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The Old Silver Trail.

BY MARY E. STICKNEY. [Copyright, 1896, by J. B. Lippincott Co.]

CHAPTER II. The scene of the story is in Colorado. Harvey Nell, whose father has met with business reverses in the search of his fortune, has drifted to the state in search of his fortune.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence. Dec. 11, 1897. People who looked with anxiety upon the coming together of Congress and who entertained fears that the problems which that body must take up would prove difficult of solution are likely to be happily disappointed.



"Who?—McCready?" the colonel returned, staring blankly ahead. "Yes," but her father appeared to have forgotten the question. "Do you like him?" the girl persisted, leaning forward to look at his face.

CHICAGO LETTER.

Special Correspondence. Dec. 21, 1897. Wheat was very strong to-day, beginning its advance right after the opening, and never slumping to the extent that its friends were discouraged.

Estate of William S. Boyer. First publication December 23, 1897. In a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office in the City of St. Joseph on the 21st day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven...

CHAPTER V. Harvey Nell rode over to Tomtown the next morning pursuing his way thence to Oroville, the county seat, and the town of considerable importance in that part of the country, where he betook himself to his attorney, Donald Bartels.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM DR. E. S. DODD & SON, DRUGGISTS AND BOOKSELLERS.

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her had only served to increase boundlessly the colonel's contempt for such an unassuming type of woman. He was secretly proud that his daughter had inherited a plucky, common-sense, persevering character that every quality he admired in her was a direct inheritance from himself; but at the same time he had a habit, which the girl, who had greatly loved her mother, keenly resented when she stopped to think about it, of charging to her mother's influence whatever about her he happened not to like.

"No!" said Bartels, looking very grave. "What are your reasons for thinking so?" "Col. Meredith rode over to see him yesterday. I found that out by accident, and of course my suspicions were aroused at once. To-day I rode over to Tomtown myself, and the first look at the fellow's face told me that I was right."

"I knew as much as that before; but what I do not understand is upon what possible grounds he could bring such charges against you." "The colonel smiled indulgently, shrugging his shoulders. Clearly the girl was bent upon pursuing the subject to the end. "He claims that the Grubstake level has been carried beyond the side lines into the Mascot territory. It happens that he made a very rich strike in the ground where the Grubstake lode crosses his claim. He thought he had a distinct vein—that it was his ore all right; but when we began drifting from our side we found that our vein made a turn at that point, that it was the Grubstake lode into which he had blundered—that being the prior location, I was in no way to get involved in legal controversy; I preferred to go on quietly with the development work until I could be absolutely sure in my premises; and so it happened that Neil got ahead of me in this suit. I think, however, that we shall have little difficulty, when the time comes, in proving to him the error of his ways." There was a cool amusement in the smile that just lifted the ends of the blond moustache.

"Do you think he can be honestly mistaken in the matter, this person?" Dorothy asked, her cheeks flushing a little with the question, eager interest in her eyes. "Oh, certainly. Why not? So much depends upon the point of view, you know. In Nell's place I should care for the same as he does, and make the very same fight, without any question. Business is business. We can't blame a man for taking what he can get."

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location cuts no figure. As was held in the case of the Iron Silver versus the Elgin Mining company, if the original locator of a claim cannot or does not make the explorations necessary to ascertain the true trend of his vein and draw his end lines ignorantly he must take the consequences. The claim of the Grubstake that its vein makes a turn at the point where it crosses the Mascot, assuming that it would hold water, effectually disposes of any extraneous rights by virtually conceding that the apex of the vein crosses the side line. It only remains for us to prove the continuance of the Mascot vein, which, with the developments you have been making, should be easy enough. Oh, not if we only get the right kind of a jury. I have no apprehensions as to the verdict."

"But what possible chance have we to get the right kind of a jury?" returned the young man, dejectedly, regarding the cigar he was nervously turning in his fingers as though the fact that it had gone out was more happening in the train of ill luck that pursued him. "It seems to me that the average jury is simply a pack of asses."

"Well, but asses may sometimes be led by the nose, you know." "And sometimes they are up for sale to the highest bidder." "Oh, as to that, you know the sheriff, and if you think that Meredith is going to touch him with any ordinary figures—"

"In the case of Brigham we seem to have evidence that the colonel is capable of extraordinary figures upon occasion."

