

George Blair is holding court in audience this week.

Frank Merwin will lead the men's singing in the Y. M. C. A. rooms next afternoon.

The Manchester Lumber Co. makes good suggestions to "lonely ones" in their ad. this week.

Hockaday & Son announce that during the winter months their meat market will not be open on Sunday.

If you are in need of anything in the shape of a tank heater read what Geo. S. Lister has to say about them in his ad. this week.

The public schools of Manchester will close for the holiday vacation, Friday of this week and will begin again Monday January 8th.

Will Matthews will arrive home this week from Cedar Rapids where he has completed a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College.

A total eclipse of the moon was plainly visible during the early hours of last Saturday night, no clouds obstructing the view of the phenomenon.

Howard Commerford is visiting at his old home in Manchester after an absence of two years. He has spent most of that time in Omaha, Nebraska.

The buildings for the new cold storage plant are fast nearing completion. They are entirely enclosed and will be finished in time to receive the ice.

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to W. H. Barnes and Mattie L. Austin, L. C. Gardner and W. D. Whitman and Earl D. June and Agnes Gelde.

Letters addressed to the following are unclaimed at the post office in this city: Miss Ada Schneider, G. F. Bloodworth, T. G. Miller, W. A. Robinson, and V. P. Grubb.

The Cornell students who are at home from Mt. Vernon for their holiday vacation are: Frank Merwin, Kate Ford, Fannie Heberle, Bert Matthews and Clarence Toran.

Rev. Gerrit Snyder, of Pana, Ill., has declined the offer of the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of this city. E. W. Rankin, of Chicago will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

There will be a Christmas supper in the Presbyterian church Saturday evening of this week. After supper a program will be given and all are cordially invited to attend.

Among those from here who attended the shrimpers' meeting at Cedar Rapids last week were W. H. Norris, R. W. Tirrell, I. T. Walters, A. L. Beardslee and J. B. Rutherford.

M. F. Beardon, who for several years has been employed here in the office of J. Sullivan, will enter the employ of Ben Gilles as first of the year and will remove to East St. Louis.

Vern Platt has discontinued his services as night operator for the Illinois Central here and his place is taken by Fred Hruby who will act in that capacity. Fred is to be congratulated on his success, which is the result of hard work and close application to his duties.

H. L. Rann went to Waterloo Monday evening to attend a rehearsal of the musical program to be given at the Presbyterian church in that city next Sunday evening. He will sing a tenor solo and take part in the singing of the cantata, "The Crowning of the King."

H. E. Light, the Pennsylvania horse buyer, shipped from Delaware last Saturday twenty-two head of farm horses paying therefor \$2,684. They were all bought in Delaware county. He also shipped nineteen horses from Elkader the same day. These he bought in and about Arlington and Volga City. It pays to raise good horses.

Passenger service on the Illinois Central between Ft. Dodge and Omaha was instituted last Monday. The new time card between Chicago and Council Bluffs will not go into effect until the first of the year. The delay in building the new coaches has made it impossible to begin the new service as soon as was at first intended.

A very delightful meeting of the Sunshine Club was held last week Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Atwater. Crochets and carous were played progressively and created much amusement. Refreshments consisting of "Eggs I-will-know-examine," a Mexican cake of "unpronounceable name and cake were served after which a marshmallow toast was participated in, much to the disgust of all concerned. Refreshments were business meeting closed this pleasant meeting of friends with friends.

The lecture given by Prof. Dunsen last Friday evening of last week was well attended and made a very good impression upon those who were so fortunate as to hear it. His subject, "A Wonderful Structure," was treated from a scientific standpoint and his experiments during the course of the lecture helped to explain the composition and structure of man. His lecture had the effect of impressing one of how little people ordinarily are acquainted with their physical composition. His remarks were followed with the closest attention and should be returned here at a future date he would be met by a still larger audience.

