

The Tramp ON THE Park Bench

A Christmas Story by
ZOE ANDERSON NORRIS

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IT was Christmas night, and the Philanthropists' club was holding its usual celebration of the festival. The Christmas dinner had arrived at the stage of the demi tasse and remarks.

Naturally the president was the first to speak.

"Reynolds," said he, indicating by the gesture of a massive hand the member of the club situated on his left, "you may relate your experience last night in helping the poor. According to our agreement, if you remember, we were to expend a certain amount in charity on Christmas eve, not only for the purpose of giving immediate relief so far as our funds went, but in order to ascertain something of the extent of the poverty existing in this great city of New York, in which we live."

The club members, among whom was an artist rendered somewhat con-



"MY GOOD MAN, HOW COME YOU TO BE HERE?"

spicuous by the length of his locks and the exceeding breadth of his soft black tie, lit their cigars as Reynolds rose.

"It was snowing," he began.

"Skip all that," hastily put in a newspaper man. "Of course, if it was Christmas eve, it was snowing."

"The hapless outcasts in the park had ranged themselves as nearly as possible according to the tree branches; but, being large in number, they overlapped them, some to the length of two branches or more, so that these sat unprotected from the snow, which softly soaked them."

The newspaper man raised his hand admonishingly.

"Will you permit me, Mr. President," interrupted he, "to suggest that all description be eliminated? Otherwise we'll be sitting here in broad daylight."

"It may be as well," assented the president suavely, "to omit descriptions of scenery, for, as the gentleman has just stated, it may have the effect of detaining us longer than is absolutely necessary."

Reynolds, reaching for a glass of water, wet his lips before he began again.

"I buttoned my overcoat to the throat," he said then, "for the wind was raw and keen, and walked up to the first tramp I came to. He sat near the fountain on the corner seat of a long bench. I touched him gently on the sleeve and said to him:

"My good man, how come you to be here?"

The newspaper man leaned forward absently his eyes agleam.

"Were those your exact words?" he inquired in so rapid a manner that the president once more let fall the fork.

Reynolds, disdainful of the question, sought in several pockets for a pocket handkerchief, and, finding one at length, delicately mopped his lids.

"The story he told," he stammered, "would have brought tears to the eyes of the coldest hearted."

"It was not so different from the usual run of such stories," faltered Reynolds. "He had seen better days; he had not always been obliged to sleep in a park, etc.; he had a wife and two children; he had been unable to support them; they were all three with his wife's mother. As I say, it was not so much the story as his manner of telling it. It affected you beyond description. It couldn't help but affect you. I took a five dollar bill from my vest pocket and thrust it into his hand."

"And then," queried the president, "what did he do?"

"He became so deeply affected," returned Reynolds, "that I whirled about and left him, unwilling to witness the

overwhelming nature of his gratitude."

He sat down. The artist coughed slightly, covered his mouth with his hand a moment, relit his cigar, which had gone quite out, and blew the smoke to the ceiling.

The president motioned to his neighbor to rise. His name was Caruthers. He scanned his listeners attentively, frowning as he talked.

"My experience," said he, "resembled to a certain degree that of my friend Reynolds there. I must have visited the same park. Union park, was it?"

"Yes," replied Reynolds; "Union park."

"I climbed the fountain," he went on, "and proceeded to a long bench, where I stopped near a seedy looking individual who in spite of the steady fall of snow sat napping there. I tapped him on the shoulder, roused him from his sleep and asked his history. It was rambling, as that related by Reynolds. He had seen better days. Most of us have. He had not always slept in parks. Few have. And, like Reynolds' tramp, he had a wife and two children, whom he had been obliged long before to send home to the wife's mother. Like the story of Reynolds' tramp, there was nothing out of the ordinary with the exception of the manner in which he stammered and shook telling it."

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DOUBTING BILLY BLUE A Poem of Christmas Eve By ALOYSIUS COLL

When Santa Claus drove up the roof
And down the chimney flue,
'Twas twelve o'clock—but, waiting there,
Sat little Billy Blue!

His ma had tucked him safe in bed;
But he was bound to know
If all the tales of Santa Claus
Were really true, or no.

"And so you're up!" cried Santa Claus,
Shaking the specks of soot
Out of his coat of fur, and ice
And snowflakes from his boot.

"I see! You planned that you'd sit up
In bed all night, and steal
A little peep at me, and learn
If I were true and real!"

"Now, let me tell you once for all,
You doubting Billy Blue,
That when I come on Christmas night
I'm just as real as you!

Why, haven't I come round each year,
Since you were but a mite
And stuffed your stockings bulging
On every Christmas night?

"And years and years ere you were born
I brought my sweets and toys,
When they were girls and boys,
That plain gold ring your mother wears"

(He smiled, here, in his sleeve)
"I slipt that on her finger once—
One merry Christmas eve!"

"And just an even year from that,
When I slid down the flue,
A stork, with something 'neath his wing,
Came down the chimney too.

That stork and I we stirred the house,
And flustered every one;
We brought your pa a gift that night—
A dimpled little son!

"That son was you, and here you sit,
You doubting Billy Blue,
Denying in your heart that all
The tales of me are true!

Now, just to prove that I AM real,
Forget your fear and fright,
Come, see the gift of good advice
I give to you tonight!"

Santa was gone! Wee Billy Blue
Hopped quickly out of bed,
A-tremble at the awful words
The good old saint had said

Out of his Christmas sock he pulled
A bundle, like a ball,
A big INTERROGATION POINT
Was in it—that was all!

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A CHRISTMAS DINNER IN CONSTANTINOPLE

The wife of the proprietor of the Levant Times in Constantinople, Mrs. Laffan-Hanly, wishing not long ago to show to some of the inhabitants of that city what an old-fashioned English Christmas was like and incidentally to cement valuable friendships for her husband in certain influential quarters, sent out invitations for fifty persons. There was a curious mingling of nationalities in the guests responding, Greek, Persian, Turkish, French, Armenian, Russian, English, American, Spanish, Hebrew, German, Italian, Albanian and one Japanese. Possibly there may have been more nationalities represented, but only thirteen different languages were spoken.

Mr. Laffan-Hanly's house was situated in Pera, directly opposite the konak of Fuad Pasha. As the guests arrived, some on horseback, a few on foot, a few in coupes, but more in sedan chairs, the faces of the women in the konak opposite could be faintly seen pressed against the kafass, for Fuad

Pasha was one of the guests and none of his wives could accompany him. Hadji Rassim Effendi was another. There were two Hebrew bank directors, the Persian ambassador and the Japanese consul.

The house was built originally for a Turkish residence, and three rooms were decorated with holly and mistletoe brought all the way from England. The Greek and Armenian ladies were richly dressed in heavy silks and velvets under their fur lined wraps. They wore a profusion of jewels of barbaric design. These ladies riot in bright colors and dazzling effects, and on this occasion were painted red and white and had their eyebrows blackened. The other ladies were handsomely dressed, but it remained for the two Jewish ladies to exhibit fine diamonds in extravagant numbers.

In such a mixed assemblage it was almost impossible to establish anything like sociability, and the poor hostess grew haggard with the effort. The Turks looked on with preternatural gravity and bowed with exceeding politeness on all occasions. The Persian ambassador might have been a wooden image for all the expression on his face. The Albanian stood in a corner

in solitary grandeur, his stiffly starched fustanelle standing out like a ballet dancer's skirt. The Japanese consul smiled and bowed right and left with praiseworthy impartiality. The Englishmen stood in a group, while the Greek, French and Armenian got together and were soon talking with animation, while the word "parades" fell from their lips as if money was the only thing worth mention. The Russian, Spanish, Italian and German gentlemen paid strict attention to the ladies, who sat in the two upper parlors, while the men appropriated the main room.

Miss Laffan-Hanly, the very pretty daughter of the host and hostess, played Christmas carols on the piano, but nobody listened, and it was a relief when dinner was announced. It was understood that this dinner was to be representative of the Christmas in England, and so there was a roast of beef of astonishing proportions following an enormous boiled fish on a wooden tray. Two monstrous turkeys and a chicken pie filled the table, with the vegetables and small things, such as pickles, olives, etc. Everything was put on together save the dessert. Wines there were and pure water for the Turks and Persians.

At last everybody was seated. The service was well done by three men from the big hotel. The Greeks and Armenians had come to dinner, and they did full justice to it. The rest of the guests were more circumspect or had smaller appetites. The amount of bread they consumed was astounding.

The Persian ambassador was the guest of honor, with Hadji Rassim Effendi opposite. The hadji was an orthodox Turk of the old school. Fuad Pasha was the same, but he was in some ways not so strict in his observances, so he took a little wine. As the first hunger passed, the wine began to loosen tongues, and one would have imagined oneself in a new Babel. Jests and couplets were made and toasts passed back and forth in all the thirteen languages spoken.

The dinner lasted nearly three hours. The dessert consisted of a great plum pudding covered with blazing rum and several fine mince pies. The Turks seemed to have an instinctive fear of a pudding blazing with Satanic blue lights and took mince pie or fruits. As so much of Turkish cookery is based on minced meats the Turks thought the mince pies were safe. The Greeks and Armenians managed both pie and fruits and ate with a "good coming appetite" everything offered them. Then came coffee and cigars, and the ladies went back upstairs.

