

## ETHAN S. COWLES DIES

DEATH OCCURS AT HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

CAME TO DELAWARE COUNTY IN 1852

Funeral Services Were Held From the Church at Lamont at 10:30 O'clock This Morning.

The many Delaware county friends deeply regretted to learn of the death of E. S. Cowles at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May Fowler, at Lamont on Monday afternoon, July 5th, 1915. The funeral services were held from the home at 10 o'clock this morning and at the Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock. Six nephews of the deceased acted as pall bearers. Interment was made in Cambridge cemetery.

Ethan Smith Cowles was born in Hampshire, Massachusetts, on June 25, 1829, being eighty-six years and ten days old at the time of his death. At the age of fifteen years he came to St. Charles, Illinois, and in 1852 he removed to this county, but soon after returned to Illinois and was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Eddy in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles came to Delhi the same year of their marriage, and resided at that place for one year. In 1856 they removed to Richland township in this county and entered the land which Mr. Cowles owned for many years and which was known as the "Campton Farm." Mr. Cowles established the Campton postoffice in 1857 and was appointed as postmaster. He served as Justice of Peace for several years. In 1877 the deceased was elected sheriff of Delaware county, a position which he very ably filled for a number of years. The deceased served in the army in the 7th Iowa Cavalry. After the death of Mr. Cowles' wife, which occurred on October 18, 1906, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. May Fowler at Lamont. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cowles. One son, H. F. Cowles, died in April, 1915. The surviving children are two daughters, Mrs. May Fowler and Mrs. Anna Bergen, both of Lamont; and three sons, E. E. Cowles and E. S. Cowles, of Manchester, and H. D. Cowles of Waterloo.

The death of Mr. Cowles marks the passing of a devoted father, a good neighbor, a loyal citizen and it is with the keenest regret that he will be missed among his many friends as well as in his family. The sorrowing relatives are extended the deepest sympathy of a host of friends.

### DISTRICT COURT.

Judge George W. Dunham has made the following entries in the court docket during the past week:

**Probate.**  
Estate of John Ruby. Will admitted to probate on testimony of Frank Steeber.  
Trusteeship of Anna D. Bishop. The trusteeship of Anna D. Bishop et al is hereby closed. Report of the trustee approved and his actions as trustee as reported approved. Distribution of the funds as reported is authorized and approved. Trustee is discharged and his bondmen released.  
Guardianship of James Kelley et al. Hearing on final report set for July 15, 1915.

