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SPECIAL SALE

For December.

Geo. Wyman & Co. Offer for December.

1,000 pieces all silk satin taffeta ribbon, all colors; No. 40 at 15c; yd. No. 60 at 18c; No. 80 at 20c; No. 100 at 25c. Also 175 pieces fancy ribbon No. 60 at 15c, 25c quality. We also offer Fans at 25c. to \$5.00 very much under price.

We offer ladies' fine linen drawn work and hemstitched handkerchiefs, made to sell at 50c. for 25c each. Our lines of hemmed and hemstitched handkerchiefs from 2c. up are far superior to any we have ever shown.

We have the finest line of handles in our Umbrellas for Christmas.

We have a superior line of Dolls of the Kestner manufacture, 25c, 50c, to \$10

We have a new line of Bronze figures never shown by us before.

Also Iris Art ware and Teplitz Art ware, very choice.

We have solid gold shell finger rings 25c, 50c, and \$1.00

New, Chatelaine bags, in leather and beaded 25c to \$10.00.

We offer in dress goods department dress length 6 to 7 yds. in colors, a \$1.75 to \$2.50 per piece that will interest you. We are selling many Trunks, Bags and suit cases this year for Christmas.

We are closing out our Ladies' Hats very cheap.

Our business is to buy and sell goods; we do not buy goods to keep. We do not marry our goods, they are yours for a small consideration

Geo. Wyman & Co. offer Christmas and other goods for less money than anywhere else.

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SOUTH BEND, IND.

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Best Seeded Raisins per package.....09c
1 pk'g. None Such Mince Meat.....09c
1 lb Famous 80c M and J Coffee.....20c
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Large London layer table Raisins per lb.....20
Best English currants per lb.....09
Orange and Lemon peel per package.....15
New French dates per lb.....07
Fancy Smyrna figs per lb.....15
XXXX Pulverized sugar per lb.....07
German Sweet chocolate 10c size.....08
Baker's Baking chocolate 25 cts size.....20
Grated cocoanut per lb.....18
1 lb 70c uncolored Japan Tea.....60
1 lb 60c Japan Tea.....50
6 lbs good rice.....25
1 gal. 40 ct. N.O. cooking molasses.....30
Lion Coffee per package.....11c
25 lb. sack spring wheat flour.....55
25 lb. sack white lily flour.....55
1 lb. fancy chocolate creams fruit flavors.....10
1 lb fancy mixed candy.....10
Fancy mixed nuts per lb.....18
Best Paper shelled Eng. walnuts per lb.....18
A full line of Xmas nuts, candies, oranges, dates and bananas etc. A liberal reduction made to Sunday Schools and benevolent societies.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"It completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Price 50cts and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. N. Brodriek's drug store.

TAX NOTICE

The tax roll of State County and Township taxes has been delivered to Herbert Roe and taxes may be paid at Lee Bros' Bank.

WEDDING BELLS.

Pretty Home Wedding of Mr. Rolla Butts and Miss Grace French, Wednesday Evening.

In the presence of, about one hundred invited guests, and amid a profusion of flowers and ribbon decorations, Miss Grace French became the bride of Mr. Rolla Butts on Wednesday evening, at the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. W B French.

The home presented a most beautiful and unique appearance on this occasion. A florist had been engaged to do the decorating, which was most artistic, smilax, roses, and pink and white ribbon being used.

Mendelssohn's march was played by Miss Dora Hershenow, Miss Lulu Broceus, acting as usher and the other members of Miss French's Sunday school class, Misses Grace Rosenberg, Fanny Mead, Helen Weymoth, and Margaret Devin, were ribbon girls, proceeding the bridal party and carrying white ribbon which was attached to the casement of the doors of the room through which they passed. The music played softly, continued through the ceremony. Rev. C. E. Marvin led the bridal party, followed by George French the groomsmen and Miss Pauline Havenner the bridesmaid, carrying pink roses. The groom, Eugene Rolla Butts, with the bride's mother, Mrs. W. B. French came next, immediately preceding the bride, Laura Grace French, who was led by her father, W. B. French. The happy couple stood under a canopy of white ribbon, draped with chiffon and trimmed with ropes of smilax.

The vows were taken according to the Episcopal service, the remainder of the ceremony being the Presbyterian form, a ring being used. The bride was lovely, dressed all in white and carried white roses. While the congratulations were being bestowed upon the young couple, Mr. Ed. Worts, of Niles, sang a solo: "If you but knew."

A three course wedding supper was served, the guests being seated at the dining table, which was artistically trimmed with ribbon, draped from a rosette in the ceiling above the center of the table and attached to each corner. Four young ladies from the Original club, of which Miss French was a member, served the guests.

Mr. Harry Mansfield, of Niles, was master of ceremony, the other out of town guests who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. French, Mr. and Mrs. Frank French and Mrs. Fisk all of Cassopolis; Mrs. Nash of Elkhart, Mr. V. Harrington, Mr. Fred Harrington and families of Berrien Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Butts of Edwardsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cranston, and Mrs. Sarah White of Dowagiac.

The gifts were elaborate and elegant, among which were a silver service, set of china, table linen, rocking chair, and a large number of pieces of silver and other valuable gifts.

The young couple will make their home on the Geyer farm recently purchased by the groom's father, where they will go to housekeeping soon after the holidays.

The Record joins their many other friends in congratulations and best wishes for these popular young people.

Coonley's Beef, Iron and Wine with Nervine brought my wife right out last year; give me two more bottles for my father." Elmer Hawblitzel, Lakeville, Ind. Large bottles 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

The elegant Lincoln Calendars are now in the hands of every agent on the S. H. & E., M. B. H. & C. and P. L. Rys., and can be obtained upon application. They give you December, 1902, hence are useful from the time of delivery until Dec. 31, 1903. By obtaining and preserving in a conspicuous place one of these beautiful calendars, not only will you keep in constant communion with time, but your days will be brightened by the wittiest and best thoughts of our own Lincoln.

MICHIGAN'S SOLDIERS

Report on the National Guard Says Economy Is About What Is Needed

IF THE APPROPRIATION SUFFICES

How a Cemetery Is Making Trouble for a Saloonist—State News Notes.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 19.—Quartermaster General J. H. Kidd has prepared his report for the biennial period ended June 30, 1902. Quartermaster Kidd says that the increase in the per capita tax from 4 to 5 cents by the enactment of the last legislature, is nearly, if not quite, offset by the additional expenditures authorized under the act, and it is said that with a ten days' encampment, it will require the most economical management of affairs to keep expenditures within the appropriation. All misgivings as to the future of the National Guard, however, he says, are removed by the prospect of the passage of the "Dick" bill by congress.

Recommendations New Clothes. The quartermaster general estimates that there will be on hand July 1 next about \$56,000, and he recommends, in case the Dick bill is not passed by that time, the purchase of 3,000 new service uniforms, the same as for the United States army, 500 wall tents and 100 hospital tents. The "service uniform" would comprise service coat, service trousers, service hat and cap, and dress hat of the olive drab color prescribed for the regular army by order of last July. The recommendation is made, however, that the blue overcoats now in use be retained until they become unserviceable.

Gives Manistee a Boost. Manistee is declared to be the ideal camping ground, and the suggestion is made that the cost of wagon transportation to the ground could be overcome by making a contract for the grounds for a term of years.

Support of the Naval Brigade. The one-half of 1 per cent. per capita tax for the naval brigade yielded during the current year \$12,104.91. Strict economy must be observed in this organization, it is said, especially when extensive repairs to the U. S. S. Yantic are required. The naval militia of the state is better provided for than is the National Guard.

BLOCKED BY A CEMETERY. Saloon Cannot Locate Because of the Burial Ground in a Carrion Community.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 19.—In Fulton, a small village of Kalamazoo county, Ray Weeks was offered bonds as a saloonkeeper. Acceptance of the bonds is contested by Attorney Fuller, of Grand Rapids, for the Michigan Anti-Saloon League. Fuller claims that a cemetery corporation exists within eighty rods of the proposed location of the saloon, and that according to law no rural saloon could be located within such distance of a cemetery.