Mr. Laffan-Hanly had his cue to bring the gentlemen all up as soon as he could, so that they might have some Christmas games. They had become a little more sociable among themselves, but as soon as they were back among the women the different elements separated again into their component parts, and it was desperate work to get them interested in snapdragon. The Turks seemed to fear the flames of alcohol and would not even try to pull out the plums.

Finally one of the Greeks sang one of the native seesaw caterwauling songs, and after that the games were given up in favor of an impromptu dance. The Persian and the Turks

looked on gravely while the rest danced. They maintained their impassible gravity until Hadji Rassim Effendi signified that he wanted to go home. He was ill. He had, secure in his belief of the innocence of the pie, eaten three big pieces. And the crust was shortened with the fat of the "unutterable fesh!"

His departure broke up the party. Not one of them had understood anything of the object lesson on an English Christmas in spite of all the languages spoken.

The poor hostess' hair turned white that night, and next week her husband's newspaper type was distributed in the Bosphorus. Hadji Rassim was the press censor.

GLADYS GEORGE JAMES.

Evolution OF THE Xmas Tree

A Yuletide Sketch by
JONATHAN JOYCE

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THE Christmas tree for the display of presents is an evolution. The true origin and significance of this arboreal feature of Yuletide are uncertain. Apparently it is derived from an ancient custom. The pagan races of northern Europe had a deep veneration for trees as the abodes of the gods. For instance, the linden sheltered Berchta, the spirit, kindly to babes. When celebrating festivals the chosen tree of the different gods were decorated with lights, wreaths and tassels, and offerings to the spirits were suspended in the branches.

The Romans used greenery in the festivals of Saturn, celebrated in December, and carried the custom among the Germans. The Egyptians used trees for interior decoration, their favorite being the palm.

A work of fiction produced in France over 700 years ago contains a descrip-

tion of a tree having its branches from top to bottom decked with burning candles, with the figure of a child at the very top sending forth a brilliant light. This tree in some way symbolized Christianity, the candles representing souls and the child typifying Christ.

It is said that the Christmas tree was adopted in France and England in 1840. Prince Albert is credited with having introduced it in England the first Christmas following his marriage, which was in 1840. Within a few years after that one of the trees at Windsor castle bore gifts valued at \$45,000. But more than a century before Prince Albert's advent an improvised Christmas tree, called a "besant," was carried in processions in England at Yuletide. It consisted of a pole decked with holly, or other evergreens and ribbons, together with oranges and apples and sometimes a pair of dolls.

The irrepressible desire for novelty has led to unique variations in Christmas trees. A society woman having a couple of valuable pet dogs got up a dogs' Christmas tree and invited forty or more of the neighboring thoroughbred pups to the ovation.

The device by which Santa Claus is cooped up in the trunk of a portable tree, with his head showing out at times, is very simple, yet very taking with young folks. It is accomplished by having two empty barrels without heads fastened one above the other and covered with moss, bark and lichen. Through a knot hole Santa's voice is heard. The structure being on casters, the imp inside can move it about the platform to the infinite delight of the children.

Another device for having a voice issue from the Christmas tree is accomplished by the use of the telephone, the receiver being hung in the tree. The absent ones can then send familiar tones to those present, and when the speakers are very dear and unavoidable absent the message is the best Christmas present that can be conceived of for the occasion. An electrical outfit for lighting Christmas trees has been invented at small cost. One clever boy used it with novel results by applying it to a magnificent evergreen standing in front of his home. It was lighted on Christmas eve after a snowstorm which decked the branches with fleecy garb. The heat of the lamps melted the snow, and then it froze in all manner of shapes. When lighted up again on Christmas night the pendent icicles and icy armor glittered like a myriad of gems suspended in the glare of shifting lights.

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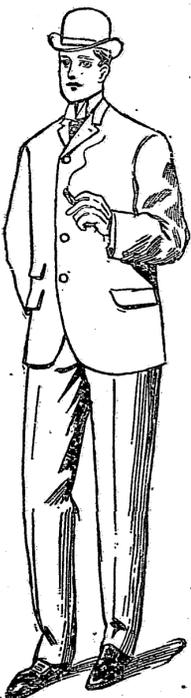
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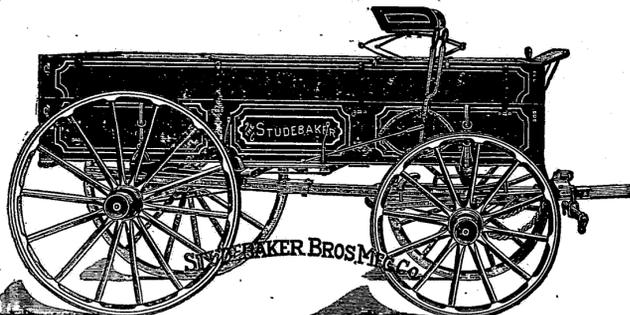
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Local Option.

Rev. J. C. Strickland, in a recent number of "The State Issue" reports the following:

The convention for Berrien county is a thing of the past and the county is organized with J. S. Tuttle of Niles as president; Steven Harner, vice president; A. B. Morse of St. Joseph, secretary; Robert Sherwood of Watervliet, treasurer. The following list of vice presidents were elected for the various townships, cities and villages:

Buchanan, Frank E. Sewell.
Watervliet, Willis Emerson and Henry Crumb.
Hagar, Dewit Guy.
Bainbridge, Burdick Randall.
Sodus, John Lurrain.
Pipestone, Wm. Burton.
St. Joseph, A. B. Morse.
Lake, Rev. H. M. Willis.
Niles Tp. Jas. B. Thomson,
Niles city, B. S. Reed, E. K. Gallup.
John Schuror, W. S. Hinkle.
Benton Tp., Fred Washburn.
Benton Harbor, J. J. Sterling.
Three Oaks, Alva Sherwood.
Galien, Edwin Blakely.
Berrien, John Ullery.
Weesaw.
New Buffalo.
Lincoln, James Archer.
Oronodo, Franklin Gowdy.

Collection of \$65 00 was taken to begin the work of the campaign. The attendance was not large, but representative of sensible, thoughtful men. I believe if the work is pushed this county will take the place beside the other dry counties of the State at the next spring election.

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Wine Lo-Ti (Coooley's beef, iron and wine with nerve) is the perfect food tonic. There is no other like it or equal to it. Price 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing home having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advance; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclosed self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago. d. 22 p.

FOR SALE—Forty acres of land with a comfortable house and barn five acres of timber and a small orchard, situated one mile north of Dayton, Mich. For particulars inquire of Enos Holmes. t. f.

Famous Trains of America.

Among the leaders are The Overland Limited, Chicago to San Francisco, and The Pioneer Limited, Chicago to St. Paul. Both trains run via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. If you are contemplating a western trip you should see that one, or both, of these famous trains is included in your itinerary. Rates and descriptive booklets on request.

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Nothing can be good for everything. Doing one thing will bring success. Doan's Kidney Pills do one thing only. They're for sick kidneys. They cure backache, every kidney ill. Here is Buchanan evidence to prove it.

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O. AVILA'S CURTIS, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Office, over Roe's Hardware. Telephone 32 Buchanan, Mich.

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Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health. For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI

FOR SALE—A pair of light boots. Call on N. J. Slater. t. f.

For fine custom work call on J. J. Kreuzberger, Merchant Tailor, 211 South Michigan St., South Bend

Ask your friends about St. Joseph photographer, 129 St. Joseph St. South Bend.

Our printing will please you.

Merry Christmas!

Special Sales for December

Silks

Geo. Wyman & Co. offer one table full of fancy silks, plaids, checks, stripes and brocades worth 75c to \$1.25 - our price for this sale is 50c per yard. One line plain Taffeta silk 75c quality for 50c.

One line Black Taffeta silks at 35c, 45c and 55c very much under price. One line colored Silk Velvet remnants \$1.00 quality 25c. The price will recommend all the above.

Umbrellas

We offer Ladies', Children's and Men's umbrellas for Christmas as low as 30c and as high as \$20.00 each, the finest line we ever had the pleasure of showing.

Handkerchiefs

We offer one line of Embroidered Handkerchiefs for Ladies at 50c and 65c each, worth \$1.50.

Dolls

We offer one lot Kid body dolls and dressed dolls for 15c and another lot for 35c each, we think they are worth your attention.

Japanese Crockery

We offer an immense line of Japanese Crockery, Umbrella stands, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Sugars and Creamers, etc. etc.

We invite you to come and see our stock of goods for Christmas presents, you are liable to buy something, you might buy something to give away and think so well of it that you would keep it yourself.

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ONLY \$6.98

Our Special Sales for December will be the largest ever attempted by us. When in South Bend call and see us.

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All the leading designs and colorings in Dress Goods can be found here at right prices

38 in. all wool Cheviots at 49c
38 in. all wool Granite at 49c
38 in. all wool Zibeline at 49c

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

We are closing out part of our Men's Furnishings to make room for a new department

50c Neckwear for 39c
50c Underwear for 29c
50c Negligee Shirts for 39c

LADIES' UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY

Now is your opportunity to fill your Underwear Wants. The prices we quote for these goods are less than the same goods can be bought for today.

Ladies' Union Suits for 15c
Ladies' Vests and Pants each 12 1-2c
75c Union Suits for 59c
25c Fleece Lined Hose 12c

SHOES SHOES

The celebrated E. V. SHERMAN \$2.50 Shoes for Ladies. This Shoe is guaranteed all solid stock and made in several styles for \$1.98

SOUTH BEND, IND.

