick's church and received Holy Communion. On the Friday evening after Christmas, she was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia which terminated fatally.

On the first day of the New Year, surrounded by her devoted children, and perfectly resigned to the will of God, she returned her soul to its Creator.

Mrs. Ann Ward, nee Thornton, was born in East Bookman town, New York, in May, 1837. In the year of 1854, she was married to John Ward, in St. John's Catholic church, Plattsburg, New York. In 1877, Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family moved to Iowa. Eleven children, eight girls and three boys, blessed their married life. All of these excepting one, Agnes, who died in 1888, survive their mother. The year 1887 was a severe one to the family; for, in October of that year, she was bereft of her husband, and left alone to take care of her large family. Her strong will and indomitable courage, however, overcame the many difficulties and she had the pleasure and consolation of seeing all her children grow up, filled with all the best qualities which go to make good sons and daughters. Mrs. Ward made her home in Manchester from December 1881 until July 1906, when, with her son, Will, and daughters, Anna and Margaret, she moved to Ryan, where she resided until her decease.

Mrs. Ward possessed a host of faithful friends. Quiet and unassuming in manner, gentle and kind to all, she was firm and uncompromising where there was a question of truth and right. To know her was to love her. She was the friend of anyone in need or in trouble. Her generosity was never limited, and many a one can tell of her good deeds quietly done. To her children she was the best of friends, the wise counsellor, the kind companion in a word, she was just "Mother." Greatly devoted to them, she was no less loved by them and received many marks of their affection to her. May she rest in peace!

The funeral services were conducted in St. Patrick's church, on Saturday morning. The large edifice was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends. Father H. J. Hahn, of near Clinton, was the celebrant of the mass; and was assisted by Father Conroy of St. Joseph's college, Dubuque, and Father T. McEllott of Cedar Rapids. Father Molloy, the pastor delivered the funeral sermon. He spoke very feelingly of the virtues of the departed one, and of the great power for good exercised on the community by the life of a truly Christian mother.

Prior to their visit to Manchester Mr. and Mrs. Ward had spent about six weeks in a visit to relatives in Wisconsin, at Dubuque and Epworth, at the latter place with her mother.

Mr. Ward is the owner of 480 acres of some of the best land in South Dakota, unassailable proof of its merits being given in the fact that he recently threshed out 100 acres of macaroni wheat which yielded him 41 bushels per acre.

MANCHESTER CHURCHES.

United Brethren.
The Woman's foreign missionary society of the United Brethren church will meet with Mrs. Samantha Skinner on Tuesday, January 13, for an all day meeting. Dinner will be served at noon. An invitation is extended to all.

Congregational.
The topic for the morning sermon will be "A King at a Witch's Cave." In the evening the pastor will speak upon the theme: "Don't Worry." Bible study Thursday evening, Lesson, Ex. chapters 19 to 40.

Methodist Episcopal.
Services are being conducted each evening during the week. The regular services will be held on next Sunday.

St. Paul's.
Sunday School at 2:30, and preaching by Rev. C. K. Hudson at 3:30.

LARGE PANEL OF JURORS TO BE DRAWN

COURT ORDERS SEVENTY-FIVE MEN BE DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM.

ADJOURNMENT MADE UNTIL MONDAY

Judge Dunham Refuses to Grant Relief to Either Party in Crouse Case.

Judge Geo. W. Dunham presided over a two day's session of court on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The court entered the findings in the Crouse case, and refused relief to either the plaintiff or the defendant. Judge Dunham also ordered that there be drawn for the March term seventy-five trial jurymen. The following matters have been adjourned during the week, prior to adjourning to next Monday.

Law.
John Snyder vs. A. M. Cloud. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs and costs paid.

Thomas F. Donnelly et al. vs. Delaware County. Appeal dismissed.

In the matter of drawing jurors for the March term, the court ordered that a panel of 75 jurors be summoned to serve as trial jurors at the next term of district court.

Equity.
Smith, Lichty & Hillman Co. vs. Horatio Merrill, executor. By direction of plaintiffs dismissed at plaintiffs' costs.

Jos. P. Donnelly et al. vs. William Donnelly et al. Settled.

Jennie A. Crouse vs. George W. Crouse. Court finds against plaintiff on her action presented by petition and the prayer of her petition is refused and petition dismissed. Court also finds against defendant on his cross petition and refuses the prayer thereof. Costs of original petition charged to plaintiff and on cross petition charged to defendant.

Mary Green vs. John Green. Defendant granted leave to file cross petition.

Probate.
Estate of John M. Brayton. Demur Emma J. Brayton, administratrix, excepts.

Estate of Augusta Davis. Will admitted to probate.

Guardianship of Richard E. Coyer. Petitions and affidavits submitted and guardian authorized to take credit for advancements made to ward in the sum of \$500 as per affidavit.