Chapter A. S. P. E. O., held a very enjoyable session Friday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McEwen, in Pythian Square. Supper, which was served at half past six, was followed by a short but interesting paper on Palmistry, prepared and read by Mrs. McEwen. After which one by one those present passed through the thrilling experience of having their fortunes told, the traditional passage, across the palm, of the quarter or half-dollar being in this instance very thoughtfully omitted. Those of the hierarchy of the evening, were Judge E. P. Seeds, Fred Ford, J. F. McEwen, M. F. LeBoy, Wood Jewell, C. A. Peterson, A. E. Peterson, W. H. Norris, E. B. Stiles, Jos. Jones, Geo. McEwen and Byron Morrison.

—Fred Walker is in Chicago.

—Tomorrow will be the shortest day in the year.

—Merry Christmas to each and every reader of the Democrat.

—D. H. Young arrived home Monday morning from West Superior, Wis.

Miss Susan Paxton is expected home the last of the week to spend the holidays.

—Hon. W. H. Norris transacted business in Coleburg the first of the week.

—John Ward came down from Waterloo to spend Sunday with relatives in this city.

—The Illinois Central is making extensive improvements on its coal sheds in the local yards.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Slack, of Waterloo, are the happy parents of a baby boy, born last Friday.

—We acknowledge a pleasant call from Jno. Oakley, of Masonville, and M. T. Skinner, the first of the week.

—Steve Edmunds arrived home last Monday evening from Mt. Vernon to spend the holidays with his parents.

—George Clemans is expected here the last of the week for a visit of several weeks with friends and relatives.

—Clem Wierwich and F. W. Meyen, a bustling stock buyer, of Thorpe, were smiling upon ye editors last week Wednesday.

—Rev. L. P. Valentine, of Chicago University will preach in the Baptist church of this city next Sunday morning and evening, December 24th.

—A school exhibition will be held in the band hall in Masonville on Saturday evening of this week, proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school library.

—Mr. and Mrs. Avery Smith arrived home yesterday morning from Mt. Clemans, Michigan, where they have been for several weeks receiving medical treatment.

—A. M. Sherwood leaves this week for Hammond, Louisiana to spend the winter. Mrs. Sherwood has been there about two weeks.

—The Tuesday evening party last week, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Barr, was a very successful social gathering. The amusements were new, unique and enjoyable.

—Capt. Henry Hutchinson arrived home Monday evening from England where he has been for several weeks. He left England December 9th making the trip in ten days.

—Among the timely callers at the office of the Democrat Thursday last we would mention J. E. Cocking, of just north of Manchester, and T. H. Wiley and Richard Just, of Edgewood.

—The annual meeting of the Congregational church for the election of officers and reports of same for the past year will be held Thursday, December 28. Members are requested to be present.

—Chas. Perkins has received notice of an increase of pension from six dollars to twelve dollars per month. This is a substantial and merited increase which is a source of gratification to himself and friends.

—The Manchester crematory will make its monthly payment for talk received during the month of November on Saturday next. This pay day is made one week earlier than usual in order that the patrons may have the use of their money for holiday purchases.

—D. H. Young & Co. have sold their newspaper interests in West Superior, Wisconsin, to Farwell & Shultz, of Iowa City. Possession was given the first of the week. The new proprietors are said to be experienced newspaper men. The politics of the paper will be republican.

—Mrs. Mary Given died last Sunday morning in this city at the home of her son, Thos. Given. She was seventy-five years of age and her death was due to old age. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Congregational church, Judge E. P. Seeds officiating.

—Don't forget yourself when you are doing your holiday trading," is the warning given by A. D. Brown, and he suggests that the place to get useful articles for gifts is at his furniture store on Main street. Some of the articles suitable for presents are shown in his advertisement.

—The first of the series of club dances to be given this winter was held last Friday evening in the Central opera house. The music was furnished by the Harmony Orchestra and the large number present evening. The next dance will be held Friday evening December 29th.

—Considerable excitement was created last Monday evening by a runaway of one of the teams belonging to the Standard Oil Company and one of its wagons. The team ran north on Franklin street through the business district but was brought to a stand still before any damage was done.