The M. C. R. Co. will sell tickets at reduced rates on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1, 1904, limited to return not later than Jan. 4; on account of holidays. M. Z. JENKS, Agt.

CO. AGENT WHITEHEAD INJURED.

While Returning From St. Joseph Trolley Car Struck Sleigh Containing Victim and John Martindale.

County Agent Chas. W. Whitehead was seriously injured last night when a trolley car struck and overturned a cutter in which he was riding, and threw him violently to the ground. The accident occurred about six o'clock last night on the highway between the Twin Cities.

Mr. Whitehead, in company with Mr. Will Morrow, had started to walk from St. Joseph to this city when Mr. John Martindale drove by and offered Mr. Whitehead a ride. The offer was accepted and Mr. Whitehead climbed into the sleigh. About midway between the highway bridge and the car barn, a congestion of teams forced Mr. Martindale to drive upon the car tracks. A trolley car was approaching from Benton Harbor and Mr. Martindale made an effort to get back into the road.

The motorman on the car rang his gong and as the driver started to drive into the road, he did not check his car.

Too late, he saw that it was impossible to get off the track; he shut off the current and applied the brake, but his prompt action did not stop the car. The rail was slippery and the car shot forward striking the cutter and hurling the two men to the ground. Mr. Martindale, except for a few bruises, was unhurt, but Mr. Whitehead was unable to regain his feet.

He was placed aboard the car which was run back to this city, and a carriage called into which the injured man was placed and driven to his home. Drs. G. M. Bell, Wakeman Ryno and C. M. Ryno responded promptly and found that two ribs had been broken and the whole chest seriously crushed. A nurse was dispatched by Mr. Henry Mason, superintendent of the B. H. & St. J. Electric Ry., and every endeavor was made to aid Mr. Whitehead. At 11 o'clock last night he was resting easier.

The physicians state that on account of his advanced age Mr. Whitehead's injury was a very serious one. Great care is taken to guard against pleuro pneumonia, which it is feared may set in. There are still chances, however, for Mr. Whitehead's recovery.—Benton Harbor Post (Friday).

WANTED—600 bushels of good apples, any variety, call at the home of Elder J. C. Royer.

ELLSWORTH'S STORE

Grand Holiday Sale

Every item advertised in this space is a bargain. This store is filled with new and desirable Christmas Gifts. Make it your headquarters when buying your Christmas presents.

Holiday Handkerchiefs.

Woman's all linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 49c per dozen.
Woman's all linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 15c and 19c qualities for 10c each.
Women's all linen hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c each.
Women's all linen hand embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs 50c quality special 3 for \$1.00
Women's all sheer linen hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs worth 75c \$1.00 to 1.25, now 50c each.
Men's all linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs 98c per dozen.
Men's all linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c.

Leather Goods

Children's Wrist Bags at 25c each.
Large Wrist Bags at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.
Automobile Bags, at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$5 each.
Carriage Bags, at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$7 each.
Special values in Leather Belts at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1 each.

Neckwear

Dainty Lace Stocks at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1 each.
Embroidered and Lace turn over Collars, at from 25c to \$1 each.
All Silk with hand drawn turn over Collars at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2 each.

GLOVES

Royale Kid Gloves, at \$1 pair.
Centemeri Kid Gloves, at \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00 pair.
Vallier's Suede Kid Gloves, at \$2 pair.
Reynier's Kid Gloves, at \$1.75 and 2.00 pair.
All qualities in Suede or Glace Kid, 3 buttons and 50 doz. Arabian Mocha Gloves, worth \$1.50 for \$1 pair.

Millinery Bargain

We have placed another lot of Trimmed Hats that sold for \$4, 5.00 to 7.50 on a table, and you can take your choice for \$1.00 EACH.

Pillows

Beautiful Pillows all ready made at 39c, 75c, 89c, 1.00, 1.50, 1.75 to 3.50.

Pillow Tops at 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00.
Match Scratchers at 25c.

Ribbons

Splendid stock of Narrow Ribbons at 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c to 10c yard.

Special lot of wide Ribbons in all Silk Taffetas, 3 inches to 5 inches wide, sold regularly for 25c, 35c and 50c yard, **NOW 19C YARD.**

Furs

If you want to please a relative friend or sweetheart buy her a beautiful Fur, Scarf, Muff or Coat.

Alaska Fox Scarfs splendid value at 7.50 10, 12 50, to 30.
Squirrel, Sable Martin, Mink and Seal.

Blankets and Comforters.

Don't forget that a pair of Blankets comes in fine these cold nights.

10-quarter Cotton Blankets 49c and 75c pair.
11-quarter Cotton Blankets 75, 98, 1.25 and 1.45
10-quarter All Wool Blankets 2.95 and 3.50
11-quarter All Wool Blankets at 3.95 5.00 and 7.50
Comforters at 95c 1.25 1.48 \$2 to \$10 each.

Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

John Chess Ellsworth

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Pierce & Sanders have about 50 pair of those Sample Blankets at one-third off from regular prices and just as good, besides their regular line of Robes and Blankets which is the best and most complete carried in southern Michigan. Remember we are headquarters for Buggies, Wagons, Cutters, Bob Sleighs, Bells, Single and Double Harness and all kinds of Implements.

Look Us Over, See Our Line And Prices,

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Ladies' and Gents' Purses,
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Military Sets,
Box Paper,
Albums.

JUVENILE BOOKS AND DOLLS

A choice line of Bulk and Bottle Perfumery, 10c to \$5 per Bottle.

This line of Holiday Goods is absolutely new and awaits your inspection.

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SPIRO'S INVENTORY SALE.

After Christmas we take an inventory of our stock. The holiday buying naturally leaves many odds and ends, broken lots, and overlooked patterns, everything in fact that is left from a big season's selling.

We make it a rule never to carry over these remnants. Every year at this time we sort over, pick out and arrange certain patterns and sizes that we wish to move rapidly and cut the prices.

Here and there are groups of overcoats that have not moved as rapidly as we thought they would—we'll just take \$6 off the price of every one of them. That's one instance. On another lot the reduction is \$4, and so on.

Here's a fine suit of underwear that was overlooked—we'll mark that \$1.00—it was \$1.50.

In suits you'll find bargains galore—reductions that mean savings of \$2.50 to \$6 on a suit—and a selection that is almost as extensive as at the height of the season.

A splendid chance for you to save wisely and shrewdly on every article you need in the wearing apparel line and an opportunity not to be overlooked.

Remember a Spiro bargain is as good as the regular stock, but less to pay, that's all.

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DECEMBER 22-25, 1908.

Owing to Christmas day coming on the day of our regular publication, we have decided not to publish that day so that our employees may also enjoy the Christmas tide. We have endeavored to give both the subscribers and advertisers more than usual, both in the size of the paper and in number circulated, and we will therefore in the paper published today, include both of this week's issues.

Christmas Tide.

"Peace on earth good will to men" is what the Christmas tide ought to mean to all. If the spirit of the Christ could only reign in and rule over all, this world would indeed be a paradise, for who could picture greater and more varied beauty than are revealed in the handiwork of the great Creator, even in the snow bound clime of ours?

We know that this Christmas season does not find us all free from sorrows and burdens, but these, like the winds that blow against the sail, ought to be used for making us bet-

ter and filling us with peace and good will toward our fellow men.

Many of our ills are imaginary or self made; by all means let us rid ourselves of these, then we may use those things that come, which may seem to be adverse, in building us up as the ship uses the winds to drive it on.

With this time of kindly remembrances we wish to all the RECORD family and those to whom this may come, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Public Sale

On Tuesday of next week, George Hof, will have a public sale at his farm 2½ miles northwest of town. There will be sold 3 cows, 3 head of young cattle, lumber wagon, buggies single and double harness, a large number of farming utensils beside a quantity of hay, oats and corn.

Presbyterian Notices.

Divine Worship on next Sabbath morning 10:30, preaching by the pastor, Christmas sermon.

Sabbath School and Bible Classes after morning service, to which old and young are invited.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 6 p. m.

Evening service at 7 p. m., subject "Lest we forget."

Singing by the young people's chorus choir. All heartily welcomed.

Commencing Dec. 22 freights leaving Chicago via the P. M. at 3:05 p. m. will reach Buchanan at 8:10 a. m., giving people the best services they ever had from Chicago.

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PERSONAL.

Tellus Léwis is in town.

Rex Lamb is home for his vacation.

J. W. Barnhurst is in Centralia, Ill.

Miss Mabel Colvin was home this week.

Loren Waterman is expected home today from Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Butts, of Chicago, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Alex Emery has been visiting her sister Mrs. C. A. Clark, of Galien.

Mrs. Will Cowles of Chicago, is a guest of her niece, Mrs. H. H. Hosford.

Misses Alvirah Tarrant and Julia Murphy spent Saturday in South Bend.

Mrs. Helen Straw, of Chicago, arrived on Sunday to pay a visit to her mother, Mrs. Chas Snyder.

Mr. P. P. Kiene, of Fort Worth, Texas, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Andrews.

Chas. Dodge, who has been living in North Liberty, Ind., has returned to make Buchanan his home.

Messrs. Cloud and Merson have returned to Buchanan, which they think quite preferable to California.

