

PROMINENT MASON ANSWERS SUMMONS

SETH BROWN, PIONEER OF MANCHESTER, PASSED AWAY TUESDAY EVENING.

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY

Services to be held at Masonic Temple in this City Friday, at Two O'clock.

After an illness of a few weeks, Seth Brown, one of the very earliest settlers of this city, passed away at his home in Manchester, his death occurring shortly before six o'clock, Tuesday, January 4th, 1916.

Funeral services will be held in Masonic temple on Friday afternoon, and will be in charge of the Masonic order. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born in Devonshire, England, February 9th, 1835. When a boy fourteen years of age he came to America, and spent much of his boyhood days in the states of Illi-



SETH BROWN.

nois, Wisconsin and Ohio. In 1855, he came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Bremer county, near what is now the city of Tripoli. He remained in Bremer county only about a year. In 1856, when this section of the county was thinly settled Mr. Brown came here to make his home. When he came here there were no railroads, and for a time he did teaming between this point and the city of Dubuque. All supplies and food stuffs had to be hauled by team from Dubuque, over the poorest kinds of roads, and amidst the greatest dangers.

In 1861, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Evans, of Coffins Grove. Mrs. Brown passed away in this city on January 4th, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born four children: George, Grace and Ida Brown, all of whom have preceded their father in death, and Mrs. Jennie Brown of this city. Besides the daughter, Mr. Brown leaves to mourn his death two brothers, Harry Brown of Manchester, and Geo. Brown, of Grinnell, Iowa; and two half-brothers, Martin Brown of Wadena, and Fred Brown of Evergreen, England, and two half sisters, Mrs. Kate von Meyers of Dubuque, and Mrs. Susie Chapman of Florence, Oregon. He is also survived by three grand-children, Mrs. Lewis Purvis, Seth Brown, Jr., and Miss Dorothy Brown, of this city.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Universalist church of Manchester; of Jones Mill Grange, and an honored member of the various branches of the Masonic order. In these organizations he held many positions of trust during his lifetime.

For sixty years Mr. Brown was closely identified with the growth and business life of Manchester. During those years he saw this place grow from a barren wilderness to one of the richest agricultural sections of the state, and in bringing about this transformation he had an important part. He was keenly interested in farming and retained his interest in the work of Jones Mill grange to the last. In Masonic circles he was a familiar figure, and truly lived the principles of the order in his daily life. For many years he filled the office of treasurer of the four branches of the lodge.

In the death of Mr. Brown the family loses a kind companion, the lodge an honored member and the community a genuine Christian citizen.

JOHN WHITE.

John White, one of the well known farmers of Thorpe, died at his home this morning, January 6th, 1916, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services will be held at the family home on Saturday forenoon at 11 o'clock, and interment will be made in Union cemetery.

Mr. White was born in Genoa, Illinois, December 5th, 1856. On February 24th, 1880, at Genoa, he was united in marriage with Jane Bilhorn. On March 4, 1880, Mr. and Mrs. White came to Delaware County, and located on a farm near Thorpe, where he passed away this morning. He leaves to mourn his death the wife, and four children—Lilly, Ernest and Cora, all at home, and Roy White, of Waterloo.

Mr. White was a successful farmer, and was loved and respected by a large circle of acquaintances. His death comes as a severe blow to the family, and friends.

OVERCOAT SALE.

Gildner Bros. advertise a special sale on overcoats, the sale to begin on Friday of this week, and continue for one week. Note the prices in their advertisement on page 5.

A NEW YEAR'S DAY BRIDE.

Miss Maida F. Allyn, daughter of Mrs. Charles Allyn, of this city, and Dr. Raymond B. Partridge, of East Rochester, New York, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, at noon on January 1st, 1916, the Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, performing the ceremony in the presence of thirty-five guests, all of whom were relatives and personal friends of the young people.

Miss Florence Milner played the wedding march, and while the service was read she played an instrumental selection, "To a Wild Rose," by MacDowell. The home was artistically decorated, the color scheme being yellow and white. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served.

