

BUCHANAN RECORD.

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BUCHANAN, BERRIEN CO., MICH., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

PART 1, NUMBER 47.

SPECIAL SALE

For ecember.

Geo. Wyman & Co Offer for ecember

1,000 pieces all silk satin taffeta ribbon, all colors; No. 40 at 15c; yd. No. 60 at 18 c; 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, inleather 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.

COME AND SEE US
GEO. WYMAN & Co.
SOUTH BEND, IND.

Closed evenings except Saturday

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS

For Buchanan Than There has Been for Many Days.

Factory in Prospect Which Will Employ 200 Skilled Workmen With a Pay roll of \$15,000 per Month.

On the authority of a member of the village council and one of the leading business men, we are assured that never before have the prospects of Buchanan been brighter than today.

There is every prospect of our securing a large factory which will, from the first, employ 200 skilled workmen and have a pay roll of \$15,000 per month. Negotiations are now on, but the deal will not be positive until about the middle of January.

Let us keep up courage; we have the advantage here beyond many towns that are securing factories. They will come, if not now later, if we keep up our courage and push every effort. It has been said that "the darkest hour is just before the day;" so we hope it will be with us.

A LAWYER'S THREAT.

Said Niles Councilmen Could be Locked up for Diverting Funds.

NILES, MICH., December, 20.—The case of Dr. Sheehan vs. the city of Niles and the O. S. Kelly Springfield Road Roller Co. was heard Friday by Judge Coolidge, on application of the Kelly company for the dissolution of an injunction restraining the city from taking up the notes given the Kelly company in payment for a street roller, and enjoining them from bringing suit against the city. Sheehan's bill sets up that the street and bridge fund was exhausted when the machine was purchased, in October, 1901; that the purchase was never authorized by the council; that the purchasing committee, composed of three members of the council, agreed to pay \$1,000 more for the machine than what it could have been bought for in open market, and that the contract was secured by the Kelly people through fraud and misrepresentation.

The defendant admitted shortage of the street and bridge fund, but referred to the fact that two weeks after the purchase was made the people voted to bond the city for \$20,000 to be used for the specific purpose of buying land, laying water pipes and purchasing a steam street roller. The judge intimated that the city council had no right to enter into the contract in question, when the fund from which the money was to be paid was exhausted, and that if the \$20,000 was used for other purposes he did not see where the Kelly company were going to get their money.

The attorney for the Kelly company stated that the \$20,000 had been used to bonus factories and that the conduct of the councilmen in handling the city's funds during the past year or two has involved the council in felonies that entitle every member to five years in the penitentiary, and that his client will recover the price of their machine if they have to arrest all the city officials.

The city clerk, city treasurer and two aldermen were examined and all admitted that \$15,000 of the bond issue was used to bonus a factory, and that the greater part of the \$5,000 which had been intended to be used in paying for the street roller, was used in extending sewers to the bonus factory. The case was adjourned until next Friday.—Palladium.

Coonley's Beef, Iron and Wine with Nerve 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.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIR

Mrs. Sig Desenberg Entertains at her Beautiful Home.

Friday evening was a scene of delight and pleasure to the guests who came by invitation to spend the evening with Mrs. Sig Desenberg. There were about sixty ladies present, who were decked in fairest costumes and looked exceedingly attractive.

Pedro was the game of the evening and two prizes were given, one was won by Mrs. Fanny White as securing the largest number of games; it was a very prettily framed picture, "The Fencing Girl". The consolation prize, won by Mrs. John Rough was a paper doll.

Each player was given a card on which there were pretty little pen and ink sketches of the "Gibson girl" made by an artist in Jackson; to these were attached by red ribbon the small score cards. Flinch and crocodile were also enjoyed by the guests.

The house was beautifully decorated in red, holly being used, red candles, and the chandeliers being draped in red.

The hostess was dressed in white and wore red roses in her hair, she was assisted in receiving by Miss Helena Sterns, of Lawton.

After the various games were completed, most beautiful lunch cloths were spread and an elaborate and delicious three course lunch was served by Misses Blanch Peck, Elsie Sellers and Hazel Miles. Mrs. Devin acted as caterer.

The tables were very pretty with their dainty china and silver ware. At a late hour the guests departed assuring their charming hostess of having had a delightful evening.

A NOTEWORTHY TRIAL.

To Ascertain if the St. Joseph River is Navigable.

The preliminary hearing of the case of the St. Joseph river navigation company versus the St. Joseph and Elkhart Power company, in the federal court of Indiana, was commenced Tuesday.

Charles W. Miller of Goshen, Ind., attorney general-elect has filed with Clerk Noble C. Butler a voluminous document containing the affidavit of nearly 80 prominent manufacturers of South Bend, Elkhart, Mishawaka and Goshen, that the claims of the defense be sustained. The complainant seeks to enjoin the defendant from building a dam across the river about six miles above South Bend on the ground that it has plans for making the stream navigable from the mouth at St. Joseph to Elkhart.

Among those who presented affidavits for the defense are J. M. Studenaker, Sr., of South Bend, and M. V. Beiger of Mishawaka, who recite the facts regarding the St. Joseph river and declare that the power plant the defendant contemplates would be of no more value to the cities along the river than the river would be if navigable. Many of the manufacturers say that the shipping facilities are already adequate and that more power is what is needed. The defendant will show that it would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to make the stream navigable the year around. The case promises to be interesting and hotly contested.—Palladium.

AT Ellsworth's Store

GREAT HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

GREAT SPECIAL SALE OF HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS.

Just in Time for the Christmas Trade.

Ladies' 26-inch piece dyed taffeta new plain and fancy handles, actual \$1.25 quality.....	89c
Ladies' 26-inch piece dyed tape edge taffeta, all fancy handles actual \$2.25 quality for.....	1.49
Ladies' 26-in. piece dyed type, edge taffeta Princess, opera and fancy handles, silver trimmed, regular \$2.50 quality for.....	1.95
Men's 26 or 28-inch piece dyed taffeta Umbrellas, regular \$2.00 quality, at.....	1.39
Men's 28-inch piece dyed taffeta Umbrellas, regular \$2.00 quality at....	1.69
Men's 26 and 28-inch all silk taffeta Umbrella beautiful handles actual \$3 quality.....	2.00
Men's 28-inch all silk Umbrellas, ivory handles, silver and gold trimmed, from \$3.50 to.....	10.00
Sole agents for the Celebrated Albion and Herald Square umbrellas at \$5.00 and.....	10.00
On sale: 500 26-in cotton top umbrellas, natural wood handles with swedge at 25c each	

Wonderful Handkerchief Bargains.

Thousands of Dozens for Sale at Half Price.

Some time ago we closed a big deal with an importer for many hundred dozens women's pure linen handkerchiefs at such low prices as will be on sale here during the next week.

500 dozen beautiful embroidered handkerchiefs, swiss edges, hemstitched and embroidered centers; plain hemstitched all linen embroidered corners. Not one worth less than 10c, many worth 15c and 19c; on sale at 5c each.