Temperance people are active in Fulton. This is the place where about a years ago, when Carrie Nation was at the zenith of her glory, a band of citizens assembled one night, visited a joint which they claimed was running illegally, compelled the proprietor to sell out for what the band considered a fair price, took the card outfit, billiard and pool tables and liquors and piled them all in a heap in the principal street and made a big fire.

Killed Himself with a Pistol. Detroit, Dec. 19.—A man who registered at the Hotel Cadillac as Fred E. Kelly, of Buffalo, N. Y., was found dead in his room later with a bullet wound in his right temple and a revolver tightly grasped in his right hand. Papers in his pockets showed that he was a baggage man and express messenger running on the Wabash road between Detroit and Buffalo.

Goes After the Pasteur Treatment. Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 19.—Charles E. Sayles, who was bitten by his pet dog last week, has left for Chicago for Pasteur treatment, as doctors declare the dog which bit him had rabies. Sayles' expenses are being paid out of a fund of over \$1,000 raised by citizens for treatment of victims of hydrophobia.

Stuff Does Not Pan Out. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 19.—In compliance with orders received from the eastern office, work at the Tecumseh Copper company's property has been discontinued. No explanation has been given out on the matter, but it is understood that the copper bearing ground lacks consistency.

Sleds for the boys 25c. W. H. Keller.

AT Ellsworth's Store

This Store is filled with beautiful holiday gifts. Every item offered for sale is the best you can buy for the price. Magnificent assortment of Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Linens, White Goods, Dress Goods, Silks, Wrist Bags, Pocketbooks, Hair Ornaments, Muslin Underwear, Children's Dresses, Fur Coats, Rugs and a wonderful showing of Japanese goods. The above lines are all complete. The demand for Christmas goods so far this season, means that you best take advantage of the splendid values offered at this store during the coming week.

Great Special Sale of Black Dress Goods at 49 cents per yard.

THIS WEEK we place on sale 50 pieces of all wool chevots and storm serges. We bought this lot of black wool dress goods from a manufacturer at less than 50 cents on the dollar.

Not a yard worth less than 85c, over 20 pieces of the regular \$1.00 quality, 45 and 54 inches wide, this week at 49 cents per yard.

Don't miss this sale as it is the greatest dress goods bargain ever offered in this store.

Some Fine Furs.

Buy your FURS now and get the benefit of the season, prices are as low as it is possible for reliable FURS to be sold.

Very Special this week.

Fine Near Seal Jacket, 24 inches long, lined with Skinner's guaranteed satin,

\$25.00

50 new Sable Fox pieces, just arrived, double length, having two full fox skins in each scarf, making it 6 feet long, soft, fluffy, rich, beautiful lustre, in two lots each,

\$15.00 and \$16.50.

Great Sale of Leather Goods.

THIS WEEK—Beautiful wrist bags in all fancy leathers, long chains. 49c.

Very handsome wrist bags with inside pocket, made of graphite seal, walrus, elephant seal, morocco and lizard 75c, 95c, \$1.00 \$1.50 to \$5.00,

Special Holiday Sale of Umbrellas.

We have brought on a magnificent lot of good umbrellas both for women and men; also agents for the celebrated Herald Square and Albion umbrellas; special values at \$1.69, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.

Great Special Sale of Blankets at \$4.95.

We have about 75 pairs of fine wool white, grey and tan blankets, bound with silk, very large and regularly worth \$7.00; on sale this week, \$4.95.

Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

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Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

U. S. Corn Cure For Ladies stops pain and soreness at once, always cures, and is guaranteed. 15c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

"Coonley's Beef Iron and wine with Nervine did me lots of good last year; give me a bottle for my wife." Edward Herring, South Bend. Large bottles 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

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Christmas Bargains in Every Department of the Store.

BUCHANAN RECORD.

D. F. BOWER,
EDITOR.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1902.

Buchanan Merchants.

We have been in many towns and mingled largely with business interests, and we do not hesitate to say that Buchanan has as wide awake, up-to-date, courteous merchants as any town of its size in the country. You will see in the Record of this week nearly all of Buchanan's business interests represented. Read them they will be interesting and profitable.

County Seat News.

An application was made by Alexander and Anna Shearer of Stevensville to have their son adjudged insane. The hearing is set for next Saturday and the is in jail.

The case of Arthur L. Pearl vs. Benton township, for damages, which is now in its fourth trial, is a great drawing card. The court room, which is presided over by Judge Carr in the absence of Coolidge, is packed at every session.

The trial is progressing rapidly and 17 witnesses have been examined. Pearl told of his injuries received by falling through the defective bridge December 21, 1895.

Roland Morrill, who was subpoenaed and came all the way from Texas, went on the stand in behalf of the township Thursday.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank M. Snow, 29, Oneida, Ill.; Alice Eugenia, 28, Benton Harbor. Albert A. Lamb, 39, Bertrand township; Carrie Biddle, 30, St. Joseph, Mo.

PEOPLES' COLUMN

This column is open for any communication, from any person, that will be of interest or value to the public. Communications of a personal character or anonymous letters will not be published.

Editor Record:

If the boys who take a back seat knew how it annoys one on the stage to try and attract their attention and how disgusting it is to the audience, they would try and not be so rude, or would stay at home.

The principals and teachers of the Saginaw schools will keep "open house" during the meeting of the State Teachers' Association in that city December 29-31. Rooms will be open where all visitors will be welcomed and their comfort looked after. A "bureau of information" is to be another new and worry-saving institution at the coming meeting of the association.

The Record is cheaper than writing letters and a great deal easier, too. So send it to your friends and they will be fully informed about Buchanan.

BUCHANAN OUT OF IT.

Chapin Power House is Located in the Township.

In commenting upon the article which appeared in the Daily Star last evening, in reference to the location of the Chapin electrical power house at Buchanan, a Niles man who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, said this morning that he knows it to be a fact that the aforesaid power house is located in Buchanan township. While the dam, he said, is located within the corporate limits of the village, the power house is just over the line, and the village, having allowed a race to be built around to the power house, is now powerless to prevent the transmission of power from the dam. Mr. Chapin's poles will not be placed within the village and the people will not likely go outside of the town limits to pull down any poles or cut any wires. Buchanans have been outwitted and there is apparently nothing left for them to do but to submit with as good a grace as possible. If, on the other hand, the law is resorted to, it will simply mean long and expensive litigation, which will benefit the village nothing.

Mr. Chapin's petition to Congress to declare the St. Joseph river navigable, is favored more and more by the people as they get a better understanding of it. If the river is declared navigable it will be necessary for river dams to be raised high enough to insure slack water navigation. For instance, the dam at Buchanan would have to be raised so that it would back a goodly volume of water up the river as far as the Niles dam and so on all along the line. The dams would have to put in locks, and Uncle Sam would be called upon to spend a liberal sum in dredging the river. All up and down the stream there are bold banks, hence the land that be overflow by raising the dams would not amount to a great deal. It would mean that boats would again ply up and down the river, and we would thus get better freight rates. The railroads would of course, fight such an arrangement, but if the people are alive to their own interests they will favor declaring the river navigable.

—Niles Star, Dec. 10

A large two wheeled cart 10c. W. H. Keller's.

30 Club.

The 30 Club met with Mrs. Cora Rough Wed. afternoon. Mrs. Mayme Boyle had charge of the history lesson. Well prepared papers on the subjects of "Tecumseh", and the "Governors of Michigan" were read by Mrs. Hattie Blake and Miss Artie Logan. Mrs. Gertrude Garland had charge of the music and she sang a beautiful solo which was enjoyed by all. Current events were given.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Maud Peck, Jan. 7.

Monday Club.

The members of the Monday Club met Dec. 13 at the home of Mrs. Anna Williams. Notwithstanding the sleety rain and the icy condition of the streets, a large number were present showing the lively interest taken by the members in the study arranged for this year.

This meeting was the final of a series of three prepared upon the events and personages prominent during the 100 years following the presidential administration of Washington. The program included the history of the states in the order in which they were admitted to the union.