Dr. and Mrs. Partridge left on Saturday evening for a honeymoon trip through the east, visiting Boston, New York and other eastern points of interest. At the conclusion of the trip east they will go to housekeeping in East Rochester, where Dr. Partridge has been practicing medicine and surgery since his graduation from Ann Arbor, Michigan, in a course of three years.

The bride is an attractive young lady, and has a host of friends in Manchester, who will wish her happiness in her married life. Dr. Partridge is a stranger to Manchester people and is to be heartily congratulated upon his good fortune in winning the hand of so talented a young woman.

DECEMBER POSTAL RECEIPTS AT MANCHESTER FOR PAST FIVE YEARS.

If postal receipts are good evidence of business conditions, and they are generally so considered, business has been exceedingly good in Manchester during the past month.

The following comparative statement of receipts from sales of stamps and stamp paper at the post office in this city, during each December for the past five years, shows a fair gain for the first four years of the period and a remarkable gain for the last year.

Year	Receipts
1911	\$1270.98
1912	1269.37
1913	1289.67
1914	1434.28
1915	1788.42

Manchester is all right.

UNION MEETINGS.

The Ministerial Association of Manchester has planned the following services for the second week in January, beginning with Tuesday evening. These services are designed to answer the purpose of the week of prayer, which many churches observe during the first week of the month. The following schedule will be followed:

- Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, Baptist Church—Address by Ex-Gov. Hanley, of Indiana.
- Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. McDonald.
- Thursday evening, Jan. 13, Presbyterian Church—Rev. Hudson.
- Friday evening, Jan. 14, Methodist Church—Rev. Montgomery.

The services will begin at 7:30. The general public is cordially invited.

ELECT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the Delaware County Agricultural society, held in the court house Tuesday afternoon, a board of six directors was elected. The following men were chosen from among those who have subscribed to the society: E. H. H. Hoyt of Manchester, and F. L. Durey of Prairie township, for a term of one year; E. B. Stiles, of Manchester, and Conrad Wendel of Honey Creek township, for term of two years; G. H. Dunham, of Manchester, and Morrell Hamblin of Mho township, for a term of three years. The regular annual meeting of the society will be held in the court house next Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, when the newly elected board of directors will audit the books of the present officers; and also elect new officers for the ensuing year.

HON. J. FRANK HANLEY TO SPEAK.

Hon. J. Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana, will speak at a meeting in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening, January 11th, at 7:30. Mr. Hanley comes here under the auspices of the Flying Squadron Foundation. He is president of the Flying Squadron Foundation and Editor-in-Chief of the National Enquirer. He is a lawyer of ability and an advocate of remarkable force and power and devotes all of his time to this work. The public is urged to attend this meeting and hear what this noted speaker has to say. Admission is free.

MISS DUNHAM WINS MERITED HONOR.

Miss Laura Dunham, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. George W. Dunham, returned to Oberlin, Ohio, on Monday to pursue her studies in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She graduated last June, taking her diploma from the college, and upon her return in the fall and her test recitals she was by unanimous vote of the faculty classified as a senior in the conservatory of music, which her friends consider an unusual honor fittingly bestowed.

DOLLAR DAY SALE.

In this issue of The Democrat is the large advertisement of W. L. Drew, announcing a unique bargain day. Our readers will find exceptional offerings in Seasonable goods. In many instances articles sold formerly for \$1.50 are offered for that day at \$1.00. Our readers should bear in mind that the special prices quoted in the advertisement are good for Saturday, January 8th, only.

SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

George Siddell, manager of the Dairy City Creamery company of this city, and his brother, were generously remembered by Santa Claus this year. Santa Claus in this particular instance was no other person than the mother of the Siddell brothers, and that her gift, a handsome 1916 model six cylinder Overland car is appreciated, is putting it mildly.