400 dozens all linen fine embroidered swiss handkerchiefs, dainty edges, beautiful hemstitched and embroidered handkerchiefs, worth 19c and 25c each, on sale at 10c each.

500 dozens beautiful Irish linen hand embroidered handkerchiefs; some very dainty lace trimmed handkerchiefs with fancy embroidered corners worth up to 35c each; on sale at 15c each.

200 dozens beautiful lace trimmed all linen Irish hand embroidered and swiss embroidered handkerchiefs, every handkerchief all linen; worth up to 50c each; on sale at 19c each.

50 dozens men's 23-inch all linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, one fourth or one-half inch hems; worth 15c; on sale at 11 dozen.

Magnificent showing of women's, men's and children's initial handkerchiefs at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c each. put up in special Christmas boxes.

Two Great Handkerchief Offerings at \$2.50 and \$5.

We have filled fifty handkerchief boxes with the very best handkerchiefs we have in stock.

No two alike, every handkerchief pure linen, hand embroidered and worth from 50c to \$1.25 each. They will be sold as follows:

Box containing six handkerchiefs, \$2.50 box.

Box containing 12 handkerchiefs, \$5.00 box.

The one-half dozen boxes are actually worth \$4.50; the one dozen boxes are actually worth \$9.00.

Do not ask us to break these boxes.

GREAT SPECIAL SALE OF SILK PETTICOATS.

The greatest values ever sold just before Christmas.

New French plaited flounce hemstitched or hem ruffles, extra dust ruffle, actual \$6.00 value, on sale at \$4.49.

Two beautiful new styles in tailor-made skirts, \$7.50

Beautiful colored silk petticoats, at \$4.95, \$7.50 and \$10.

GREAT SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE OF FANCY APRONS.

Aprons worth 35c and 50c, on sale at less than half price.

Aprons worth 35c and 50c, on sale at 25c.

Aprons worth 69c and 75c, on sale at 39c.

Aprons worth 86c and \$1, on sale at 49c.

Don't overlook this opportunity.

Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

John Chess Ellsworth

113-115 NORTH MICHIGAN ST., SOUTH BEND, - - INDIANA.

Store open Thursday and Saturday Evenings.

COUGH COMFORT

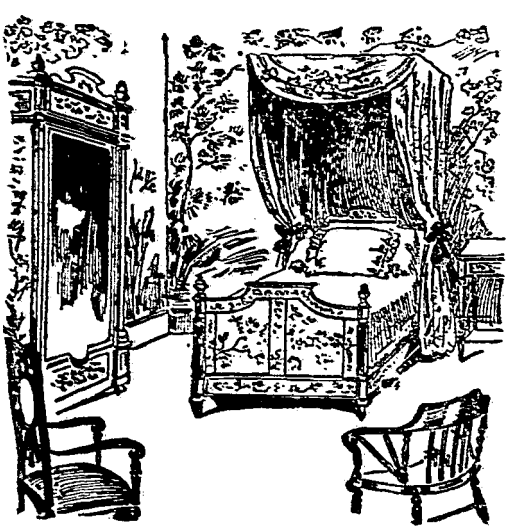
We have on sale the most complete assortment of the best made coughs known. A great variety in style of frames and in any color desired. If you need a cough of any kind we will make it greatly to your profit if you will visit our store. All goods delivered free of expense and in perfect condition. Our entire stock was never so replete in big bargains—and this seasons creations surpass all former efforts. When in South Bend make this store your headquarters, we shall be pleased to meet you.

WM. E. SMITH & CO.
116-118 S. MICHIGAN ST. SOUTH BEND, IND.

"Coonley's Cough Balsam cured my boy of a bad cough after he had kept us awake for a week. It is the best cough medicine made." Charles Murdock, South Bend. Price 25c and 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

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.



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Special Holiday Groceries AT DEL JORDAN'S GROCERY

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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
Good cooking Raisins per lb.....	09
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 10cts size.....	08
Baker's Baking chocolate 25 cts size.....	20
Grated cocoanut per lb.....	18
1 lb 70c uncolored Japan Tea.....	00
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.	20
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 Lee Bros' Ba

South Bend's New Store

Headquarters

HOLIDAYS

"Coonley's Reef Iron and wine with Nerve 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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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1903.

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Gifts and giving naturally engross much of our thoughts this week but it is unfortunate to put into one's Christmas gifts no deeper significance than just monetary value, and thus to miss the true spirit of Christmas tide, the season which we celebrate in memory of the first great Christmas gift, the birth of Christ the Lord.

RECORD BULLETIN.

The Record's Bulletin of last week's advertisers proved quite a success. It was real interesting to see the great number of persons who would stop and read. We feel proud of our showing, few places can do better. Buchanan is up to date regardless of what the croakers may say. Keep step to the music and victory will crown every effort.

WITHIN LIMITS

New Power House on a Line With the Old.

The report that the Chapin power house is in Buchanan township and outside the limits of Buchanan village is denied by the citizens of that place. In a telephone message from Buchanan today the Daily Sun is informed that the new power house is on a direct line with the old power house and if the new one is outside the village boundary then the old one is, also, and the matter was carefully investigated and the limits of the village determined before the citizens voted the \$50,000 bonds to build the dam.

Our informant claims that there is not a citizen in Buchanan but who is opposed to the taking of power away from the village.—Niles Sun.

Buchanan Makes Threats.

A Tuesday dispatch from Buchanan says: Millionaire Chapin has a gang of men at work erecting poles between South Bend and Buchanan, which will support the wires over which the power from his Buchanan dam will be transmitted to South Bend. The people of Buchanan, who sunk \$50,000 in the dam ten years ago, in return for which the builders signed a contract, that the power would never be transmitted elsewhere, are up in arms.

Last night George H. Black, president of the village, said public indignation is so great that if poles are erected in Buchanan they will probably be torn down. He says the village council is unanimously opposed to transmission of the power and they have retained Attorney Connelly, of Detroit, to make a fight to restrain Chapin from carrying out his plans. Connelly's opinion is that the people of Buchanan would be justified in cutting the wires.

Black says the council would not agree to forfeit their rights even if Chapin would pay the village the \$50,000 which was put into the dam.

Chapin is determined to carry out his plan and trouble is expected.—Banner Register, Dec. 19.

LOCAL OPTION

Sentiment is Being Worked up in this County.

A committee composed of several Van Buren county men who are opposed to local option there and propose to fight it at the coming election, have been in Benton Harbor for two days trying to work some interest here in the cause. In short they were there after money to carry on the fight. On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the office of Hammond & Hammond and many of the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph liquor dealers were present.

It is understood that another meeting was held Thursday night and that the result was satisfactory to the committee. The men have gone to Niles and Buchanan. It was stated that Berrien county will soon have a chance to vote on local option again, this sentiment having been worked up by the anti-saloon speakers who recently visited Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Niles.—Niles Sun.

Buy Candies at Keller's.

Every person purchasing 2 pounds of 10c. candy at my store between now and Christmas evening, will be entitled to a choice of any 5 cent article on our 5 cent counter. W. H. Keller.