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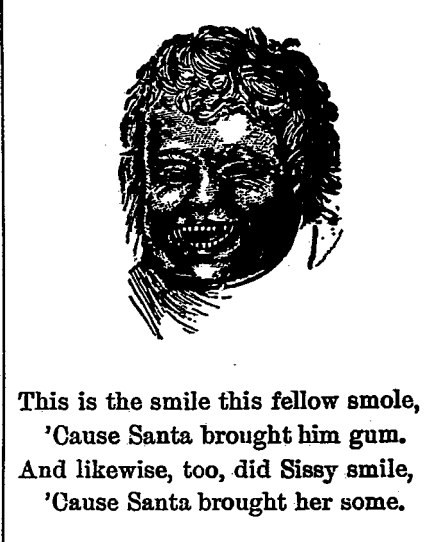
Wheat was very strong to-day, beginning its advance right after the opening, and never slumping to the extent that its friends were discouraged. Most of the time the May option sold above '94 cents, reaching 94 1/2 a short time before the close. Advances received are to the effect that nearly all the wheat in the hands of farmers has been marketed, and that from now on the Northwestern receipts may be expected to fall off sharply. If this be true the position of the wheat bulls is rendered stronger than ever.

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BINNS, NEXT TO POST-OFFICE, BUCHANAN

ment out of the banking business and permitting the responsibility for maintaining a sufficient currency and the gold reserve to pass from its shoulders to those of the banks of the country may lead a sufficient number of members of the Senate who are not within Republican ranks to support it.

MR. BRYAN AND MEXICAN FINANCES.

A curious fact which comes to the surface here just now is especially interesting in view of Mr. Bryan's "triumphal" tour in Mexico. It is a comparison which somebody has made of the currency conditions in Mexico compared with those of the United States. It is observed by this statistical deliver that the Mexicans, who are heaping adulations upon the American apostle of the Mexican system of finance, have a currency amounting to 39 cents per capita in gold, against \$9.35 per capita in Mr. Bryan's own currency, \$7.70 per capita in silver dollars worth 45 cents each, against \$8.78 of silver per capita in the United States in dollars worth 100 cents each, 32 cents per capita in silver-basis paper money, against \$5.90 per capita in gold-standard paper money in the United States, making a total of \$8.41 per capita, with \$8.02 of it in 45-cent-dollar money in Mexico, against \$24.08 per capita in 100-cent-dollar money in the United States, and that the increase in money in circulation in the United States since Mr. Bryan's nomination amounts to twice as much as the entire gold silver and paper currency of all Mexico.

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**BUCHANAN MARKETS.**  
Hay—\$8.00 to \$10 per ton.  
Lard, retail—\$1.00.  
Salt, retail—\$1.00.  
Flour, per lb—\$4.80 to \$6.00.  
Honey—10¢.  
Live poultry—4¢.  
Butter—14¢.  
Eggs—16¢.  
Wheat—\$0.60.  
Chicago—May 92¢.  
Oats—20¢.  
Corn—20¢.  
Clover Seed—\$8.00 to \$8.25.  
Rye—42¢.  
Beans—\$0.40 to \$1.00.  
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**RECORD ITEM BOXES**  
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Hotel Stephens.  
Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.  
M. C. R. R. depot.  
Drop any items of interest in any of these boxes, and they will reach the Record office.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
All "copy" for change of advertisements must be in our office by Wednesday of each week to ensure the change being made.

New York Weekly Witness.  
Estate of Wm. S. Boyer. See legal.  
Dr. J. L. Baldwin has a change of adv. in this issue.  
Special meeting of Sylvia Chapter 74, O. E. S. See local.  
Notice of sale of real estate of C. Kremble. See legal.  
F. L. Raymond, of the Opera House market has a lot of interest this week.  
W. H. Keller is advertising to give a salt box with every dollar's worth of goods purchased at his store.  
Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son have "An open letter" in this week's issue, that will be read with interest by all.  
D. L. Boardman of the "Cold Cash" grocery wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in his spice this week.

**Our Clubbing List.**  
We have arrangements whereby we can save you money on your periodicals for the coming year. Call and get our prices and see what we can do for you.

Born, Sunday, to Rev. and Mrs. Rose, a baby girl.

The holiday travel on the railroads is unusually heavy, this year.