HORRORS OF WAR TOLD BY SOLDIERS

GERMAN SOLDIER'S RECORD OF BATTLES AND HARDSHIPS WHILE ON FIRING LINE.

SOLDIERS ANXIOUS FOR WAR TO CEASE

Dead and Dying Cover Vast Areas Near Trenches. Suffering Among Soldiers.

London, Dec. 11, 1915.

Around the corner from our hotel is the shop of a Belgian barber. Here one day Mr. Norton was shown the diary of a German soldier, taken from his dead body by a French soldier, who also buried the fallen German and sent the diary which he took from the poor fellow's pocket, on to his Belgian friend, to be returned after the war to the poor widow somewhere in Germany.

As I write, the diary together with its translation into English lies before me on my table, together with the picture of the wife and little child. Knowing that this compelling human document could not fall to the interest of those at home, I am sending this translation on, omitting only the parts that would not especially interest.

This soldier, I should say, was killed in Belgium, and was only thirty-eight years of age, a gardener who lived in a village in the extreme east of Western Prussia. His diary covers little more than a fortnight, the days from the 12th to the 29th of October. The poor fellow was tired of the sight of slaughter and sick for home. To him war was all tragedy. His jottings written very often in the rain, as the condition of his little note-book shows form a picture of the heart-thoughts of thousands of men on the battlefields of Europe today.

(1914) October 16. A day of rest at last. But the isn't much rest. Morning inspection of rifles, afternoon inspection of clothing. They call that a day of rest here. Money gone. There is no pay. No beer; no cigar to be bought to cheer one up. October 17. We pursue the enemy. Before the fortress of Lille we had a hard fight. The fighting was stopping. I cannot describe what I have seen here. Dead, maimed and fearfully wounded—I shall never forget that picture. Tonight we are sleeping in the open—no straw, no cover. I am very cold. If this goes on much longer I shall be absolutely knocked out, as I am already suffering from chronic catarrh. October 19. The enemy was shooting the whole night. I don't know what they mean by it, as they can see nothing. I think they do it only out of fear. Today they are banging away again. I think we are going to have another bad day again today. We are lying the whole day in reserve, without cover. Shrapnel and rifle bullets fall all around us. October 20. I have slept well. I have found some lard and bacon, that gives new courage. The battle goes on. Dixmude the decisive battle is expected before the Yser. The fighting was very hot. October 21. We lie in reserve. The battle rages. Tonight we sleep in the open—no straw only. October 22. Today the fighting goes on. We are in it today. The shells fall 50 to 60 metres in front of us. We may be torn in pieces any minute. Dixmude I shall never forget. This man writing during the battle. I have wondered up to now, that I get no reply from home. But what I have experienced today—that truly is the crown of baseness. Letters are merely torn up by the Color-Sergeant, and parcels are divided up among the men. That happens every day. The man doesn't answer at once when his name is called out; his parcel is card torn up. It is very sad that such a thing should happen, for every man waits word from his dear ones. Is that the way to keep up one's courage and enthusiasm for the war? The lower officers ought to be instructed by the commanders to show more tact; for it is unworthy of a German. In the presence of death there should be more fellow feeling.

The Belgians seem to have crossed the Yser already. We have occupied the little village. Here death stares one in the face; the fearful sight of it. The dead lie as though slain, with horrible wounds, for our artillery shoots well. He who knows what it is to retire under infantry and artillery fire knows also the consequences of it. Why do men dismember themselves so?

