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MR. AND MRS. L. L. PARKER PASS AWAY

VENERABLE RESIDENTS OF ONEIDA TOWNSHIP BOTH DIE ON LAST FRIDAY.

FUNERALS HELD MONDAY MORNING

Over Half Century of Wedded Life Comes to Close. Large Attendance at Obsequies.

In the death at their farm home near Greeley on Friday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parker, Delaware county loses two of its very best citizens and two of its pioneer settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Parker passed away within the short space of eight hours, Mr. Parker succumbing to an illness which has grown more severe as his age advanced and his faithful wife as the result of shock produced from a fall sustained at her home recently in which she suffered a broken hip. Mrs. Parker's accident occurred when she fell on the icy porch at her home while going to get her husband a fresh drink of water. Her advanced aged, 74 years, 10 months and 1 day, made her recovery difficult and the great shock of her life partner's demise threw the balance against her in the struggle with the Grim Reaper.

Lemuel L. Parker was born in Sherbrooke county, Provine of Quebec, Canada, on February 27, 1838, making his age at death 76 years, 11 months and 6 days. He was a son of James and Harriett (Lowell) Parker, and came of good old Revolutionary stock, both his grandfathers having fought for the independence of the colonies under General Washington. His father died in Canada, but the mother afterward came to Iowa and passed away in Wright county.

Mr. Parker was reared and educated in Canada, remaining there until 1861, when he came to Iowa, settling at once in Delaware county. He purchased a farm of 280 acres in Oneida township, southeast of Greeley, and engaged in stock raising and dairying. He has remained on the same farm since acquiring it, and during the half century which has passed has made many improvements thereon until it is rated one of the best farms in Delaware county. In late years, Mr. Parker has been in failing health, his last illness dating from early in the present winter, and his advanced age gave relatives but small hope of his recovery.

Mrs. Parker's maiden name was Julia D. Rider, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Rider, and she too was a native of Canada, having been born in Sherbrooke county, Province of Quebec, April 4, 1840. She was united in marriage to Mr. Parker in Canada on February 18, 1861 and came with him upon his emigration to Iowa. Four children were born to this union, Miss Ida and Willard H., having preceded their parents in death. Two sons survive, Arthur James, residing on the home farm in Oneida township, and Charles Horace, who is engaged in the automobile and livery business in Winthrop, and who formerly resided in Manchester. Three grandsons and one granddaughter also survive, as does also a brother of Mr. Parker, Geo. Parker, who resides near Greeley.

The family attended the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed of their means to its support. For many years Mr. Parker had been a director in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company and also filled the offices of school director and trustee.

It is fifty-four years since Mr. and Mrs. Parker came to Iowa, and they bravely and loyally endured the sufferings of pioneer life, finally winning for themselves a comfortable competency and building their fine farm home, where they had every comfort in their declining years. By their friendly and unassuming ways and kindly manner they won for themselves the respect and love of legions of friends. Thus, as they lived, a man and woman of highest integrity and worth of character, they have passed beautifully from this vale, united even in death.

The funeral was held at the home on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the presence of a very large company of their sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Rev. Dawson, of Northwood, Iowa, a former pastor of the Greeley M. E. church. Interment was made in Grant View cemetery at Greeley.

THE INDOOR GAME.

The games being played in Manchester's Indoor Baseball League are being well attended and the entertainment afforded sport lovers is of excellent quality. All the four teams are playing fine ball, are very evenly matched and the rivalry is keen.

On last Thursday night the Idlehour club defeated the Blues in another free hitting game that kept interest at fever heat throughout. Monday night the Reds won from the Blues in another good game, featured by clever pitching and base running. On Thursday night the Stars meet the Idlehours and on next Monday the Blues play the Stars. All games are called at 8:30 p. m., and are generally played in one hour's time.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Reds	2	0	1.000
Idlehours	1	0	1.000
Stars	0	1	.000
Blues	0	2	.000

Games of the Week.

Feb. 8—Reds vs. Blues.
Feb. 11—Idlehours vs. Stars.

MAKES IMPROVEMENTS.

William Burk, the South Franklin street blacksmith, is making extensive improvements in the interior of of his place of business, and when completed will have one of the most ideally arranged shops anywhere. In an effort to take advantage of the best possible light, he has moved his office, forges and anvils from the north to the south side of the building, has had a new floor laid, two new brick forges built and added new and improved tools to quite an extensive degree.