DAYTON

Georgie Petterson is gaining slowly.

J. R. Smith of Hamilton was in town Friday.

Wedding invitations are out, announcing the marriage of Miss Lena Ingles of Dowagiac to Seba Allen of Dayton, Dec. 24.

The children of the M. E. Sabbath school will give an entertainment at the M. E. church Dec. 24.

Caldwell Exonerated.

A short time ago was published the arrest of F. M. Caldwell of Benton Harbor. The following is from Thursday's Palladium:

Mr. F. M. Caldwell, the insurance man of this city, had his hearing at Indianapolis on Tuesday of this week and was exonerated from the charge of fraud in connection with his operations, and the case against him was dismissed. His many friends here will be glad to learn of his good fortune.

Messrs. Cady & Andrews of this city were counsel for Mr. Caldwell and assisted him materially in proving his innocence of wrong intent.

The best and most complete assortment of China ware in Southern Michigan at The Racket.

Girl is Literary Genius.

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 19.—Miss Hilda B. Morris, aged 14 years, daughter of H. B. Morris, of this city, has won unusual literary honors for one of her age. She has carried off prizes in a number of contests of a local character besides winning medals and money from a number of eastern magazines.

Last June she received a silver badge for a poem entitled "When School is done," which appeared in St. Nicholas, and a gold medal was awarded for an operetta entitled "When Fields are Green." She has a story in the December number of St. Nicholas, for which she received a prize in gold.

Payment has also been received for another effort, which is to appear in Pearson's Magazine.—South Bend Tribune.

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

Some of the big problems with which the educational people of the State will wrestle at their annual meeting at Saginaw, E. S., December 29-31, are these: the consolidation or centralization of rural schools; whether the "new" arithmetic is an improvement on the old; practical manual training in the grades of village and country schools; to what degree college entrance requirements should control high school courses; how to select and keep a good corps of teachers; the place of nature study in schools; the use of examinations; the duty and manner of training for citizenship and how to take care of truants.

Don't wait till the day before Christmas to send your presents; come early and avoid the rush.

J. W. RAYN, Agent.

Great Weather Calendar.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theford's Black-Draught, have just issued the 1903 edition of the Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. This Calendar has sprung into universal prominence by accurately foretelling the Galveston flood and predicting the droughts and floods of the past summer, a year ahead of each occurrence. This office has just received one of these calendars, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x20 in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop hanger. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across the room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. DeVoe's Weather forecasts for every day in the year appear. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending 10 cents apiece in postage stamps to The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

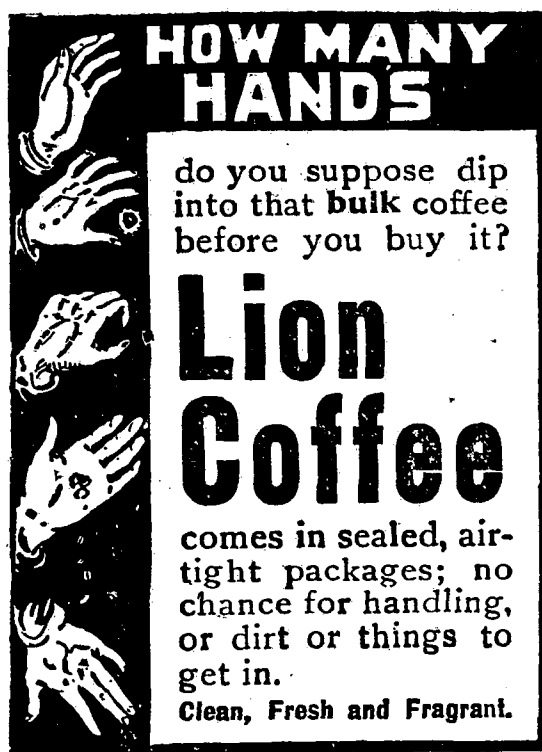
P. P. F. Club.

The J. C. Club were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tichenor, Friday evening, Dec. 19.

Guessing contests and progressive games were the features of the evening.

Choice refreshments were served by the hostess.

Next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Geyer, Jan. 9, 1903.



HOW MANY HANDS
do you suppose dip into that bulk coffee before you buy it?
Lion Coffee
comes in sealed, airtight packages; no chance for handling, or dirt or things to get in.
Clean, Fresh and Fragrant.

Scientific American Special Issue on Transportation.

Coming as it does in a time of great commercial prosperity, the special number of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN devoted to a description of the present state and vast magnitude of our transportation interests, both on land and sea, cannot fail of a good reception. The issue before us is gotten up with the characteristic good taste and discriminating judgment that have marked the previous special editions of this journal. The cover is peculiarly attractive, representing a crack American express train and one of the latest of the transatlantic express mail steamers. The articles cover the subject broad as it is, very effectively. The number opens with an illustrated article on marine transportation, and is followed by others on the big steamships building at New London, the biggest ever built in America; on the "Kaiser Wilhelm II.," fastest transatlantic steamship; and an article showing graphically the vast amount of stores that are taken aboard, such as shipped for a single trip; on lake transportation, in which the special types built for this service are illustrated, and on auxiliary and turbine yachts. Under the head of Railroad Transportation, there is a very graphic description of a ride in the cab of the Twentieth Century Limited, taken by the Editor of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, which is followed by a History of the American Locomotive, showing illustrations of typical engines from the earliest to the present time. The railroad statistics of the country are illustrated by a cleverly drawn diagram; there is an expert article on the block signal system; while there is a series of comprehensive chapters on the various phases of the electric traction problems, as it exists at the present time.

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.

33 lbs. brown sugar for \$1.00 at Del Jordan's grocery. Phone 16.

The South Haven & Eastern and the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Railway have arranged for the daily display of the weather bureau reports at all of their stations. These reports are regarded by all as valuable information particularly to the agricultural communities. This is another indication of the enterprise and push behind these railways.

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

Board of Directors of M. B. H. & C. R. R. The following board of directors have been elected on the Paw Paw Lake train R. R., Fred M. Steel, W. P. Squire, J. H. Desmond, S. H. Kelley, Edward Maher, John Duffy.

These gentlemen are all connected with the administration of the Milwaukee Benton Harbor & Columbus Ry. and the South Haven & Eastern R. R. "The Traff Arteries of Berrien and Van Buren Counties".

A watch will make a nice Xmas present. A. Jones & Co. at Binn's Magnet store.

One-Way Colonist Tickets.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month until April 30, 1903, one-way second class Colonist tickets will be sold by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway from Chicago to points in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Eastern Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Southwestern Missouri, at about one-half regular rates.

Benton Harbor Abstract Co.—Abstracts of title. Real estate mortgage loans. Of Rice 104 Water St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Round-Trip Home-Seekers' Tickets

During the same period round-trip Home-seekers' excursion tickets will be sold by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, good to return within 21 days from date of sale, to many points in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, North Dakota and other western and southwestern states.