In the evening we got into such a heavy shell fire that I expected every minute to be torn to pieces. I began sleep in the open; I could not sleep. I was seized with shivering, and had to get up several times during the night, for my limbs were stiff. October 23. The battle continues along the whole front. Just now our men captured 116 Belgians. More are coming in. They are a fearful sight; five days without eating, three days without anything to drink; clothes covered with mud. It is a miserable picture without compare. We lie today again in reserve. I do not think the Belgians will be able to resist much longer. October 24. This is already the ninth day of the battle between Keim, Ypres Canal and Dixmude. We have thrown the enemy over the canal. The enemy includes Frenchmen, Belgians, and Englishmen. He who has not seen it, cannot imagine how furiously the battle rages. It is night and sleepless yet. They are very warm. October 25. (Sunday.) Early today we went forward over the canal. What one sees here makes one shudder. Dead as though slain—nothing but Belgians, cattle and horses, all mixed up together. One can scarcely look at it. Every man has the wish that this wholesale murder

have a speedy end. So long as I live I shall always think of the battle near Keim, on the Yser canal. It will be a long time before I shall feel cheerful again. Such wholesale murder one cannot forget. On Saturday, at 1:07, a shell fell into our trench, quite near the Captain. His servant was killed at once; the shell hurled him over the trench. The others were scarcely recognizable for dirt. The same thing may happen to me at any moment, for death stands always before us. The same God who they say, created men—He can also murder them. That is all a part of his divine ruling. That is what you, silly people are told. Sad for him who believes it. When the people realize how they are deceived with this God of the Capitalists such murder will no longer be possible.

October 26. Sunday evening we again advanced. The evening, and the night were fearful. It rained so that in half an hour we were wet through. Then we crawled into a Belgian trench. I was perishing with cold. I don't think I can hold out much longer, for I have rheumatism in all my limbs. It is time, but peace some epidemic will break out. The battle rages again today. I was on the watch last night for the fifth time. The night was very cold. I was perishing with cold. October 27. The wrestle of the worlds proceeds. We lie on the Yser canal. The French shot better it would be all up with us I would write more, but we lie here on the bodies of our comrades. That agitates me always very much. On the Yser Canal the bodies of the dead—German and Belgian—lie in heaps; I have had to go by them already several times. That agitates me very much. The smell of the corpses is awful. If they are not soon buried there must be an outbreak of disease. We sleep by the canal; I have slept well. October 28. Today we again advanced. This is already the twelfth day of the battle, and no decision yet. We have been under a fearful shell fire today. It was very fearful, than anything I had known before. It was as though the world was coming to an end. I have desired death that this horror might end. But as though a miracle our company had no wounded—only our artillery. I am already quite worn out. I can enjoy my food no longer.

Oh how happy were I could see wife and child once again. But I no longer believe that possible. This wholesale murder is something horrible. We are fighting Frenchmen now, and they shoot well. The artillery I think is better than ours. If the Governments would only make peace. There is enough breaking of hearts already. It was very cold last night, for they were striking the ground. In the trenches it is very wet. How long shall I yet hold out. On the 27th, I got the first news from home. I wept in my excitement. Friend and comrade Peters has sent me some cigars, chocolates, and peppermint drops. How thankful I am for them. I am fearfully cold as I write this. I am wanting warm underclothing. I have changed my shirt twice, but my pants are quite worn out. Perhaps I may find some on a dead comrade. Need forces one to such deeds. October 29. The battle goes on. This is the thirteenth day, how will it end? The thirteenth day brought to Josef Jablonski, the German gardener from the little village in Western Prussia, the death that he so longed for, the release from all the horrors of the dreadful conflict, and the French soldier who buried him took from his pocket a record of his sufferings, and gave it to our Belgian friend, and I have passed it on to you.

EDITH F. NORTON.

NEW PARSONAGE COMPLETED.