Ray Pennell, who is attending the Agricultural college at Lansing, is here, the guest of his brother, W. E. Pennell.

Mr. John Boyce, of Sumpter, Oregon, is visiting his aunt near Dayton, and C. D. Sheldon, of Bakertown, this week.

Mrs. Nettie Evans left Monday for Jackson, Mich., to spend the holidays and part of the winter with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. F. Runner reached home the last of the week, after an extended absence in the interest of the Royal Neighbor lodge.

Howard Warren, a compositor at the RECORD office, will spend the Christmas holidays at his father's home in Tekonsha, Mich.

Mr. A. F. Ames is home for the holidays, and he and Mrs. Ames spent Sunday in Michigan City. Paul White is spending his vacation in Chicago.

Miss Georgie Wilcox expects to spend a few days next week, as a guest at the home of Miss Pearson, in Howells, and later go to Charlotte for a brief visit.

Mr. Frank Bragg has gone to pay a visit to his brother who resides in Crownhill, W. Va. It is forty years since he was there, and as the brothers have not seen each other in the mean time, recognition is doubtful.

Mrs. J. A. Halmhuber is spending some time in Detroit at her former home. Rev. Halmhuber will go Monday to spend the holidays there. As their parents live but a few blocks apart, it will be a very pleasant occasion for both families.

Half the ill that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

Tax Notice.

Commencing Dec. 10 I will be in my office at Lee Bro's bank every week day for the purpose of collecting taxes. W. J. MILLER
Twp. Treas.

What You Want to Know.

Our prices on our exceptionally fine line of pianos are absolutely the lowest obtainable, quality always considered, of course. We do not mean that you can buy silks for the price of calico, but in our splendid line of reliable makes of pianos, when the quality is considered, we simply distance our competitors. Besides this our principal makes, or "leaders," are so well known here and are so highly endorsed by our best musicians, including St. Mary's academy and Notre Dame, and every one of our first-class music teachers here, that you are absolutely safe in buying them. St. Mary's academy just lately bought more of those very fine Starr pianos, which they certainly would not have done unless those bought some years ago had proved their splendid tone and durability. Besides, our personal guarantee and that of the factory goes with our pianos and both are responsible. Our fine line comprises the Starr, Weber, Richmond and other reliable makes of pianos. We sell on easy payments and have much the largest and most varied stock in figured walnut, mahogany and other woods shown in this vicinity.

We have 200 pianos on our floor and give you an exceptionally good opportunity.

ELBEL BROS.,
South Bend.

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FOR SALE OR RENT—Having purchased a surplus of Portland Cutters, I will sell or rent without horse. W. D. House's Livery Barn j. 22.

A party of thirteen people from Emanuel Missionary College, of Berrien Springs, came down Tuesday to sell their books and pamphlets at the homes in the village.

The Advent S. S. will give their Christmas entertainment Thursday evening. A fine program has been prepared and a large Christmas tree will be a feature of the evening's pleasure.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Minnie King and Judge Ellsworth, which occurs tomorrow evening at the bride's home in Ligonier, Ind. The judge and his bride will reside in Benton Harbor.

Many of the merchant's windows show attractive goods and varied designs and displays this week. There is none more unique and attractive than D. L. Boardman's. The design is a locomotive just emerging from a tunnel, and all details complete; telegraph wires, railroad ties, etc. The work is done mostly in linen, towels, handkerchiefs, napkins, etc., and is exceedingly pretty.

Mrs. Higgins Very Ill.

Mrs. Higgins of Maccasin avenue, a sister of D. W. Kean, who has been critically ill the past few days, is somewhat better. She has been suffering from heart disease, and last week her attending physician thought she would live but a few hours. Her brother, S. A. Kean, her sister, Mrs. J. E. Rose of Chicago and daughter Miss Lulu Higgins, a missionary temporarily in this country, and Mr. Henry Kern of Valparaiso, were called here to see her, and were much relieved to know she was better when they left her, though she is still very sick.

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Dolls 1c each

Dolls 5c each

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Imported Bisque Dolls

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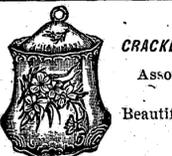
Sleeping Kid Body Dolls

Dressed Dolls

Our prices on PURSES is the lowest this year that we have ever been able to give 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 85c.



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A good line and just what you want



CRACKER JARS
Assorted Patterns and Beautifully Decorated



2-PIECE SUGAR AND CREAM SETS

Assorted Flower Decorations, and beautifully trimmed in gold. Just what you want for a Christmas Present

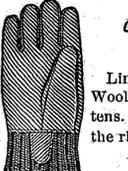


FANCY LAMPS

Never was our line of fancy decorated lamps so complete and our prices cannot be matched for the quality elsewhere. Come and see them.



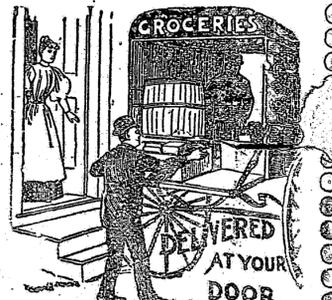
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GLOVES AND MITTENS
Lined and Unlined, Wool Gloves and Mittens. Good goods at the right price.

Fresh Oysters
22 lb New Orleans Granulated Sugar - \$1.00
21 lbs. Granulated Sugar \$1.00
12 Boxes Matches - 9c
Gasoline per gallon - 15c
Large sized Meat Platter - 05c
3 lb. can nice Yellow Peaches 12c
Picnic Ham, per pound - 10c
Try our 20c Coffee, best in town

Come in and see our Cash Register. We have something good to offer you.



Practical Holiday Gifts.

Extensive lines of useful presents dear to the heart of every man. Exclusiveness and elegance define this collection, as we exhibit all the best ideas shown elsewhere, in conjunction with many original novelties, and our prices are always positively the lowest.

Smoking Jackets, Suspenders, Mufflers, Shirts, Umbrellas, Jewellery, Fur Caps, Sweaters, Night Robes, Pajamas, Gloves, Neckwear, Full-dress Protectors, Handkerchiefs, House Gowns, Bath Robes, Suit Cases, Underwear.

Things To Give The Men Folks

FOR LITTLE BOYS.

Fancy Sweaters, Caps, Shirt Waists, Fancy Overcoats and Fancy Suits, anything that you want, you find here. Our store will be open every night until Christmas.

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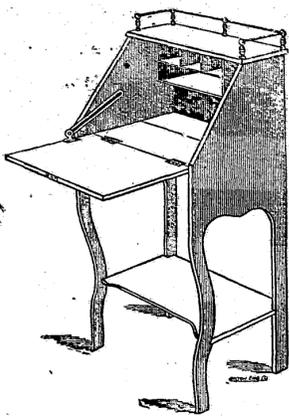
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LOCAL NOTES

Retail price paid for eggs. W. H. Keller.

10 lb Kit Family Whitefish 65c. at W. H. Keller's.

Note the change in the Pere Marquette time table.

Oysters in all styles at all hours at Mrs. Nettie Lister's. t. f.

Mrs. Stanton is assisting with the holiday rush in W. H. Keller's store.

Be thankful, and get some of the nice fresh oysters at W. H. Keller's.

Monday was the shortest day in the year, it being the 31st of December.

We are offering a very complete line of tinware at right prices. W. H. Keller.

The teachers and children are enjoying the two weeks' vacation from school work.

Buckwheat Flour only 24¢ per lb every sack guaranteed Buchanan Cash Grocery.

Mr. Z. Cain, who has been on the sick list for over four weeks, is able to be about again.

Come in and see our new cash register. We have something good to offer you. W. H. Keller.

Mrs. C. Cain received word that her father, Mr. John W. Koons, whose home is in Exeter, Mo., was seriously ill.

The Farwell factory has positively decided to leave Benton Harbor, and will probably locate in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin.

The regular annual meeting of the Christian Church will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 4, at the home of J. E. Miller. t. f.

Mr. Jack Breen of the Three "B" Duster Co., was unfortunate enough on Saturday to step on a nail in the factory, which made a deep bruise in his foot.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, burises, stings, sprains Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it.

Flinch cards 25c to 50c at Runner's.

Trade at Kent's the popular grocery.

New line of fresh nuts. W. H. Keller.

7 lb. best sweet potatoes, 25c at W. H. Keller's.

FOUND—A bunch of keys enquire at Record office.

Mixed Candies only 7c per pound at the Buchanan Cash Grocery.

See Sturtz for Photographs, 129 St. Joseph street, South Bend, Ind.

Try a sack of The Best Buckwheat flour you ever used at W. H. Keller.

You can buy fresh eggs at the Buchanan Cash Grocery 24¢ per dozen.

Mixed Candy 5c per lb. at W. H. Keller's

Pianolas, the greatest of all piano players, at Elbel Bros., South Bend, Ind. t. f.

Buchanan Cash-Grocery headquarters for Christmas candy, nuts and fruits etc.

There will be Xmas exercises at the Miller school house Wednesday evening, Dec. 23.

Will Wood and Miss Dot Redden have been added to the Magnet Store force this week.

Charley, the infant son of Elder and Mrs. Shepard is very ill, threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGee and family have moved into the Weston house on Portage street.

LOST—Between Runner's store and Rough's mill a fob of black, steel and green beads. Finder leave at Record office. j. 1 p.