**Chancery.**  
Verna P. Lumber Bloom vs. Henry Bloom. Trial to court. Divorce granted.

### PURCHASE AUTO DELIVERY TRUCK.

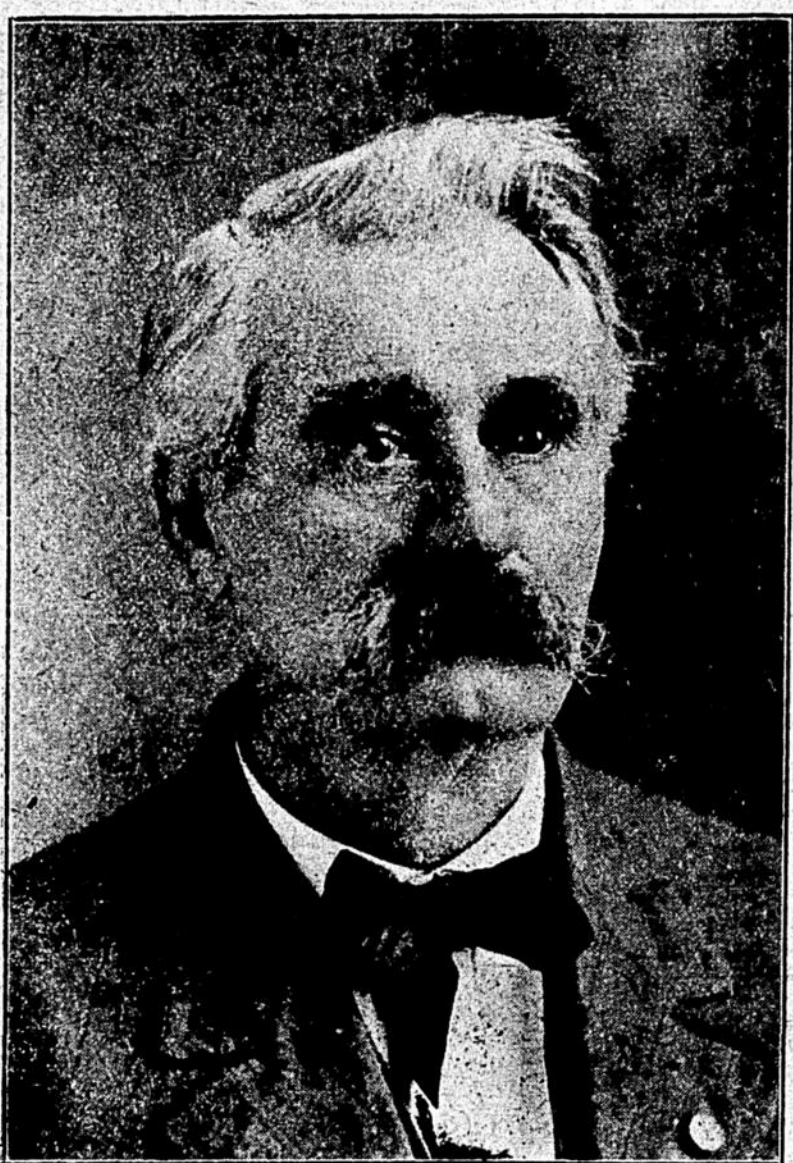
W. H. Lafferty has purchased a new twenty-seven horse power International auto delivery truck from the W. D. Hoyt Co., for the purpose of delivering groceries to his city patronage. The auto is equipped to carry about ninety orders of groceries at one time and the delivery trip can be made in much less time than with a horse and wagon. Mr. Lafferty is the first grocer in the city to purchase a delivery truck. A thirty gallon oil tank is to be attached to the new truck for the purpose of carrying oil for the patrons and this will be a great convenience over the former way of carrying the oil in cans.

### JOSHUA W. WEIDGER.

The death of Joshua W. Weidger occurred at the home of his niece, Mrs. Annie F. Christy, at Auvergne, Arkansas, on Wednesday, June 30th, 1915. Mr. Weidger left Manchester early this summer to spend several months with relatives in Arkansas. Mr. Weidger had been a resident of Manchester for many years and was about seventy years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the W. A. Morse Post, G. A. R. Mr. Weidger's wife passed away in this city on November 30th, 1914.

### MRS. C. E. SWINBURNE CRITICALLY ILL.

The many Delaware county friends of Mrs. C. E. Swinburne will deeply regret to learn of her critical illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Smith, at Hopkinton. Mrs. Swinburne was taken ill at her home at Delhi about three weeks ago and was taken to the home of her daughter, where she is being tenderly cared for. Word was received from the bedside of Mrs. Swinburne this morning that there is no change in her condition.



THE LATE E. S. COWLES

### W. C. T. U. CONVENTION AT CASCADE.

The twelfth district meeting of the W. C. T. U. is to be held at the Baptist church in Cascade on Thursday and Friday of this week. A number of the members of the W. C. T. U. of this city are planning to attend the convention. A very interesting program has been planned for the occasion. Mrs. W. H. Ensign of Hopkinton, who formerly resided in this city, will read a paper at the Thursday afternoon meeting, on "The World's Situation on Temperance." On Friday afternoon Mrs. A. C. Carter of this city will read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of Temperance." A number of other papers will be given by prominent members of the W. C. T. U., and a number of excellent musical selections will be given. The state president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise-Smith, will be present at the Cascade convention and will give an address at the afternoon session Thursday.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN.

The week was unseasonably cool, the average temperature being about 7 degrees below the normal. The rainfall was also less than the normal except in the south central and south-eastern counties, where it was heavy and of daily occurrence. The frequent rains prevented haying and harvesting in the southern counties and the cold weather retarded the growth of corn. However, good progress was made in cultivating corn over the central and northern counties and the crop is thrifty though backward, and with warm weather will make rapid growth. Some fall wheat and rye was cut, but over most of the area where the grain is ripe there was too much rain to do any harvesting. Showery weather also retarded ripening of grain and prevented the curing of clover hay. Potatoes, garden truck and fruit, especially apples, are in excellent condition.