Mrs. Ida Harbell has been recommended as postmistress at Naomi, Berrien county.

Congressman E. L. Hamilton has recommended Mr. O. H. Hunt as postmaster at Corey, Cass county.

Elder Wm. M. Roe was out on Monday after a week's illness and feeling glad to be able to get around again.

Mr. D. L. Boardman has put in a telephone which is connected with Hotel Stephens, for the accommodation of "rush" orders.

The past week has been a good week for our merchants, nearly all reporting business unusually good, even for holiday times.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Buchanan Lodge No. 68, F. & A. M., will take place next Monday evening, Dec. 27.

The National Mfg. Co. are making a number of the Hutchinson ham mock supports, to place in the Collins skating rink at Chicago.

We have a special figure on the Ladies Home Journal in connection with the Record. If you are interested we will be pleased to quote the same to you.

Dr. F. N. Bonine of Niles, assisted by Dr. H. M. Brodick, removed a tumor, the size of a walnut, from the upper lip of Mr. F. M. Shinn, last Thursday afternoon.

County School Commissioner E. P. Clarke left on Tuesday to visit Hillsdale College, with the State Visiting Board of which he is a member. Before his return he will attend the meeting of the State Teacher's Association at Lansing, Jan. 4.

The basement department of the "Cold Cash" grocery presents a very attractive appearance, and will be added to, from time to time, as the trade warrants. It bids fair to be a very popular attraction to the already popular "Cold Cash" store of Mr. Boardman.

Dr. J. A. Garland was called to New Troy, Tuesday afternoon, to set a broken bone in the right leg of George, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hartline. The accident occurred Tuesday noon, while coasting. The middle third femur was broken.

In our account of the funeral of Elder W. P. Birdsall, in last week's Record we referred in stating that Rev. E. R. Black conducted the services. The services were conducted by Elder Wm. Roe, who was assisted by Rev. E. R. Black and J. F. Bartmess. In justice to all concerned we make this correction.

Mrs. Isaac Dumbolton, an old and respected resident of Buchanan, met with a painful accident, Friday afternoon, about 5 o'clock. A trap door leading to the cellar had been left open, and Mrs. Dumbolton had just started to prepare supper, when she fell through the trap door, striking her left shoulder against a post with such force as to break the bone of the shoulder. Medical aid was summoned, and the injured lady was made as comfortable as possible, under circumstances.

## A LIVE SANTA CLAUS AT MORRIS' THE FAIR.

More Toys, More Dolls, More Games than ever before. Mechanical Toys, Wagons, Sleds of all kinds, Horses, Drums, Hobby Horses, Doll Buggies, Iron Toys, Tin Toys, Wooden Toys, all the newest novelties to please the little ones. Old Santa only comes once a year and has for 15 years made his headquarters at my store, headquarters for Holiday Goods.

## MORRIS' THE FAIR

DEALER IN ALMOST EVERY THING.

## CALL AND SEE

The Elegant Line of  
**SCREENS, MUSIC STANDS,  
UMBRELLA HOLDERS AND  
OTHER HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.**

The Assortment is RIGHT.  
The Goods are RIGHT.  
The Prices are RIGHT.  
**GEO. B. RICHARDS.**

### CHURCH NOTES.

**METHODIST.**  
The devotional meeting of the Epworth League will be held Sunday evening at 10 minutes before six o'clock. Subject: "The Holy Spirit, The Sanctifier." References, Rom. 8-4-14, Gal. 5:22-26, Eph. 5-5. Leader, Rolland Barr. This is the last meeting of the year. Rolland is here to assist, and we ask every Epworth Leaguer who has come home for Christmas, as well as all who have been at home, to be present. The roll call shows us eighty-three members, and we ought to have one hundred, and one hundred in regular attendance and all taking part in the service.

**CHRISTIAN.**  
Sunday subjects: A. M., "The Home Beyond", a Christmas sermon; P. M., "A Model Conversion".  
Twenty-one attended the Monday evening Bible class, this week. The B class now has a lead of one point.

The gentlemen of Buchanan give an annual ball and reception at Rough's opera house, next Wednesday evening. Music will be by the Dowagiac orchestra, under the direction of A. E. Rudolph. The patronesses are, Mrs. H. D. Rough, Mrs. W. N. Brodick, Mr. J. Bishop, Miss Daisy Emery and Miss Blanche Hunt.