REMOVE TO MINNESOTA.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rutan and family, of south of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods and family, of near Masonville, left for McGregor, Minnesota, where they intend to reside in the future. These worthy families have been leading citizens of their respective localities, and their determination to leave the old Hawkeye state is regretted on every hand. However everyone wishes them the fullest measure of success in their new home.

BRITT—OEHLER.

At 9 a. m. on Tuesday, February 9th, at St. John's Catholic church in Delhi, occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Mae Britt and Mr. Paul F. Oehler, both of Delhi. The ceremony, the first wedding to take place in the new church edifice, was performed by Rev. Father T. J. Rooney, of this city, in the presence of a goodly company of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The couple were attended by Miss Anna Oehler, sister of the groom, and Mr. Herman Britt, cousin of the bride. Following the ceremony the happy young couple came to Manchester, where a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Noonan. They left Tuesday evening for a short honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Oehler is the daughter of Michael Britt of this city and is a young woman of charming personality and whose friends here are legion. She was educated in the St. Xaviers' parochial school of this city and at Sacred Heart Academy in Cedar Rapids, graduating from the Music and School Work departments of the latter institution. During last year she taught the intermediate department in St. Xavier's school and previously taught successfully in the rural schools of the county.

Mr. Oehler is a son of Mrs. William Oehler, and is a trustworthy and reliable young man, having hosts of friends throughout the county. He is an experienced farmer and will engage in that occupation, having rented the Britt farm near Ryan.

The Democrat joins with their many friends in extending hearty congratulations.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner, of Coffins Grove township, were very pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening, when forty-five of their friends and neighbors came to spend the evening. Some-R-Set was the chief amusement and at a seasonable hour a delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner will soon move to their future home near Sand Creek. They have resided in Coffins Grove township for the past eleven years and will undoubtedly be missed by all. Everyone departed wishing them prosperity in their new home.

Those present were Messrs and Mesdames Homer Burhans, John Haltmeyer, Albert Hempstead, Melvin Hempstead, Henry Straub, Herman, Zebuhr, Will Evans, John Parrott, Jacob Schwager; Mrs. Chas. Robinson; Messrs Thos. Kennedy, Will, Burt and Frank Robinson, Irvin Hand, Carl Haltmeyer, Glen Durey, Harold Straub, Andrew Parrott, Glen Fenton, Oscar Smith, Elmer Parrott, Will Zebuhr and Earl Traver; Misses Chistina and Retta Scanlon, Elgie Traver, Flossie and Ruth Parrott, Elnora Haltmeyer, Gretchen Evans, Blanche Durey, Wilma Zebuhr, Anna Schwager and Lula Parrott.

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ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of Co. D, of this city, will be held this year on Tuesday evening, March 9th; and the local soldiers are drilling twice weekly perfecting themselves in the various branches of the military tactics. The inspection this year will be made by Captain Edgar Ridenour, of the 16th United States infantry, who on January 1st succeeded Capt. George Ball as inspector-instructor.

Capt. Ridenour will inspect the complete equipment and quarters of Co. D, although the men will not be inspected in heavy marching order. In addition the company will be put through the manual of arms, and drill by squads, platoons and company. They will also be inspected in first aid and drilled in extended order by signals.

Capt. Don A. Preussner, Lieut. F. W. Miller and First Sergeant W. W. Matthews will each in turn have command of the company, and all sergeants and corporals will be in charge of divisions of the company during the different maneuvers.

The armory will be open to all who care to view the inspection, which begins at 8 o'clock p. m.

GAVE FINE PROGRAM.

A gathering which taxed the capacity of the church edifice was present to hear the Woman's Day program given at the United Brethren church on Sunday evening. The program had been arranged for the Sunday evening previous, but owing to inclement weather was postponed one week.

Each and every participant acquitted themselves creditably, especial mention being due to the manner in which Harold and Opal Aldrich and Bertie Harwick gave the number, "Pennies and Dollars." Mrs. Lizzie Stimson and Mr. Cal Martin with solos, and Misses Rebecca Scanlon and Frances Bishop in a duet furnished pleasing musical offerings, while all of the declamatory numbers were very good.

A generous free will offering was taken.

EICKE—ATKINS.

Miss Gladys Eicke and Archie C. Atkins, both of Independence, were united in marriage at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this city Monday, the Rev. C. K. Hudson officiating. The couple were attended by Ray Miller and Miss Mary Fisher, both of this city.