### GEO. M. CHAPPEL, Director.

**MOTOR RACES.**  
The motorcycle and automobile races which were to have been held at the fair grounds in this city on Wednesday afternoon of last week, will be held on Thursday of next week. A large number of entries have already been made for each of the races and it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance. See the advertisement regarding the races on the eighth page of this issue.

### FOR BENEFIT OF REST ROOM.

Plans are being made for a horse racing program at the fair grounds in this city on Saturday, July 24th, for the benefit of the rest room. The program and further particulars will be published in the next week's issue of The Democrat.

### NORTH MANCHESTER.

Mrs. Effie Burrington spent Sunday with her brothers at Strawberry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carroll of Strawberry Point were callers at the Burrington home, Saturday.

John Carroll, who was recently operated on at Park View hospital, has recovered so as to be wheeled about in a chair. He is at the home of his sister, Mrs. Effie Burrington.

Mrs. Fred Skinner and baby daughter of Clarion, Iowa, are visiting for a few days among old friends, and are guests of Mrs. William Burk.

Mrs. Maggie Smith of St. Louis, Missouri, is spending the summer with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Davis.

Joseph Davis spent the Fourth with his children at Strawberry Point.

Mrs. Howie of Oklahoma is visiting her old neighbors and friends and is a guest of Mrs. Frayer on South Brewer street. Mrs. Howie formerly lived in North Manchester.

The ladies of North Manchester are asked to remember that Thursday is the day for the Charity Circle picnic at Tirrell's park and all are urged to come.

### GIVE UP SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN.

The search for Andrew K. Bowles, missing man of Whitler, Iowa, whose disappearance was mentioned in last week's issue of The Democrat has been abandoned after hundreds of his friends have spent more than a week in hunting for him. Absolutely no trace of the missing man was obtained and his family and friends are at a loss to understand what has become of him.

The following is taken from a dispatch from Cedar Rapids which is dated July 5th, regarding the young man:

The young man's father yesterday searched his son's trunk and clothing left behind with the hope they would develop some clue, but there was not a scrap of paper, letter or anything else that would indicate Bowles contemplated leaving his employer of his own volition. Mr. Bowles says he can not understand his son's reason for leaving, if leave he did, and he knows of no reason why he should have been assaulted. "His financial affairs were in good condition; he had more than two months' salary coming to him; his home life was pleasant and I personally know there had been no trouble between his fiancée and himself. I can not understand it, but am living in hope that my boy still is living and that we shall hear something from him soon," Mr. Bowles said.

### ATTEND FUNERAL OF MOTHER.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stier were called to Grand Mound, Iowa, on Tuesday last week by the serious illness of the former's mother and whose death occurred on last Friday morning. The funeral services were held on Monday of this week. The Manchester friends extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. Stier.

### GREELEY.

Doris Young Connor was born at Lafayette, Ind., July 1, 1837, and died in Kansas City, Kansas, June 29, 1915, aged 77 years, 11 months and 28 days. Mrs. Connor was of a family of twelve children, there being 8 sisters and 3 brothers, all of whom are gathered in the home on high, with the exception of her brother, J. M. Young, who lives at this place and on Colorado. She was married to Jefferson Connor at Colebrook, when twenty-three years of age and afterward moved to Kansas. The husband died March 17, 1908, Mrs. Connor then moved to California, where she made her home with J. B. Robinson and wife. Mrs. Connor had been in the best of health and decided to make her a visit to her sister and the brother, whom she so dearly loved, leaving her home May 12th. After a visit to the sister in Colorado, she continued her journey and arriving in Kansas City, June 3, where she stopped over to visit a friend. She was taken ill the next day, and word was sent to her brother and Mrs. George Hollenbeck went to see if they could bring her home with them, but she was not able to come, and the ladies remained with her until a short time before she was called. The body was brought to Greeley, June 30. Interment was made in Grant View cemetery, beside her husband. The funeral was held from the M. E. church, Rev. Alexander officiating.

Miss Fern Sherman and mother, of Cherokee, are visiting relatives in Greeley.

Roy Smith and wife and Mrs. L. E. Smith were Wood Center visitors, Saturday.