John Searls slaughtered twin lambs this week, 9 months old that weighed 90 and 93 lbs each. Mr. Searls says he would like to see that beaten.

Anyone wishing work done in Stenography or Typewriting will do well to call at Mrs. Cathcart's school of stenography. Work promptly done.

It's the little colds that grow into big cold; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Red Hot Bargain Sale For December.

Crowning the old year with the greatest of bargain giving sales.

The Finest of Lamps

Plain and Decorated Dishes

Latest patterns and best Ware ever shown in Buchanan in Berry, Dinner and Tea Sets etc.

We believe in goods moving and giving the people the right kind of goods at the right season. When canning time was on, and people wanted fruit jars we made it possible for every one to buy fruit jars at a price lower than was ever known. And so will it be in buying your Christmas presents at the Buchanan Cash Grocery.

Parlor Lamps.

All sizes elegantly decorated set on bronze metal ornamental base.

Lot No. 1001 former price \$6.50 out for this sale \$4.19

Lot " 1002 " " 5.50 " " " 3.59

Lot " 1003 " " 4.75 " " " 2.19

Lot " 1004 " " 4.00 " " " 2.99

Lot " 1005 " " 3.25 " " " 1.99

Lot " 1006 " " 3.00 " " " 1.19

Lot " 1007 " " 1.50 " " " .69

Toilet Sets—Former price

Fancy decorated plates former price 30c now 19c

Rich decorated china Berry set former price \$2.00 now \$1.49

Rich decorated china Berry set former price \$1.75 now \$1.25

4 piece Glass sets former price 75c and \$1.00 your choice 29c

Dinner and Tea Sets.

56 piece decorated tea set former price \$6.00 now for \$3.99

100 piece dinner set latest design Johnson Bros. Imported

Semi-porcelain ware all strictly first class that has not been

duplicated in town for less than \$10.00 now \$8.50

Sound Stone Ware 4c per gal.

In groceries we are still giving our patrons our best endeavors, best goods at most popular prices.

BUCHANAN CASH GROCERY

Seasonable Hints.

Books are always appropriate gifts. Fine perfumes in attractive bottles cannot fail to be useful.

Box papeteries in fine varieties and low prices. A good fountain Pen is almost a necessity of life.

The Century double feed pen will not sllobber, flows freely and is strictly first class. We have a great variety at lowest prices. Bibles and Testaments coarse print, fine print, medium print all sizes and prices.

RUNNER

KEEPS THEM

Pick Out Your Christmas Present NOW!

We have already set aside a large number of beautiful gifts to be delivered December 25th.

Sweepers.



A Bissell Sweeper makes an acceptable present always.

Desks

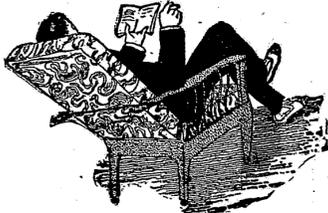


In Ladies' Desks we are showing some beauties.

Sideboards

In sideboards we are in a position to quote prices competitors cannot touch.

Morris Chairs



Think of the comfort of a Morris Chair in the glow and warmth of the home, with the storm howling outside, a good book or evening paper and a cigar if your wife will allow it.



Rockers

Rocking chairs, all sizes and prices from the Baby Chair at \$1.00 to the big Leather Rocker at \$30.00. Nothing more appropriate for Christmas Presents.

A few more of the nice things to be found at our store.



Couches with guaranteed steel construction.

Combination Book Cases, Library Cases, Chiffoniers, Suits, odd Dressers, Dining Tables, Dining

Chairs, Kitchen Cabinets, Screens, Easels, Foot Stools and lots of Rockers for the babies.



One of our Music Cabinets will make a most acceptable present.

Richards & Emerson
BUCHANAN, MICH.

A Reliable Machine for a little money



ONLY \$16.00

Made by The New Home Sewing Machine Co Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. No trouble to show machines.

F. W. Ravin, Agt. Buchanan, Mich.

HOLIDAY PRICES AT DELL JORDAN'S GROCERY.

Fancy Chocolate Drops, 10c per lb.
Taffies, all flavors, 10c "
Fancy Cream Mixed, 10c "
1 lb. box extra fancy Chocolates, 20c.
1 lb. box French Cream Bon Bons, 20c.
1 lb. box 40c Cream Nut Tops, 25c.
Crystallized Pine Apple, 25c per lb.

A FULL LINE OF LOWNEY'S CELEBRATED BOX CHOCOLATES.

Just received a fresh supply of Dates, Figs, Nuts, Shelled Walnuts and all kinds of Fruit.

A fine lot of Pop Corn that will pop. Fresh Peanuts, Roasted and Salted.

DELL JORDAN'S GROCERY, BUCHANAN. 'PHONE 16.

BUCHANAN STEAM LAUNDRY Prompt Service

Good Work Guaranteed

W. E. PENNELL, Prop.

Good People When in South Bend and hungry call at Johnson's Cafe, 127 North Main street, for a good meal for a little money.

That Throbbing Headache Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by W. N. Brodrick, druggist.

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

MID-WINTER HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS. The Pere Marquette will sell tickets from all stations, to all stations on its lines, at a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates, December 24, 25 and 31, 1905, and January 1, 1906. Tickets good returning until Monday, Jan. 4. Ask agents for particulars. d 18.

A Great Bargain.

For residents of rural routes.

The Detroit Free Press.

Michigan's Leading Newspaper, by mail every day, except Sunday, and

THE BUCHANAN RECORD Both One Year For Only \$2.50

This is the greatest newspaper bargain ever offered in Michigan. Never before was such an opportunity given our readers. Just think of it, Michigan's leading newspaper, The Detroit Free Press and the twice a week Record both one year for only \$2.50 just half the price of the Free Press alone.

Send your orders to this office,

THE BUCHANAN RECORD.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clyde Kool, 20, Buchanan; Grace Bowker, 17, Glendora.

Amos C. Harroff, 21, Buchanan; Minnie H. Reinke, 20, Dayton.

Edward E. Smith, 22, Dayton; Fanny E. Page, 22, Portage Prairie

Joseph M. Tarbell, 36, Laporte, Ind.; Edith A. Kelsey, 28 Buchanan

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Frank C. Dye to E. Clifford Knox w 1/2 n e 1/4 sec 4 Bertrand also a piece in s e corner n w 1/4 sec 4 Bertrand \$6800.

Geo. W. Long to Michael Zerbe 80 acres n. w 1/4 n w 1/4 sec 20 also n e 1/4 n e 1/4 sec 19 Niles \$7000.

Florence Hutchinson to Hiram Hutchinson s e 1/4 s e 1/4 sec 18 40 acres Galien \$1.

BADLY BRUISED.

Last Thursday Afternoon Mr. Chas. Babcock met With an Accident.

While oiling some of the machinery at the power house last Thursday afternoon, Chief engineer, Chas Babcock missed his foot hold and fell from a platform, striking his leg on one the large core wheels and bruising himself. Fortunately no bones were broken, but he was thoroughly shaken up and suffers from some severe bruises.

Coonley's Cough Balsam, made of wild cherry, horehound, spikenard and honey; is a perfect remedy for coughs and colds, particularly recommended for children. Pleasant to take and helps at once. 25c and 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

Read the splendid offers given you in today's Record,—buy where goods are sold on close margins and at legitimate prices, but keep your eye open for the fellow that offers you an article at less than legitimate price, he will beat you some way; most likely the article will not be worth more than the price asked for it but more likely it will be worth less than asked for it.

READ THIS CAREFULLY

Dollar Bills, Bibles, Wall Atlases, Oil, Stock, Fine Boxes of Paper and Envelopes, Calendars, Souvenir Post Cards and Many Other Articles

FREE! FREE! FREE!

For Every Paid up Subscriber of The Record or Every One Who Will Pay up and for New Subscribers.

With a paper Tuesday and Friday, making from 12 to 16 pages each week we are giving to the RECORD subscribers at \$1.00 per year in advance, the most for their money of any publisher in the state. But without we desire to give to each subscriber some pleasant reminder of our appreciation of them, and we have decided to give to each subscriber who comes or sends to the office his subscription, a pleasant memento.

We have a large number of very beautiful calendars worth from 10c to \$1.00 which we will give subscribers, the first having first choice and so on till gone. We also offer about a dozen boxes of fine paper and envelopes from 25c to 50c; also offer ten shares of Oil stock; 50 wall atlases worth \$1.00 each; ten teacher's Bibles worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, also ten one dollar greenbacks, 20 Farm Journals, 20 Farmer's Friends; 2 fine cakes, one displayed at Bertha Roe's and one at Van Meter's; 1 doz. fine Havana oranges at G. E. Smith's grocery; cup and saucer at Keller's grocery; lamp at Buchanan's Cash Grocery; bread plate at Riem's Racket Store; fruit dish at Kent's grocery. Look in at the different stores and see how beautiful the above presents are.

We began Wednesday December 16, and have been busy ever since giving out beautiful presents, and will continue until all are gone.

We will have a box of numbers from which subscribers will draw a card and whatever is on the card he will be entitled to.

No blanks, every one gets something and do not forget that on the boxes of paper, Bibles and calendars, first one has first choice.

If your subscription does not expire within three months come in, pay 25 cents and we will extend your paper three months and you can have a chance to get two to ten times the worth of the 25c and three months more to the Record.