That inveterate joker, Mr. Claude B. Roe, is an especial friend of Mr. R. E. Jennings, who was married here last Thursday. Friday morning, a Record representative met him on his way to the post-office, where he was about to mail to his friend Ralph a splendid specimen of a butter ladle. The tag was addressed to Mr. Jennings, and bore a number of special requests and the legend, "Just married". He explained that he thought that the ladle might come in handy, as the young people were located on a farm.

The election of officers for Cutler Tent, K. O. T. M., was held Tuesday evening, and the following officers selected for the ensuing year: Commander, Robt. N. Haslett. Lt. Com., John R. Bishop. Record Keeper, W. F. East. Finance Keeper, W. F. Runner. Chaplain, W. H. Chubb. Physician, Dr. M. M. Knight. Sergeant, W. W. Treat. M. at A. C. Chas. Dodge. 1st M. of G., Lincoln Burns. 2d M. of G., Alanson Hamilton. Sentinel, Charles Lord. Picket, Joseph Swartz.

This Order is gaining members rapidly and Cutler Tent is in excellent shape.

Rev. Jacob Young, pastor of the Evangelical church on Postage Prairie, was tendered an ovation, last Friday, by his flock, the occasion being his 70th birthday. Mr. Young is the oldest minister of his denomination in active service, in the state of Michigan. He has been in the ministry for 40 years, and came to this part of the country in 1863, arriving in Niles on the night rendered memorable by the assassination of Lincoln, the martyr President. The reverend gentleman was located at Bainbridge for a score of years previous to his second call here, two years ago. About seventy-five guests, including the entire family of Rev. and Mrs. Young, gathered at the parsonage on the prairie, and enthusiastically demonstrated their esteem for the pastor and his wife. Many elaborate presents were showered upon the old folks to serve as future reminders of the happy occasion.

Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, just before the church bells were rung for morning service, fire was discovered in the upper part of the house on the north west corner of Oak and Chicago streets. An alarm was sounded which soon brought the fire department to the scene of the fire, and in a short time the fire was subdued. The house was occupied by Supt. J. W. Cupples, and a number of articles stored in the upper part of the house were almost entirely destroyed by fire. The household goods down stairs were damaged, more or less, by smoke and water. Prof. Cupples estimates his loss at about \$250, and held a \$500 policy in the Rockford Insurance Co. of Rockford, Ill. Mrs. Geo. Scott, the owner of the house, carried no insurance, and her loss will be about \$500 on the house, and on a number of articles that had been stored in the room where the fire originated. The fire was caused, no doubt, by a defective flue. Prof. Cupples and family have been singularly unfortunate, since coming here: They first rented the house now occupied by Mr. A. D. Pierce, and had barely got settled when they were compelled to move, by the sale of the house, and now have just got nicely located, when they were burned out. At present, the family are staying with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harper, until they can cure another house.

### COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

Judge Coolidge has filed an order in the circuit court directing City Treasurer Hahn of Niles to pay city orders due, to the amount of \$1860.01, and modify to that extent the injunction recently issued on petition of H. D. Gallup of Niles, restraining Hahn from paying money out of the city treasury.

A. T. Patterson has commenced a new suit by summons in the circuit court against E. Danforth to obtain damages in a small amount, alleged to be due by reason of the defendant's failure to fulfill a contract to buy Mr. Patterson's job office in Benton Harbor.

Marcus Calder, a native of England, and Gunner Gustafson, a native of Sweden, have declared their intentions of becoming citizens of the United States.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.  
Peter English to Frank W. Jones, lot 12, blk 11, Benton Harbor, \$1.  
C. F. Edward Hans to Paul E. W. Hans, 14 acres, New Buffalo tp, \$30.  
Frank Martell to Chas. Hinckman, 40 acres, Chikaming tp, \$30.  
Mattie A. Wire to E. K. Warren, 13 acres, Chikaming tp, \$423.  
Chas. Hinckman to Lewis Spruce, et al, 40 acres, Chikaming tp, \$1.  
Sadie Landis to E. L. Yarlot, 39 acres, Chikaming tp, \$4,000.  
Frederick A. White to Alice A. Donley, property in Benton, \$1,500.  
Myron L. Halse, et al, to Major E. Smith, lot 29, Beddick's add to city of Niles, \$900.  
Jerome Walter to David B. Rowe, 20 acres, Wecawa tp, \$360.  
John Ott to Herman Ott, 15 acres, Lake tp, \$310.  
Joshua Feather to Thos L. Wilkinson, 50 acres, Lincoln tp, \$1,214.  
James Campbell to Frank A. Sich, property in New Buffalo.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.  
Ansel A. Paltis, 24, W. L. Wain; Julie Mae Moore, 20, S. L. Wain.  
Percy L. Halse, 21, Niles; Ethel L. Fox, 20, same.  
Ocey Bogoh, 45, Union Pier; Rosanna Annan, 35, Galien.  
Chas. Bishop, 27, Benton Harbor; Carrie Garland, 19, Spink's Corners.