The members of the Buck Creek Methodist Episcopal church have just completed a handsome parsonage for their pastor, Rev. Mr. Challice. The pastor and his wife are now nicely situated in the same. Speaking of the improvement made by the good people of Buck Creek the Hopkinton Leader of last week says: "It is a very commodious and comfortable residence, and many a 'town' preacher is less conveniently situated than Mr. and Mrs. Challice are in their new home. The house occupies the ground that was formerly owned by Lew Reardon, and it replaces one of the old houses of that community. The grounds have been terraced and graded, with a slope toward the church, and grading has also been done about the church to make provision for a driveway into the grounds and a convenient place for parking automobiles, which are now about as common as stoves in the face of the church. The church home. A veritable transformation has been accomplished by the congregation since they took up the work of improvement a couple of years ago. Their plans are not all completed yet, but the enthusiasm with which the people of the community have taken hold of their problem insures a successful conclusion of their undertaking. Interest in the church and the ideals which they are endeavoring to work out has not waned at any time. The Buck Creek church is a conspicuous example of what a rural community is able to accomplish when a serious effort is made. A community interest is being created which it seems to the Leader should be a means of anchoring the young people as well as the old ones, permanently to the old home. There are mighty few places where the attractions are so seductive and the neighborly relations so cordial and invigorating as at Buck Creek."

EDITOR CROSIER ILL.

William Crosier, formerly connected with this newspaper, and who has been for several years publisher of the Coggon Monitor, has been confined to his home for some time with stomach trouble. His condition has become quite serious, and is causing his family much concern. William is one of the cleanest young business men we know of, and The Democrat, in common with the newspaper boys in this section, hopes that he will soon be on the road to recovery.

DEATH CLAIMS GEO. S. LISTER

SUFFERS STROKE OF APOPLEXY ON SUNDAY EVENING. DEATH FOLLOWING MONDAY.

H'LD PROMINENT PLACE IN CITY

Prominent Hardware Dealer in Manchester for Many Years. Prominent in Masonic Circles.

Geo. S. Lister, one of the most widely known men of Manchester, passed away at his home on West Howard street early Monday morning, January 3rd, 1916, following a stroke of apoplexy, which he suffered Sunday evening. When the news of the death of Justice Lister was passed along Monday morning, it came as a great shock to the best of friends. On Saturday and Sunday Mr. Lister appeared to be in the best



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of health. On New Year's day he came down town, and attended to business matters and was heard to remark that he never felt better in his life than he did that day. On Sunday morning he and Mrs. Lister attended the services in the Congregational church, and at the close of the service he spent a few moments in social intercourse with his friends. Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lister spent a few hours in the home of their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter, returning home early in the evening. At about 9:30 o'clock, Sunday evening, without a moment's warning, he was stricken, and never regained consciousness, death occurring at six o'clock Monday morning.

Only a few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Lister moved into their newly purchased home on West Howard St., from East Howard street. They had barely had time to get settled in their beautiful new home, when their plans were so unexpectedly interrupted by the visitation of death.

Funeral services are being held at the Congregational church this afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. W. J. Suckow, pastor of the church, and Rev. Henry W. Tuttle, of Grinnell, have charge of the services. The members of Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Lister was an honored member, attended the services in a body, and had charge of the services at the grave.

Geo. S. Lister was born in Woodstock, Canada, December 13th, 1851, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lister. When a lad but four years of age his parents

GOVERNMENT HELPLESS TO AID FIGHT AGAINST GRIP.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Influenza is spreading over the United States epidemic ever known, taking a large toll in lives and causing economic loss by incapacitating workers in all walks of life. Reports from public health service officers made public tonight by Surgeon General Blue show that already the disease has created a grave problem for many of the larger cities and is spreading to the rural communities. Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Cleveland and Detroit reported the disease widely prevalent. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases. Of the larger cities Buffalo, Pittsburg, Baltimore, San Diego, Dallas and Mobile reported no signs of an epidemic.

There is practically nothing the federal government can do toward staving in suppression of the epidemic. It must be dealt with by local authorities, and they, in turn, it is explained, are almost helpless without cooperation from the public. Surgeon General Blue said tonight he had called for reports from all parts of the country with the hope that publicity would tend to stimulate this cooperation.

BARGAINS AT THE CORNER STORE.

The Snodgrass Clothing company occupies the entire eighth page of The Democrat, to announce the annual mid-winter sale, reducing sale. This is the first sale which Mr. B. B. Wirth, the new manager of the store, is conducting in this city, and to make this sale a success he is putting forth every possible means at his command. As is well known now Mr. Wirth adopt-

JURY FINDS FOR JOHN J. ANDERSON

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF IN SUM OF \$4625 RETURNED BY TRIAL JURY.