For further information apply to any coupon ticket agent, or address R. T. C. Jones, Michigan Passenger Agent Detroit, Mich. 12-20-2t

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Good Accommodations

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A new line of PICTURE FRAMES—Something new and attractive, making a neat and reasonable present for anyone.

DOLLS, GAMES and JUVENILE BOOKS

In this line you will be able to see the largest and most complete line ever presented in this City, Dolls with Bisque and Aluminum Heads and Children's Books and Games ranging from 10c to \$2.00. Call and see them. Ladies' and Gents' Purses.

All are welcome to call and look the stock over.

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Southern Winter Resorts, ALSO TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA,

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BIG FOUR ROUTE

Commencing October 15th, 1902, and continuing until 30, 1903, tickets will be on sale from all points on the "Big Four Route," good for return passage until May 31, 1903.

Take Advantage of the Low Rates and Long Return Limit.

For full information and particulars as to rates, tickets, limits, etc., call on Agents "Big Four Route," or address the undersigned.

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A fresh car load of American field fence in stock.

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The Hardware Man.

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.

Holiday rates are announced by the S. H. & E. and the M. B. H. & C. R. R. as follows: On sale Dec. 24, 25, 31, 1902 and Jan. 2, 1903. Rate, one fare for the round trip.

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

CHRISTMAS JOKES

Light Headed.

First Xmas Candle—I'm just burning to know when it's time for us to go out.

Second Ditto—Bosh! Twelve o'clock! You are not up to snuff.

Blessed are the babies on Christmas day. They can be put off with cheap candy.

The head of the family expends many dollars on presents and receives two handkerchiefs and a pair of mitts. Then is the time to be merry.

A Prohibition Pic.

Kansas—Come over and spend Christmas with me, old boy, and take dinner.

Missourian—Thanks! I'd be happy to, but—

Kansas—Oh, that'll be all right. My wife has prepared a good old fashioned mince pie, and I can guarantee the flavor.

Don't think of yourself at all, if you can help it, just now, but study your family and friends from their point of view and then plan your Christmas treat accordingly. A little thing that one wants is worth a dozen that we do not wish for.

It doesn't seem to throw cold water over Kris Kringle's good intentions when we turn the family hose on him.—Glens Falls Republican.

"I hear that Miss Roseleaf is going to leave the church. Do you know why?"

"Yes; she helped trim the chancel Christmas eve, and while she was laboriously tacking up 'Good Will to Men' Miss Lily White got the minister to propose. Roseleaf thought it was too underhand a performance, and so she's left the church."

Christmas Weather.
Happy all together,
Singing in the light;
It's always Christmas weather
When the Heart Beats Right!

—Atlanta Constitution.

CHRISTMAS IN SERVA.

A Santa Claus Who Receives Presents Instead of Giving Them.

In Servia they keep Christmas eve in a somewhat peculiar way. The father of the family goes into the wood and cuts down a straight young oak, choosing the most perfect he can find. He brings it in, saying, "Good evening and a happy Christmas," to which those present say, "May God grant both to thee, and mayest thou have riches and honor!" Then they throw over him grains of corn. Presently the young tree is placed upon the coals, where it remains until Christmas morning, which they salute by repeated firings of a pistol.

The national dish in Servia is pork. The poorest family in Servia will pinch themselves all through the year so as to have money enough to buy a pig at Christmas. Skewered to a long piece of wood, the pig is turned over a blazing fire until cooked, the guests watching the process with increasing interest. After dinner stories are told and songs sung. Santa Claus, who, in the person of an honored guest, is present to receive instead of to give presents, departs after the feast, decorated with a long ring of cakes around his neck and laden with such gifts as his friends can bestow.—Baltimore American.

ON CHRISTMAS GIVING.

The Problem of Choosing Suitable Presents at Yuletide.

For melancholy proof of man's genuine incapacity we have but to turn to the belated creatures who at Christmas time write daily to the newspapers for advice. Like Emerson, they feel that a present is "due" to somebody, and, like Emerson, they are "puzzled what to give."

There is something really pathetic in a letter from a "class of boys" who want to be told what they shall give their teacher. He is thirty years old, they say, and a "remarkable mathematician." Perhaps some shadowy desire to make the punishment fit the crime prompts this last bit of information. But it is matched by schoolgirls who write: "What is a nice present for a teacher? She is a foreigner and teaches a foreign language. She is very dark and has a somewhat impatient disposition." "The Heir of Redcliffe" would seem an excellent present for this person, if only she were able to read it. But the editor is perhaps unaware of the improving character of Miss Yonge's stories. He has nothing more appropriate to suggest than a gold pen or a piece of statuary, neither of which is warranted a cure for impatience.

A married woman complains mournfully that she has to give a present to an old gentleman of eighty-two "who has everything he wants." It never occurs to her for a moment to spare him the added possession of a something he doesn't want. The utmost length her ingenuity can go is to write to a newspaper for advice. Another woman feels moved to send "some useful trifle" to a missionary, and a young man, who signs himself Jasper, has a painful emergency to face. "I know two sisters who are nearly of an age," he writes. "I wish to give them both Christmas presents. Ought I to send the same thing to each? Their tastes, I believe, are different. I know one of the young ladies much better than her sister."—Agnes Repplier in Lippincott's.

JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

Festival Should Be One of Gladness, Said the Late Dr. T. De Witt Talmage

SONGS greeted the birth of our Saviour. Angelic tongues with living fire sang the incarnation as they hovered over the hills of Judaea. The music was resonant with joy. From the hour that the Virgin laid her Babe on pillow of straw in the manger all Christendom has since that time made the anniversary of this natal day a season of gladness, a season of unbounded joy.

Wreath the laurel, twine the bay, Christ was born on Christmas day. There were special reasons for these heavenly songs being sung by the celestial chorus, for there was joy in God's great heart, joy among the first-born sons of light, joy thrilling all the heavenly empire, joy that is yet to be put in the new song sung by redeemed millions around the throne of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

It was the music of liberty. When these heavenly hosts sang the "Gloria In Excelsis," the whole world was resting under galling yokes of oppression. Slavery was universal. Taskmasters were everywhere severe to those in servitude. Greece, Rome and Palestine heard daily the groans of those in bondage. The world was in chains. But the song of the angels rang the deathknell of bondage. The Babe was God's emancipation. His distinctive mission was to set at liberty the captives and proclaim deliverance to the bruised and crushed sons of toil. Under the mild and genial influence of our holy Christianity fetters fall off everywhere, until now in this morning of our new century there are few nations to be found that hold serfs. Glorious freedom! Triumphant achievement of the cross! Wherever it is lifted chains are broken and spiritual emancipation is proclaimed.

It was the music of hope. Until Jesus appeared all the ancient religions had offered only a message of despair. No light fell upon the grave or illumined the vast beyond. Darkness reigned in supreme, sullen majesty, and not a single star of hope gilded the future. The grave was an eternal prison. But the songs sung by the heavenly choristers on that eventful night heralded hope to a lost world. Into the soul of sinning humanity came the sweet rays of joy and peace and blessedness, and looking down into the grave, all fear had vanished, for sin, the sting of death, was gone and canceled by a glorious Christ the Lord. They looked and beheld—

On the cold cheek of death smiles and roses are blending, And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb.