D. E. Mittan's Suit.  
D. E. Mittan's suit against the American Express Co. to recover \$848 now in chancery, will probably be heard at next term of Circuit Court. Mr. Mittan was in Niles today consulting with his attorney, Geo. A. Lambert, in regard to the matter.—Niles Sun.

Joined in Wedlock.  
Percy L. Sillow and Miss Edith R. Fox, both of this city, were united in matrimony last night by the Rev. Charles Ager at his residence. The groom is a well and favorably known young man, and the bride, who is lately from Buchanan, is highly respected. Congratulations are extended. They will continue to make Niles their home.—Friday's Niles Sun.

Fred Mantz, an employe at the mill of the Michigan Wood Pulp Co. at Niles, was frightfully mangled by getting his foot caught in the gear wheels of a board machine, on Monday forenoon, while engaged in oiling a shaft. His death occurred within a very few hours of the injury. He was employed at the mill for over ten years.

CHRISTMAS MEATS & POULTRY.  
When you want some fine meat or chickens, turkeys, or ducks for your Christmas dinner, leave your order at the Opera House Market and you will be sure of getting the best on the market. F. J. Raymond.

Letters unclaimed remaining in the P. O. at Buchanan, for week ending Dec. 20. Call for advertised letters, Mrs. Nettie Wallace, Mrs. Adelia Kemendra, Wm. Yost.

JOHN C. DICK, P. M.

Special meeting of Sylvis chapter No. 74, O. E. S., for installation of officers, will be held in Masonic Hall Friday, Dec. 31, 1897.

Mrs. MARY STRYKER, W. M. Miss C. R. WILLIAMS, Sec.

Regular meeting of Base Lodge No. 10, L. O. T. M., Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, 1897. Election of officers.

MATTHE BANTA, R. K.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Buchanan will be held at their office in Buchanan on January 11th, 1898, at 10 o'clock, a. m. for the election of a Board of Directors.

HERBERT ROE, Cashier.

The M. C. R. Co. will sell Excursion Tickets on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1. Good for return not later than Jan. 4, 1898, at one and one-third fare for the round trip.

A. F. PEACOCK.

NOTICE.  
I will be at the First National Bank, Buchanan, Dec. 29 and Jan. 8; at the First National Bank, Niles, Dec. 28, 30 and Jan. 6; Dayton, Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4, for the collection of: Boardman township taxes.

CHAS. W. MATHEWS.

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS

### AND WHERE TO BUY THEM.

This annually important question is now probably troubling your mind. We can and will make it very easy for you. All YOU have to DO is to call at "The Big Double Store" look around a few minutes and the great display of desirable goods WILL DO THE REST.

PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A Nice Dress Pattern	from \$1.00 to \$10.00
A Warm Winter Skit	50c to 5.00
A dozen Linen Napkins	75c to 5.00
A pair of Damask Towels	25c to 1.50
A Fur Muff	75c to 5.00
A Fur Boa	5.00 to 9.00
A Feather Boa	35c to 9.00
A Black or Colored Fascinator	25c to 2.00
A pair of lined Kid Mittens	50c to 1.25
A pair of Saxony or Silk Mittens	50c to 1.40
A pair of black or colored Kid Gloves	1.00 to 1.50
A Velvet or Satin Bag	1.00 to 10.00
A pair handsome Portiere Curtains	2.50 to 7.00
A pair of Lace Curtains	75c to 8.00
A nice Silk Umbrella	1.00 to 5.00

CLOAKS, JACKETS, CAPES.  
Nothing more desirable or appreciated than a new cloak. We are now selling them at a LOW PRICE that you can make your wife, child, sister, mother or friend happy at the expenditure of very little money.