Miss Eicke is a stranger to Manchester people, but is a young lady of charm, and very popular in her home city. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eicke, of Independence. Mr. Atkins is a son of Mrs. U. G. Atkins of this city, where he is well known. At present he is employed as a barber by A. W. Sill, of Independence.

A wedding supper was served at the home of the groom's mother and the young couple left Tuesday morning upon a honeymoon trip. They will reside at Independence.

E. M. DANIELS VERY ILL.

Word reaches us of the serious condition of E. M. Daniels, the popular manager of the Eclipse Lumber Company's yards in this city. Mr. Daniels recently submitted to an operation at St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids and complications which have arose since the operation have c used his condition to become such that for a time grave fear was held for his recovery.

Mrs. Daniels was summoned to her husband's bedside on Friday, and later reports are that his condition is slightly improved.

C. B. MILLS INJURED.

C. B. Mills, the truck gardener, sustained quite severe injuries in a fall at his home south of town on last Thursday and has since been confined to his home. In going about the premises he slipped on the icy walk and in falling struck the back of his head on the cement steps. For a time it was thought he had sustained a fractured skull, but this has proved not to be the case, and he is reported improving nicely. Mr. Mills has disposed of his truck farm to Waterloo parties and will move to this city March 1st.

A BUSY WEEK IN SOCIAL WORLD

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MINSTRELS DELIGHT LARGE COGGON AUDIENCE.

MRS. J. J. LINDSAY ENTERTAINS

Was Hostess on Last Thursday to Company of Twenty-four. Other Social Items.

The Knights of Pythias Minstrels, vintage of 1915, made their appearance at Coggon on Monday evening, opening the new opera house which has recently been built there. The new theatre was packed to its capacity and the merry and tuneful production by the Hyperion boys met with instant and enthusiastic approval by the assemblage.

The production, as given Monday night was almost identical with that given last season here, exceptions being made in the way of localizing the jokes to fit the Coggon performance and a change or two in the olio. The renowned "K. P. Sisters", Messrs. Philipp, Work and Thorpe, again scored heavily, as did also "Hummer" Commerford's "Beefalo Bull's Museum, and "Chinatown, My Chinatown," sang by Mrs. E. W. Williams. W. C. Gloer ably rendered the selection, "Melindy Jane". Dr. H. M. Bradley, entertainer, also made a pronounced hit.

All the musical numbers in the first part were pleasingly produced and greeted by storms of applause. Bill's harp orchestra played the accompaniments and overtures in their usual capable manner, afterward officiating at the dance which followed the performance.

Following is the cast of the Minstrels in full:

Interlocutor—Edw. H. Hruby.

Bones—H. M. Bradley, H. T. Smith, Jos. Tolmie.

Tambos—E. W. Williams, H. B. Commerford, W. C. Gloer.

Circle—A. D. Brown, M. J. Yoran, A. J. Gildner, N. Ackley, T. N. Arnold, W. C. Blake, Rae Dunham, Theo. Shelley.

Chorus—A. J. Bruce, E. Hansen, Wayne Dutton Joe Pentony, Burrel May, Earl McGee, Douglas May, Melvin Richardson, Beryl Work, Claude Gray, Glen Smith, Clarence Brown, Harry Pinch, John Logan G. A. Newman, Charles Malven, James Burbridge, H. W. Phenicie, Clair Thorpe, Edwin Davis, Roger Lewis, Paul Munson, Bert Pinch, Roy Todd, Herbert Phenicie, George Dorman and Glenn Strickland.

Mrs. J. J. Lindsay was hostess to a company of twenty-four ladies on last Thursday afternoon at a one o'clock luncheon, at her residence on Butler street and one of the present social season's very prettiest functions resulted. The affair was a "pink luncheon," the decorations, place cards, etc., being little pink sunbonnet babies, a novel and very beautiful color scheme. The spacious parlors of the Lindsay home were veritable bowers of beauty also, white narcissus in endless profusion being used.

A most dainty and palatable luncheon was served and the ladies departed with the firm conviction that Mrs. Lindsay had ideally entertained them.

The Thirteen Club met at the home of Miss Maud Graham on Monday night, having been postponed one week from February 1st because of the snow storm of that date. The following program was given:

Corporations—Leader, Miss Margaret Lindsay.

Iowa Teachers' College—Mrs. W. P. Bissell.

Governors After the Civil War — Mrs. Geo. Miller.