And this is our Christmas joy that Jesus has lifted into immortal hope the graves of all our beloved friends who sleep in him.

It was the music of victory. When Jesus came, the great mass of humanity was in serfdom, and the dignity of labor was not comprehended. Toil was regarded as a disgrace. Laborers were despised and all forms of manual industry held to be a disgrace. But the Son of Mary and Joseph came to teach the world a new philosophy, and by honorable industry he proclaimed the dignity of labor and taught that—

The honest man, tho' ere see poor, Is king of men for a' that.

Jesus counts the beads of sweat upon the brow of every son of toil. He notes all injustice done the laboring classes, and only as his spirit prevails among men will the great conflict between labor and capital cease. But that day is coming ere long—the glad Christmas of ages—

When men to man the wide world o'er Shall brothers be and a' that.

—Christian Herald.

MEXICAN CUSTOMS.

Visiting and Giving Presents the Features of Yuletide.

A series of festivities beginning nine days before Christmas and ending on Christmas eve marks the Yuletide celebration in Mexico. In a circle of friends it is arranged that nine visits shall be paid to nine different houses. Each evening's gaiety begins with prayer and the lighting of candles. These are followed by the presentation of a gift from each guest to the host or hostess of the evening. The first evening's gift is of small worth, but the value of the offering increases with every succeeding evening. That there may be nothing unfair in the distribution, the recipient of the first evening's offering one year becomes the last the following year. After the presentation there are dancing and supper. At midnight the candles are extinguished.

No two evenings' entertainments are exactly alike save in the offering of prayers, the lighting of candles and the presenting of gifts. On Christmas eve, a few minutes before midnight, all proceed to church to hear the midnight mass, and this ends the Christmas celebration for the year.—New York Tribune.

The First Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree was first heard of in England about 1444. A tree was then set up in the middle of a pavement and decked with ivy as well as with other greens. From this use, it was finally taken within the home, decorated with candles and eventually with anything which glistened and enhanced its brightness.

SORROWS OF SANTA

I CHANCED into Santa Claus' home one day, And these are the words I heard him say:

"Ah, me, the times, the manners, the men! It used to be all so different when

"I was a young man in the long ago And sped with my reindeer over the snow.

"Then every home in every land Gave unto me always a welcome hand, And chimneys then in the days gone by Were not oversmall and not overhigh.

"And the stockings they used were the old fashioned kind, All hung in a row and so easy to find.

"Then the gifts were so simple and all in good taste, From the gingerbread man to the doll made of paste,

"But now it's so different. Heigho, hear me sigh! I mourn for the days in the Land of Goneby.

"For now I'm kept busy from early till late In my earnest endeavors to be up to date.

"I've trimmed my old beard in the new 'Vandyke style, And instead of a laugh I've a simpering smile."



"I've ceased to wear all my old fashioned clothes."

"Yes, I've ceased to wear all my old fashioned clothes, And I've got on long shoes with the sharp pointed toes,

"And my reindeer and robes and my beautiful sleigh With my gingerbread presents are all laid away,

"For I ride nowadays on a bicycle swift And I'm puzzled to know what to bring for a gift

"To the girls fin de siecle, and as for the boys, They've no use at all for my old fashioned toys,

"And the houses have changed. In those things called a flat I'm kept busy guessing just where I am at.

"Excuse me now, please, if I speak very low; I've come to my last and my cruellest blow.

"Tis the worst, though what I have told you is bad; My wife has acquired the new woman fad!"

And those were the words I heard him say When I chanced in Santa Claus' home one day.

—Detroit News-Tribune.

AN ODD BELGIAN CUSTOM.

A Picturesque Procession on Christmas Eve.

In some old Belgian towns a beautiful spectacle may be seen on Christmas eve. Amid the sound of drum, cornet, cymbal and a whole orchestra of instruments, with the chanting of carols, a long, gayly decked procession marches through the principal streets—children of all ages, each division dressed in its special color (white, blue, pink or yellow), and all bearing some badge or emblem or grasping some bright ribbon attached to shrine or crucifix. The effect of grouping and color is very artistic. Here and there in the throng older, stronger hands bear aloft precious relics, upon which the spectators reverently gaze. Many novel features come into view as the procession passes along, but the prettiest sight is the train of beautiful children in fantastic dress marching over the flower strewn pavement, each small person gravely absorbed in the special part it performs. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

CANDLESTICKS AS GIFTS.

Antique Treasures Which May Be Found in Junkshops.

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CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Tusser.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when
all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a
mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney
with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be
there.
—Clement C. Moore.

The time draws near the birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
—Tennyson.

This is the month and this the happy
morn
Wherein the Son of heaven's eternal
King,
Of wedded maid and virgin mother born,
Our great redemption from above did
bring.
For so the holy sages once did sing
That he our deadly forfeit should release
And with his Father work us a perpetual
peace.
—Milton.

In December ring
Every day the chimes;
Loud the greenmen sing
In the streets their merry rhymes.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!
—Longfellow.

No trumpet blast profaned
The hour in which the Prince of Peace
was born;
No bloody streamlet stained
Earth's silver rivers on that sacred
morn.
—Bryant.

What Babe new born is this that in a
manger cries?
Near on her lowly bed his happy mother
lies.
Oh, see the air is shaken with white and
heavenly wings!
This is the Lord of all the earth; this is
the King of kings.
—R. W. Gilder.

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall;
The holy branch shone on the old oak
wall.
—Thomas Haynes Bayly.

For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make;
We bring our precious gifts to them,
Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.
—Phoebe Cary.

His Delicate Proposal.
Gladys (on Christmas morning)—
What a dear little clock! Who gave you
that?
Marjorie—George, of course.
Gladys—Is it going?
Marjorie—Oh, no! George wishes me
to understand that I may set my own
time.—Smart Set.

Stupid George.
"Are you going to hang up any mis-
tletoe?"
"No, I'm not. I put some up last
year, and George asked if it wasn't as-
paragus."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ...SANTA CLAUS

Of course there's a Santa Claus! Every
one knows it—
That is, every one who has good sense
and shows it.
There are those who doubt love and reli-
gion and morals—
Those people who always are seeking for
quarrels
On questions of faith and are ever lament-
ing
The existence of things to which there's
no dissenting.
They would have all the dear little chil-
dren believing
There isn't a Santa, but their aim's de-
ceiving.
He's jolly and big, and his nickname's
Kris Kringle;
God pity the child who has not heard the
jingle



Of his silver bells as he comes swift
a-sleighing
When his annual visit of love he's a-pay-
ing!
He's round, and he's fat, and his whiskers
are whitened
With centuries of snows, but his good face
is lightened
With the cheery warm nature that keeps
you supernal
And will make dear old Santa Claus last
time eternal.

So, children, don't think when you hang
up each stocking
That there is no Santa Claus—that would
be shocking—
Because while you're snugly and cozily
sleeping
He'll come with his reindeer all madly
a-leaping
And from his rich load in a trice will be
taking
leaving the gifts that will gladden
your waking!
—Washington Star.