Papers were prepared upon the lives of Adams, Jefferson, Jackson, Harriet B. Stowe, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Horace Greeley, Henry Ward Beecher, John Brown, Peter Cooper, James A. Garfield, and others. Some of the events of interest occurring during this period were introduced by papers. Talks or discussions prominent among these events were, The Louisiana Purchase, Burning of Washington, Lewis and Clark expedition, Lafayette's visit to the U.S., Gold Rush, Centennial Anniversary, World's Praise Jubilee and 100 years in the White House.

At one of the meetings patriotic music was a feature; at another Miss Ethel Stryker rendered a piano solo. The club adjourned for the holidays to meet Jan. 5, 1903, with Mrs. My Roe.

C. W. B. M. Day at the Christian Church. Prof. G. P. Coler of Ann Arbor will be at the Christian Church next Lord's day morning and deliver an address on C. W. B. M. work. Prof. Coler is one of the ablest men among the Disciples of Christ, and has for years been in the employ of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and is at present head instructor of the Ann Arbor Bible chair.

It is through the special efforts of our District Manager, Mrs. Madge A. Halley of Kalamazoo, that we are able to secure his services, and we extend a cordial invitation to the people of Buchanan to come and hear him. Prof. Coler will speak at Dowagiac Sunday evening.

Messrs. George Black and John G. Dick of Buchanan, were in the city today. Both these gentlemen declare the village of Buchanan will never submit to the transmission of the power from the Buchanan dam to South Bend. They deny that the Chapin power house is outside of the village limits —Niles Star.

Beautiful pictures artistically framed and low prices at Richards and Emerson.

There will be Christmas exercises held in the Christian church, Xmas eve, Dec. 24, the program being in charge of the Sunday school.

Subscribe for the Record and send to your friends for a Christmas present.

A subscription to the Record would be equal to 104 presents.

Rockers for all the babies at Richards and Emerson.

Rockers for little Misses, also for little men at Richards and Emerson.

Ladies writing desks and music cabinets at Richards and Emerson.

Among teachers the main question just now, next to where they are to spend Christmas, is, "are you going to attend the State Teachers Association?" It is to be at Saginaw, Dec. 29-31, and promises to be a great event.

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All are welcome to call and look the stock over.

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A fresh car load of American field fence in stock.

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Lion coffee 11cts. per lb. at Del Jordan's grocery. Phone 16.

28 lbs. brown sugar for \$100 a Del Jordan's grocery. Phone 16

Yeast foam 3cts. per package at Del Jordan's grocery. Phone 16.

Millinery Sale.

Go to Mrs. Parkinsons and get you a bargain in hats as she is closing out the winter stock and making arrangements for the spring work. There you will find just what you wish and so cheap; go early and get your choice.

What is nicer than a fine watch for a Xmas present? A thing of beauty and a joy for 20 years or more. A. Jones & Co.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 10c. Hall's Family Pills are best.

Magazine Reviews.

The art features of The Designer for January, 1903 effective to a marked degree, and are typical of the progressiveness of this popular publication, which is always the herald of up-to-date fashions and interests essentially feminine. Edited by women, it caters especially to womanly taste. Most charming and original are the fancy costumes and stylish and seasonable are the milliners designs, the latter being accompanied by a practical article on hat making. "In door Exercises for Children," by Dr. Sarah A. French-Batley, and "Toilet Table Chat" are of hygienic value and the department of "What Women Are Doing" and "Help Along the Way," both edited by the readers of The Designer, are helpful and decidedly novel. The literary features comprise two short stories, "At Heron's Crag," by J. O. Lennart, "The Domestic Side of the White House," by Waldon Fawcett, "The Feast of the Kings," by G. W. Jacob and a parlor comedy, "A sudden Inspiration," by Mary Dawson. Mary Kilsyth furnishes "Attractive Corner," Josephine Y. "Some Employment for Busy Finger" and Ella Barle Fowler tells us what to do "When the Stocking Bag is Full." "Pencil and paper Games," by Mrs. S. P. Carusi, supplies numerous in-structive and jolly entertainments for young folks and their elders, all of which may be arranged at trifling cost. "Points on Dressmaking," "Fashions and Fabric," "Etiquette Hints," "Book Notes," Floriculture, "In Motherland" and "The Kitchen Kingdom" are departments some one of which will appeal to some member of the family. The verse in this number is supplied by Florence Gertrude Ruthven.

The Delineator for January.

Among the noticeable features of The Delineator for January is its fine cover—the first of a series that will continue throughout the year. The scope of the magazine has been generally widened, and new and valuable material has been introduced into all the departments. Clara E. Lullin begins a series of papers entitled "Mildred" in which she considers the problems and prerogatives of womanhood. Cyrus Townsend Brady is represented by one of his famous bishop stories. Interest is heightened in Mrs. Barr's powerful love story, Thyra Varrick, and her novel develops along dramatic lines. In Homes of the Past and Present, Ella Butler Evans interestingly describes two famous colonial houses, Meadow Garden and Chateau Vert. John D. Barry writes on the stage as a Career for women, and the article is strikingly illustrated. Frank French gives the second and last part of his entertaining Reminiscences of New England Life. Track Athletics for Women by Christian Verhune Herick presents some novel features of sports which women are interested in. Mrs. Theodore W. Birney discusses Childhood, a subject concerning which she is eminently fitted to write. The fashions are presented in their usual attractive and timely form, and the holiday display in the shops is illustrated and described. The Hair: Its Care and Dressing should claim the attention of women. For the children there appears the first of the "What Happened Then" stories, by Grace MacGowan Cooke, and the usual past-times, a natural history sketch etc. The pages of illustrated cookery portray a decided novelty in a Chinese dinner. Mrs. Margaret Hall begins in this number a series of Practical Talks to Young Housekeepers and the Departments reserve their usual degree of interest and excellence.

Notice.

I will continue to run the right South Bend as usual Thursday of each week. I. N. BACHELOR

Spiritualist Comes to Grief.

"Prof." King who worked the spiritualist racket in a number of places of late, among them Kalamazoo, will probably steer clear of the latter place in the future. A few evenings ago one of a company of spiritualists and curious citizens who had paid 50 cents to witness King's apparent wonderful manifestations, grabbed a pseudo spirit and after a fierce struggle threw it to the floor. Pan-emonium reigned, and in the melee the spook made good its escape. The medium tried to explain, but in vain, and when the authorities went to look for him next morning he was nowhere to be found.

MURDERERS STILL AT LARGE.

Feeling Against Negroes is Intense at South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 15—The feeling here against the negroes who Saturday night murdered the grocer Koonsman, is very high. The restaurant keepers have issued a statement that they will hereafter refuse to allow a negro in their place of business. Orders have been issued by chief of police McWeeny to shoot any negro that offers the slightest resistance to arrest. Out of twenty-four arrested three are held by the police.

The county commissioners have offered \$400 reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderers.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 15—A brace of bloodhounds were brought here this afternoon from Hamlet Ind. to track down the three negroes who shot John M. Koonsman, a grocery man, in his store. A detail of police men, accompanied by a party of 200 men, are following the hounds east of the city. Some trouble was had at first in getting the trail. Fears are entertained that, should the trio be captured, they may be summarily dealt with. When the hold up men entered the store and demanded Koonsman's money he thought it was a joke. When he found they meant business, he charged them with a broom. In backing out one of the fellows failed to reach the door and, being covered, began shooting.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

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BAKERTOWN

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Married Wednesday evening by Rev. Neigath at the home of M. and Mrs. Douley their daughter to Frank Wright of Galien, Mich.

Ice, ice, ice, good weather for blacksmiths.

Christmas is most here, shall we hang up our stockings?

Mr. C. J. Eastman stayed all night with Mr. Jayson lately.

Wm. Webber of Warren will move in the neighborhood shortly.

Mr. Joe Harris of Chicago called on friends the fore part of the week.

Mr. Jayson was called to Indiana Thursday to help locate a colored man, a suspect of the Koonsman affair, M. Jayson being well acquainted with the negro.

Geo. French, who has been attending the Art Institute of Chicago, is in town for a few days, having come home on account of his sister's wedding last Wednesday evening. He will remain until after the holidays when he will take a position as cartoonist and window card writer for the Washington Shirt Co.

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A BOOBY PRIZE STORY

[Original.]