—We have received very pleasant calls from Edward Turner, E. E. Cook, Rev. William O. W. Thomas, Jos. Williams, Wm. Jeeke, and A. P. Sandberg since our last press day. These gentlemen knew a good thing when they saw it, and as a result we are a number of premiums shy in the Democrat office.

—Small-pox is getting uncomfortably close to Manchester. A case is reported from Independence. The man who is down with the dread disease is a resident of that city but boards at one of the hotels, the Empire House, which was immediately quarantined and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

—The attention of the farmers is particularly called to the fact that when the twelfth census is taken during the month of June, 1900, they will be required to furnish statistics concerning what they raised in every branch of agriculture during the year 1899. In order to assist the enumerators and to have themselves a good deal of trouble at the time of the enumeration, which is at the time when farmers are always busy, they should prepare with special care the true figures as to the crop record for the year 1899. By doing so they can save themselves the labor of figuring it up at the time of the enumeration.

—Erma Morse has accepted a position with the Fair.

—"What shall I buy for Christmas?" See L. R. Stout's ad.

—G. H. Libner, of Marion, transacted business in this city on Monday.

—Miss Fae Ford is expected home the last of the week from Iowa City to spend the holidays.

—Clark H. Day, of Dubuque, spent several days of the past week with relatives and friends in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grassfield leave the last of the week to spend Christmas with relatives in Marion.

—A new plate glass window was put in the front of Bradley & Sherman's store room the first of the week.

—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, of Delaware, departed Thursday for a visit with her son, Dr. F. A. Hefner, at Monticello.

—Archie Waugh has returned home from Montana where he spent the past several months. He will remain here during the winter.

—There will be a program and Christmas tree in the Baptist church Saturday evening of this week. A general invitation is extended.

—The Congregational society will have a Christmas tree in the church next Saturday evening. A literary and musical program will be given.

—There will be a Christmas tree in the Methodist church Saturday evening of this week. A special musical program has been arranged and all are invited to attend.

—The banquet to be given to those who are entitled to it as a result of the Y. M. C. A. membership contest, will be given sometime in January. It was necessary to postpone it until a suitable date could be secured.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Spoerl were transacting business in this city Friday. They have just finished paying for their nice two hundred acre farm in Hazel Green and contemplate making some needed improvements thereon next season.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toogood arrived here last Saturday evening from their wedding trip of several weeks. They spent most of the time with the latter's relatives in New York. They will occupy apartments in the Toogood building north of the Clarence House.

—Manager E. J. Cogges of the attention of every lover of dramatic art in the city and country surrounding to his theater notice in another column. Madame de Tourney and her company will play "Mary Queen of the Scots" and it will be well worth the price of admission.

—The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are making extensive preparations for the "mystery reception" to be held in Pythian Castle this Wednesday evening. The ladies have been busy for some time with the arrangements and while the nature of the entertainment is kept entirely secret it may be assured that the affair will be well worth attending. The admission fee is fifteen cents.

—A "didn't know it was loaded" accident occurred at the home of D. F. Pingree, Kier, Saturday. A neighbor boy was holding a revolver, and, thinking the weapon "no good," snapped it, with the usual result. A ball struck Mr. Pingree's little son, Grover, plowing a gash in his arm between the elbow and shoulder, then fortunately went on its way without doing further damage. Dr. Ward, of Fairbank, was summoned to dress the wound, and all rejoice with the family that the result was not more serious.—Independence Bulletin.

—Gregg & Ward's display window attracts a good deal of attention by the novel arrangement of the electric lights therein. There are six lights, two of each of the colors red, white and blue. The electric current is in such a manner controlled by a rotary switch that the different colors are constantly appearing and disappearing in their order. The idea is something entirely new here and much credit is due to E. W. Hoag who constructed the rotary switch. We are informed that this one is the first switch of the kind to be made and it is undoubtedly a success.