BENTON HARBOR

The St. Joseph river is very high.
School closed Friday for the holi-
days.

The council is again considering
the subject of municipal lighting.

The Searchlight, the new paper edit-
ed by the high school students, made
its first appearance Friday.

The Choral Union sang Faust very
delightfully last Tuesday evening,
but to a small audience.

I. L. H. Dodd of Buchanan, was
down to the dedication of the Masonic
temple.

The ladies of the Congregational
church observed Forefathers' day
by a supper last Friday evening.

Miss Alice, only daughter of Editor
and Mrs. Gilson, of the Palladium,
was married Wednesday to Attorney
Ralph W. Shauman.

The M. B. H. & C. company is as-
sessed \$4,106 for next year's taxes as
against \$800 this year. Their
attorney, Sam Kelley, will fight the
proposition.

One of our alderman, while visit-
ing in Bergen, N.Y., was detained by
quarantine together with several others,
because they were slaved by a barber
who shortly afterward came down
with small pox.

The little daughter of Warren Mer-
rill is recovering nicely from the dif-
ficult operation which was necessary
to remove the safety pin from her
throat. The X ray was used in locat-
ing it.

At noon Wednesday occurred the
marriage of Alice Eugenia, third
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H.
Spencer, to Frank M. Shaw, of Oneida
Ill. The ceremony which was per-
formed by Rev. Elisha Hoffman, was
witnessed by the family and a few
immediate friends only. The happy
couple left on the afternoon train for
Oneida, their future home.

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the finest in Michigan, was dedicated
Thursday afternoon with appropriate
ceremonies by officers of the state
grand lodge, and in the evening it
was thrown open to the general public
for a reception. It was a brilliant
affair and largely attended. The
rooms were elegantly decorated and
furnished and complete in every ap-
pointment. Even the goat, a real
live one, had a little room all by him-
self with a supply of hay, tin cans,
etc. In behalf of his brethren, W.
C. Hovey, worshipful master elect was
presented a solid silver tea service by
Charles E. Sweet, of Dowagiac. Light
refreshments were served.

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One ton of candy at The Racket for ten cents per lb.

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We are offering some fine bargains in watches. A. Jones & Co. at Binn's Magnet store.

Ladies writing desks and music cabinets at Richards and Emerson.

S. C. Cook, wife and two sons expect to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. Cook's father and mother at Whatcheer, Iowa.

Allen & Boyle wish to inform all their milk customers that after Dec. 21, they will not deliver milk when bottles are not set out.

The Advent Christian Church will hold cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Robt. Mead, on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Advent Christian Sunday School are planning for an exceptionally good time Christmas Eve.

The "Foxy Grandpa" Co. stopping with Mrs. S. C. Cook for some time, will leave on Wednesday for Dowagiac where they will have a rehearsal on Thursday evening to open the season at Battle Creek.

Make your friends happy by taking advantage of the holiday rates and paying them a visit on Christmas; then they can return the call on New Years. Thus Christmas time will be an unbroken round of pleasure and incidentally the South Haven & Eastern and the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus will have an opportunity to serve you.

Make your wife a Xmas present of a Sewing Machine only \$15.98.

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Hats at cost. Mis. H. O. Weaver.

Dolls a large assortment at W. H. Keller's.

Mixed nuts 15c. a pound. W. H. Keller

We have passed our shortest day for this year, and now the days begin to lengthen.

Be sure to send the Record as a Xmas present to your absent friends. They will appreciate it.

Do you wish to improve and increase your knowledge easily and with out extra cost? Join the home-study club. Send in your name.

If you have not yet obtained one of the Lincoln Calendars call upon your nearest S. H. & E. or M. B. H. & C. agent or at the General office at Paw-Paw or Benton Harbor.

The schools closed Friday for two weeks vacation.

The three grades which participated in the school entertainment Thursday evening, cleared about \$8 each, which will be used for decorations and library purposes.

Elder Shephard is home from his evangelistic trip through the west and will spend a few days here. He has been ill with grip and has only partially recovered.

Lute Dye who went over to Chicago to attend the fat-stock show, and also to visit in the city, has accepted a position in the large dry goods house of Marshall Field. He began his duties Dec. 15.

Principal J. W. C. Brown and his mother, Mrs. Emily Brown will spend Christmas with relatives in Lawton. From there Prof. Brown will go to Kalamazoo, and later to Saginaw to attend the 50th. annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

The Oaks, a magazine evolved by gradual stages from The Acorn, has been purchased by The C. & C. Company of Chicago, and The Oaks will henceforth be published in that city by Mr. H. I. Cleveland, president of the company whose general offices are in the Masonic Temple.

ACCEPTABLE GIFTS IN FURNITURE

Each year furniture is more sought after for Christmas Gifts, partly because of the ever increasing beauty and worth in its manufacture, and largely because the world is growing more sensible in its giving.

A Hint to a Man.



Surely a beautiful Writing Desk would furnish inspiration for the one who is to write at it.

There could be no more welcome gift than a desk, if we may judge by the admiring glances bestowed on them by our lady visitors.

Will you act on the hint, while the assortment is good?



For the Holidays our preparations have been such that we now have a splendid assorted stock of just the kind of Furniture that good taste desires.

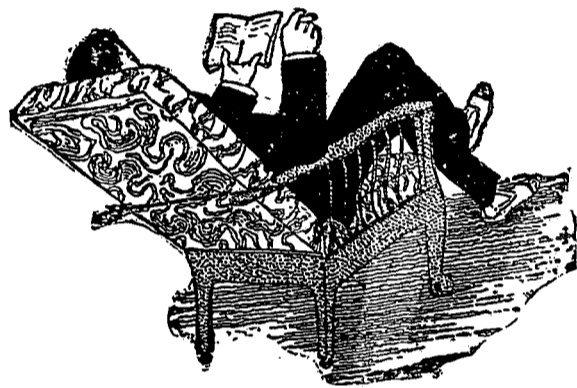
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There is always room in a house for another Chair or Rocker and we have anticipated this possibility by providing a great number.

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In polished Oak and Mahogany cane seat, cobbler seat, saddle wood seat, upholstered spring seat with coverings of tapestry and genuine leather. Rockers to suit everybody.

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are always in demand and our patterns are carefully selected, forming a collection from which a satisfactory purchase may be made.



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Brilliant Wedding.

On Wednesday evening of last week one hundred and fifty guests assembled at the home of John Donley and wife to witness the marriage of their daughter Anna, to F. F. Wright, of Gallien.

The affair was one long to be remembered by the participants. The decorations were beautiful, the presents costly and numerous. We would be happy to give the names of all who gave presents but our space will not permit so we only mention a few.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Niergarth at 8 p. m. The wedding march was played by Mr. Elmer Leiter; and the groomsmen was Mr. Geo. W. Rose and the bridesmaid Miss Laura Donley, sister of the bride. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Silvester of Carroll, Iowa.

