

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.

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

Closed evenings except Saturday

FUR
SCARFS
98c to \$25.00

HIGH GRADES - LOW PRICES
Flexners

LADIES'
COLLARLESS
COATS
BLACK, TAN
ONLY \$6.98

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

DRESS GOODS

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.
Centemer 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

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

Great
Scott
Just
Look!

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,

Pierce & Sanders

Holiday Goods !!

Toilet Sets,
Smokers' Sets,
Manicure Sets,
Ladies' and Gents' Purses,
Fancy Mirrors,
Candle Sticks,
Military Sets,
Box Paper,
Albums.

JUVENILE BOOKS AND DOLLS

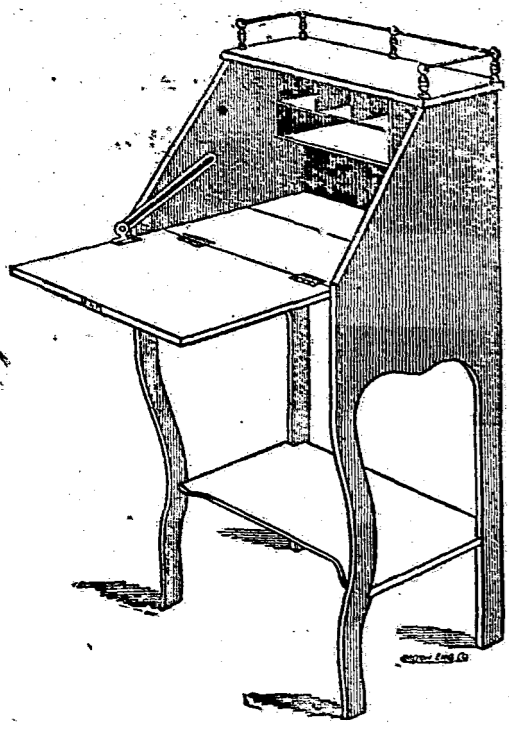
A choice line of Bulk and Bottle Perfumery, 10c to \$5 per Bottle.

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

Will N. Brodrick

RAND-MENALLY
OFFICIAL
RAILWAY GUIDE
25 CENTS
166 ADAMS ST. CHICAGO.

THOS. S. SPRAGUE & SON,
PATENTS
Wayne County Bank Bldg., DETROIT



DON'T FORGET when selecting your Holiday Furniture

that our line is complete in goods that are both useful and pretty.

No one in the business can show you a better selection of new and up-to-date Furniture—and very few as good.

BETTER SEE WHAT WE HAVE

Knoblock & Jones,

130 North Main Street,

South Bend, Indiana.

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

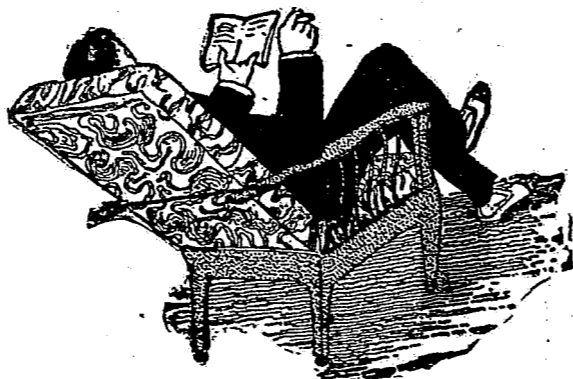


In Ladies' Desks we are showing some beauties.

Sideboards

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

Morris Chairs



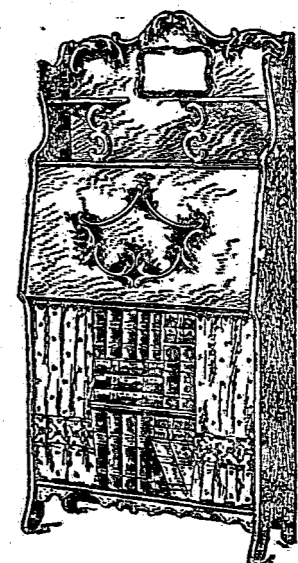
Think of the comfort of a Morris Chair in the glow and warmth of the home, with the storm howling outside, a good book or evening paper and a cigar if your wife will allow it.



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.
- Crystalized 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 1/2 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 Rheim'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 harnesses 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

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. 215-17 S. Michigan St.

Benita 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.

The Blazed Trail

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE

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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," a certain bit of ground proved soft for trawling, 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 second examination 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, somewhat but of good cut and a shirt that showed even over the soft flannel shirt. His trousers were, however, and his the usual socks and rubber shoes.

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 negotiated 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 perched 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 hare-lip.

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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