Mrs. S. B. Sloan entertained the Social Circle Tuesday afternoon. Several gentlemen were invited to meet her brother, Mr. Jennings.

Mrs. Hoyt of Dubuque, spent a few days with her son at this place.

Mrs. George Hollenbeck of Dubuque, Lester Young and family, of Manchester, Mrs. Mary Bartlett, of Lester Hibbins of Cedar Rapids, were in attendance at the Connor funeral, Friday.

### MANCHESTER CHURCHES.

#### Baptist.

No preaching services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

#### St. Paul's.

Sunday school will be held at 2:30 o'clock on next Sunday and preaching services at 3:30 o'clock.

#### Christian Science.

The Christian Science society meets in the Universalist church for several months.

Morning service at 10:30. Subject for the lesson on next Sunday, "Sacrament."

#### Methodist Episcopal.

Rev. W. S. Skinner of Delhi will occupy the pulpit on next Sunday morning.

On Sunday evening union services will be held at this church and Rev. Suckow will give an illustrated talk on "Missions."

#### United Brethren.

In the absence of the pastor, there will be no preaching services on next Sunday.

The mid-week prayer and bible study on Thursday as usual.

The W. M. A. will hold its July meeting on Saturday with Mrs. Samantha Skinner. Dinner will be served.

#### Presbyterian.

Morning Worship at 10:30. Sunday School, 11:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

Union evening service in the M. E. church at 7:30.

Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

#### Congregational.

10:30 Morning Worship. Sermon theme: "Can War Be Abolished?"

This is the first of a series of four sermons on themes suggested by the great European war. The church is pleading for peace with things that make for peace. The ultimate basis of peace, and the world's security for the future.

12:00 Sunday School and Men's Class.

7:30 Union Service in the M. E. church.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF 1915 AUTO TAX.

Iowa counties during the month of May received from the first 1915 distribution of the automobile tax, \$693,346. This sum represents 85 per cent. of the total undistributed, \$815,701 collected by automobile license fees up to the morning of April 1st. Of this total, seven per cent or \$55,256 was placed to the credit of the Highway Commission.

The new law went into effect May 8th and in the next distribution which takes place August 1st the counties will get ninety per cent. of the total state will retain five per cent. and five per cent. will be placed to the credit of the Highway Commission.

Pottawatomie and Kosciusko counties share the distinction together of making the heaviest draft on the automobile fund. Each has twenty-eight townships and the share per township for the distribution being \$422 makes a total of \$11,816.

The fourteen counties which have but twelve townships draw the smallest individual sums or \$5,604 each.

The following is the amount received by counties in northeastern Iowa: Allamakee, \$7,596; Black Hawk, \$7,596; Bremer, \$7,596; Butler, \$7,596; Cerro Gordo, \$7,596; Chickasaw, \$7,596; Clayton, \$7,596; Delaware, \$7,596; Dubuque, \$7,596; Fayette, \$7,596; Floyd, \$7,596; Franklin, \$7,596; Grundy, \$7,596; Howard, \$7,596; Mitchell, \$7,596; Monona, \$7,596; Winnebago, \$7,596; Winneshiek, \$7,596; Worth, \$7,596; Wright, \$7,596.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CIRCUS.

One of the largest crowds which has ever visited Manchester was here on last Saturday afternoon and evening to attend the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, which gave two performances at the fair grounds on that day. At the afternoon performance there were 11,000 in attendance at the main entertainment and about 2,000 attended the wild west show immediately following the circus performance. The management of the circus stated that the most cordial treatment was received by all during their stay in Manchester. Much credit is due to Councilman E. W. Williams, who began plans early in the summer to secure this excellent show for this city, and also for the entertainment of those connected with the circus.

It can be truthfully said of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus that it is one of the cleanest circuses that has ever visited Manchester. The polite nature of the attendants and the entire absence of the rough element were very strong features. The entertainers, animals and clowns, and the trained horses were all of the highest order, and every one in attendance at the performance declared that the circus, from beginning to end, was one of the best they had ever attended.

The circus came to this city from Monticello where they gave two performances on Friday, and from there they went to Perry, Iowa, where they showed on Monday.

## LOCAL TEAM DEFEATS RYAN

FIRST GAME OF SEASON ON HOME GROUNDS PLAYED ON LAST MONDAY.