Estate of Eleanor Satterlee. Administratrix granted authority to continue business as prayed.

Guardianship of Hester A. Hess. Order approving loan and mortgage granted as prayed.

Guardianship of Anna May Hess. Order approving loan and mortgage granted as prayed.

Estate of W. M. Sawyer. Monday, January 12, 1914, set as date for hearing.

Guardianship of Earl Lincoln Jeffries as guardian accepted, she to be discharged on filing final report approved by the court. Burton Clark appointed as guardian of property of Earl Lincoln Jeffries. Bond, \$3,000.

Estate of John U. Schelling. Will admitted to probate.

MADE PLEASANT VISIT.
Mr. and Mrs. William Boll and two children left Friday evening for their home at Bryant, South Dakota, after spending a few days as guests at the W. S. Logan home. Mr. Boll is well remembered here in his old home, which he left to take advantage of opportunities of the more western country, and this was the first visit he had made to Iowa in a period of twenty-five years. He is a brother of Mrs. Logan, also of Henry Boll, of near Lindsay Bridge, and it is superfluous to say that the presence of the estimable couple and their children has been greatly enjoyed by their relatives.

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OUR FEATURE ARTICLE.

On page five of this issue of The Democrat we present to our readers the complete program of the Delaware County Farmers' Institute, which will be in session at Central Opera house on January 21, 22 and 23. Read the program carefully and then plan your work so as to take advantage of the addresses by the prominent men who are to speak. Remember the days, January 21, 22 and 23, 1914.

CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

On Thursday evening of last week the annual meeting of the Congregational church was held in the church parlors, the meeting being quite largely attended by the membership and those interested in the work of the organization.

Reports of the various officers and committees were read, and officers for the ensuing year elected. According to the report of the treasurer, W. C. Blake, the church is free from any indebtedness and has a nice balance in the treasury after paying all current expenses. From the reports of the various societies it was learned that the church has exceeded its apportionment in the matter of contributing to missionary and charitable objects.

A number of important improvements to the church property were discussed at some length, and recommended by the board of trustees. One of these improvements will be the installation of a new and modern heating plant. Just what kind of a plant is to be installed the trustees are not fully decided.

A second improvement will be a new floor covering for the main auditorium of the church. It is quite probable, however, that the main room will be re-floored with either hard wood flooring or more substantial flooring in the shape of stone-wood, which is being used in many of the larger and more costly buildings of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The matter of looking into the merits of the latter floor covering was referred to a number of the laymen of the church.

Following the hearing and accepting of the reports of the various officers and committees, the election of officers took place. The following were chosen as officers for the ensuing year:

Deacon—Judge Geo. W. Dunham, to succeed himself, for a term of five years.

Trustees—Chairman of the Board and Committee on Subscriptions—A. B. Terrell.

Trustee—Committee on lighting, heating and janitor—Geo. S. Lister.

Trustee—Committee on repairs and improvements to church property—J. F. Graham.

Trustee—Committee on Collections—A. O. Stanger.

Trustee—Church Treasurer—W. C. Blake.

Clerk—E. B. Stiles.

Treasurer of Benevolences—Mrs. C. J. Seeds.

Advisory Board—Messrs. A. B. Terrell, J. F. Graham, J. A. Strickland, J. C. Heath, Judge Geo. W. Dunham, and E. B. Stiles, Mrs. Jos. Hutchinson and Miss Edith Dunham. It was also voted to make the presiding officer of the Sabbath School and the church treasurer ex-officio members of the board.

Ushers—Clarence Brown, Cruise Amsden, Irving Long and Francis Pierce.

Music committee—Mrs. W. L. Dudley, Mrs. A. W. Stearns, Mrs. A. C. Phillips, and Messrs. W. N. Wolcott and W. C. Blake.

Deaconesses—Mrs. Eliza Russell, Mrs. Fred Glissendorf, Mrs. Florence Bissell, Mrs. J. B. Dunham, Mrs. M. P. Le Roy, Mrs. E. A. Seger, Mrs. M. D. Arnold, and Miss Jessie Miller.

Immediately following the business session and election of church officers the election of Sunday School officers took place, resulting as follows:

Sunday School Faculty—A. O. Stanger, presiding officer; Mrs. Horace B. Atwater, committee on classification; and Mrs. W. P. Bissell, committee on teachers.

Secretary—Miss Jessie Miller.

Corresponding secretary—Fred W. Hermann.

Treasurer—J. C. Heath.

Organist—Mrs. L. L. Platt.

Assistant Organist—Miss Gertrude Pierce.

Chorister—Mrs. W. C. Amsden.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.
A farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bolander was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McIntosh on East Main street on Friday noon, by the members of the Baptist church. Eighty-five of the church members and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bolander were present at the reception. As stated in these columns last week, Mr. and Mrs. Bolander leave soon for Round Up, Montana, where they will make their home. The gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh on Friday was a fitting expression of the high regard in which Mr. Bolander and the family are held by the members and friends of the Baptist church. Those present presented Mrs. Bolander with a beautiful set of solid silver tea spoons.