A pretty Work Box	from 50c to \$3.00
A nice Shopping Bag	35c to 2.75
A pretty Picture Frame	10c to 25c
A pretty Necktie	25c to 1.00
A pair Bed Blankets	45c to 8.00
A pair of warm lined Shoes	1.00 to 2.00
A pair of fine Dress Shoes	1.25 to 4.00
A pretty Handkerchief	50c to 75c

FOR GENTS.

A Collared Collar and Cuff Box	from 75c to \$1.50
A Christmas Tie-Kite	25c to 75c
A Wool or Silk Muffler	25c to 2.00
A good quality Clip	1.00 to 2.00
A new stylish Hat	1.00 to 3.00
A Silk Umbrella	1.00 to 5.00
A fine Dress Shirt	50c to 1.50
A pair of good Socks	10c to 35c
A new Suit or Overcoat	2.85 to 18.00
A pair of nice Slippers	75c to 1.50
A Pair of fine Shoes	1.50 to 5.00

## B. R. DESENBERG & BRO.,

The One Price Large Double Store.

## This Klondike Weather Demands Warm Footwear.

I carry the best Mishawaka Wool Boots and Sox, Boston Rubber Boots and Artics, Snag Proof Boots, Ladies' warm lined Shoes all lines, nice warm Underwear.

## OVERCOATS That are ZERO Proof.

I wish to clean out every garment and every piece by Jan. 1st, 1898.

## G. W. Noble.

"AT THE POPULAR STORE."  
ELLSWORTH'S  
SPECIALS IN DRESS GOODS  
his week.

We have more Dress Goods than we have shelf room for. This is the reason for the large reduction in price.

WOOL DRESS GOODS in shades which will hold fast, in the best quality, in purchase from the best WOOL FANCIES and in a wide range of colors, and in all the latest styles, are being offered at a SPECIAL PRICE.

Only 10¢ per yard on all the above mentioned goods. Each purchase will get the latest style for a SILK UNDERSKIRT.

We are selling some very good

BLACK SATEN SKIRTS	at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.
COTTON MARINE SKIRTS	at \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.00.
WOOL MARINE SKIRTS	at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.00.

The silks are all made and finished in America. The good points of our skirts ought to have been known to you. Watch our August advertisement closely, for we intend to offer some very good things to our customers this month.

**JOHN CHESSE ELLSWORTH,**  
113-115 N. MICHIGAN ST., SOUTH BEND, IND.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS SAVE MONEY BY BUYING OF W. H. KELLER.

With every dollar's worth of Christmas goods purchased at my store, I will give away a Salt Box Worth 15 cents FREE!

FRESH APPLES, ORANGES, BANANAS and NUTS. AT LOW PRICES.

**BE SURE**  
To sit for your picture early this month if you want it for a holiday present. Come early and avoid delay.

H. E. BRADLEY,  
2nd. door west of Post Office.

**Carters' Herbal Ointment**  
Is a valuable ointment which will relieve the pain and cure the inflammation of the joints without the use of any other medicine. It is not harmful and produces neither a fever, nor a rash, nor any other disorder. It is free of charge by enclosing a lock of hair, with name and age, to Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y. Sept. 1-5-90

**Clairvoyant Examinations Free.**  
The first and most important thing for the proper understanding of and rational treatment of chronic or lingering disease of any kind, is its thorough examinations and true diagnosis. You can secure this with a full explanation of the cause, nature and extent of your disorder free of charge by enclosing a lock of hair, with name and age, to Dr. E. F. Butterfield, Syracuse, N. Y. Sept. 1-5-90

**Buchanan Township Tax Notice.**  
I will be in my office at the "Cold Cash" Store Friday of each week till further notice to receive taxes.

D. J. BOARDMAN,  
Township Treasurer.

**BOOK ON DISEASES OF HORSES.**  
Book on Diseases of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, Hogs and Poultry, mailed free by addressing Humphreys' Veterinary Specifics, Cor. William & John Sts., New York.

**Facsimile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER**  
is on the wrapper of every bottle of CASTORIA.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became teething, we gave her Castoria. When she had Colic, we gave her Castoria. When she had Worms, we gave her Castoria.