Among the presents were a couch by the Luther family; set of dishes, Russell, Helmick and Clark; 3 rockers and table by the Sheldon family, a number of beautiful lamps, berry spoons flat irons, scales, bed spreads and table linen, glass and silver ware in great quantities. The young people are delighted with their beautiful gifts and are to be congratulated on their pleasant start in life's journey.

E. J. Rickerson will leave tonight for Paw Paw to spend Christmas, and there will be no laundry work done the last of the week. Notice change of days in laundrying, in another item.

Change of Laundry Days.

On and after Jan. 1, we will wash Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of Tuesdays and Fridays.

Electrical Laundry.
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PERSONAL.

Lulu Brocous is spending a few days in South Bend.

Grace Rosenberg has gone to spend the holidays at Munith, Mich.

W. P. Purfield of Ann Arbor spent Sunday with Miss Mall. Roe.

Miss Nina Lewis who teaches in Ishpeming, is home for the holidays.

E. A. Able and wife are in town spending a week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. Pangborn has gone to Chicago to spend some time with her son E. G. Pangborn.

Mrs. Osborn has gone to Chicago to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Bliss.

Miss Lilly, of Dowagiac, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tichenor for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Schreiber will spend a few days this week with relatives in Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin left Monday to spend a few days at Mrs. Marvin's home in Tecumseh.

Miss Lucy Baker, of Monice, Ind., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beardsley.

Mr. Leslie Clark, teacher of the Howe school, has gone to his home at Gallien to spend the holidays.

Supt. Mercer will spend a few days next week in Saginaw, attending the state teachers' association convention.

Mrs. E. F. Gates and family have returned to New Hampshire. Mr. Gates went there a few weeks ago, and has employment there.

Mrs. Benedict and her children are visitors at the home of Mrs. Benedict's parents over the holidays. Mr. Benedict will arrive Wednesday to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Annie Treat Sparks and little daughter, Marjorie, of Ishpeming, Mich. will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Alzina E. Treat, No. 54 Moccasin Ave.

Miss Clara Chase will spend her vacation with friends at Albion.

Mrs. Emory Nash, of Elkhart, who has been a guest of Mrs. W. B. French for several days, has returned to her home.

Mrs. W. S. Wells and Mrs. T. H. Merrill were guests of Mrs. Salma Barnore, of Niles on Friday, of last week.

Mrs. S. E. Johnson has gone to Chicago and from there will go to Greeley, Iowa to make an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Etta Devin is home from Benton Harbor for the holidays. Her brother, Frank, will come from Chicago to spend Christmas here.

Mrs. J. P. Nolan, of South Dakota, sister of Mrs. Newton Barnhart, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Huss and other relatives.

Will Searls, traveling freight agent of the Northern Pacific R. R., with headquarters at Helena, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Searls.

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

Pleasant Surprise

The Tobacco Club has again recorded one of their spicy events that are not soon forgotten. On Monday evening they gave Mrs. H. D. Rough a genuine surprise, came in force and brought an abundant supply of refreshments with them. The evening was spent in such pleasantries as only the Tobacco Club can present.

When they left there remained for Mrs. Rough a beautiful turquoise and pearl ring and a warm feeling that can only be inspired by the Tobacco Club.

Go to W. H. Keller's for holiday goods.

For Sale.

A hard coal burner, in good condition.

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Choice candies at W. H. Keller's.

At midnight Dec. 18 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 8:30 and 6:50 p. m. The Sunday trains will be the same as heretofore.

Passenger Train No. 28 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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A table of untrimmed hats each 25c

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HER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

TIME—Evening, Dec. 26.
Place—Boarding house bedroom.

Actors—Nellie Cox, artist; May Lowell, stenographer.
Nellie—Thus are my sins visited upon me. Did you ever see such an ugly, inartistic collar as this orange thing with the red freckles?

May—No; unless it is the purple tie in your other hand. But the blue and the yellow collars are both pretty.

Nellie—Neither harmonizes with my blue shirt waist and my complexion.

May—How did you happen to receive so many collars? Did you ask for them?

Nellie—Ask for them? Hardly. I never wear anything except linen collars. As I said, however, it is my own fault. Last year my aunt sent me an expensive but hideous collar which I immediately donated to a church rummage sale.

May—Then wrote your aunt that it was just what you wanted.

Nellie—My conscience would not allow me to do that. I filled up four pages, however, on the one redeeming feature of that collar. I spoke of the texture of the silk and dwelt on its wonderful richness.

May—I should have thought your aunt would have seen through that.



"SEE OUGHT TO SEE YOU NOW."

When a girl goes into raptures over some detail of a gown I know she does not like the thing as a whole.

Nellie—My aunt's education has been neglected, for she doesn't know that. Let me read you her letter:

My Dear Child—There was so much pathos in your note of thanks last year I could see how you loved and longed for the beautiful, and I know that I am not making a mistake in sending you one more pretty thing to go with you all through the year. I have told your eastern cousins how you enjoyed the collar I gave you last Christmas, and they are going to send you some. We have hired a poor seamstress to make them, so I have added pleasure to my own life in holding out a helping hand to two dependent women.

May—She must have a sense of humor if she calls you dependent. She ought to see you now.

Nellie—I'll have to waste 16 cents postage in writing letters of thanks, and I have already paid 20 cents extra for postage on the packages. I could have treated myself to a good magazine or a box of chocolates for that amount.

May—Last year I learned that an aunt was going to give me a year's subscription to a journal which devotes its pages to telling girls how to treat their employers and how to dress on \$50 a year. I get all that kind of thing I wish without reading about it, so I took pains to criticize the paper before her and at the same time displayed my worn gloves.

Nellie—And she gave you a pair of gloves? Lucky girl!

May—I thought she would, but she sent me a housekeeping magazine and wrote telling me that I ought to learn to cook, as if a business girl has half a chance. She said that I might not like the magazine at first, but would become attached to it in time. I became detached.

Nellie—What do you mean?

May—I sold it for 50 cents on the dollar, went to the theater and wrote auntie that I had derived more pleasure from her present than from any other she had ever sent me.

Nellie—Total depravity!

May—No; only good business management. I suggest that you sell your misfit presents.

Nellie—I'll do it. I know a girl who likes fussy things, especially if she thinks she is getting them cheap. I will tell her the collars are too elaborate for my plain clothes, but will just suit hers. I am certain that she will take them, so I will invite you to the theater for next Saturday.

May—Thank you, dear. After all, there is nothing like making the best of things.—Chicago News.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Where America's Supply of Mistletoe Comes From.

Year after year Christmas comes and goes, its joys and merrymaking losing no whit of interest and sentiment for young or old, and, while always new each season in their giving of pleasure, the same old customs continue to prevail with alterations in detail only.

The day would hardly seem like Christmas without the hanging of Christmas greens, and, though a greater variety is offered in the way of decorations than formerly, those are still most liked and used that bear out the old practices and significance, and chief among them are the mistletoe and holly, whose very names carry one back to the days of ancient English cheer and Yuletide, with wassail bowl, Yule log and joyous merrymaking.