### STRAWBERRY POINT HERE TODAY

Local Management Has Scheduled Number of Games to be Played in Near Future.

The Manchester base ball team defeated the Ryan team at the West Main street park in this city on last Monday afternoon by a score of 7 to 4. The game was the first of the season to be played on the home grounds by the local team. The Manchester team secured one run in the first inning, five runs in the third and one in the eighth. Ryan secured their four runs in the eighth. The feature of Monday's game was the batting of Tolmie.

The local team is playing against Strawberry Point on the West Main street grounds this afternoon.

The following is the lineup of the teams for last Monday's game:

Manchester	AB R H PO A E
Mason, cf	1 1 2 0 1
Tolmie, ss	4 1 1 0 0
Clemans, 3b	2 1 0 0 1
Newcomer, c	4 2 1 15 1 0
Orton, 1b	2 0 0 6 0 0
Matthews, 2b	4 0 0 0 1 0
Malvin, lf	4 0 1 0 0 0
Dutton, rf	3 0 1 0 1 0
Bundy, p	3 1 2 1 2 0
Totals	31 7 27 7 3
Ryan	AB R H PO A E
Kool, ss	1 0 1 4 0
Gaffney, rf	1 1 1 0 0
Dolphin, 3b	1 0 1 1 0
Arnold, 1b	1 1 0 0 0
O'Brien, c	3 0 0 11 2 0
McCusker, 2b	4 0 0 0 0
Prabel, cf	3 0 0 0 0
Gilchrist, lf	4 0 0 0 0
Steele, p	4 0 0 2 0
Totals	31 4 3 24 12 0

Base on balls—Off Steele, 2; Off Bundy, 4.

Left on bases—Manchester 3; Ryan 1.

Two base hits—Tolmie, Bundy.

Home run—Tolmie.

Struck out—By Bundy 14; By Steele 9.

Hit by pitcher—Clemans, Gaffney.

Umpires—Burnside and Matthews.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

July 2nd, 1865, Peter Wragg, was united in marriage to Theodosia Rich. They have lived together as husband and wife for fifty years, and on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage July 2nd, 1915, by invitation, friends were assembled to do them honor. The father of Peter Wragg, was one of the very early settlers in Union township, Delaware county. Peter the eldest son, enlisted in the war of the rebellion, in 1861, 2nd Iowa Cavalry. He served his country with credit to himself and his family. He was seriously wounded in the groin with a minie bullet, from which wound Peter has suffered fifty years. The old veterans are few and far between, but six of his old soldier comrades were able to attend his golden wedding. This company, as might be expected was cosmopolitan. Peter is no man for red tape, although he may be one of the wealthiest citizens in Delaware county.

Automobiles were banded in all the available space, the vast barn room on this farm was taxed to its utmost. The day was emblematic of their married life, "sunshine." I pass hastily by the elaborate menu furnished this army of guests. Rev. Skinner Sr. gave the invocation, after a very appropriate remarks. Rev. Skinner is an adept in this capacity and I advise all individuals, corporations, societies or other assemblies requiring the service of a minister to call on Rev. Skinner Sr. for his services.

I said this company was cosmopolitan as there were in this company of guests, hired men, farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, doctors, senators, poets and many others of local notoriety.

Peter is a modest man. He would not stand for a second ceremony, but he had a photographer from Hopkinton on the ground, who took the pictures of the company so far as he was able, also the photos of the six old veterans yet on earth as his comrades. As a local event, there is nothing surpassed it, as enjoyable in this part of the country. I might add that his friends presented room on his farm was taxed to its easy chair, upholstered in kangaroo.

### YOUTH IS SERIOUSLY STABBED BY MISTAKE.

The following is taken from the Register and Leader of this morning and is dated from Dubuque on July 6:

Michael O'Meara, aged 18, residing on Railroad avenue, is in the hospital with a knife wound in the right groin that may prove fatal, and Robert Anderson, a barber from Manchester, is in the county jail charged with the crime. It is reported Anderson had quarreled with another man and later mistook O'Meara for him when they met on Southern avenue late last night.