## REAL XMAS BARGAINS.

EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS FOR GIFT BUYERS.

Holiday Dress Patterns, Fancy Wears in new silks suitable for Waists, Leather Goods, Pocket Books, Chatelaine Bags in Black, Brown, Tans, Green, Gold or Silver mounted. Table Covers, Shawl Fasteners, and Boas for Xmas gifts. Jewelry, Rings, Brooches, Cuff Buttons, Stick Pins.

That Handkerchief Sale—have you visited it yet?  
We show the newest and daintiest effects.

## THE PEOPLE'S SINGLE PRICE STORE.

## S. P. HIGH.

FOR SLEDS, SKATES,

## SEWING MACHINES,

## AND HORSE BLANKETS.

## SEE E. S. ROE.

## SPLENDID LINE OF

## TABLETS AND ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## AT RUNNER'S

## DROP IN TO SMITH'S SHOE STORE

And look at an UP-TO-DATE line of Ladies and Gents' DRESS SHOES. We are still selling those \$3.50 Winter Tans for \$2.74.

## A Full Line of Warm Shoes and Rubbers.

I am selling EXTRA STAR A STAR Cedar Shingles For only \$1.75 per M.

I am selling COAL, TOO.

Let me fill your bin for you. The price will be right.

**J. Asa Garland, M. D.,**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.  
Office—Roe Block, Front Street, Buchanan, Mich.  
Residence—Front St. opp. Presbyterian church.

## WM. MONRO

PUBLIC SALE.  
I will sell at the late residence of Nathaniel Wilson, deceased, 3 1/2 miles southwest of Buchanan, all the household goods, and furniture belonging to said estate. Sale will occur Friday, Dec. 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m. For terms, see bill.

ENOS HOLMES, Exr.

Elson is making 24 cabinets for \$2 and a large mantello thrown in, during December and January.

For a good meal, go to ARTHUR'S Restaurant.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

GREAT MUSIC OFFER.  
Send the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ, together with ten cents in silver or postage and we will mail you sixteen pages full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ.

Address, POPULAR MUSIC CO., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Notice of Sale of Real Estate.  
First publication December 16, 1897.  
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.  
County of Berrien.  
In the matter of the estate of William J. Hall, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, Executor of the estate of said William J. Hall, deceased, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Berrien, on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1897, there will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the premises, in Wecawa township, in County of Berrien, in said State, on Monday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1898, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day (subject to all encumbrances by mortgage or otherwise existing at the time of the death of said deceased, or at the time of sale, and also subject to the right of dower and the homestead rights of the widow of said deceased therein) the following described real estate, to-wit: The southeast quarter (1/4) of the north-east quarter (1/4) of section thirty-six (36), Town seven South, Range thirteen West (13) West, containing forty acres more or less.

KNOS HOLMES, Executor.

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**PENNINGTON & COOK,**  
AT BAKER'S OLD STAND.  
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DO YOU LOVE MUSIC?

If so, secure one of the latest and prettiest Two-Steps of the day, by mailing Ten Cents (silver or stamps) to cover mailing and postage, to the undersigned for a copy of the

**BIG FOUR TWO-STEP.**  
(Mark envelope "Two-Step.")

We are giving this music, which is regular fifty-cent sheet music, at this exceedingly low rate, for the purpose of advertising, and testing the value of the different papers as advertising mediums.

E. O. MCCORMICK,  
Passenger Traffic Manager,  
BIG FOUR TWO-STEP,  
115 N. MICHIGAN ST.,  
CINCINNATI, O.

Mention the BUCHANAN RECORD when you write.

**ELLA A. HAHN,**  
Decorated China  
For Christmas Presents,  
Call and see them.

**HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS VIA VANDALLIA LINE.**  
For the Holidays the Vandallia Line will sell excursion tickets at reduced fares from all stations, to local points on its own line, and also to points on connecting lines. For full particulars call on nearest Vandallia Line Ticket Agent, or address

**E. A. FORD,**  
Gen'l Passenger Agent,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

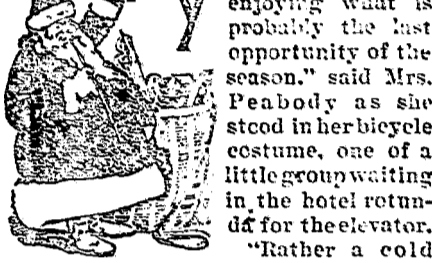
**Dr. Z. L. Baldwin**  
will be at the office of Dr. Orville Curtis on Main Street, Buchanan, Mich., Thursday and Saturday forenoons.  
Chronic Diseases, and General Surgery.