If your subscription will expire in side three months you will be expected to pay \$1.00 for one year.

If you are not paid up come and pay and you have the same chance. If you are not a subscriber, now is the time to subscribe.

You may want to earn one of Cook & Cook's fine single harness worth \$18. If you bring in eight subscribers each one of the subscribers will be entitled to one of our valuable presents. Come in and see them.

Gladys Billet, the 12 year old daughter of David Billet, residing on Grant street, while crossing the Broadway bridge last evening, tried to lick some snow off the steel railing with the result that her tongue was frozen to the rail. Some of the crowd of children who were with her lit matches in order to loosen her tongue but as this method proved unavailing, her brother grabbed her and pulled her away from the railing, tearing out a piece of the end of her tongue about half an inch square. Dr. Z. L. Baldwin was called and took four stitches in the little girl's tongue.—Niles Sun.

The Southwest Limited Chicago to Kansas City.

VIA THE ST. PAUL ROAD. The Southwest Limited via the new Short Line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Chicago to Kansas City, has taken its place with The Pioneer Limited, Chicago to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and The Overland Limited, Chicago to Omaha and San Francisco, among the famous trains of America.

These trains offer excellence of service and equipment not obtainable elsewhere. There are many reasons for this, one of which is the fact that this railway owns and operates its sleeping, dining, library, parlor and other cars, thereby securing an excellence of service not obtainable elsewhere. If you are going West it is worth while to write for descriptive folder.

Christmas Talk

It is part of our Chosen Duty to maintain the Health of our customers through perfect Purity of their food. It is further our Duty to protect the pocketbooks of those who trade with us. Candies are beneficial or injurious as they are pure or impure. We are not confectioners: We are really pure foodists. Christmas without candy would be dead indeed—hence we have stocked our store with sweetmeats which you may give your children in "wholesale lots" with impunity and confidence. Dainty, pure mixed Bon-Bons at 20c per Pound. Delicious Chocolates par excellence, 40c per pound. Fancy boxed candies, none the less pure for the fancy boxes, from 10 to 60c per pound

VAN'S BAKERY BUCHANAN, MICH.

See E. S. ROE, The Hardware Man, For Substantial Holiday Goods

SILVERWARE NICKEL PLATED WARE KNIVES, SHEARS, RAZORS, SKATES, SLEDS etc.

Good reliable goods at right prices.

THE HUB "GET THE HABIT"

Just a Few More Days Until Christmas

We sell everything that man wears—that man needs in the line of Clothing, Hats and Furnishings for the holiday season. THE HUB offers a few suggestions for appropriate as well as useful Xmas presents for relatives and friends.

White and Fancy Vests	\$1.00 to \$ 5.00
Snapping Jackets	5.00 to 12.00
Gloves	50 to 3.00
Umbrellas and Canes	50 to 6.00
Mufflers	25 to 2.00
Neckwear	25 to 1.50
Linen Handkerchiefs	05 to 50
Silk Handkerchiefs	25 to 1.50
Men's and Boys' Caps	25 to 2.00
Children's Stacking Caps	25 to 50

Underwear, Socks, Nightrobes, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Men's and Boys' Sweaters, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags and Trunks, at the lowest possible prices.

Open Nights Until Christmas.

WASHINGTON AND MAIN STS., South Bend, Ind.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, never failing remedy for a lazy liver.

The Pioneer Limited Is the train of trains between Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis. It runs daily via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and is without an equal in excellence of equipment. If you contemplate a trip to the Northwest, it is worth your while to enquire for rates and descriptive booklets via this route. ROBERT C. JONES, M. P. A., 82 Campus Martius, Detroit, Mich. d. 18

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence; it is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung disease.

CITY RESTAURANT Good Meals Pleasant Rooms Mrs. Nettie Lister, First door east of Buchanan Cash Grocery

O. M. Marsh Shoe repairing neatly done at Carmer and Carmer's. t f

Persons visiting South Bend and desiring a lunch can find a fine cup of coffee, sandwiches, fruits and ice cream at

Solari Bros. 216-17 S. Michigan St.

Benton Harbor Abstract Co.—Abstracts of U.S. Real estate mortgage loans. Of 112 Water St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

"Just to Remind Me of You"

It does not need to be expensive, for I know that you have hosts of friends, and that it takes considerable money to remember them all with gifts. Just something of your own choosing that will express your regard and which will "remind me of you."

It is not the money value of a thing that makes it precious.

Now we have many things that will do the trick nicely. Say a book; we have no end of good books, beautiful books, and at low cost. Beautiful pictures, see and price them. A jewelry section that contains some very attractive goods and first-class stuff at bargain prices. Bibles, kodaks, diaries, fountain pens, hand dresser and triplicate mirrors, games, toilet sets, toys, pocket knives, pocket books, elegant stationary, etc.

Binns' Magnet Store.

John Morris

The Buchanan Furnisher

ADVANCE DISPLAY OF
**Christmas Mufflers,
Handkerchiefs and
Ties.**



Holiday Goods Arriving Daily.

An elegant new line of Watches, Chains, Fobs and Sterling Silver Novelties. We carry the Rockford Silverware, guaranteed for 20 years, none better. See our hand painted, Water Colors before selecting an X-mas gift.

W. SCOTT JONES
The Reasonable Jeweler.

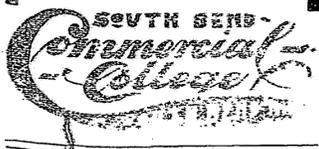
REMEMBER

Cook & Cook are closing out their stock of

Blankets and Robes
Cook & Cook
Buchanan Mich.

SUCCESS

In training young men and women for good business positions is the record of the South Bend Commercial College. With our experience, thorough courses, complete equipment, able faculty, boarding hall and dormitory facilities, we can give you the best at the least possible expense. Good Board \$1.50 per week. Rooms 50 to 75 cents per week. Write for catalogue.



First publication Dec. 18, 1903.

Estate of Franklin Calbetor, Deceased

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the county of Berrien.
At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the City of St. Joseph, in said county, on the 14th day of December A. D. 1903.
Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Franklin Calbetor, deceased, Evben Calbetor having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to William J. Miller, or to some other suitable person.
It is ordered, that the 11th day of Jan. A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Buchanan Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
(A true copy) FRANK H. ELLSWORTH, Judge of Probate.
ROLAND E. BARNHART, Register of Probate.
Last publication Dec. 29, Jan. 1

STOCK ADVANCED.

Umboltz Oil Co. Issue Circular Letter About the Well.

The following circular letter has been issued by the Umboltz Oil Co. incorporated:

Buchanan, Mich., Dec. 19, 1903.
Dear Sir:
Umboltz Well No. 1 is down 620 ft. and is nearly 21 ft. in the corniferous limestone and paysand, both of which contain oil, in apparently large quantities.

Your directors are arranging to have the well shot by an experienced oil well man.

In addition to developing this well they are completing arrangements for drilling another well which has been located by the expert, Mr. Jas. J. Callender, who comes to us highly recommended.

The directors have decided to increase the price of shares Dec 25, 1903 to 12½ cents per share; so if you wish any more stock at the old price, 10 cents per share, your application and money must be in the hands of the Treasurer before Dec. 25, 1903

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are,
Very truly yours,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
By H. H. HOSFORD,
Treasurer.

The following letter relative to Mr. Callender's reliability has been received by this company and is of public interest.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.,
December 17, 1903.

Umboltz Oil Company,
Buchanan, Mich,
Gentlemen: Replying to your telegram of this date just received, beg to say that I have been acquainted with Mr. James J. Callender for only five or six months and all the knowledge I have of his ability as an oil well expert and locator of oil properties, is what experience I have had in his locating a well for myself and others in an adjacent county. We have gone down some 2250 feet with the well without finding oil, and because of the cold weather and salt water which we encountered, we have decided to defer any further effort until spring, then it is our intention to go to Trenton rock if necessary to determine whether there is oil in that locality or not.

Mr. Callender came to us well spoken of by parties in Indiana, where, it was said, he had successfully located both gas and oil wells, and in my intercourse with him I have become convinced that he is a thoroughly honest man and conscientiously believe in the efficacy of his instrument and his ability to successfully locate oil territory. He claims that we have a good field, and that we surely will find oil in paying quantities if we go deep enough, and as before stated, it is our intention to go down at least 3,000 feet or to Trenton rock to determine the question of the existence of oil in that locality.

As before stated, I have the greatest confidence in Mr. Callender's integrity and in his belief that his instrument will determine definitely the existence of oil in the earth.

Very respectfully yours,
C. C. BEACH,
Treasurer, Nichols & Shepard Co.

Valuable Premiums Given Away

The following persons have received these gifts from the Record office this week:

J. E. Vite box fine stationery, O. E. Rose one \$2.50 share Three "B" Duster stock, Mrs. T. B. Jadwin box paper, Chas. Huff Bible, Mrs. J. B. Stryker box stationery, Mrs. H. A. Beaman, Bible, Ed. Sebasny \$1 cash, J. E. Rough \$1 cash, Kit Kingery \$1 cash, Mrs. J. G. DeViney \$1 cash, Mrs. Eli mitchel Bible, Sophia Feather, Hinchman, \$1 cash. The following received the Farmers' Journal: Newton Barnhart, Benj. J. Tomlinson, Geo. H. Swift. The following received the Farmers' Friend: W. R. Hinkle, W. G. Hathaway, C. D. Sheldon; besides scores of others who received fine calenders and wall atlases.