On next Monday evening the club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. P. Bissell and the following will be the program rendered:

Education and School Lands—Leader, Mrs. Haeberle.

U. S. Senators from Iowa — Miss Miles.

The State Historical Society—Miss Haeberle.

The reegular meeting of the Tourist Club will be held on next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. M. F. LeRoy on East Main street and the following program will be given:

Response—Art News.

Sketch—Inlaying and Bronze Casting, Mrs. F. Dunham.

Paper—The Art of the Color Print, Mrs. J. F. Merry.

Paper—Japanese Flower Arrangement. Japanese Landscape Gardens. Every Japanese, no matter how small and poor his house, has a garden to which he may retire and "invite his soul," Mrs. Hubert Carr.

Sketch—The Influence of Japanese Art on the Western Art, Miss Bailey.

About forty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann gathered at their home in Coffins Grove township last Tuesday evening, their coming having been unexpected entirely by the young couple. The affair was arranged in honor of their first wedding anniversary and after the host and hostess had recovered from their surprise they proceeded to entertain their guests in a manner which did them much credit. In leaving the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Hermann with a purse containing a goodly sum as a token of the esteem in which they are held.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church met today at the home of Mrs. Abner Dunham. The program theme, under the leadership of Mrs. Jennie Jones, was "The Call of the Inter Rocky Mountain Region", and the following interesting papers were given:

"A Man's Job," Mrs. Jennie Jones.

"Under the Foothills," Mrs. Harold Dunham.

"Possibilities of the West," Mrs. M. I. B. Richmond.

Mrs. Frank Reed and Mrs. H. T. Ports will entertain a large company of ladies at the home of the former on Friday afternoon from 3 to 8 o'clock. A luncheon will be served at 5:30 and a musical program and social hour enjoyed thereafter. Covers will be laid for forty guests.

A joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies of the Baptist church is being held today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Douglas, southeast of the city. A large number of the membership of each society is in attendance, and at noon all partook of a sumptuous dinner, served by the Aid society.

Mrs. Ellen Johnston was hostess to a series of 5:30 o'clock dinners at her home on Prospect street, the first having been given on January 29th, the second on last Friday evening. A third will be given on Thursday of this week. Following the serving of the dinners, card games and social converse served to pass the time most pleasantly.

HIGH SEAS CAUSE DAMAGE.

In a communication to local parties Mrs. Geo. Ford, who is at present at Long Beach, California, gives an account of damage done to Pacific sea coast cities by nigh waves on January 30. The damage at Long Beach was estimated at $200,000.

Mrs. Ford sends a copy of the Los Angeles Herald, containing the following paragraph concerning Long Beach: "Long Beach, hammered by waves forty feet high, lost great sections of its bulkhead and walk on the ocean front, two residences and several other buildings were demolished and the lowlands were flooded. The sea mined far under the walks and threatened three apartments valued at $40,000 each. The total damage is estimated by Robert Golden, public works commissioner of Long Beach, at $200,000."

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Evans of Coffins Grove township were very much surprised on Saturday evening when friends and relatives unexpectedly called on them, the occasion being their eighteenth wedding anniversary. All came with well filled lunch baskets and at midnight a delicious luncheon was served. Various games were played and the evening was passed in a delightful way.

They were presented with a well filled purse as a token of the esteem and respect in which they are held by all.

Nearly one hundred and fifty guests were present and while there were but eleven there who were present at Mr. and Mrs. Evans' wedding eighteen years ago, all united to make the occasion a pleasant and happy one. Everyone departed wishing them many more happy years of married life. XX

INFANT CHILD DIES.

Louis Alfred, the six-months old infant son of Albert Hines, who lives near Edgewood, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Logan, in this city, on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Logan had taken the child to rear upon the death of the mother, who was her sister, but the baby, ever a frail little being, became seriously ill early last week, death ensuing in spite of all that could be done. The remains were taken to the cemetery northeast of Edgewood, where they were interred beside those of the mother and other relatives.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER.

Miss Minnie Sturtz, of Dysart, Iowa, has been added to the teaching staff of the Manchester High school, and is already in charge of classes in Mathematics and Science. The large number of additions to the High school student body at the beginning of the present semester made the securing of another teacher necessary, and Miss Sturtz was chosen. She is a graduate of Iowa University and taught last year in the Iowa Falls High school.

MANCHESTER CHURCHES.

Congregational.