### MIDKIFF-WHEELLESS.

The marriage of Miss Josie Midkiff and Mr. Archie Wheelless will take place at 7:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Midkiff, in this city. Rev. W. H. Ensign of Hopkinton will perform the ceremony. The wedding will be attended by immediate relatives and a number of close college friends. The young couple will go to Denver, Colorado, on their wedding trip. They will be at home at Sloan, Iowa, after September 1st, 1915.

The bride is an accomplished young lady and her many Manchester friends join in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wheelless. She graduated from Lenox college at Hopkinton last June. The groom graduated from Lenox College with the class of 1914 and during the past year has been superintendent of the high school at Sloan, Iowa, and he has accepted the same position for the coming year.

### PROSPERING IN MINNESOTA.

S. E. Turner of this city received a letter last week from S. L. Hill of McGregor, Minnesota, in which he states that he and his family are greatly pleased with their new home in the neighboring state, and that crop conditions are fine. Mr. Hill wants to correct a report which was circulated here to the effect that the country in which he now lives, has been "drowned out", and that crops had been ruined. In his letter he stated that this is not so. While they had more rain than was necessary for some crops, on the whole, everything is doing nicely.

Mr. Hill formerly resided near the Lindsey bridge, northwest of Manchester, and traded his farm there for a large tract of land in the vicinity of McGregor. His many Delaware county friends will be pleased to learn that he is pleased with his new home, and that crop conditions are promising big yields this year.

### CUT WEEDS BEFORE AUGUST 1st.

The state highway commission is calling the attention of property owners to the change in the state law which requires weeds to be cut between July 1st and August 1st. The commission says:

The Iowa weed law as amended by the Thirty-sixth general assembly places the final limit on weed cutting August 1, two weeks earlier than formerly.

Weeds must be cut between July 1 and August 1. Formerly the dates were July 15 to August 15.

The change to the earlier dates was made because it was found that the seed of many noxious weeds were so far matured by August 1st that cutting after that date was of little or no value in preventing the spread of the weeds.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining uncalled for July 5, 1915, at the Manchester post office:

Amerland, Henry.  
Bailey, Addie.  
Beck, Otto.  
Foster, J. H.  
Pattous, Miss Malaka, Farm.  
Putnam, Louis J.  
Schwartz, Rev. J. F.  
Smith, L.  
Torney, George.  
Turner, Jack.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 19, 1915, if not called for before that date.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

L. F. Burkhardt, age 39, and Florence E. Boles, age 29.

Clarence Jones was a guest of friends in Oelwein on Monday.

Editor J. W. Dossage, of the Monticello Express, is a visitor in the city to-day.

Misses Lydia and Rose Hedlund are spending several days at Fairmount, Minnesota.

W. H. Hutchinson left on Tuesday morning to look after land interests in Canada.

Manchester and vicinity was visited by a heavy rain storm Tuesday evening and this morning.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson and daughter, Miss Delight, left on Tuesday morning for San Francisco, California, to attend the exposition.

Lightning struck the cupola on the residence of Mrs. M. F. LeRoy on East Main street about four o'clock this morning and considerable damage resulted.

R. C. Keagy left on Sunday morning for New York City to enter the offices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and will have charge of the Rural Work Department.

The large pavilion at Delhi will be the scene of a social dance on Friday evening, July 9th, of this week. Reiger's orchestra will furnish the music. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blake left this morning for Chicago, where they will spend several days, after which they will take a pleasure trip on the lakes. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

The report of the First National Bank of this city at the close of business on June 29, 1915 is published in another column of this issue, which shows that institution to be in an excellent financial condition.

The A. A. Cooper Wagon and Buggy company have a large page advertisement on page eight of this issue of The Democrat in which they give some interesting facts regarding their complete line of buggies and wagons which they have on display at the Novelty barn in this city. For particulars regarding their stock, read their announcement.

## 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.

Miss Vera Collinge is a visitor in Dubuque, to-day.

Mrs. Sherman Harris went to Le Mars, Iowa, on Saturday for a visit with friends.

William Boulting of Chicago has been a guest of Cal Martin during the past week.

P. F. Madden left on Tuesday night for Davenport to attend the shoe men's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson are the parents of a son born on Tuesday morning, July 6, 1915.

Misses Josephine and Bess Thorpe expect to leave in the near future for San Francisco to attend the exposition.

Ray Zirtman of Dubuque arrived in the city on Saturday for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Zirtman.