It was proposed at the Millerton Literary club that a prize be offered for the best short story. Some one suggested that it would be better to offer a prize for the worst short story, whereupon it was determined to give two prizes, one for the best and one for the worst. At a meeting of the club the manuscripts handed in were read by the secretary. The following was in competition for the booby prize:

A TALE OF THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS.

One dark, dismal, disagreeable night in midwinter, when the June roses were in full bloom, a woman stood at the door of a cabin in the Catskill mountains. Her tattered garments fluttered in the wind, while her jewels flashed in rainbow hues in the hot noonday sun.

"He cometh not," she said.

There was a creaking of horse's hubs down the road, and a moment later the splendid figure of a young man of some seventy-five summers, mounted on an Arabian steed, with steel springs and leathern curtains, emerged from the clove.

"Oh, Algernon, why are you so late?"

"Clarissa, dearest, I have been delayed by a puncture in the left hind leg of my trusty steed."

"Algernon, I have the worst possible news for you. Father is unalterably opposed to our marriage. He has a six pounder, loaded and pointed up the chimney, ready to fire as soon as he is aware of your presence."

"What, ho! Does the old dotard think to scare me?" And with one leap he landed on the roof and stood looking defiantly down the chimney. There was a report, followed by a shriek from Clarissa, and her lover's headless trunk rolled at her feet.

Maddened by the sight, Clarissa was about to rush into the cabin to reproach her father with the bloody deed when Algernon stopped her.

"Consider," he said. "The gun is by this time reloaded. Let us take refuge under the fall of the Katerskill."

Alas, they were too late! Just as they were about to sink behind a mountain peak the father appeared at his cabin door with a fieldglass and, pointing it deliberately at the fugitives, pulled the trigger.

"Are you hurt, dearest?" asked Algernon tenderly.

"Tis nothing—a mere break in the left ventricle of the heart. I am better now. And you?"

"A trifle. The old man has been sadly fooled. Both my legs and both my arms are cork. My right arm is gone, but I have three limbs left of good flesh and blood."

"Then let us speed on."

Pulling the throttle wide open, they skinned the ice merrily. Reaching a lake from which the water had been drained to supply the neighboring residences with warmth, they looked about for a boat with which to cross.

"Oh, for a mud scow!" exclaimed Clarissa.

"Here is something better," replied Algernon, and, seizing a toboggan tied to a post, they mounted and rode up the mountain side with lightning speed.

The sight from the summit was resplendent with beauty. The rising sun was sinking in the north. The full moon, a slender crescent fit to deck a lady's brow, was at the moment passing behind Arcturus. All nature was hushed, the stillness unbroken save for the blows of a thousand artisans in a boiler shop in the valley.

The lovers were standing on the peak, pensively viewing the scene and unconscious of danger, when the pursuing father, wringing the sweat from his raven locks, reached the summit of a neighboring mountain and looked wildly about for the fugitives. Not seeing them, he drew a searchlight from his vest pocket and, pointing it directly at Algernon's heart, fired. The brave man who could not be worsted by round shot succumbed to the more subtle power of electricity. An arm and two legs caught fire and blazed with the brilliancy of pitch pine.

"My love! My love!" shrieked Clarissa. "Must I stand here helpless and see you burn to a cinder?"

"Fear not, dear heart," replied the iron hearted man. "I am only vulnerable in the thorax." With that he waded into the lake and was extinguished.

Moved by Algernon's bravery and Clarissa's tears, the old man relented. Seeing the limless body of his would be son-in-law floating in the lake, he waded in and, seizing Algernon by the right arm and left leg, dragged him to the shore.

"Give me your hand, noble man," said Clarissa's father.

"You've burned it," moaned Algernon.

Fortunately at that moment a distinguished dominie passed by, walking on an alpenstock, and consented to unite the pair in the holy bonds of matrimony. Then they all went home to a joyous wedding breakfast.

Years have passed since the sound of these festivities ceased to leap in echoes from crag to crag. The buttercups and daisies lovingly nod to each other, kissed by the clouds that stoop from heaven to wrap them in a winding sheet of disagreeable fog. The shrill whistle of the locomotive softly floats over the mountain plains where once the only means of conveyance was heaven's own simple meteorite. The numerous progeny of Algernon and Clarissa now scamper over the mountains, triplets having come to them with every spring frost and every winter heat wave.

The committee unanimously agreed to bestow upon the author of this thrilling tale the booby prize.

F. A. MITCHEL.

DAYTON

The children are getting ready for the Christmas exercises. Miss Emma Richter will drill them.

Miss Rose Lamb, of South Bend, visited in town, Wednesday.

Mr. Riley Cauffman was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Bell Hines called on Mrs. Edna Weaver, Wednesday.

The Royal Neighbors elected the following officers for the coming year at their last regular meeting: Oracle, Mrs. A. C. Weaver; vice oracle, Mrs. John Burrus; recorder, Miss Clara Burrus; receiver, Mrs. Carrie Reinke; chancellor, Mrs. E. Leggett; marshals, Mrs. Julia Arnold and Mrs. Emma Redding; inner sentinel, Mrs. Stella Redding; outer sentinel, Mrs. E. Reinke; medical examiners, Dr. Brodbeck and Dr. Conrad.

The Patricians elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: Senator, A. C. Weaver; consul, S. I. Vanlen; scribe, Mrs. Emma Dempsey; gnaester, Julius Richter; flaymen, Mrs. S. I. Vanlen; praetors, John T. Dempsey; patron, Savilla Vanlen; interex, Jerome Sebasty; guard, Philip Smith; sentinel, Julius Reinke; consular, Mrs. Mary Smith; medical examiner, Dr. Brodbeck.

Mr. Hoffer, of Kansas, visited his cousin, Wilson Arnold, this week. Mr. Hoffer lived in Dayton and run the grist mill about twenty years ago.

Mr. A. C. Weaver and Mrs. Edna Weaver were in Buchanan, Monday. Mrs. S. Martin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Burrus, this week.

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DESCRIPTION OF LAND.
Lot eleven (11) in Ross and Alexander's Third Addition to the village of Buchanan, according to the plat thereof situated in the township of Buchanan, County of Berrien, State of Michigan. Amount paid: Tax for the year of 1897, \$6.57.
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CHURCH NOTES AND NOTICES.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH. Rev. W. J. Tarrant, pastor. Sunday services; preaching, 10:30 and 7:00 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. C. E. Marvin, Pastor. Sabbath services; preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor meeting 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 P. M. are cordially invited.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. W. J. Douglass, Pastor. Sunday services; preaching 10:30 a. m. 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 11:45 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Rev. E. R. Black, Pastor. Sunday services; preaching 10:30 a. m. 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 12 m. Senior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Parsonage cor. 3rd and Detroit St.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Chas. Shook, Pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 11:45 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30; Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Strangers always welcome.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH, corner Oak and Second Sts. Rev. J. R. Niergarth Pastor. Residence 47 Main St. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 11:45 a. m. Young People's Alliance every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. All cordially welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—Society hold services at Grand Army Hall every Sunday at 10:45 a. m. Sunday School at 12, and Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Lodges and Society Meetings and Events

BUCHANAN LODGE I. O. O. F. No. 75 meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. N. J. Slater, N. G.; Claude Glover, Sec.

PATRICIANS COURT No. 5 meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of every month.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA. Meetings 1st and 3rd Friday evenings of each month. W. F. Runner Clerk.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. J. B. Peters, Record Keeper.

LADIES OF THE MACCABEES. meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. Mrs. Millie East R. K.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS. Meetings 2nd and 4th Friday evenings of each month at M. W. A. Hall. Recorder Mrs. W. F. Runner.

BUCHANAN LODGE No. 68 A. F. & A. M. holds its regular meetings on or before the first full moon of each month. Steven Scott W. M. E. S. Roe Sec'y.

HOOK AND LADDER Co.—Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Hose House.

BUCHANAN HOSE Co. No. 1—Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at the Hose House at 7:30 p. m. F. W. ELDRIDGE, Sec'y.

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Leave Benton Harbor 7:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.
Berrien Springs 8:10 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.
Arrive Buchanan 8:15 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.
Leave Buchanan 10:40 a. m. and 5:35 p. m.
Berrien Springs 10:45 a. m. and 5:35 p. m.
Arrive Benton Harbor 11:50 a. m. and 6:50 p. m.