The regular services will be held on Sunday, Rev. W. J. Suckow having returned from his eastern trip.

Christian Science.

The Christian Science society meets each Sunday morning in the library. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock.

Subject for the lesson on Sunday, "Soul."

Sunday school at 11:45.

United Brethren.

Morning worship at 10:30, subject, "Watchman, What of the Night".

Sunday School at 11:45. Junior Endeavor at 3/p. m.

Evening service at 7:30, subject, "The Law of the Harvest".

The Bible Study will meet with Mrs. George Butters at 7:30 Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Glen Hamblin on Friday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock.

Methodist Episcopal.

The Brotherhood will hold a meeting in the parlors of the church on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Thursday evening meeting lesson for the next four weeks will be taken from "Isaiah's Prophecy."

Sunday morning will be "Lincoln's Day". The G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps, members of the National Guard, and all old soldiers are especially invited to attend.

The theme for Sunday evening will be "The Better Angle of our Nature."

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry B. Frank, age 26, and Mary A. Billmeyer, age 26.

Martin C. Fitzpatrick, age 32, and Kathrina M. Schneider, age 26.

Newton F. Brown, Waterloo, age 28, and Mary G. Pratter, Waterloo, age 28.

Paul Oehler, age 22, and Helen Mae Britt, age 20.

Archie C. Atkins, Independence, age 21, and Gladys Eicke, Independence, age 16.

CELEBRATE THIRTY FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Thirty-six relatives and friends very pleasantly surprised Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Sherwin, at their home in Richland township, on last Sunday, when they gathered there to help them celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin were presented with a number of very nice gifts. A very enjoyable day was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin are well known in Delaware county and have continuously resided on their farm northeast of Dundee since their marriage on February 8th, 1880. The wish of a host of friends is that Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin may celebrate many more wedding anniversaries.

—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Addison and two children are here from Springfield, Mo., visiting at the home of Mrs. Addison's brother, W. H. Straub, north of town. They were former residents of this city, where Mr. Addison was engaged in the barber business. Together with Mr. Straub and his family, they will leave about March 1st for Minnesota, the latter gentleman being now engaged in loading a car preparatory to shipment west at an early date.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Grove went to Chicago on Sunday. The annual Style Show, last word in fashion exhibits is now being held there and attendance thereupon is the object of their visit to the metropolis at this time. They expect to spend several days in visits to the exposition and in purchase of stock for the various departments of their local emporium.

MRS. MARY BARR CALLED BY DEATH

PIONEER RESIDENT OF DELAWARE COUNTY PASSES AWAY ON TUESDAY.

MRS. JOHN FITZPATRICK DEAD

Former Greeley Girl Succumbs to Brief Illness. Funeral Held on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Robinson Barr for over fifty years a resident of Delaware county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Ryan, on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 o'clock a. m., death coming after an illness of but three days and ascribed to hardening of the arteries, together with growing feebleness due to advancing years.

Mary Robinson, daughter of John and Sarah Robinson, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, on December 27, 1827, making her age at time of death 87 years, 1 month and 27 days. She was united in marriage to John Barr about sixty-four years ago and they emigrated to this country in 1864, coming at once to Delaware county, which continued to be their home throughout the entire course of their lives. Mr. Barr passed away on March 3, 1888.

Mrs. Barr was in youth affiliated with the Presbyterian church and in later years has followed the teaching of the Methodist Episcopal faith. She was a woman of kindly disposition and by her beautiful traits of character made a host of friends who will sincerely mourn her death. Mrs. Barr was the mother of ten children, four of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. J. W. Hezner of Strawberry Point, Mrs. Austin McGee of Manchester, Mrs. J. S. Gill of Strawberry Point and Mrs. Florence Ryan, with whom Mrs. Barr made her home. Three children died in infancy, and three in later years as follows: Allen Jacob Barr, late of Milo township, Mrs. Sarah Wilcox, late of Buchanan county, and Mrs. Mary Porter, late of Coffins Grove. One sister, Mrs. Sarah Cullen, of Dubuque, also survives.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock from the home of Mrs. Ryan, Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

MRS. JOHN FITZPATRICK.

Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, aged 22 years, 5 months and 17 days, died at her home in Winthrop on Thursday, February 4, 1915, and the remains were taken to Greeley on Sunday where funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

Gertrude Lillian Elledge was born near Elkport, Iowa, on September 17, 1892. On September 4, 1912, she was united in marriage to John Fitzpatrick, of Greeley, and to this union one daughter, Genevieve, was born, who at the tender age of nineteen months is left motherless. Mrs. Fitzpatrick lived in Greeley for several years and her death comes as a terrible shock to the host of friends she made there. In addition to the grief stricken husband and child, she is survived by her father and mother, seven brothers and two sisters, all of whom, with the exception of two brothers residing in Montana, were present at her funeral.

Other relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fitzpatrick, son and daughter, of Strawberry Point; Dr. Dennis Fitzpatrick, of Iowa City; Father James Fitzpatrick of Marshalltown; Thomas Fitzpatrick, Mrs. James Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Lottie Groves, of Dubuque; Mr. and Mrs. John Schacherer of Edgewood.

PARKVIEW HOSPITAL NOTES.

The condition of Beecher Lane, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Iri Lane of Kenniston, Saskatchewan, Canada, remains about the same, and he is making satisfactory progress toward recovery. The little fellow submitted to an operation for relief from pleurisy on January 26th.

Stanley Atkinson continues to improve rapidly from the effects of his operation, which was a very serious one.

J. F. Haebel has again been released from the hospital, terminating his third visit to the institution.

Howard Reed, buttermaker at the Bear Grove creamery near New Vienna, who was operated upon for appendicitis on January 27th, was so far improved as to permit of his return home on Tuesday.

William Scott of Hopkinton returned to his home Monday, having recovered from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Dan Luben of near Oneida, who has been receiving treatment for an infected hand, returned to his home at Oneida, Monday.

Mrs. John Durland of Littleport submitted to an abdominal operation late last week and is showing excellent improvement, and expects to be able to return to her home within a few days.

SELLS GROCERY STORE.

Henry Goodhile, who for three years has operated a grocery store on Franklin street, has disposed of the business to H. R. McDonald, who took possession on Monday. Mr. Goodhile has found that his real estate and stock interests required all of his time and had arranged to close out his grocery business when the opportunity came to sell. Mr. McDonald, a son of Rev. H. F. McDonald of this city, has recently been engaged in business in Cedar Rapids, and is an upright and industrious young man who deserves to succeed in the venture he has undertaken here. He will put in a full line of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, candies and cigars and hopes to merit a continuance of the excellent patronage which had been accorded Mr. Goodhile.

The latter desires to thank the public for the generous share of trade accorded him and assures buyers that Mr. McDonald will care for their grocery trade in a manner equally prompt and careful of detail.

BUYS A THEATER.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hicks, who have been living at Marshalltown, for several months have moved to State Center, Iowa, where they will make their future home. Mr. Hicks has purchased a motion picture theatre at State Center and is now in charge of his property there. Mrs. Hicks was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, for several days last week, leaving for State Center the first of the week.

MRS. MARY ROBERTSON.

Mrs. Mary L. Robertson, the aged mother of Mrs. Ralph Work, died suddenly at the home of her daughter in this city last evening at 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. Robertson was in her 93rd year and is a pioneer of Delaware county. A complete obituary will be published in The Democrat next week.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARY.

The following interesting figures are given in the annual report of the Manchester Public Library:

Total number of volumes in library	6,657
Volumes added during year	475
Total circulation in 1914	17,295
Increase in circulation over 1913	2,300

The following is the report of Chas J. Seeds, treasurer:

Manchester, Iowa, Feb. 3, 1915.

To the Honorable President and other members of the Library Board of Manchester, Iowa.

As follows, you will please find a statement of the cash receipts and disbursements by me for the year Jan. 1st, 1914 to Jan. 1, 1915.

Dr.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914	$137.74
Received during year from Co. Treasurer	1536.28
Received from Mrs. Stanger	78.20
Making total receipts of	$1752.22

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Paid as per orders in my hands	$1353.48
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915	$398.74

My books and accounts are open for further inspection and audit at your pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. J. SEEDS,
Treasurer.

The following is the annual report given by Mrs. Carrie A. Stanger, secretary of the library board:

Manchester, Iowa, Feb. 4, 1915.

To the President and members of the Manchester Library Board:

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements by me for the year ending December 31, 1914.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914	$137.74
Received from tax levy	1536.28
Received from entertainment, etc.	78.20
Total receipts	$1752.22
Disbursements	1353.48
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915	$398.74

Disbursements as follows:

Fuel	$206.76
Lights	36.76
Janitor	77.50
Repairs	30.91
Salaries	501.25
Books	179.63
Binding	72.45
Periodicals	71.36
Printing and postage	3.32
Miscellaneous	73.54
Total	$1353.48

In addition to the above the amount of $65 was received in rent and gifts and expended by the Book Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
CARRIE A. STANGER,
Secretary Library Board.