Joint installation of the newly elected officers of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges was held at the Odd Fellows' hall on Friday night. Visiting officers from Hopkinson and Delhi conducted the installation. Following the business session, an elaborately planned banquet was enjoyed by the members and visiting officers.

TWO YOUNG MEN CALLED BY DEATH

ARCHIE J. ANDERSON PASSES AWAY AT HOME ON TUESDAY.

F. PACKER SUCCEEDS TO PNEUMONIA

Remains of Mr. Packer To Be Taken To Former Home at Spring Branch for Funeral.

Archie J. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Anderson of this city, passed away at the home of his parents Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of nearly three years. Funeral services will be held from the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the church, will conduct the services. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery. The services at the grave will be in charge of the Modern Woodmen lodge of this city.

The members of the lodge will meet at the hall at 1 o'clock and march in a body to the church, where the services will be held at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Anderson was born near Madison, Nebraska, September 15, 1888. When nine years of age he came to Manchester, when the family took up their residence here.

A few years ago Mr. Anderson went to Winnetchee, Washington, where he owned and operated a fruit ranch, and where he was meeting with marked success, until ill health compelled him to give up his work on the ranch and make a change of location where climatic conditions might be more beneficial to his health. After giving up his work on the fruit ranch in Washington, he came to Manchester and later went to Oakdale for treatment.

The treatment at Oakdale proved to give only temporary relief. Not getting relief at Oakdale, he entered the Woodmen sanitarium at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he remained for a number of months. Several months ago Mr. Anderson returned to Manchester, where he has been given the tenderest care by his parent and brother and sister.

During the past seven or eight weeks he was confined to his bed, passing through intense suffering.

Mr. Anderson's death brings deep sorrow to the relatives, and many friends of the family. He was a young man of many admirable qualities, making friends readily wherever he went.

He leaves to mourn his death his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Edith Anderson, and Earl, William and Herbert, all of Manchester, and Mrs. George O. DeMoss of Crosey, Illinois.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of many friends in the death of a beloved son and brother.

FRED PACKER.
Mr. Fred Packer, a former resident of Spring Branch, died suddenly at Charles City, Iowa, on Tuesday, January 6, 1914, following an illness of pneumonia. Upon receiving the sad intelligence Mr. George Packer went to Charles City and will bring the remains to Manchester this evening, when they will be taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Justin McCarthy, at Spring Branch.

Mr. Packer was born at Spring Branch in June, 1880, and spent all of his boyhood days in that vicinity. As a young man he attended the Manchester High school.

Mr. Packer was united in marriage with Miss Anna Bradke, of Hopkinson, a number of years ago, with their four daughters, survive him. Since his marriage Mr. Packer has made his home in Cedar Rapids.

Although he had been a great sufferer with asthma, he continued with his work as a traveling salesman. On January 2d, Mr. Packer resumed his work on the road after spending the holidays with his family. When he reached Charles City he was taken ill, which later developed into pneumonia. At no time was his condition considered extremely critical.

Mrs. Packer was at his bedside for several days. His condition had improved very materially, and she left for her home earlier in the week, and on Tuesday she received the sad news of his sudden death.

Besides his wife and four young daughters, Mr. Packer leaves his mother, Mrs. McCarthy, and one brother, George Packer, of Minneapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. L. Davis of Delaware and Mrs. Ida Uhl, of Spring Branch.

Deceased was widely known in Delaware county. He was an industrious young man and his untimely death brings deep sorrow upon the wife and four young daughters, who had found in him a kind and devoted husband and father.

At this time funeral arrangements are not made. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

The sympathy of this community is extended to the bereaved relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Vere Gardiner, and Mrs. Gardiner's mother, Mrs. Frank Smith, who spent several days with their old time friends in Manchester, left for their home in Cherokee, Iowa, on Friday morning.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Fire in the basement of Hutchinson & Atwater's hardware store, was discovered early Monday morning, and but for the prompt work of the local fire department, the entire business block might be in ruins.

Upon reaching the store Monday morning, employees discovered volumes of smoke coming from the building. The smoke was so dense that the help at the store and the firemen experienced difficulty in locating the blaze.

When interviewed regarding the origin of the fire Mr. Atwater stated that in his opinion the fire started from sparks which possibly fell from the shovel while one of the employees took the ashes from the furnace on Saturday evening. The basement floor near the furnace is of pine boards, and it was evident from the hole in the floor near the furnace, that Mr. Atwater's theory of the origin of the fire is correct.

The fire crept under the floor until it came to the west basement wall, where it worked its way through the pine floor and consumed a large number of wooden nail kegs. The owners of the store feel under lasting obligations to the firemen for the careful manner in which they extinguished the blaze.

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