Sunday Service

Leave Benton Harbor 8:00 a. m. and 3:45 p. m.
Berrien Springs 8:15 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Arrive Buchanan 8:15 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Leave Buchanan 10:45 a. m. and 5:35 p. m.
Berrien Springs 10:45 a. m. and 5:35 p. m.
Arrive Benton Harbor 11:00 a. m. and 6:50 p. m.

Train leaving Benton Harbor at 7:30 a. m. is the early morning train for Chicago.

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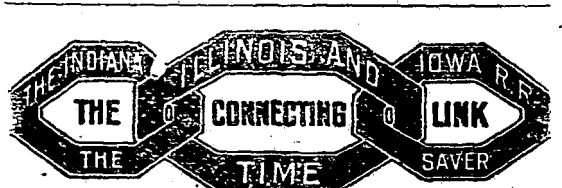
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Detroit Night Express, No. 8..... 12:45 A. M.
Mail, No. 6..... 9:45 A. M.
Chicago & Kalamazoo Accom., No. 22..... 9:45 A. M.
Train No. 14..... 1:55 P. M.
Train No. 34 due about 7:15 p. m. will stop to let off Chicago passengers.

TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE BUCHANAN.
Fast Mail No. 3..... 5:45 A. M.
Chicago & Kalamazoo Accom., No. 15..... 5:58 A. M.
Mail, No. 5..... 8:40 A. M.
Train No. 33..... 3:15 P. M.
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WHEN THE DOOR OPENED

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Before Reynolds had had time to ring the door opened and a girl stood within, like a picture in a frame, a young girl in white, with yellow hair. At her waist and throat were silks of blue, the color of her eyes.

"Oh!" she smiled. "I beg your pardon. I was just going out. You came to see Elizabeth, didn't you? Will you enter? I will call her."

He entered, walking straight forward, but with eyes turned toward the girl, following the glimmer of her sash and skirts as she ran, swift footed, up the stairs to Elizabeth's room.

A far door opened and shut, opened and shut once more, and other footsteps descended the stairs. They ran across the hall and into the room. Elizabeth stood before him—Elizabeth, tall and dark haired and beautiful, putting a slender hand on his shoulder, looking up into his face and saying:

"I've been waiting for you. I thought you were never coming. Let me take your hat and your gloves. Sit down here by me. It seems an age since I saw you—an age, an age!"

He sat down by her. He took her hand. He separated her fingers in his old way, toying with them. He looked at them absently, one at a time, at their tapering, at the tender pink of the nails.

By and by, "Who was it opened the door?" he asked and waited, eager eyed, for her answer.

"The little girl? It was Bertha, my cousin. She is just home from school. She is a pretty little girl, isn't she?"

His eyes took on a look of remembering.

"Yes," he answered after a long time; "she is—a very pretty little girl."

A week later Elizabeth sat in her room waiting. His usual hour of coming was half after 8. It was now 8.

Presently, rising, she moved about, arranging the flowers in a vase, touching a picture into place and straightening out the gilt edged books lying here and there and everywhere. She sat down again, thinking those long thoughts of youth that go to fill up the hours of waiting. The minute hand pointed to half after 8. The clock struck with a tiny tinkle. She arose a second time and walked up and down.

Once more she stood before the little clock. Nine, almost!

Perhaps something had detained him. Perhaps, after all, he would not come. She crossed the room; she opened the door; she trailed down the stairway silently, not with intention, but from force of habit. Absorbed in her own disappointment, she was within ten steps of the door before she saw him standing there with her little cousin, laughing lightly, both of them, their faces aglow with the flare of the light in the hall silhouetted against the night.

He looked up—the girl also.

"I was just coming to tell you," she said, showing two rows of small white teeth in a radiant smile, "that Mr. Reynolds was here."

Elizabeth began to look upon her cousin with new eyes. She perceived the beauty of her through the magnifying lorgnette of his regard. She had thought her a child, removed one stage from the playing with dolls. She found her a woman, well into the stage of commencing to play with hearts, and skillfully. She observed the slim height of her, the charming roundness withal, the delicate curve of cheek, the length of eyelash, the calm young blueness of eye.

Then she took to long hours of practice. The keys of the piano sometimes vibrated with a sound like a sob.

Her nights were divided into two varieties—white nights when she expected him and dark nights when she did not.

That was a black night. She was not expecting him. For the passing of the interim she had gone to a neighbor's house, visiting a friend. It was late when she came back along dewy walks on either side of which flowers nodded sleepily. Above the house the new moon peeped, a golden crescent dangling from the twinkle of a star.

The house was hushed, half dark. One light only burned in the hall, and near the piano in the long parlor, through whose open windows wafted redolent breaths of the nodding flowers, another. Glowing electric tulips, those lights were, burning on slender stems.

The hall door was open. Entering, she hung her wrap on the rack and started toward the parlor. Often it happened that upon those dark nights of hers she was able to leave part of her loneliness upon the piano keys.

She halted on the threshold, her footsteps arrested by voices—cooling, whispering voices that she knew—his and hers.

Turning falteringly, very softly, for fear they would hear, she commenced her ascent of the stairs. She lagged suddenly. It was as if she had run a long way and was tired. Nevertheless she set her face steadfastly forward, not daring to look back.

Never had the stairs seemed so many, so endless, so high. It was as if she tried to climb to heaven, leaving heaven behind.

At length she reached her door. She opened it. The emptiness of the room was like the emptiness of a cave.

She crossed it in the dark and stood at the window, looking out. From the dusk of the green, sweet garden the clumps of daisies smiled up at her; dangling from the twinkle of the star the moon hung yellowly above, and below the lone sad cat, the color of the night, paced the gray of the garden wall softly, slowly, undulatingly and untiringly.

ZOE ANDERSON NORRIS.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 21.

Text of the Lesson, Luke II, 8-20, a Christmas Lesson—Memory Verses, 10, 11—Golden Text, Luke II, 11. Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

The previous verse speaks of the Son of God, made of a woman, made under the law (Gal. iv, 4); the fulfillment of Isa. vii, 14, "a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel." This verse sets before us a night scene on earth, shepherds watching over their flocks to save them from the destroyer. The little babe laid in the manger because there was no room in the inn is none other than the good, great and chief Shepherd of Scripture who came to give His life that He might save His sheep from the destroyer (John x, 10, 11; Heb. xiii, 20, 21).

9-12. Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Although the angel of the Lord was sent from heaven to these humble shepherds with these great, glad tidings, the world neither knew nor cared anything about it. God made the world's ruler to take part in fulfilling His will to bring about the birth of this Child at Bethlehem, but he was wholly unconscious of it. The world in its blindness and madness is today going its own way, as it thinks, and seemingly doing as it pleases, but God in heaven is working all things after the counsel of His own will and making all things ready for the coming again of Him who was the Babe in Bethlehem. His throne on earth will be David's throne at Jerusalem, and all kings and nations will honor Him (Eph. i, 11; Jer. iii, 17; Isa. ix, 6, 7; Ps. lxxii, 11). I trust that all who read this lesson will speak of these things and show to all whom they can reach that unless all believers are doing all they can to make the tidings known of the Saviour who has come and of His great salvation they are not interested in His coming again.

13, 14. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Thus said a multitude of the heavenly host who accompanied the angel who spoke to the shepherds, and we think of the millions of angels who will yet say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. v, 12). The aim of all angelic service is to bring glory to God, and the redeemed on earth are so to live that God in all things may be glorified (1 Cor. vi, 20; x, 31; 1 Pet. iv, 11; Phil. ii, 11).

15, 16. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

There was no questioning, there were no doubts, there was no hesitation in acting out their faith. They believed all that was told them: they went with haste and found all things as the Lord's messenger had said. Elizabeth said of Mary, "Blessed is she which believed that there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (Luke i, 45, margin). Paul said concerning the angel's message in the storm at sea, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me," and so it came to pass (Acts xxvii, 25, 44). I do believe that all that is written in this blessed book which is not yet fulfilled shall be fulfilled as literally as were all the prophecies concerning the humiliation and first coming of our blessed Lord. Every purpose of God shall be fulfilled in Christ (Isa. xiv, 24; Jer. ii, 20).