—A couple of weeks ago chicken thieves were discovered near the poultry house on the farm of John Spoerl in Hazel Green. Mr. Spoerl and his son, Henry, set about their capture, but the thieves were on the alert and discovered them in time to make good their escape. Not, however, until Mr. Spoerl had fired from his shot gun a parting charge of lead at them. So far as he knows it failed of its mark, but it had the effect to frighten one of them enough to cause him to drop and leave upon the battle field, a musket with which for some purpose he was armed. Mr. Spoerl found and took possession of the musket and requests its owner to call and reclaim his property. But, of course, he will not do anything of the kind. On the contrary he will keep very shy about it.

—The Jury in the case of James Durnan against James Burns, David Burns and Ernest Adams brought in a verdict Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$750. The case was an aggravated one, and there was a general desire for a stiff judgment. Durnan was driving along the road near Fairbank about 12 o'clock at night. He met the young men, who were coming from a dance in buggies and were racing. Seeing one of the buggies on a dead run in the dark, he attempted to turn out, when the other outfit crashed into him, smashing his vehicle and throwing him under the debris. In the melee he was badly cut, a deep and unpleasant looking scar at least four inches long remaining on the side of his face to this day. What made the case more notable was the fact that a member of the same crowd had already run over a little girl and killed her. An effort was made to square the matter with Durnan, but was rejected, and he sued for damages receiving the above.—Independence Bulletin.

—Conny Treasurer Matthews was in Earlville yesterday.

—Mrs. Seth Brown is very ill at her home on east Butler street.

—Miss Jennie Holmes spent Sunday with relatives in Waterloo.

—Blake & Son make a few suggestions of useful articles for gifts.

—Kalamity asserts that buying presents is an easy matter at the Kalamity store.

—Florence and Clarence Lister are at home from Grinnell to spend the holiday vacation.

—H. F. Arnold was taken seriously ill Monday afternoon but is much improved at the present time.

—Fred Gilsendort has opened his meat market again and publishes an invitation in another column.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Day, of Dubuque, were Manchester visitors between trains Monday evening.

—A perusal of the new advertisement of Dove & Chambers will prove a valuable aid in the selection of holiday gifts.

—Miss Frances Beehler left Saturday evening for Chicago, where she will spend the holiday vacation with relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber arrived home yesterday morning from a visit at different points in the western part of the state.

—The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Geo. H. Keyes next Wednesday afternoon.

—Moore's Department Store invites you to call before making your Christmas purchases. Read the store's new advertisement.

—Miss Birdena Tucker will be at home this week from Mount St. Joseph's Academy to spend the holidays with her parents.

—Mrs. R. G. Clark and daughter, Spel, of Webster City, arrived here Monday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. L. Hagg.

—Attention is called to the new advertisement of the O. K. Barber Shop. Peter Dress, the proprietor, invites those wishing first-class tonsorial work to give him a call.

—Manchester business houses are showing commendable enterprise in their Christmas window displays. They are quite artistic and well worth coming quite a distance to see.

—The attention of those in the market for bargains in choice Delaware county lands is called to the executors' land sale which will be held at the Clarence House in Manchester next Saturday afternoon.

—Rev. A. S. Ishida, of Japan, spoke in the Methodist church last Sunday evening to a large audience. His lecture was from the standpoint of a converted pagan and was very interesting as well as instructive.

—Mrs. C. Sanborn and Mrs. G. W. Dunham and two children left last evening for Hammond Louisiana where they go to spend the winter months. They were accompanied as far as Chicago by G. W. Dunham.

—James McCarren received a pretty medal last Monday in recognition of his military services in the Philippines. The state of Washington where Mr. McCarren enlisted has presented all of the volunteers from that state with similar medals.

—Last Saturday was a rushing day at Anders & Phillip's Central Pharmacy. Its big advertisement in the last issue of the Democrat announcing a special look sale for that day resulted in filling their store with bargain seekers for books. You should not fail to notice their four column advertisement on the editorial page and to note the inducements offered in several lines of goods.