Approved by Chairman of Finance Committee.

L. MATTHEWS,
Chairman.

FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

At a meeting held last night, the N. Denton Hose Company elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Foreman—Archie Lyman.
First Asst.—John Duncan.
Second Asst.—Howard Drew.
Secretary—Frank Assmus.
Treasurer—H. G. Utley.

Protection Co. No. 1 also recently named their officers, who are as follows:

Foreman—L. Matthews jr.
First Asst.—F. H. Arnold.
Second Asst.—Harold Dunham.
First Asst. Engineer—W. F. Evans.
Second Asst. Engineer—W. E. Bowen.
Policeman—Wm. Hahesy.
Sec. and Treas.—W. W. Matthews.

E. W. Williams was recommended to the city council for appointment as engineer of the chemical engine, and Joseph Pentony was admitted to membership in the company.

RESENT INSINUATION.

The farmers of Blackhawk county recently assembled in County Institute, resented in no uncertain terms a statement said to have been made by the "wets" who are waging a vigorous campaign for the saloon consent petition, that the farmers of Blackhawk county were not patronizing the city of Waterloo as liberally as they were when the saloons were in operation. Strong resolutions were adopted denouncing the statement that the farmers of that county would trade more liberally in Waterloo if the saloons were opened.

Today is the closing day for the "wets to secure names on the consent petition, and it is quite likely that very soon announcement will be made which side is the winner. The outcome of the fight has been watched with unusual interest all over the state.

ST. XAVIER'S ALUMNI.

A meeting of the alumni association of St. Xavier's convent school will be held at the convent on next Tuesday evening, February 16. The meeting is to be of a business and social nature and all graduates of the school are urgently invited to attend, whether members of the association or not. Many matters of importance are to be discussed and a good attendance is much desired. The Alumni association, organized after the commencement exercises last June, is under the guidance of the following officers.

President—James Burns.
Vice President—Mrs. Frank Sly.
Secretary—Miss Nelle Sullivan.
Treasurer—Miss Bess Thorpe.

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the W. D. Hoyt Co., implement dealers having stores at Manchester, Earlville, Winthrop and Robinson, was held at the company's building in this city on Tuesday evening, a large number of the stockholders being present. Reports of officers were read and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

President and General Manager—W. D. Hoyt.
Vice President—Burton Clark.
Secretary—R. E. Dutton.
Treasurer—L. J. Gates.

ATTENTION, MASONS.

The regular stated meetings of Manchester Lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M., have been changed from Saturday evenings to Friday evenings. The next meeting will be held on February 26th.

—The members of the Knights of Pythias lodge will give a dance at their hall this evening. Bill's harp orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE ARE DOING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

REVIEW AND FORECAST OF THE WEEK

Items of a Personal and General Nature Picked Up About the City.

—Born, on Monday, February 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cloud, a daughter.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ball and baby were guests of friends in Dubuque on Saturday last.

—Messrs. E. E. Boone and J. W. Elder left Sunday for McGregor, Minnesota, on land business.

—Mrs. Verna Irving of Cedar Falls was an over Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. B. F. Waugnop.

—Read Stearns & McCormick's weekly announcement on page 8. Its worth money to you to do so.

—Bill's harp orchestra was here on Monday, going to Coggon with the K. P. Minstrels that evening.

—J. E. Cocking has a large sale advertisement on page 8, which will be of especial interest to farmers.

—Rev. Father Malloy of Ryan was a visitor in the city Monday evening, enroute to Fairbank to visit with relatives.

—Mrs. A. M. Hetherington left on Thursday for Kansas, summoned there by news of the illness of her mother.

—Wm. Barr Jr. has an advertisement in another column of this issue in which he offers some stock and grain for sale.

—A dancing party will be given at the Central opera house this evening. Leverson's Harp orchestra of Osage furnishes the music.

—John Duncan went to Earlville on Monday to assist with the work in the W. D. Hoyt Co's. branch store there for a few days.

—F. H. Arnold, agent for the Paige automobile in this territory, received a carload of the cars at the M. & O. station Monday.