17. And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Joy filled their own hearts, and joyfully they spread the tidings and told simply what they had seen and heard. If we have not yet been made exceedingly joyful by the glad tidings concerning Jesus so that we cannot but speak of it, how far we must be from the experience of those shepherds and of those of whom we read in John iv, 28, 29; Acts iv, 20; viii, 4; 1 John i, 3, 4.

18, 19. And all they that heard it wondered. . . . But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Better to ponder than merely to wonder. It is not wonder, but faith, that brings the blessing. The word preached does not profit unless it is mixed with faith in them that hear it (Heb. iv, 2). Mary, like Daniel, kept the matter in her heart (Dan. vii, 28). If the truth is laid up in the heart and prayerfully pondered, we shall receive the light in due time.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

You could not shut them up any more than you could stop a volcano. It was in them, and, like Jeremiah, they could not keep still about it (Jer. xx, 9). They had caught the spirit of the angels and praise God they must, and their testimony was all about Jesus. If we, in our ordinary vocations, serve the Lord, as they were evidently doing while watching their flocks, He will show us greater things as we can bear them and as He sees we will make good use of them. They also remind us of many shepherds watching over the souls under their care in this night of the world's history and daily expecting a call from the skies to summon them to the manger of Him who was once a Babe in Bethlehem. May He, the great Shepherd, work in us all those things that are pleasing in His sight and so hasten His kingdom (Heb. xiii, 21; 1 Pet. iii, 12; R. V. and margin).

P. P. F. Club.

The Portage Prairie Farmer's Club met on the evening of Dec. 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Korn in German township Ind. On account of the absence of the discussion leader the topic which had been announced was not taken up. The subject then chosen for the evening was, "Resolved that the farmers' wives have more leisure time than their husbands." Leaders were, Affirmative, Frank Rhodes, Negative Rose Arney. A spirited discussion followed, resulting in a victory for the Negative side.

Club motioned to have a winter picnic on New Years Day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rhodes. All members of the club are urged to be present.

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Dr. Colvin and Will Sparks made a visit to Niles on Thursday and while there inspected the oil well operations, but have concluded to wait a while before investing.

Mr. Chas. Miller who has been ill so long with typhoid fever is reported convalescent.

Several members of the "Foxy Grandpa" company are enjoying a few day's outing at Clear Lake Farm, being entertained by S. C. Cook. They are quite as much a success as hunters as they are actors, having bagged 32 rabbits in two days.

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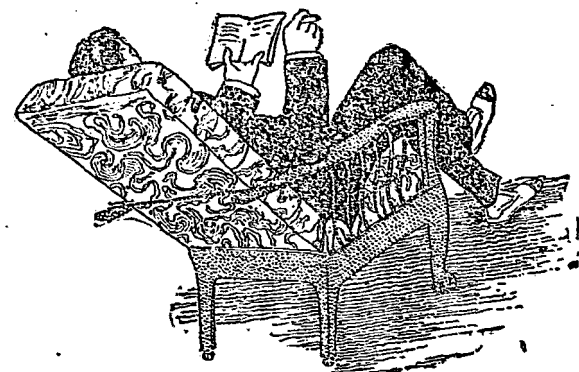
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The operetta, "Christmas Tide," was well rendered by the pupils of the first and second grades. The snow scene was good and the snow balling was enjoyed by those on as well as off the stage. The wreath drill by eight little girls deserves special mention, and the way it was carried out would have done credit to girls twice their age. The pillow fight was next on the program which was the most amusing part of the entertainment, after which the children waited for Santa Clause and after old St. Nicholas had distributed a few gifts the curtain fell and thus ended the first part.

In the Japanese wedding which followed, the bride, Georgia Rollins, dressed in white Japanese costume, looked very attractive, and the groom, Fred Roe, in figured silk Japanese garments, appeared to good advantage. The ceremony was performed in a very pleasing manner by Effie Vite, the oriental salutations being very gracefully performed. After the ceremony the groom rendered a solo, and a tea-drinking, rice eating time followed.

Mittens and gloves at W. H. Keller's.

The closing yearly meeting of the ladies aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Hattie Wells, Dec 30, and as there will be the settling of all accounts each member is earnestly requested to be present.

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PERSONAL.

E. W. Sanders was in South Bend on Thursday.

Miss Jean Earl is home for the Christmas vacation.

W. H. Keller was in South Bend Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sewell of Niles were in town Thursday.

Miss Madge Hunt of South Bend is a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. Bressler and mother Mrs. Glover, of Elkhart are in town.

Miss Carolyn Pearson is going to Howell for Christmas vacation.

Adam Hahn has been taken to the Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids.

Frank Barnes is in New Troy for a few days visiting his son Pearl.

Miss Grace Crandall is spending several weeks in Elkhart with her brother.

Miss Cora E. Seymour will spend her vacation with relatives in Union City.

Mrs. Gertrude Neifert returned to her home in Kalamazoo Thursday morning.

Misses Agnes Slocum and Ruby Phelps were in Three Oaks Wednesday evening.

Oral and Nora Haslett of Chester Ind. will spend Christmas with relatives in town.

The Nettie Burt of Dowagiac is spending a few days in town, the guest of Bessie Haslett.

Mr. Walter S. Best's many friends are glad to see him home from Albion College to spend vacation.

J. F. Blackford and wife of Algona Iowa, who were visiting J. E. Miller and family a couple of weeks have returned home.

Mr. R. B. Wray nephew of Riley Wray, after a few days visit with relatives and friends returned to his home in Minnesota last Monday.

Misses Minnie Shafer, Florence and Bay Redden spent Thursday in South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sparks will next week entertain their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Sparks of Ishpeming.

John Jarvis has gone to Grand Encampment Wyoming where he will take charge of the Electric light and power plant.

Mrs. Mercer expects to spend her vacation in Carson and Vicksburg. Prof. Mercer will spend the holidays in Vicksburg.

Rev. J. R. Neirgarth went to Ewart Mich., on Wednesday night to officiate at the marriage of his brother George, to Katie Riffin.

Mrs. Geo. Worthington returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Hillsdale. She went to visit her grandparents in Galien, Thursday.

Miss Caroline Lewis has returned after an absence of several weeks and will spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Lewis.

Dr. Filmar is entertaining as guests his sisters Marie and Lillian of London Canada for a few days. They expect to go from here to Chicago where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Alvirah Tarrant of Howard City is expected to come next week and will remain with her parents Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Tarrant, she having resigned her position with the Howard City Record where she has been employed for a number of years.

Water sets at bottom prices at W. H. Keller's.

Hunting Party.

F. L. Raymond, Fred Andrews, Will Searls, John Broceus, and Sam Weaver, went on a hunting expedition this week in the swamp north of Enos Holmes' and bagged 18 rabbits.

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At midnight Dec. 13 the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Ry. will put into effect their new winter time card. The week day trains will leave Benton Harbor at 7 and 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., arriving in Buchanan in ample time to make connections by the M. C. R. R. for all east and west bound trains. This arrangement will give the public the shortest and quickest route to Chicago and Detroit. Returning trains will arrive in Benton Harbor at 11:45 a. m. and 3:30 and 6:50 p. m. The Sunday trains will be the same as heretofore.

Passenger Train No. 23 on the M. C. R. R. will stop at Buchanan for Chicago passengers. This concession was made at the request of the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Ry. This gives close connections from Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs for Chicago arriving at the latter point in ample time for all through trains on western lines. This is a decided improvement in the services offered to the people of Benton Harbor and intermediate points via the Scenic Short Line. 3 T.

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BLOCKADE IS NOTIFIED

Venezuela Learns What Ports the Allies Have Determined to Put Out of Business.

SHUTUP IS TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Uncle Sam Has Some Very Dangerous Ships Close By.

Shafroth and John Bull on the Guaranty Platform Together—Germany Worried Over the Feeling Here.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies yesterday notified the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra of the blockade, to become effective tomorrow at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona.