OH, THIS DEAR OLD MERRY CHRISTMAS! WAS THERE EVER SUCH A TIME!

MRS. PEABODY'S SOLITAIRES.

By Antoinette Van Rossum Kalkman.



As she sat sewing and thinking there came a soft knock at the door followed by the announcement: "It is just Annie, Mrs. Peabody. It's about Nora I am after."

"A little fresh, but I can't let my youth slip from me unimproved," said smiling she stepped lightly, but with quiet dignity, into the elevator.

"You're right. Didn't she look a picture, though, in that natty bicycle suit?"

"In the meantime Mrs. Peabody had donned a modish house gown and seated herself in the circulating window of her sitting-room."

"Mrs. Peabody saw several physicians and found that nothing but a difficult operation which could not be undertaken for less than \$500 could save both the girl's life and limb."

"I've decided to take you into my confidence," said Mrs. Peabody, "and I think I'll do so before I look over the evening paper."

"Erasmus," she said, "don't think me hard, but you tell me how much you are to pay for my solitaires?"

operation performed when would restore Nora. "And you take the price of the other and renew your subscription to the Relief and Aid."

"But you are sure you are satisfied to do this?" "Eagerly sure."

"None but the brave deserve the fair."—Once a Week.

"Look here, Mr. Hojack," said Mrs. Hojack. "I'd like to know why you asked me what I wanted for a Christmas present, if you intended to get something entirely different?"

"I wanted to surprise you, dear," said Hojack's unsatisfactory reply.—N. Y. Truth.

BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS. Why It is the Day of All Days in the Christian Calendar.

PRECISELY nineteen centuries have passed since there fell upon the ears of a very youthful Jewish boy the words of the most gladsome sound that ever comes to mortal—the first wail of his first-born child.

It was the first Christmas and Mary was the first person in all the world to receive a Christmas gift, and hers was infinitely greater in value than all combined, that had been since received by all the people who have lived or died.

THE ANGEL SONG to the shepherds had for its burden "peace to men of good will." One could scarcely think of a Christmas that is other than gladsome and joyous.

MR. GILGAL'S SURPRISE. It Was Genuine, and Made His Christmas Pleasant.

MR. GILGAL occasionally took a drop of his hair cream, and he usually took a drop too much because what he took usually was several glasses too much.

Santa Claus—There, confound those hard-core burners! I've singed my whiskers and ruined another suit of clothes.—Chicago Item.

THE GREATEST OF ALL. Aged or Young, the Shepherd Hath Care of His Sheep.

LONG years had whitened the flowing locks of the old man waiting on Christmas eve.

AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE. The sky may be cloudy, the mountain steep, the son with the sabbath hair.

THE TEMPER. George—I do not see the mistletoe in its usual place; what is the matter?—Bess—Papa could not afford it this year.

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Mrs. Gilgal did not deign to open her eyes. "Come to bed, you old idiot," she said.

"Come to bed and be still," she cried. Mr. Gilgal slowly backed away from the bed.

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THE CUSTER MASSACRE. The account of this terrible fight written down by Hamlin Garland as it came from the lips of two Sioux an old Indian Chief was a participant in it.

MARK TWAIN. The famous explorer writes of his years he lived in regions far north of the boundaries of human habitation.

THE RAILROAD MAN'S LIFE. The best articles and illustrations are made pictures for the "Railroad Man's Life."

Tired people are tired because they have exhausted their strength. The only way for them to get strong is to eat proper food.

McClure's Magazine for January will contain the first of a series of articles by Herbert E. Hamblen describing, from fifteen years' personal experience, the daily life and disasters of a railroad workman.

SCOFF AND COUGH. The man who scoffs at the friendly advice of his neighbors is not only a fool, but a coward.

ARE YOU A PRUDENT MAN? Then you will not only save and save, but you will also be a prudent man.

THE BURN PITMAN SYSTEM. Has for 43 years been the standard, called the "Bureau of Education of the American System."

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. PATENTS. TRADE MARKS. COPIES.

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