BOARD APPOINTS M. A. RICHARDSON

L. B. Schneider of Greeley Appointed Deputy County Treasurer. Appointment Made Monday.

The trial jury which heard the evidence in the case of John J. Anderson vs. A. M. Cloud, returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Anderson, fixing the amount of the judgment in the sum of \$4625.00. The case was given to the jury at six o'clock on Thursday evening, and early on Friday morning the twelve jurymen had reached an agreement in the case. The litigation attracted much attention, and occupied the attention of the court during the greater part of last week. Judge Muller, who heard the case, made the following entry when the jury returned its verdict: "Trial jury finds for plaintiff in sum of \$4625.00. Defendant excepts, and is granted ten days to file motion for new trial." At this time Mr. Cloud has not filed a motion for rehearing.

A settlement was made out of court in the case of James Lally vs. James and Clara Malley. The action was instituted for the purpose of collecting certain rents on a farm.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SESSION.

The Board of supervisors are in session at the County Court house this week, transacting the regular routine business which always awaits consideration at the beginning of the new year. W. H. Clute, whose term of office had expired on December 31st, 1915, and who was re-elected at the last general election, took the oath of office and took his seat as a member of the board for a term of three years. F. A. Mead was elected chairman of the board, and is presiding over the January session.

The board checked the books of the retiring county treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. Newman, and found that there was a balance of cash in the various funds aggregating \$39,153.71. Mr. Newman has been an efficient county official, and is now in the Delaware County State bank, filling the position of assistant cashier and bookkeeper.

M. A. Richardson, who has been the competent deputy in the treasurer's office for a number of years, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Newman's resignation. Mr. Richardson is deserving of this promotion, and his friends congratulate him upon his appointment. Mr. Richardson has chosen as his deputy, Mr. L. B. Schneider, of Greeley. The board approved the appointment of Mr. Schneider as deputy. Mr. Schneider is a capable and obliging accountant, and will in a few days take up his work in the treasurer's office.

MANCHESTER CHURCHES.

St. Paul's.
Rev. C. K. Hudson will preach at this church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Sunday school at the usual hour.

Christian Science.
The subject for the lesson next Sunday morning is "Satan." Services each Sunday in the Carnegie Library, at 10:30.

Lutheran.
Services in German in the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Sunday school in connection with the service. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Congregational.
10:30. Morning worship. Theme of sermon: Effects of the War on Religion.
12:00. Sunday school and Men's class.
3:30. Junior Endeavor.
6:30. Young Peoples' meeting.
7:30. Evening worship. Sermon theme: The Heart of the Gospel.

United Brethren.
Sunday morning service, 10:30. Sunday School, 11:45. Evening service, 7:30. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. The public will find a cordial welcome.

Mid-week service Thursday evening at the parsonage.
The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Calvin Stinson on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Presbyterian Church.
There will be the regular service next Sabbath. Morning worship 10:30. Theme, Christ the Reconciler. Sunday school, 11:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:30. Topic, Why Join the Church? Eph. 38:21. Evening service, 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:30 (Acts XIII) followed by Training class.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet next week Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. Eva J. Lyman. See notice elsewhere for union services next week.

Methodist Episcopal.
Subject for the morning sermon: "God's Love for Humanity." The theme for the evening sermon is "The Church, Its Place and Value."

The Men's Brotherhood of the church will serve a twenty-five cent supper in the parlors of the church next Tuesday evening, and at the close of the supper Ex-governor Hanley will deliver a short address to the men. The supper will begin at 6 o'clock, and all the men are cordially invited.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

F. Henry Scherbring, and Josephine Elke.
Raymond B. Partridge and Mary F. Allyn.
Roy W. Kegan, and Mary E. O'Brien.
Geo. M. Hatten, and Amelia E. Goedken.