Postponed

The regular meeting of the R. N. which was to occur Friday evening Dec. 25, has been postponed until Monday evening Dec. 28, on account of Christmas and many members being out of town.

FREDERIKA RUNNER,
Recorder.

Mixed Candy
at W. H. Keller's 5c per lb.



IF YOU HAD A
NECK
As Long as This Fellow,
and had
SORE THROAT
ALL
THE
WAY
DOWN
TONSILINE
WOULD QUICKLY CURE IT.
Sole and Gen. All Druggists.
THE TONSILINE CO., GANTON, O.

A Christmas Greeting.

Now comes again the yearly round
With Christmas joys elate,
And still the whistles daily sound—
The Postman's at your gate.
And added to the Christmas cheer
He wishes you a glad New Year.
Now homes are decked with holly green,
And re-united friends once more,
Around the generous boards are seen
Recounting scenes in days of yore,
The Postman's whistle sounds once more—
The Rural Mail is at your door.
And when the year has run its course
And nineteen four is ushered in,
May the Rural Mail with added force
Your hopes reward, your praises win;
And the whistle of the Postman cheer
Each morning of the glad New Year.
R. F. D. News.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give their Christmas entertainment Wednesday evening, commencing at 7:30. There will be a Christmas tree and a choice program. Mrs. Boardman and Mrs. Perrott rendering solos, and special exercises by the school. Everyone welcome.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to the many people who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our little son Loraine, and to those who sent so many beautiful flowers.
MR. AND MRS. MAX EDWARDS.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by W. N. Brodriek, Druggist.

See the beautiful harness in the RECORD window offered for the largest number of subscribers to Feb. 1st, 1904.

U. S. Corn Cure for ladies is clean and colorless, sure and safe, stopping the pain at once and curing in a few days. Price 15c, two for 25c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

\$60 to \$100 Per Month.

This is what we pay our canvassers. Write to-day for further particulars. Most any person can do the work required. This we will prove to you by correspondence. Do not delay, but write today. The Grumix News and Subscription Company, Le Roy, N. Y. t. f.

Wine Lo-Ti.

Made of beef, iron, wine, nerve, cascara and Aromatics, is the most perfect food, tonic in existence. It agrees with all other medicines and never fails to give permanent strength and vigor. Pleasant to take, it increases the weight and improves the appetite. Large bottles, 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

Our printing will please you. Give it a trial.

MONEY TO LOAN on farms at low interest long time with prepayment privilege. J. W. BEISTLE, Buchanan, Mich.

Free Holiday Games
60 different games—all new—
—one in each package of
Lion Coffee
at your Grocer's.

Boys, Go Home.

Boys, you who have gone out from the hearth-stone into the rush and bustle of life, do you ever think of the patient mothers who are stretching out to you arms that are powerless to draw you back to the old home nest, arms that were strong to carry you, once pressed to hearts that loved you now as then? No mother? Though your hair is silvered, streaked and "dot" in the cradle calls you grandparents, you are the boy so long as the old home of long ago. Nothing can crowd you out of mother's heart. You may have failed in the battle of life and your manhood may have been crushed out again and again. You may have been prospered, gained wealth and fame, but mother's love has followed you all the same all along life's fitful journey. Many a boy has not been home for five, ten or twenty years and all this time mother has been waiting for you. Ah! who knows the agony expressed by that word? She may be even now saying "I dreamed of my boy last night, maybe he will come home to-day." He may come for dinner, and and the poor lonely mother, with trembling hands, yet with the same happy spirit of long ago, prepares some favorite dish for the absent boy. Dinner time comes and goes and the tired disappointed mother with tearful eyes and a sad heart in her lonely home sits alone at the table where once the happy prattle of childhood made merry the hearth-stone of home. Thus day after day, month after month and year after year passed till at last "hope deferred maketh the heart sick;" aye sick unto death! and the feeble arms are stretched out no longer for her child. But lay softly folded over a once tender and loving heart and mother waits no longer on earth for the boy that's far away. God grant that she may not thus wait for him in the heavenly kingdom.

Oh, boys! stop and think. Think of earlier days. Think of mother's love. Think of the poor tired hands that ministered to all your wants in childhood. Think of the many wakeful hours that she has stood bending over your cradle. Think of the tired hands that were ever stretched out to clasp you to her warm heart. Think of mother's love, her fond kiss. Think once more of the little prayer mother taught you long years ago, that you then repeated by her side ere the good night was spoken. Oh, to night before you close your eyes to sleep kneel beside your bed, no matter where it be and there breath out to God the same little prayer of childhood and think once more of childhood days, love and mother. Once more think of mother's kiss that she so softly pressed on the uplifted cheek when in childhood's sunny days when you knew no care or sin. Oh, go home, if only for a day, let mother, oh, let her feel she is not forgotten by you. Let her know you love her still, let her once more press her darling boy to her bosom ere the night of death comes to take from you the nearest, best and truest friend you ever had. Her days may be numbered. Next winter may cover her new made grave with snow and she will be gone from your sight and her years of lonely and sad watching ended forever. Oh, forget not a mother's love and a mother's prayer.
L. S. BRONSON.

Mrs. Anna E. Rouse has received notice from Attorneys Bell & Bell, the G. A. R. pension agents of Detroit, that she would be granted a pension, hereafter, being the widow of a soldier.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

Elbel Bros., of South Bend, have the best pianos! If you get your piano of them it is a good one, and if you only mention that you got it of Elbel's people know it is all right. See them for lowest prices and easy payments. They are one of the largest and oldest music houses in this region as well as the most reliable.
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The Blazed Trail

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He approached the skidway rapidly, laid his flexible rule across the face of each log, made a mark on his pine tablets in the column to which the log belonged, thrust the tablet in the pocket of his coat, seized a blue crayon, in a long holder, with which he made an 8 as indication that the log had been scaled, and finally tapped several times strongly with a sledge hammer. On the face of the hammer in relief was an M inside of a delta. This was the company's brand, and so the log was branded as belonging to them. He swarmed over the skidway, rapid and absorbed, in strange activity to the slower power of the actual skidding. In a moment he moved on to the next scene of operations without having said a word to any of the men.

"A fine thing," said Mike, spitting.

So day after day the work went on. Radway spent his time tramping through the woods, figuring on new work, showing the men how to do things better or differently, discussing minute expedients with the blacksmith, the carpenter, the cook.

He was not without his troubles. First he had not enough men, the snow lacked and then came too abundantly, horses fell sick of colic or calked themselves, supplies ran low unexpectedly, trees turned out "punk" for a certain bit of ground proved soft for tramping, and so on. At election time, of course, a number of the men went out.

And one evening, two days after election time, another and important character entered the North woods and our story.

CHAPTER II.

ON the evening in question some thirty or forty miles southeast of Radway's camp a train was crawling over a badly laid track that led toward the Saginaw valley. The whole affair was very crude. To the edge of the right of way pushed the dense swamp, like a black curtain shutting the virgin country from the view of civilization. Across the snow were tracks of animals.

The train consisted of a string of freight cars, one coach divided half and half between baggage and smoker, and a day car occupied by two silent, awkward women and a child. In the smoker lounged a dozen men. They were of various sizes and descriptions, but they all wore heavy blanket mackinaw coats, rubber shoes and thick German socks tied at the knee. The air was so thick with smoke that the men had difficulty in distinguishing objects across the length of the car.

The passengers sprawled in various attitudes, and their occupations were diverse. Three nearest the baggage room door attempted to sing, but without much success. A man in the corner breathed softly through a mouth organ, to the music of which his seat mate, leaning his head sideways, gave close attention. One big fellow with a square beard swaggered back and forth down the aisle offering to every one a refreshment from a quart bottle. It was rarely refused. Of the dozen probably three-quarters were more or less drunk.

After a time the smoke became too dense. A short, thickset fellow with an evil, dark face coolly thrust his heel through a window. The conductor, who, with the brakeman and baggage master, was seated in the baggage van, heard the jingle of glass. He arose.

"Guess I'll take up tickets," he remarked. "Perhaps it will quiet the boys down a little."

The conductor was a big man, rawboned and broad, with a hawk face. His every motion showed lean, quick, pantherlike power.

"Let her went," replied the brakeman, rising as a matter of course to follow his chief.

The brakeman was stocky, short and long armed. In the old fighting days Michigan railroads chose their train officials with an eye to their superior deities. The two men loomed on the noisy smoking compartment.

"Tickets, please," clicked the conductor sharply.

Most of the men began to fumble about in their pockets, but the three singers and the man who had been offering the quart bottle did not stir.

"Ticket, Jack!" repeated the conductor. "Come on, now!"

The big bearded man leaned uncertainly against the seat.

"Now, look here, Bud," he urged in wheedling tones, "I ain't got no ticket. You know how it is, Bud. I blows my stakes." He fished uncertainly in his pocket and produced the quart bottle, nearly empty. "Have a drink?"

"No," said the conductor sharply.

"A' right," replied Jack amiably. "Take one myself." He tipped the bottle, emptied it and hurled it through a window. The conductor paid no apparent attention to the breaking of the glass.

"If you haven't any ticket, you'll have to get off," said he.