—Last Thursday afternoon Mr. E. R. Champion, general secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association, was united in marriage to Miss Edith Kennedy at the home of the bride's parents in Dubuque. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. George H. Kennedy, of Chicago, a brother of the bride, assisted by Dr. W. H. Shanklin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Dubuque. They came here the same evening and are at home to all their friends in the Sanborn house where they will reside during the winter. Mr. Champion, during his residence here, has made a host of friends all of whom extend their congratulations. Mrs. Champion is a talented young lady being a graduate of the Dubuque Academy of Music, and she will be cordially welcomed here.

Single Tax Theories. The single tax lecturer, J. R. Herman, who was born at Rowley, Buchanan county, and whose parents still live there, was heard at the court-house in this city by a fair sized audience last Friday night. Mr. Herman, who is state lecturer for the Missouri Single Tax League, stated that the name "single tax" is somewhat misleading, that while the name signifies the simplicity of the theory, yet it is only the central truth around which a great many other noble ideas cluster. To be brief, one theory is this: we hold with the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal, that all have equal rights, that among these rights is the right to live. As no man can live without land, all men are therefore equally entitled to the use of land, and any adjustment of laws relating to land which denies this principle is morally wrong, no matter how time honored that law may be. In order therefore to secure all men in this equal right to the use of land, we hold that land values are the product of the presence and industry of all the people and that in order to secure to all men their just rights to live, it is necessary to take this public value for public purposes, but what a man makes over and above this value is his individuality and the public has no right to it. Thus we propose raising all revenues

for public purposes, taking the rent of land for taxes, etc. But in considering their rent, we will not consider the improvements on the land, merely the value of the raw material, or location value.

We claim this would raise ample revenue for all public purposes and would relieve industry from taxes, and, greatest of all benefits, there would be no object in any one holding a single foot of land unless they used it. This would throw upon the market a vast amount of land now held idle for speculative purposes. And no man would work for another for less than he could get working for himself upon land of his own. This would raise wages and as all great fortunes and trusts have their foundations in land monopolies, it would strike the roots of trusts, etc.

In fact, anything in our stock will make valuable gifts.

See our special drive in Infants' Shoes at 38c

Dove & Chambers.

BEEMAN'S OLD STAND

None but FIRST-CLASS WORKMEN employed.

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NECKWEAR, gent's, an exceptionally fine display of the latter line received this week and is a fine showing of late ideas in neckwear. An immense line at 25c and 30c and 40c.

The Harvard Neck Mufflers, for men, neat and tasty patterns at 50c to \$1.49. Some are made reversible—you get two in one.

A lot of ladies' white aprons, 10c, 25c, 30c and up. Ladies' and Gent's Flannel Night Robes at 50c, 75c, 80c, 90c and \$1.19. A splendid line of pipes and smokers' supplies.

The big dog shape pipe, metal trimmed, at 25c. A special holiday assortment in fine pocket cases at \$1.39 to \$2.50. Leather cigar cases, 25c to \$1.75. Handkerchiefs, the finest assortment to be found anywhere. The 5c and 10c are remarkable value. The 15c and 10c are regular quarter goods and the 25c to 40c are matches. We also show ladies' fine linen kerchiefs from 50c to \$1.25 each.

A floor rug will please any lady. We have a splendid variety. Decorated chamber sets, new shapes and colors, at \$2.49 and up. Ladies 10-button black overgaiters or leggings at 50c; others at 35c. Cutlery, pocket or table.

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TO YOU ALL

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Handkerchiefs,

Neck Ribbons,

Fascinator,

Muff,

Collarette,

Jacket,

Mackintosh,

Wool Shirt Waist,

Wrapper,

A New Dress,

Underskirt,

Silk Waist,

Kid Gloves,

Table Linen,

Napkins, Towels,

Stamped Doilies,

Table Covers,

ETC.

We want to see you all this week at

WHAT SHALL IT BE?

A pair of

Slippers, Shoes, Overgaiters or Leggings.

Storm Rubbers, Storm Alaskas, Felt Boots, German Sox.

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