London, Dec. 19.—The Brussels correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says that Germany is supporting the claims of Belgium against Venezuela, which amount to \$1,250,000.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with full powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Bowen simply awaits the consent of the United States state department to assume this task.

Shafroth Would Give a Guaranty.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Shafroth of Colorado appeared before the committee on foreign affairs of the house yesterday to urge action on a joint resolution which he has introduced authorizing the president to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to



JOHN F. SHAFROTH.

arbitration, and to guarantee the payment of awards. Shafroth said that war in Venezuela would make a violence to the Monroe doctrine probable. He did not think the objection that this guaranty might establish a precedent should control, as other cases could be met as they arose.

Our Fleet Is on Watch.

Washington, Dec. 19.—According to the approved plans the principal fighting ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet will rendezvous at the island of Trinidad, right off the coast of Venezuela, and at St. Thomas. Rear Admiral Higginson will have command of the battleship fleet at Trinidad, with Rear Admiral Sumner on his flagship Iowa as second in command. The fleet at St. Thomas, which includes two battleships, will be under the command of Rear Admiral Crowinshield. The fleet of cruisers and smaller vessels will anchor at St. Kitts in command of Rear Admiral Coghlan.

BOWEN HAS HIS CREDENTIALS

Made Sole Representative of Venezuela with a Carte Blanche.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro, as constitutional president of the republic, and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The document was subjected to correction Wednesday night and again yesterday morning before delivery. The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Bowen.

Events here are dependent upon the receipt through the state department of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela. Should they be favorable the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States then be held in Washington and that Bowen leave La Guayra Dec. 23 for the United States on board a steamer due to reach New York Dec. 29. Bowen will meet the ambassadors in Washington. No meeting to discuss terms of settlement is to be held on Venezuelan soil.

IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY

John Bull Wants a United States Guaranty—Matter That Worries Germany.

London, Dec. 19.—The announcement that President Castro had entrusted United States Minister Bowen with full powers to arrange a settlement was received at the foreign of-

fice here with much interest, accompanied by the remark, "So Mr. Bowen is to be the arbitrator?" The dispatch which contained this announcement was immediately taken to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne; it apparently conveyed to the foreign office officials the first definite news that such action had been taken. It is considered certain here that Great Britain is making an earnest effort to get the United States to guarantee Venezuela's compliance with the finding of an arbitrator.

A Berlin dispatch says: "A fact which impresses the foreign observer here is the quiet indifference of the newspapers and people toward the Venezuelan affair. The Germans appear to be astonished at the commotion in Great Britain and the United States over what is regarded here as a mere episode. Few of the German newspapers have correspondents in New York, but those who are there telegraph that Germany is seemingly without one friend in the United States, and trace the cause to Germany's alleged attitude toward the United States during the Spanish-American war."

"The foreign office here is extremely sensitive over the developments of public feeling abroad, especially in the United States. The reason for delay in doing anything that would change the situation is because it is thought better to remain passive for a few days and see how far public feeling in the United States will go. Indications are not wanting that the German government is seeking an expedient to arrive at a solution of the difficulty without anything further happening to vex the people of the United States, whose good will is considered to be more important than the humiliation of Venezuela."

POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES

To Recognize a Blockade of the Venezuelan Ports—No Interference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—As understood here the blockade to be declared by the allies against Venezuela on Saturday is to be a "war blockade" as contrasted with the "peace blockade" which has been in operation since the trouble with Venezuela assumed an acute stage. Ordinarily a legal blockade is preceded by a declaration of war, but at times this formality is dispensed with and a blockade maintained just as though war had been formally declared. A formal declaration that a blockade has been established will be sent to all the powers and it will be recognized by the United States government.

Following the practice in such cases this government will maintain an attitude of neutrality toward the belligerents, which they practically become by the establishment of the blockade. Our government is fully informed of the intention of the allies in the movements against Venezuela.

The notice about the issue of the formal blockade of Venezuelan ports is not understood here to mean that Minister Bowen's efforts to adjust the Venezuelan difficulties have failed. It was conceived that the naval commanders of the powers were acting under explicit instructions which included the establishment of a blockade, and it was not expected that these instructions would be suspended until the negotiations through diplomatic channels had assumed a phase indicative of a final and satisfactory adjustment.

It is to be expected that the threatened blockade will be duly published tomorrow unless in the meantime Minister Bowen is able to offer sufficient assurances that the Venezuelan government is ready to meet the terms of the ultimatum. It can be stated positively that these assurances will not include a direct guarantee by the United States of Venezuela's liabilities.

Proceedings in the House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The house yesterday passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philippine islands coming into the United States to 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates. The discussion of the pure food bill, which has been made a continuing order until disposed of, was begun. The resolution calling on the state department for the correspondence in the Venezuelan embargo was adopted.

The senate was not in session.

Found Its Resources Weak.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—The Bank of Westby, Vernon county, has been closed by State Bank Examiner Bergh, who found it insolvent. Assistant Attorney General Buell has left for La Crosse to move for a receiver. The bank is a private one, owned by Carl O. Byre.

Prorogation of Parliament.

London, Dec. 19.—Parliament has gone out of business until Feb. 17. The king's speech proroging the body leaves out the usual references to foreign relations and devotes more space to imperial matters. It gives a paragraph to the Venezuelan trouble.

Condolence of an Empress.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Through the Japanese minister the sympathy of the empress of Japan for the Grant family in its affliction was expressed yesterday through a cablegram from Japan.

Earthquake in Costa Rica.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 19.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced here at 4 p. m. yesterday. The people of the city were greatly alarmed, but there were no casualties.

Young Man Killed by a Train.

Kewanee, Ills., Dec. 19.—Henry Fell, aged 21 years, son of D. K. Fell, vice president of the Keweenaw National bank, was struck by a train and killed at a crossing near Toulon.

A CHRISTMAS CRIME

A Yuletide Tale of Two Homes

RIDGEWOOD had a thief! When I, Detective Martinet of the metropolitan secret service, was called out there, I found the town in a state of excitement over the robberies. The principal ones had taken place in the mansion of Colonel Payne, the richest man in Ridgewood. There had been four burglaries at the Payne mansion. The first night silver was taken—small pieces consisting of spoons, forks, after dinner coffees and knives.

The second night a small rocking chair disappeared and several velvet covered footstools and nice little articles of bric-a-brac designed for Christmas gifts. "The third night all the children's Christmas toys that had been carefully stored away in a Santa Claus cupboard by Colonel Payne and his wife, ready for Christmas eve, disappeared, and the fourth night the cellar was pillaged of its wine and fruits.

"Looks as if it was somebody inside the house," said the colonel after we had been over the ground pretty well.

"Not exactly," said I, "or why would they take a rocking chair?"

The party that accompanied me through the house consisted of the



"I NEVER SAW ANYTHING SO LOVELY," colonel and his wife, the oldest daughter, a girl of fifteen, and the colonel's private secretary, William Winter.

"This is the window they got in at the first night," said Winter, pointing to a bay window on the ground floor leading out of the dining room. "And this is the one they got in at the other nights," pointing to another big window that was in the staircase hall alongside the front door.

"Why didn't they always enter at the same window?" I asked carelessly.

"That's what bothers me," said Winter, "but you can see for yourself that they didn't," pointing to trampled places under both of the windows.

"You see it was this way," said the colonel. "We were greatly alarmed the first night when the silver was taken, and we set a watch over the things. From that night to the present this house has been steadily guarded from the inside every night, from dark until daylight. And yet we have had three robberies during that time. It is the strangest thing I ever saw, and I'd give \$500 to catch the burglars."

"Are they operating anywhere else in Ridgewood?"

"Yes," said Winter promptly, "they tried to steal some things out of the church last night, and a week ago they broke into the office of the gas company."

"Are you familiar there?" I asked.

"Yes," said Winter.

"One thing more, colonel, before I go," I said. "Will you tell me the name of the person who was on guard in your house the last three nights?"

"I was the person," said Winter.

"All right, colonel," I said. "I am going back to the city today to stay about a week, but I will be back Christmas eve, and then I will look up your thief for you. And, by the way, you might get ready for your Christmas tree, for I expect to give you all your things back in time for your Christmas celebration."

The colonel looked skeptical and Winter shook his head sadly.

"Don't you think you had better stay here if you are going to look for him?" asked the colonel.

"No," I said. "It isn't necessary. Good day, you can look for me Christmas eve."

I said goodbye, but I didn't leave Ridgewood after all. I only went away far enough to hide myself in a certain little hotel in the little town, and there I waited and watched—did as sick detective work as I ever did in my life, even in a big city on the biggest robbery I ever had.

Christmas eve found me, not in the colonel's home, but out in the cold, frosty air, looking into the window of a little cottage. The cottage was the end one in a row of wooden houses, each with a grass plot around it. It belonged to William Winter, private secretary to Colonel Payne; and in the cottage lived Winter and his wife and Winter's wife's mother; also six little

Winters varying in age all the way from four to twelve years.

"I never saw anything so lovely in all my life, papa," the oldest Winter girl was saying as I pressed my nose against the glass and peered in through the narrow strip between the window sash and the casement.

There inside of the room stood a little Christmas tree upon a big box, and upon the tree and all around the foot of it stood dozens of beautiful Christmas gifts. Such a Christmas tree you never saw! There were little things in silver—spoons, forks, after dinner coffees and knives, and there was a rocking chair, also several little footstools and little articles of bric-a-brac, all newly covered with cheap chintz. And there were toys. Oh, so many toys! And upon the table at the side of the tree stood the best of wines and Christmas fruits.

"How sweet of you, Will!" Winter's pretty wife said as she threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. "How did you ever guess that I wanted all those silver things for the table?"

"And did any one ever see such a son-in-law?" cried the old lady as her eyes fell upon the table with the wine and fruits.

"I have got the goodest papa in the world," yelled the six year old, while the others chimed in "Yeth" as they made a dive for the toys.

"I could sit in this rocking chair for a week," murmured Winter's wife, rocking herself back and forth with her foot on the gayly covered footstool, "if it wasn't that I felt as if I wanted to get up and kiss you again," she said to Winter for the twentieth time as she looked around.

"Now go to bed, all of you," cried Winter, "and something extra for the one who starts first. Don't let me hear a word from you again until tomorrow morning at breakfast, and then we'll have Christmas all day."

He hustled them out of the room, and when I tapped on the door there was no one left downstairs to open it but he.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" I asked, stepping into the room and pointing to all the Christmas things.

"I don't know," said he, dropping down by the table and hiding his face in his hands. "I don't know, I am sure. It will kill her if you tell her."

"What made you take them?" I asked.

"Because he's got so much he doesn't know what to do with it," said Winter. "So I took them all easy like and thought it would blow over in a few days. You see, we have so many babies in our family," he added, "that there wasn't much left this year for Christmas, and the children have been talking about it every day for the last three months. I broke my heart to think I'd have to disappoint them, so I did the best I could for them."

"You watched the house all night for the colonel, did you?"

"Yes, except for about an hour; long enough to slip over here with an armful."

"Well, what are you going to do about it?"

"God knows; I don't," he repeated. "It will kill her if you tell her."

"Do you want me to arrest you tonight, or will you wait until morning?"

"Christmas day!" he exclaimed, breaking down and beginning to cry like a baby. "I know I'm a wretch. Only kill me—do anything; but don't tell her."

It might have been that the spirit of Christmas was in the air. Perhaps the thought of those six little children and that sweet faced wife had a stronger influence than they should have had over a detective's heart. But I said to him, "Well, bundle up the things and come along with me, and we'll see what we can do about it."

We looked like two Santa Clauses ourselves as we slipped along the streets, choosing bylanes and cross paths to the Payne residence.

We got into the triangular lawn by a rear path and stole softly up to the house. There was the dining room brilliantly lighted and in the middle stood a tree all bare and waiting for gifts, just as I told the colonel to arrange it.

There was no one in the room, and after I had pried up the sash we stole in together. There was only just time to drop our packages on the floor at the foot of the tree and to rush away again before the colonel's daughter came in.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "here are some presents for us."

But I heard no more just then, for I was busy helping poor Winter get away. An hour later I rang the colonel's front door bell. He opened the door himself.

"Come right in," said he. "I guess you are a wizard tonight. Just after we got the Christmas tree set up and while we were upstairs getting our presents together to hang on the tree the thief came back and left the Christmas presents."

"Everything there?" I asked.

"Everything," said he, "down to the last teaspoon. We have counted them all. Poor fellow, he must have had a guilty conscience, and when it came Christmas eve he squared it with himself by sending back all he had stolen."

"Strange!" said I.

"Very strange," said the colonel. "I'd like, if I knew who the thief was, to send him something for a Christmas present, just as a reward for his conscience. As it is I ask you, detective, not to look him up. He has evidently turned over a new leaf this Christmas eve."

"Evidently," said I.

"Now, detective," said the colonel, "I am going to ask you to stay with us over Christmas and enjoy a nice holiday. And so that we can all have an extra fine day I am going to send one of the boys over to Winter's house tonight with these things so that he can have a merry Christmas as well as the rest of us."—Minneapolis Tribune.

A TROPICAL CHRISTMAS

How the Day of Days Is Celebrated in Jamaica

CHRISTMAS with the mercury at 95 degrees in the shade and soaring away out of sight when exposed in the open!

The burning, almost boiling, rays of the sun beat vertically down from a deep blue dome of sky that is unfecked by a single film of cloud, and reflect back with added intensity of suffering heat from the parched, baked and cracked earth and from the surface of a sea that shimmers like molten lead. Christmas in a land of perpetual summer, and a hot wave at that, where a linen suit feels like a buffalo robe and the mere thought of a blazing Yule log almost induces an attack of fever!

The calendar may insist that it is the 25th of December, but to a stranger from the north, says a newspaper correspondent from Kingston, Jamaica, to whom the word "Christmas" has a jingle of sleighbells and the sharp, keen ring of skate blades on the ice, there is no real Christmas in the strange countries of the tropics.

In Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, the preparations for Christmas begin several weeks before the event. The shopkeepers lay in extra supplies and provide special attractions, pretty much after the manner of the New York stores. Among other things they import large quantities of sweetmeats and candies from London, New York and Paris, including chocolate creams and other confectionery which New Yorkers are accustomed to getting "fresh every hour." In Jamaica you are reasonably sure of getting these delicacies fresh every Christmas.

Chocolate grows in great abundance all over the island, but it must go to London or Paris or New York to be manufactured into candy, or even into the preparations for breakfast beverages. That is one of the expensive peculiarities of the country. The Christmas market is the great feature of the day, and almost the principal event of the year in a certain sense.

Everybody goes to market on Christmas day, and between the hours of 6 and 9 in the morning all the fashion and beauty of the island's capital are on dress parade through Victoria market.

The stalls in the market are gayly decorated with flags, bunting, palm branches, colored paper, tinsel and an

abundance of flowers. A brass band occupies a prominent position in the market building and discourses music of great volume and variety and more or less melody. After the crowds fairly take possession of the market the performance of the band appears to be mostly pantomimic, for nothing made by the hand of man can for a moment compete in noise producing capacity with the average Jamaican negro.

The West Indian negro's great weakness is a love of gay apparel, next is a predilection for ceremoniousness, and the most prominent affliction is garrulity. In the crowd that surges past one through the market and the surrounding streets may be seen every variety of apparel known to civilized and uncivilized man. The country people wear little or nothing, the coolies as little as nothing, but the town negro wears everything he or she can put on, without any regard whatever to the climatic conditions. They take their notions from the English fashion papers, and heavy woolen clothing is all the style. The writer has even seen sealskins worn in Kingston on a day when the thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade. Here is a stylish saddle colored gentleman wearing loud check trousers, patent leather shoes, a striped flannel shirt of three colors, a crimson and black sash around his waist, a blue English cricketing cap on his head. In his hand he carries an immense cane, while screwed into his left eye is a circular piece of perfectly plain glass, through which he glares stonily on the throng. Not long ago the single eyeglass became very popular among Kingston society dandies, but they could not get along with the glasses that magnified, so some enterprising merchant imported a lot of circular pieces of plain window glass, and all the dudes wore them, happily and idiotically.

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