The big man straightened up. "You go to blazes!" he snorted, and with the sole of his spiked boot delivered a mighty kick at the conductor's thigh.

The official, agile as a wildcat, leaped

back, then forward and knocked the man half the length of the car. You see, he was used to it. Before Jack could regain his feet the official stood over him.

The three men in the corner had also risen and were staggering down the aisle intent on battle. The conductor took in the chances with professional rapidity.

"Get at 'em, Jimmy!" said he.

And as the big man finally swayed to his feet he was seized by the collar and trousers in the grip known to "bouncers" everywhere, hustled to the door, which some one obligingly opened, and hurled from the moving train into the snow. The conductor did not care a straw whether the obstreperous Jack lit on his head or his feet, hit a snow bank or a pile of ties.

The conductor returned to find a rolling, kicking, gouging mass of kinetic energy knocking the varnish off all one end of the car. A head appearing, he coolly batted it three times against a corner of the seat arm, after which he pulled the contestant out by the hair and threw him into a seat, where he lay limp. Then it could be seen that Jimmy had clasped tight in his embrace a leg each of the other two. He hugged them close to his breast and jammed his face down against them to protect his features. They could pound the top of his head and welcome. The only thing he really feared was a kick in the side, and for that there was hardly room.

The conductor stood over the heap, at a manifest advantage.

"You lumber jacks had enough, or do you want to catch it plenty?"

The men, drunk though they were, realized their helplessness. They signified they had had enough. Jimmy thereupon released them and stood up, brushing down his tousled hair with his stubby fingers.

"Now, is it ticket or bounce?" inquired the conductor.

After some difficulty and grumbling the two paid their fare and that of the third, who was still dazed.

The interested spectators of the little drama included two men near the water cooler who were perfectly sober. One of them was perhaps past the best of life, but still straight and vigorous. His lean face was leather brown in contrast to a long mustache and heavy eyebrows bleached nearly white, his eyes were a clear, steady blue and his frame was slender, but wiry. He wore the regulation mackinaw blanket coat, a peaked cap with an extraordinary high crown and buckskin moccasins over long stockings.

The other was younger, not more than twenty-six perhaps, with the clean cut, regular features we have come to



He was seized by the collar.

consider typically American. Eye brows that curved far down along the temples and eyelashes of a darkness in contrast to the prevailing note of his complexion combined to lend him a rather brooding, soft and metallic air which a very cursory scrutiny of his amination showed to be fictitious. His eyes, like the woodman's, were blue, but inquiring. His nose was square, settled, his mouth tight. Unlike other inmates of the car he wore ordinary business suit, a new hat but of good cut and a pair of shoes that shined even over the soft flannel shirt. His trousers were, however, of the usual socks and rubber

The two seat mates had occupied their time each in his own fashion. The elder stared straight before him, spat with a certain periodicity into a center of the aisle. The younger stretched back lazily in an attitude of ease. Sometimes he smoked a pipe. Thrice he read over a letter. It was from his sister and announced her arrival at the little rural village in which he had made arrangements for her to stay. "It is interesting now," she wrote, "though the resources do not look as though they would wear well. I am learning under Mrs. Renwick to sweep and dust and bake and stew and do a multitude of other things which I always vaguely supposed came ready

made. I like it, but after I have learned it all I do not believe the practice will appeal to me much. However, I can stand it well enough for a year or two or three, for I am young, and then you will have made your everlasting fortune, of course."

"She's a trump," said Thorpe to himself, "and she shall have her everlasting fortune if there's such a thing in the country."

He jingled the \$3.60 in his pocket and smiled. That was the extent of his everlasting fortune at present.

The letter had been answered from Detroit.

"I am glad you are settled," he wrote. "At least I know you have enough to eat and a roof over your head. I hope sincerely that you will do your best to fit yourself to your new conditions. I know it is hard, but with my lack of experience and my ignorance as to where to take hold it may be a good many years before we can do any better."

When Helen Thorpe read this she cried. Things had gone wrong that morning, and an encouraging word would have helped her. The somber tone of her brother's communication threw her into a fit of the blues from which for the first time she saw her surroundings in a depressing and distasteful light. And yet he had written as he did with the kindest possible motives.

Thorpe had the misfortune to be one of those individuals who, though careless of what people in general may think of them, are in a corresponding degree sensitive to the opinion of the few they love. This feeling was further exaggerated by a constitutional shrinking from any outward manifestation of the emotions. Perhaps for this reason he was never entirely sincere with those he loved.

After the disgrace of his father Harry Thorpe had done a great deal of thinking and planning which he kept carefully to himself. He considered in turn the different occupations to which he could turn his hand and negated them one by one. Few business firms would care to employ the son of an shrewd and embezzler as Henry Thorpe. Finally he came to a decision. He communicated this decision to his sister. It would have commended itself more logically to her had she been able to follow step by step the consideration that had led her brother to it. As the event turned, she was forced to accept it blindly. She knew that her brother intended going west, but as to his hopes and plans she was in ignorance. A little sympathy, a little mutual understanding, would have meant a great deal to her, for a girl whose mother she but dimly remembers turns naturally to her next of kin. Helen Thorpe had always admired her brother, but had never before needed him. She had looked upon him as strong, self contained, a little moody.

At the beginning of the row in the smoking car Thorpe laid aside his letter and watched with keen appreciation the direct practicality of the trainmen's method. When the bearded man fell before the conductor's blow, he turned to the individual at his side.

"He knows how to hit, doesn't he?" he observed. "That fellow was knocked well off his feet."

"He does," agreed the other dryly.

They fell into a desultory conversation of fits and starts. Woodsmen of the genuine sort are never talkative, and Thorpe, as has been explained, was constitutionally reticent. In the course of their disjointed remarks Thorpe explained that he was looking for work in the woods and intended first of all to try the Morrison & Daly camps at Beeson lake.

"Know anything about logging?" inquired the stranger.

"Nothing," Thorpe confessed. "Ain't much show for anything but lumber jacks. What did you think of doing?"

"I don't know," said Thorpe doubtfully. "I have driven horses a good deal. I thought I might drive team."

The woodsman turned slowly and looked Thorpe over with a quizzical eye. Then he faced to the front again and spat.

"Quite like," he replied, still more dryly.

The boy's remark had amused him, and he had showed it, as much as he ever showed anything. Excepting always the river men, the driver of a team commands the highest wages among out of door workers.

It is easier to drive a fire engine than a logging team.

But in spite of the naivete of the remark the woodsman had seen something in Thorpe he liked. Such men become rather expert in the reading of character. He revised his first intention to let the conversation drop.

"I think M. & D. is rather full up just now," he remarked. "I'm walkin' boss over there. The roads is about all made, and roadmaking is what a greenhorn tackles first. They's more chance earlier in the year. But if the old fellow—he strongly accented the first word—"ain't nothin' for you, just ask for Tim Shearer, an' I'll try to put you on the trail for some jobber's camp."

The three who had come into collision with Jimmy and Bud were getting noisier. They had produced a stone jug and had collected the remainder of the passengers, with the exception of Shearer and Thorpe, and now were passing the jug rapidly from hand to hand. Soon they became musical, striking up one of the wierd, long drawn out chants so popular with the shanty boy. Thorpe shrewdly guessed his companion to be a man of some weight and did not hesitate to ascribe his immunity from annoyance to the other's presence.

"It's a bad thing," said the walking boss. "I used to be at it myself, and I know."

through the aperture of the door.

"You'll find the boardin' house just across over the track," said the woodsman, holding out his hand. "So long. See you again if you don't find a job with the old fellow. My name's Shearer."

"Mine is Thorpe," replied the other. "Thank you."

Thorpe followed and found himself on the frozen platform of a little dark railway station. Directly across the track from the railway station a single building was pricked from the dark by a solitary lamp in a lower story room. The four who had descended before Thorpe made over toward this light, stumbling and laughing uncertainly, so he knew it was probably the boarding house and prepared to follow them.

The five were met at the steps by the proprietor of the boarding house. This man was short and stout, with a hare-lip and cleft palate, which at once gave him the well known snurring speech of persons so afflicted and imparted also to the timbre of his voice a peculiarly hollow, resonant, trumpetlike note. He stumped about energetically on a wooden leg of home manufacture. It was a cumbersome instrument, heavy, with deep pine socket for the stump and a projecting brace which passed under a leather belt around the man's waist. This instrument he used with the dexterity of a third hand. As Thorpe watched him he drove in a projecting nail, kicked two "turkeys" inside the open door and stuck the armed end of his peg leg through the top and bottom of the whisky jug that one of the new arrivals had set down near the door. The whisky promptly ran out. At this the cripple flitted the impaled jug from the wooden leg far out over the rail of the veranda into the snow.

A growl went up.

"What 'n thunder's that for?" snarled one of the owners of the whisky threateningly.

"Don't allow no whisky here," snuffed the harelip.

The men were very angry. They advanced toward the cripple, who retreated with astonishing agility to the lighted room. There he bent the wooden leg behind him, slipped the end of the brace from beneath the leather belt, seized the other peg end in his right hand and so became possessed of a murderous bludgeon. This he brandished, hopping at the same time back and forth in such perfect poise and yet with so ludicrous an effect of popping corn that the men were surprised into laughing.

"Bully for you, pegleg!" they cried.

"Rules an' regulations, boys," replied the latter, without, however, a shade of compromising in his tones. "Had supper?"

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