The most favored mistletoe comes from across seas, but some is sent from Canada and the south, where, particularly in Texas, it grows in large clumps on the live oak trees, always to the latter's gradual destruction, for, being a parasite, it saps the oak's lifeblood, flourishing luxuriantly the while. It is not so artistic in appearance as its English cousin, the leaves more commonplace and the berries smaller and poorer in quality, though more in quantity. Strange to say, the Texas mistletoe, like the prophet in his own country, is not greatly prized at home, and at few of the Christmas festivities does it make part of the decoration, while in all other quarters a cluster of the oddly shaped green leaves and opaque white berries must almost of necessity be suspended in the doorway or from the chandelier when Christmas comes in, and it never fails to cause the same jesting and merriment, for a kiss stolen under the mistletoe is one's right, and the pilferer cannot with justice receive rebuff.—Selected.

S. CLAUS' MAIL HELD UP.

Bushels of Letters That the Old Man Never Will Receive.

Sometimes the address on the envelope starts "Dear," which, of course, means "Dear," and again it is "Dere" or "Deir." But even these remarkable spellings are nothing compared with the two words that follow. They read "Santy Klaw's" or "Sant Cios" or "Saint Claus," and they are in hand-writings compared to which Babylonian cuneiform is as a primer.

They are coming into the dead letter office in this city by the hundreds these days, and, although the clerks in that division are the most painstaking of men and can decipher an actual address from a mass of hieroglyphs, they never have been able to learn the exact location of either the business office or home of one S. Claus, Esq., manufacturer of toys.

So these letters never reach their destination. They would be returned to the senders only for the sad fact that when they are opened, the inclosures almost invariably look as if a spider had got drunk on a bottle of ink and had tried to perform a mixture of highland fling and cakewalk on the paper. The most that can be made out is the invariable beginning, "Please bring me"—

Last year in the dead letter division there was a bushel basket of these missives, doomed never to be seen by Santa Claus. And this year letter boxes are furnishing additions at every collection.—New York Press.

THE YULETIDE LOG.

An Ancient Custom Still Observed in the North of England.

A custom at one time prevalent in England and, still observed in some of the northern districts of the old country is that of placing an immense log of wood—sometimes the root of a great tree—in the wide chimney place. This is often called the Yule log, and it was on Christmas eve that it was put on the wide hearth. Around it would gather the entire family, and its entrance was the occasion of a great deal of ceremony. There were music and rejoicing, while the one authorized to light it was obliged to have clean hands.

It was always lighted with a brand left over from the log of the previous year, which had been carefully preserved for the purpose. A poet sings of it in this way:

With the last year's brand
Light the new block, and
For good success in his spending
On your psalties play
That sweet tune may
Come while the log is a-tending.

The Yule log was supposed to be a protection against evil spirits, and it was considered a bad omen if the fire went out before the evening was over. The family and guests used to seat themselves in front of the brightly burning fire, and many a story and merry jest went round the happy group.—New York Mail and Express.

What He Heard.

Little Montague—I was awake when Santa Claus came, dad.
Father—Were you? And what was he like, eh?

Little Montague—Oh, I couldn't see him. It was dark, you know. But when he bumped himself on the washstand he said—

Father (hastily)—There, that'll do, Monty. Run away and play.—Punch.

Just Her Luck.

Mrs. P. Nurius—I dreamed last night that you gave me a diamond ring for Christmas.

Mr. P. Nurius—That's just your luck. Dreams always go by contraries.

With Apologies to Riley.

There's a Christmas touch in the air,
I feel it, somehow, everywhere.
I feel it at home; it makes me blue,
I feel it at the office too.
My bank account is tinged with care;
There's a Christmas touch in the air.
—Life.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of

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Sensible Christmas Presents.

Slippers for Women and Children.

In Felts or Sateens all colors and styles, we show a vast assortment at the very lowest prices.

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A pair of our slippers will please your husband, brother or sweetheart. :: ::

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SEE OUR Christmas certificates you buy the certificate and your friends can come in and be fitted with shoes or slippers that please and fit them

Bertrand Township Taxes.
I will be at the First National Bank, Buchanan, on Dec. 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, Dayton, Dec. 19, 26, Jan 2, Niles City Bank, Dec. 17, 24, and 31.

WESLEY SWARTZ, Tp. Treas.

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Midwinter Holidays.
One and one-third fare to all points on the Pere Marquette, and to points on connecting lines, including Canada. Ask agents for particulars. Tickets on sale December 24-25 and 31, 1902, good to return up to and including January 2, 1903.

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A Few Suggestions

For Christmas

GIFTS FOR LADIES.

Watches, Pearl Handle Pens, Brooches, Stick Pins, Lockets, Silver-ware. :: :: :: ::

GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN.

Chains, Fountain Pens, Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs, Fobs, Novelties.

Come and see us possibly we can help you.
ENGRAVING DONE FREE.

W. Scott Jones,
The Reasonable Jeweler,
Buchanan, Mich.

Trees Vines Plants

I will have a large supply of Nursery Stock to offer the coming season, which I will sell as close as is consistent with good business methods. Before ordering kindly submit your lists for quotations. One or two live agents wanted.

E. A. BOAL, NURSERYMAN.
HINCHMAN, MICHIGAN.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

See Our 5 and 10 Cent Counters They are Loaded With Bargains.

SUCCESS!

If you wish success save your dollars by trading with W. H. Keller.

Just arrived—a fresh supply of Mocha and Java Coffee.

Maple Syrup—just what you want for Pancakes.

Try a can of Keller's Baking Powder 10c. Every can warranted.

Try our Canned Corn—none better.

Our Coffees are intended for those that drink the finest money can buy. Our price is marvelously low.

Clothes Lines 5c
" " " " 10c
" " " " 15c
" " " " 25c
18 lbs Granulated Sugar \$1.00
19 lbs C. Sugar 1.00

BREAD, CAKE,
Best in Town.

W. H. KELLER
Buchanan, Mich.

PHONE 27.



SPECIALS

Fancy Cape Cod cranberries, sweet Potatoes that will cook up nice, Superior Pumpkin it is the best on the market, if you want a good pie try it. Try our raisins, Cleaned currents, just what you want for mince meat. Buckwheat flour, we have the pure quill 1 3/4 lb sacks. Mrs. Austin's Buckwheat flour. : : : A fine mixed candy for 15 cts. Superior chocolate drops 20 cts. Royal gem mixed candy 15 cts.

MIXED NUTS

Fancy English walnuts and a full supply other nuts. California Tokay Grapes, fresh, juicy and sweet. large, white grape.

The answer is the same to all

Buy your holiday goods and Christmas presents from the store that has the crisp, snappy bargains for wide awake buyers. Santa Claus recommends us to the public. Our holiday assortment is replete with all the novelties that go to make a first-class stock in the line of Neck Wear, Mufflers, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Hats, Caps, Shoes and a thousand other articles which you will see by calling on

JOHN MORRIS,
THE LEADING FURNISHER,
BUCHANAN, MICH.