—Mrs. Rae Dunham went to Coggon on Monday for a visit with her parents and to attend the K. P. Minstrel show that evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dell Paris of Doland, South Dakota, who have been visiting with relatives and friends in the county, have returned to their home.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lister, of south of the city, are entertaining as their guests this week, Mrs. F. H. Andrews and son, of Boise City, Idaho.

—Anyone wishing to make donations for the city rest room are requested to see Mrs. Amanda Acers, who is in charge of the rest room, or Mr. M. I. B. Richmond.

—J. M. Temple of Dorchester, Canada, arrived in the city last week and has been the guest of his niece, Mrs. Melissa Irving, since. Mr. Temple will spend several weeks among his relatives in Manchester.

—Earle A. Davis, editor of the Tribune at Glenwood, Iowa, arrived on Wednesday of last week to join his wife and family in a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pentony, and with his brothers and sister.

—A number of relatives and friends spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Misses Julia and Nellie Davis on East Union street on last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and refreshments were served.

—Rev. Henry W. Tuttle of Grinnell, was in the city on Friday morning for a short time. Rev. Tuttle had been at Earlville, where he delivered an address at the re-dedication services of the Congregational church on Thursday of last week.

—Reese Jones of Des Moines, was a visitor the latter part of last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Jones. He returned to Des Moines on Sunday being accompanied by his sister, Mrs. A. J. Andrews, who will visit with relatives here.

—The Epworth League of the M. E. church will hold a basket social at the L. Scanlon home, three miles west of town, on Friday evening, February 19, to which a cordial invitation is extended to all. Conveyances will leave the church promptly at seven o'clock.

—Misses Florence Riddell, Willa Richardson and Angie Pierce went to Cedar Rapids on Monday to witness the performance of "The Auctioneer" with the noted actor, David Warfield in the leading role. Quite a number from here will witness the same production in Dubuque this evening.

—Among those from here who witnessed the K. P. Minstrel show at Coggon Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prowse, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Strickland, Miss Zelda Blake, Miss Laura Todd, Mrs. H. T. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Gloer, Mrs. Harry Pinch, Miss Josephine Thorpe and Miss Nena Mueller.

—Manchester people sympathize with Rev. J. F. Moore, until recently the popular minister of the First Congregational church because of the sorrow that has come to him by reason of the death of his only brother, who passed away in a hospital in Portland, Oregon, recently. The brother had submitted to an operation and succumbed to the effects of the same.

—Mrs. J. Harrington, of this city, Mrs. Charles Carroll, of Strawberry Point and Mrs. Hattie Jenny, of Lamont, left on Fridaay evening for Page, Nebraska, for a visit at the home of their sister, Mrs. Alfred Booth. They go to attend a double surprise party upon Mr. and Mrs. Booth, the function being in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary and of Mrs. Booth's 53rd birthday anniversary, both being celebrated on Monday of this week. The Iowa people expect to be gone about two weeks.

—Fred W. Hermann, of The Democrat, is confined to his home as a result of an accident which befell him about ten days ago. In the course of the re-arrangement of the mechanical department of The Democrat plant, some heavy machinery had to be moved and in lifting on an unusually heavy piece Mr. Hermann sustained a cracked rib. He paid no heed to the injury, thinking it merely a strained muscle, until Sunday, when he consulted a physician and learned to his surprise of the true nature of the injury. He expects to be out again within a few days.

—John Fardy left Tuesday for Des Moines on business.

—M. D. Bushnell was a business visitor in Decorah on Tuesday.

—E. E. McCloud of Ryan transacted business here on Monday.

—Will Pinch of Masonville was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

—Miss Mayme Devlin was a passenger to Cedar Rapids on Saturday.

—Robert Harris returned Tuesday from a business trip to Cedar Rapids

—John Tarleton of Ryan was a business caller in Manchester Monday.

—Joseph Hutchinson and E. M. Carr went to Chicago Sunday on business.

—Messrs. Oba Lyman and Floyd Kling went to Elma, Iowa today on business.

—Mrs. M. F. LeRoy and daughter, Miss Dora, were visitors in Dubuque on Friday.

—Mrs. E. H. Hoyt was the guest of friends at Sinsinniwa Mound, Wisconsin on Sunday.

—Messrs. Martin and Bernard Fitzpatrick of Greeley were business visitors in town Friday.

—Dr. and Mrs. L. McNeill of Epworth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Work on Monday.

—E. H. Hoyt left Monday on an extended business trip to points in Colorado and other western states.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert R